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A Survivor's Story

by Andrew Tallackson

The Rev. Dennis Carroll Sr. was standing in his driveway on a perfectly fine day, about a month or so ago, when a light breeze carried with it the scent of lawn grass. A harmless fragrance otherwise, but for Dennis, it triggered a memory from when he was 7.

When the effects of polio ravaged his life.

“All of a sudden, my heart started beating very fast, everything started spinning and I hit the ground hard and couldn't get back up,” he said. “I had to crawl up the driveway to get back into the house.”

This was not the first incident. Something similar happened in the early days of COVID-19. Parallels between the current global pandemic and polio — the life-threatening disease for which a vaccine didn't arrive until 1955, three years *after* his diagnosis — were heartbreaking for Dennis. As such, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder common in polio survivors reared its ugly head.

Polio not only came close to taking Dennis' life,

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The Rev. Dennis Carroll Sr. (center) uses a three-wheel bicycle along Michigan City's lakefront with fellow Rotarians Tom Keene (left) and Jim Scott.

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but it robbed him of his childhood. Of the simple pleasures we take for granted. The constants in his life, however, were family, faith and the Rotary Club. Now, as a Rotary Club of Michigan City member, he is sharing his story with others.



To understand Dennis, 77, we must return to that terrifying day in 1952 when he was only 7. He lived in Mishawaka with his parents, Albert and Alice, and siblings. Albert worked on the assembly line for the Studebaker plant in South Bend.

Dennis was playing on the front porch of his house when he fell to the ground. Not exactly uncommon for a boy his age. What scared him was that he couldn't pick himself back up.

"My momma said, 'Quit playing around.' She said, 'Get up.' I said, 'I can't get up. And I can hardly breathe,'" Dennis recalled. "She got mad at me. 'I'm not going to tell you again,' she said, 'now you get up.' Then, she realized as she grabbed me my fever went up. Straight up. And I was paralyzed. She put me on the couch."

Panicked, his mother assured him he would be fine. She'd make him some chicken soup.

Dennis wasn't fine. He was getting worse. Alice called the doctor. After describing her son's symptoms, the doctor said he was sure it was polio. He would *not* be coming over. Instead, they would send him to the hospital in Fort Wayne. But with no available rooms left, he was placed in an isolated room with Army cots in which to sleep. There were 80 children with polio in the room, Dennis recalled. About 30 were dying right then and there.

"I heard the mommies and daddies who were crying," he said. "They were weeping and wailing. I'm thinking, when is my time going to be?"

Back at home, a warning sign was placed at the front door. *Quarantine: Do Not Enter*. Albert would tell people they could not step into his home. He

called their residence a "house of death."

"My own family, my aunts and uncles, bless their hearts," he recalled. "I know they loved me with all their hearts, but I had...polio and they were afraid they were going to catch it, so they left us alone."

That's when the local Rotary Club stepped in to help. Dennis' father had been out of work for three months to care for his son. He couldn't earn a living. Members of the Rotary Club told him not to worry. First things first, they sawed off the bottom of the front door to pass groceries through to the family. This was not a one-shot deal. It was *daily*.

When it appeared Dennis' lungs were failing, he was taken by ambulance to a South Bend hospital and placed in an iron lung to stimulate his breathing. Today's generation, thankfully, knows not of this device: a ventilator tank in which most of the

person's body is enclosed within it. Albert was thankful Rotary could help, but his thoughts trailed to related concerns.

"My daddy asked, crying, 'Who is paying the bill?'" Dennis said. "The Rotary Club said, 'Don't worry about it. It's taken care of.'"

What haunts Dennis to this day of his time in an iron lung — 2 1/2 years, to be exact — are

all the parents: hearts broken, watching their children suffer and, in many cases, perish.

"They were hyperventilating," he said. "They were falling to the floor. They were wailing. They were holding their child. They tried to breathe and couldn't breathe. I remember them crying out to God. Why? Why?"

Dennis, himself, rarely could hold back the tears. Margaret, a 14-year-old polio victim using a wheelchair, stopped by his iron lung daily. Like clockwork, at noon each day.

"She would come to my iron lung," he said. "She would wipe the tears from my eyes. She said, 'Dennis, you're going to live to be a very old man.' I said, 'No, I'm not. I'm going to die. I'm not going to make it.' She said, 'Yes, you are.'"



This undated photo shows Dennis with his parents, Albert and Alice, and an aunt, Dorothy.

“The next day, I asked a nurse. I had looked at the clock. I said, ‘Where is Margaret? She is usually here by now. She prays with me. Loves me.’ And they said, ‘Dennis, we are sorry to tell you, Margaret passed away last night.’

“That about polished me off. I just wanted to die.”

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When Dennis speaks of this, your heart breaks for him. You want to take away the pain. The sadness etched in the lines and creases of his face.

A polio vaccine, as we know, arrived three years after Dennis was diagnosed with the disease. Jonas Salk, the American virologist and medical researcher, unveiled the vaccine’s success in April 1955. Rotary International eventually would become a key player in the fight to eradicate polio. A founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary’s first project to vaccinate children began in the Philippines in 1979. Today, the only remaining polio cases are in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Over the course of his life, Dennis underwent eight surgeries: four on each leg. He was in and out of school, relying on tutors to keep his education afloat. He’s been through various forms of rehabilitation and physical therapy. At one point, Rotary Club paid for him to visit Camp Millhouse, a South Bend camp for people with special needs.

“The Rotary Club has given to me my strength: paying for what my parents could not pay for, being with me through the beginning,” he said. “I cannot thank them enough. My daddy said to me, if it wasn’t for them, you would not have made it.”



Dennis is photographed at home next to a plaque honoring him as a Paul Harris Fellow through Rotary Club. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

As Dennis grew older, and wanting to do “something for God,” he was able to attend seminary and become a pastor, which took him to posts in Michigan City, Elkhart and back to Michigan City. His first wife passed away in 1968. In 1992, love found a way back into his life through his second wife, Mary. They had what he calls 28 glorious years together — “the best years of my life” — until she passed away in 2020, not from COVID, but from a heart-valve issue.

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Today, he wears a full-length brace on his left leg. He knows polio survivors, as they age, experience further issues with muscles and the nervous system.

When COVID-19 resulted in self-isolation last year, Dennis observed similarities with polio, specifically how many people infected with both do not become ill or show symptoms. As the COVID death toll rose, he wanted to do something about it.

According to Michigan City Rotarian Lance Werner, fellow Rotarian Jim Scott envisioned Dennis in a video of him using a three-wheel bike for the first time. Talking about having survived polio. The YouTube video, which can be seen at [tinyurl.com/3svpjnyx](https://www.youtube.com/3svpjnyx), shows him exhausted, but elated, by the experience. Other Rotarians who helped with the video included the Bensch family, Werner, Scott, Tom Keene, Bruce Smith, Suzy Vance and Jim Welborne.



This undated photo shows Dennis with his late wife, Mary, with whom they shared 28 years together



The Rev. Dennis Carroll Sr., seen here with fellow Rotarians Tom Keene and Jim Scott, relies on full-length support for his left leg because of the effects of polio.

In the video, Dennis makes a plea for people to get a COVID-19 vaccination. "I am tired of seeing death," he says.

In his interview with *The Beacher*, as it drew to a close, Dennis became even more impassioned by his mission.

"I didn't have the polio vaccine. The other kids who did, they were fine. They were OK. That's how polio subsided. It was because of the vaccine," he said.



The Rev. Dennis Carroll Sr. is exhausted, but elated, after his bicycle ride. He is pictured with Suzy Vance (left) and Jim Scott.

"I believe God gave us people of education, of wisdom and knowledge and science, to fight the pandemics and the diseases we have in this world today," he said.

"And I believe, too, that everyone has a right to do what they want. This is a free country. But I have no choice but to tell my story and to tell the truth and if it wasn't for the vaccines, more people with polio would have died.

"Look at how many have passed away from COVID. I don't want to see that for other people. I don't want to see that."

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Stewart is Astonishing...But “Spencer” is the Pits

by Andrew Tallackson

Kristen Stewart used to irritate me. The tone for her acting style, cemented by “Twilight” (2008), was the stammering, hair-twisting neurotic. What I didn’t realize was that privately, she wasn’t comfortable in her own skin. With who she was. And, clearly, that was translating on screen.

But in “Still Alice” and “Clouds of Sils Maria” — both from 2014 — there were hints of a brave performer. In “Spencer,” she is a revelation, delivering a career-redefining performance. Too bad the movie, a self-professed “fable,” is one spectacularly pretentious turkey.

I fear Chilean filmmaker Pablo Larraín had only one good story to tell. That would be 2016’s “Jackie,” another glimpse into a 20th century icon, Jackie Kennedy, and with a bravura turn by Natalie Portman. But this year, he turned Stephen King’s moving examination of loss, “Lisey’s Story,” into a soggy, dreary mess for Apple TV+.

Now, we have “Spencer.” Larraín wants to achieve a nightmarish sensory experience. To feel what Princess Diana felt before leaving her marriage to Prince Charles. The rejection. The paranoia. The sensation that she couldn’t breathe, that the Royal Family had its collective foot on her neck.

The effect is akin to a horror movie, but a shoddy one. It took me back to my college days, during student film festivals where budding directors believed they’d created “art.”

Set at Christmas 1991, the movie shows Diana slipping into madness. Her eating disorder ravaging her. The Royal Family’s constant disdain. The Queen (Stella Gonet) says little, offering only murderous side-eye. Timothy Spall, as Equerry Major Alistair Gregory (inspired by David Walker), has a face when in Diana’s presence that droops into a hound dog scowl. Charles (Jack Farthing) is the emotional equivalent of a corpse.

Diana is plagued by hallucinations, scenes Larraín stages with a clumsy hand. In a dinner scene, for instance, Diana feels claustrophobic by the pearl necklace she wears. Charles, we learn, gave the same one to his private love, Camilla Parker-Bowles. In a fantasy indulgence, Diana rips the necklace off, the individual pearls landing in her soup. Then, she spoons the individual pearls into her mouth, feverishly crunching on them.

Yeah. I know.

Later, the movie suggests Diana’s kinship with the ghost of beheaded queen Anne Boleyn, achieved through atrocious editing that alternates between

Diana and the ghost as if they are the same person.

Larraín, apparently, feels his audience is too dumb to soak in symbolism, so Jonny Greenwood’s hysterical score kicks in: shrieking violins, church organ music and boozy jazz licks. These choices are the equivalent of Larraín pounding us into arty submission.

Thank goodness for the bright spots of “Spencer.” Like Sean Harris — the villain of the last two “Mission: Impossible” entries — doing an about-face as



Kristen Stewart
as Princess
Diana.

★ 1/2

“Spencer”

Running time: 117 minutes. In theaters.

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the royal chef: a persistent calm amid the storm. And two moving scenes — one a game of “Soldier,” the other the climactic interruption of a pheasant hunt — that convey Diana’s love for her sons.

And we have Stewart. The hair, the voice — she disappears so completely, the line between actress and role erodes. We simply accept her as Diana. Far more astonishing is how she creates a woman unraveling at every seam. Her body quivers, her eyes well with tears. And amid a billiard table conversation with Charles, pent-up resentment erupts with an intensity that is blinding with rage.

Stewart will score a Best Actress nomination for this. She deserves it.

The rest of the movie? Blech...

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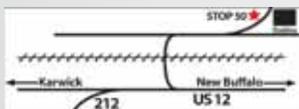
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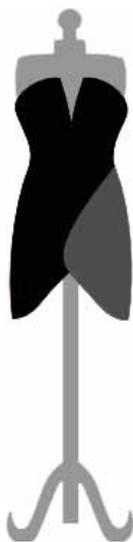
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 - **NaNoWriMo: National Novel Writing Month in November.** The library is an official "Come Write In!" location. Youth ages 9-18 can stop by Youth Services for a free writer's kit. A Zoom meeting is at 1 p.m. Nov. 30 to check in and find out final word counts. Contact Dana in Youth Services at (219) 873-3045 or dwolf@mclib.org for more details.
 - **Take-Home Craft for Kids & Teens.** Free take-home craft kits are available at the Youth Services desk while supplies last.
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“Finch” is Perfect Showcase for Hanks to Deliver the Goods

by Andrew Tallackson

Tom Hanks. A dog. And a robot.

That, alone, could recommend a movie. That “Finch” has a tremendous heart, without bleeding it dry, makes it effective. The story may be assembled from bits and pieces of others before it, but that’s OK. When the caliber of talent is this high, you savor the power of the storytelling.

Streaming on Apple TV+, “Finch” ventures through an apocalyptic future, but its soul is not in the apocalypse. It is about a man facing his own mortality who intends to keep a promise he made to himself. And by casting Hanks in the title role, we have a beloved actor doing what he does best: invest a character with his trademark everyman qualities so we care for him, flaws and all.

Hanks knows his way around a one-man show. These days, all we have to do is see a Wilson soccer ball to be reminded of that. And “Finch” reassures us that, however bleak its world may be, with star power in the driver’s seat, we are in good hands.

The setting is the near future, the landscape reduced to a scorched wasteland. At first, we wonder if the cause was nuclear devastation. But no, a solar flare eradicated the ozone layer, spiking daytime temperatures to 150 degrees and producing extreme weather. Hanks’ Finch Weinberg lives in St. Louis, below ground with his scrappy dog Goodyear and a helper robot named Duey. Wearing protective gear while out and about, he scours the area for supplies and other useful items, and we are reminded, visually and thematically, of Will Smith’s “I Am Legend.” The sweeping images of a devastated urban landscape, buildings marked off by Finch as “cleared.”

However, this apocalypse contains no zombies. No vampires. No mutants. Just crushing loneliness for Finch amid attempts to create a human-like robot companion. That Finch periodically coughs up blood suggests time is of the essence.

As the robot comes to life, Finch receives an update that the next weather crisis will last 40 days. Too long to survive where he lives, which means Finch and his group have to leave. Now.

The director of “Finch” is Miguel Sapochnik, who began his career as a storyboard artist before elevating to short films and, eventually, scoring an Emmy win for directing episodes of HBO’s “Game of Thrones.” That background serves him well. The world Finch and his companions explore isn’t necessarily new – it’s “Mad Max” meets the second “Maze Runner” movie — but it looks gorgeous. Hauntingly beautiful and terrifyingly imposing at the same time. There’s a scene midway through the film where Finch realizes he can’t outrun an approach-



Tom Hanks makes a precarious journey through an apocalyptic world in “Finch.”

ing storm, so he hunkers down by having his robot helpers bolt their RV to the ground. The striking sound effects, Jo Willems’ stark cinematography, the ominous score by Gustavo Santaolalla – all of it has a pulse-racing effect.

We appreciate the artistry of the film. Finch’s new robot, which is a marvel of animatronics, motion capture work and digital effects, is voiced by Caleb Landry Jones (“Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” “The Outpost”) in a performance that is more persuasive with each passing scene. Eventually deciding on the name Jeff, the early scenes where the robot fumbles about establishing its voice are unusual. Jeff sounds like a mechanical Borat, drawing out certain vowels and consonants. Then, as it gains more footing – verbally and physically – we realize Jeff is like a child thrust into an alien world with no conception of what makes it tick. Finch becomes Jeff’s surrogate parent, the relationship between the two taking on the air of father and son. Jones also infuses the robot with moments of youth-

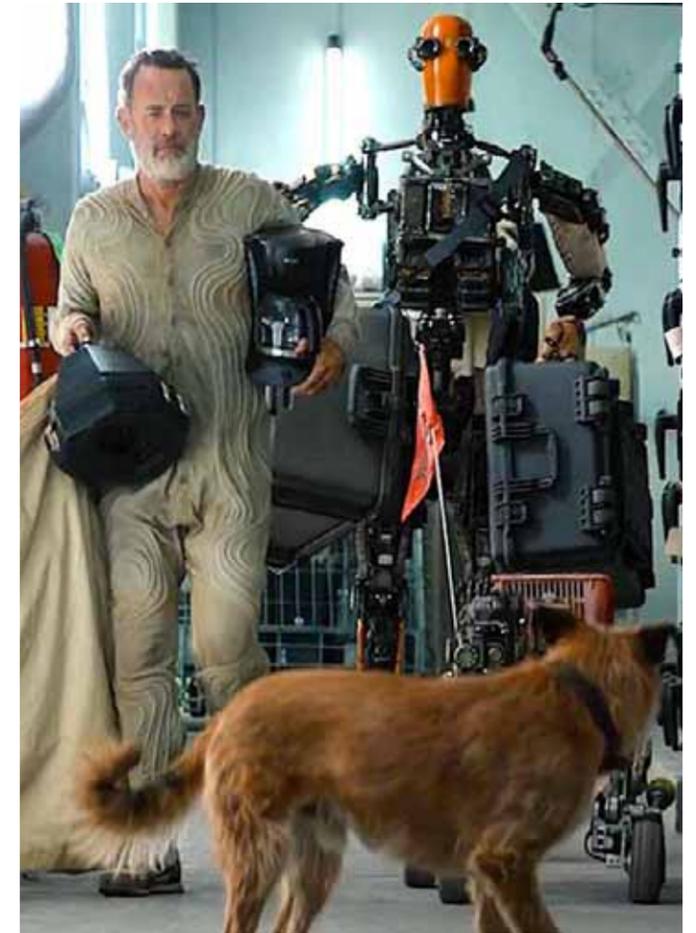
ful petulance, where he pouts like a child enduring the scolding of a parent.

But in the movie’s emotional last half, the roles are reversed. The robot learns to appreciate matters of trust and friendship, Jones’ voice now that of a calming presence.

At this point in Hanks’ career, the two-time Oscar winner has nothing to prove. He can simply be Tom Hanks...and there is a beauty to his performance here that never collapses into schmaltz. Finch is wise, brave and weak. Qualities that make him human, and a source of constant mystery to Jeff. When we learn the truth behind his ties to Goodyear, “Finch” no longer is an apocalypse movie. It is a deeply moving portrait of a man and his “offspring,” embracing regret, integrity and, most of all, hope.

What a beautiful, beautiful message this movie gives us.

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The special effects used to convey Finch’s robot companion are an impressive combination of animatronics, motion capture work and digital effects.

★★★★

“Finch”

Running time: 115 minutes. Apple TV+.

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“Clifford the Big Red Dog” is Sweet...but Kinda Blah

by Andrew Tallackson



A trip to the veterinarian (played by Kenan Thompson, left) proves tricky in “Clifford the Big Red Dog.”

“Clifford the Big Red Dog” is sweet, gentle...and about an hour after it was over, I’d forgotten most of it.

Tossing darts at a movie like this makes you contemplate just heading back under your bridge and awaiting the next travelers to terrify. There is absolutely nothing wrong with a children’s movie like this. Absolutely nothing.

Thing is, a good family movie appeals to the kiddies. A *great* family film entertains all ages, in the case of another canine-powered movie, “My Dog Skip” (2000), maybe more so the parents. It speaks to everyone on multiple levels.

“Clifford,” a live adaptation of Norman Bridwell’s adored children’s books, has its heart in the right place, along with laughs and chaos to keep youngsters pleased.

It also suffers from an acute case of the blahs.

Now in theaters and streaming on Paramount+, “Clifford” honors the playful spirit of Bridwell’s tales. Emily Elizabeth Howard (one of the charming stars of Netflix’s “The Christmas Chronicles”) lives in New York with her single mom, Maggie (Sienna Guillory), and attends a snooty prep school where she is bullied by the wealthier students. As such, she’s lonely. Craving friendship.

When Maggie heads to Chicago on a business

★ ★ 1/2

“Clifford the Big Red Dog”

Running time: 97 minutes. In theaters, Paramount+. Rated PG for impolite humor, thematic elements and mild action

trip, she rounds up her ne’er-do-well brother, Casey (Jack Whitehall), to watch Emily in her absence. During a stop at an animal-rescue tent, they discover an adorable pup – red from head to toe, of course – that ends up back at their apartment. The animal rescuer, appropriately named Mr. Bridwell, is played by the great John Cleese. The Monty Python alumnus is the movie’s most delightful invention. Cleese has just enough twinkle in his eyes, a playful mischievousness, to infuse a magical air into the comedy.

Clifford, the dog, is achieved almost entirely through special effects, and for the most part, we are always aware that we are seeing an effect. Like the digital dogs of last year’s “The Call of the Wild,” Clifford’s eyes have a glassy, computer sheen that strips them of life. What works to the film’s benefit, though, is that the bigger Clifford gets, the less the camera focuses on his face and more on his body. His naughty behavior. And in that respect, computer technology achieves the desired effect. Clifford

can do just about anything.

Whitehall and Camp are good together. They have plenty of heart and good humor, and we willingly follow them through their misadventures with Clifford. But the story introduces a villain, a biotech company called Lifepro that experiments with animals. Seeing Clifford on the news inspires its owner, Zack (Tony Hale), to go after the dog. Talk about a who-cares? element to a story. Hale is a blast in dual roles on the Disney+ series "The Mysterious Benedict Society," but his presence here is the definition of paycheck-cashing forgettable. The movie doesn't find anything interesting, campy or humorous about him or his treachery. He's just there at the expense of "the plot."

A more ambitious "Clifford the Big Red Dog" could have set the title pooch loose on iconic New York City landmarks. See how much mayhem he can cause. Instead, the focus remains on Zack and his snooze of a mission.

Children won't mind. They'll laugh and clap at



all the mischief. Adults with smile, thankful their children can watch something benign.

And in many cases, that may be enough.

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The Writing Life: Part Three

And so, they sent me forth from Illinois State University in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in English-Journalism.

Just in time for the war in Vietnam, right?

Right, and I did write a novel titled Holy Orders about dealing with that issue. Alas, it's no longer in print, but odd copies are still floating around, so you can plug in, if you so desire.

But no need to really because the long and short of it was, I kept writing throughout, first as a student at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. Right across Sheridan Road from Northwestern University where a childhood friend, Dave Casey, was attending the famous Medill School of Journalism. I hung out with Dave and his journalism pals more than I did my fellow seminarians. Hey, my calling was suspect from the start, because old Uncle Sam had been calling me and, well, you catch my drift away from the draft, I'm sure.

I did end up in the U.S. Navy as — drum roll — a Journalist Second Class.

So, there I was hiding out at a seminary across the road from the school I so longed to attend. To study journalism at the highly touted Medill School of Journalism as my Beverly buddy Dave Casey was doing. Alas, Northwestern deemed me unfit for admission, as did the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. I had hoped to work my way through Northwestern as a naval cadet, but my test scores were not up to snuff.

So, off to Illinois State University where, I am happy to report, I received a fine education in writing and reporting, particularly for the yearbook and student newspaper.

But I was none-

Life With Charley

Charles McKelvy



theless jealous of my friend Dave and his fellow journalism students, and I wanted to go them one better, if such a thing were possible.

Turns out, I not only dazzled them, but myself as well when I queried *The Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine* in 1973 about a possible feature on the locally famous Platt House in Morgan Park/Beverly. We kids had played army games in the house's wooded back-acre, and we all knew the house had been a "station" on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War. I walked past the Platt House (now known as the Hopkinson-Platt House) twice a day for four years when I attended Morgan Park High School. I knew the current owners, the Platts, were University of Chicago folk who were forever hosting foreign-exchange students and had a fire circle behind the house for evening discussions.

That's what I pitched to the *Tribune* magazine. They swung at my fastball, and I went back to Morgan Park/Beverly and interviewed Mrs. Platt. I wrote a draft on my trusty Smith-Corona portable type-

writer and hand-delivered it to the editors.

They liked it enough to walk me through two re-writes, then they published my piece in the Sunday paper and paid me handsomely. My journalism pals



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at Northwestern were emerald-green with envy. I mean, who was I, some nobody nobody sent, from “I Screwed Up,” or ISU, getting published in *The Chicago Tribune* magazine?!? It just wasn’t right.

But I was all right with it, all right.

Why?

Because that whole experience was a pearl of great price for a young writer. I learned then and there that the one who gets published isn’t necessarily the one who goes to the fancy “J-School” or has the serious street creds. No, the writer who gets published is the writer who persists and works and rewrites and jumps through whatever hoops the editors set before him.

That’s what I did, so I got myself a mighty fine by-line in a mighty respectable Sunday newspaper. Complete with beautiful photographs by a *Tribune* staffer.

I saved that article for the longest time; I just did a thorough search through my archives and, sadly, came up empty. So, I can’t excerpt it here for you now.

But I did come up with another of my feature stories that was only published after persistence and a willingness to follow an editor’s suggestions. I speak of a piece I wrote for *Travel & Leisure* magazine in 1987 titled, “Chicago by Water, a boat’s eye view of that celebrated skyline.” As with *The Chicago Tribune* magazine, I began with a query, promising the editors an insider’s look at, well, at that boat’s-eye view of that celebrated skyline. Hey, I had been aboard the *Wendella* for enough field trips and watery dates to know the ins and outs of seeing my native city from the river and the lake. Easy-peasy, right?

Well, the editors said they’d be willing to take a look at my submission. They took one look at my golden words and decided I needed to put more of myself in the article. They noted their magazine was known for its colorful writing, so they bid me be more colorful, creative and just plain personal the second time around.

So I followed their advice, gave the piece another run through my word processor and fired off the rewrite via modem. (Remember modems?)

Well, you already know from a former paragraph that I struck pay dirt and got myself published in the widely read *Travel & Leisure* magazine. That was a highlight of my freelance career. I always took comfort from it whenever I missed the mark with another publication. Can’t win ‘em all, right?

But I was right there in the August 1987 edition of *Travel & Leisure*, and I’ll do the next right thing by closing this chapter of my writing life with the opening paragraphs of my published piece. And please bear in mind the names of some of the principal buildings have since changed. Now, please enjoy my published work from so long ago:

Sure, Chicago has its share of big-city problems, but you’d never know it looking at the skyline from Lake Michigan. There are days out on the lake when the buildings seem simply magical. As you look west,

from a vessel cruising by State Street and Madison Avenue, your vision is framed on the left by the Sears Tower and on the right by the John Hancock Building. Both are towering, black and a bit ominous, but they set off the wonders that lie between the graceful First National Bank Building, the Standard Oil Building and, of course the city’s lovely green doormat — Grant Park.

From the lake you can watch the sun set behind Chicago, silhouetting its architectural treasures and setting the lake ablaze with flames of red, orange and yellow. The effect changes with the weather, the season and the moment, but it’s always wonderful.

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I then went on at some length to describe the various tour boats available to the public and even did a ride-along on the Fort Dearborn with the Chicago Architectural Foundation, noting:

This excursion is especially recommended for those without sea legs; it plies the Chicago River, which never gets rough. Passengers sit in comfortable chairs on one of the two decks and watch a parade of architectural landmarks, including the Merchandise Mart, once the world’s largest office building; the Sears Tower, still the world’s tallest building; and Helmut Jahn’s State of Illinois Center, with its controversial design.



I took just such a cruise for *Travel & Leisure* in 1987. It sure paid off.

The Sears Tower, of course, is no longer the world’s tallest building, and at press time it was called the Willis Tower, but you catch my drift as I drifted up and down the Chicago River’s main channel and about two miles up both the north and south branches. We passed under a total of 51 bridges; I learned more about Chicago architecture on that cruise way back in 1987 than I could have gleaned from any number of textbooks.

So, the point of this portion of my writing life is to show (not tell) the writing bug that infected me back in elementary school fully infected every cell of my body by young adulthood. I was a writer through and through by the time I first met the love of my life, the fair Natalie DeViney, in the editorial offices of Crain Communications, in Chicago, in November 1976. That never would have happened had I opted for a career in baseball, banking or butchering at the Union Stockyards. But that’s a story for next time, isn’t it?

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The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate. Times are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. 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:

- Dec. 1 — Catch the Sun.
- Dec. 15 — Behind the Mask.

Nature's Tiny Tots

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

The free program is from 10-11 a.m. Nov. 22 and Dec. 6 and 20 at Luhr County Park. Masks are required for 3 and older. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Nature Center Craft Day

The free family program is from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at Luhr County Park Nature Center.

Guests will do a craft while supplies last. No pre-registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Ten-digit dialing became official Oct. 24 for Indiana, Illinois and Michigan residents.

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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 or visit www.nps.gov/indu for details.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs will be offered:

• **Full Moon Hike at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a short presentation about the moon, followed by a two-mile moderate hike to Lake Michigan and back. The Friends of Indiana Dunes will provide "lunar treats."

• **The J.D. Marshall Shipwreck Today & Long Ago at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.**

Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium as a naturalist describes one of Lake Michigan's shipwreck stories. The Indiana University Underwater Archaeology Department will provide new photos and displays.

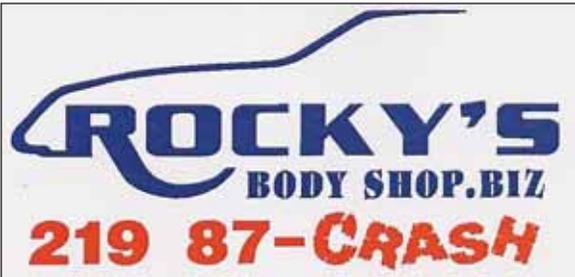
• **Breakfast with the Birds at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.**

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

• **Cold Blooded Buffet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.**

Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium to see reptiles and amphibians eat live Thanksgiving holiday meals.

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



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Bidding times are (all times Eastern): 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

Winners can pick up wreaths Monday, Nov. 22, during library business hours.

Noon Time Talk Series

The Noon Time Talk Series continues, focusing on the 43rd Elkhart Juried Regional, at 12:20 p.m. EDT Thursday, Nov. 18, at Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart.

The speaker is Sunday Mahaja, Goshen, who this year received the Dan & Linda Burns Purchase Award and Jennifer Burns Abrell & Dr. Gordon Hughes Purchase Award.

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

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4. Carolyn Wiggins	155
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More bowlers are invited when teams meet at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at City Lanes.

Holiday Artisan Market

Handcrafted works by dozens of regional artists are available though the annual Holiday Artisan Market on Nov. 20-Jan. 9 at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.



The jewelry is by Sue Rosengard and the glass vase by George Bochnig.

The items are available in the gallery shop. Its hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays (closed Tuesday) and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends.

LCA will be closed Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 24-25 (Christmas) and Jan. 1 (New Year's Day). Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for more details.

Sunday Funday Trivia

PFLAG Michigan City will present "Sunday Funday Trivia" at noon Nov. 21 at Uptown Social, 907 Franklin St.

The cost for the 18-and-older event is \$100 per table, or \$15 for individuals. A cash bar is planned, and groups can take snacks.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Email info@uptownsocialmc.com for more details.

LCSO in the Spotlight



David and Sue Ratajik.

Editor's note — This weekly spotlight, provided by Tim King, LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra executive director, highlights its talented musicians.

Rumor has it LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra's David Ratajik can play any musical instrument with an attached reed. And for the past seven years, he has played clarinet and saxophone with LCSO in a variety of concerts.

He also plays with LaPorte City Band, St. Joseph Municipal Band, Andrews University Orchestra and Tom Milo Band.

Ratajik began his career as an elementary classroom teacher before becoming a school principal. Having a doctorate in education, he has served as an academic-improvement consultant at local, regional and national levels. He has been on active and reserve duty with the U.S. Army, his deployments including Europe, the Pacific and Central America.

Ratajik is now retired as a full colonel. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for 57 years. They have two children and five grandchildren, including a set of triplets.

Bake Sale Pre-Orders

Nov. 24 is the deadline to submit pre-orders for the bake sale at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 7396 W. Johnson Road.

This year's offerings include *baklava*, apple and cherry strudels, *spanakopita* (Greek spinach pie), pumpkin bread, banana bread and nut rolls.

The sale is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, to allow time for pickup orders. A few items may be left for sale that day.

Order forms must be mailed back to the church before Nov. 24. Forms are available by calling or texting (219) 363-3705.

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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

Nov. 18 — Attitude of Gratitude: Our Thankful Angels, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: Ange Benz/(219) 874-3754.

Nov. 18 — LaPorte Community Concert Association, pianist Barron Ryan, 7 p.m., Kesling Intermediate School auditorium, 306 E. 18th St. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$5/students through high school. Info: (219) 362-5292.

Nov. 18 — Zoom session, Henri Matisse Inspired Vase & Flower Drawing, 6 p.m., through Michigan City Public Library. Registration: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 18-20 — Bidding, New Buffalo Township Library wreath silent auction. Times (all Eastern): 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 20.

Nov. 19 — Bookmarks, Michael Lewis' Premonition: A Pandemic Story, noon, Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 19 — MCPL Podcast: Discussions with Miss Dana, 9 a.m., through Michigan City Public Library. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 19 — Full Moon Hike, 6:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 20 — Migration Birding Hike, 9-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: Call (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Nov. 20 — The J.D. Marshall Shipwreck Today & Long Ago, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: Call (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Nov. 20 — "A Very Merry Christmas Market," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Visit Michigan City LaPorte Tourism Bureau, 4073 Franklin St. Info: (219) 872-5055, Ext. 317.

Nov. 20 — 2021 LaPour Brew & Wine Fest, noon-4 p.m., LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Ticket range: \$15-\$60. Reservations: tinyurl.com/4fcmxahb

Nov. 20-21 — Holiday Show & Sale, The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat./11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun.

Nov. 20, 26 — Turn Up Dance Fitness with Stacy G., Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Times: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Nov. 20, 9-10 a.m. Nov. 26. Cost: \$5 fee paid @ class.

Nov. 20-Jan. 9 — Holiday Artisan Market, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays (closed Tues.), 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. Info: (219) 874-4900, www.lubeznikcenter.org

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Through Dec. 17 — “Holiday Extravaganza,” St. Stanislaus Convent Shop, 1501 Franklin St. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wed./Fri./Sat. through Dec. 17.

Through Dec. 31 — Oil paintings by Don Grott, The Legacy Center Gallery @ Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: kd3627@hotmail.com

Through Feb. 25 — “Nature Now,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Center hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Closed Tuesday. Admission: free. Info: (219) 874-4900, www.lubeznikcenter.org

Tuesdays — Tai Chi for health & relaxation, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail. Sliding fee paid at class.

First and Third Mondays — Singing Sands Toastmasters Club, 6:30-8 p.m., Zoom. Info: <https://7269291.toastmastersclubs.org>.

In the Region

Nov. 18 — Noon Time Talk Series, 12:20 p.m. EDT, Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart. Admission: \$5. Info: (574) 293-6660.

Sundays through Nov. 28 — Miller Woods Hike, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu for details.

Through Nov. 30 — Duneland Plein Air Painters exhibit “Together Again,” Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chestertonart.org

Through Dec. 9 — Valparaiso University exhibit, The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Gallery hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Info: (219) 465-1591, www.pinesvillage.org

Through Dec. 19 — The Midwest Museum of American Art’s 43rd Elkhart Juried Regional, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart. Hours (all times Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri., 1-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Admission: \$10/adult, \$6 (8-12), \$8 (13-18 & college students with ID). Info: www.midwestmuseum.org

Through Jan. 16 — “Birds of a Feather” (annual member show), The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

Vickers Theatre — *Now showing:* “The French Dispatch.” Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Nov. 19-21, 3 p.m. Nov. 22. *Also showing:* “Finding Cousteau.” Not Rated. Times: 3 p.m. Nov. 19-21, 6 p.m. Nov. 22. All times Eastern. Theater address: 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

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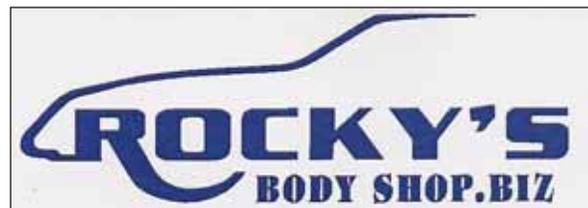


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On November 18, 1820, U.S. Naval Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered the continent of Antarctica.

On November 18, 1865, in New York, Samuel Clemens, using the pen name "Mark Twain," published his famous story, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, in New York's *Saturday Press*.

On November 18, 1928, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," the first animated-cartoon talking picture, appeared on the screen of New York City's Colony Theatre. The show marked Mickey Mouse's debut.

On November 19, 1874, William Marcy Tweed, the political "boss" of New York's Tammany Hall, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for defrauding the city of \$6 million.

On November 19, 1893, *The New York World* became the first newspaper to issue a color supplement: four pages printed in five colors.

On November 19, 1954, the New Jersey Toll Road Authority installed the first automatic toll collector.

On November 19, 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced a halt to the production of the Edsel, a medium-priced car and marketing disaster.

On November 19, 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

On November 20, 1620, Peregrine White became the first child born to English parents in the New World. He was born aboard the Mayflower, the day after it arrived off Cape Cod.

On November 20, 1873, the rival cities of Buda and Pest were united to form Budapest, the capital of Hungary.

On November 20, 1900, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee suffered \$500,000 in property damage, along with 73 deaths, as a series of tornadoes struck the three states.

On November 20, 1962, President John Kennedy signed an executive order forbidding racial and religious discrimination in housing built or purchased with federal aid.

On November 21, 1766, the first permanent theater building in the United States, Philadelphia's Southwark, opened with a production of "The Gamester."

On November 21, 1871, New York's Moses Gale was granted the first patent for a cigar lighter.

On November 21, 1877, Thomas Edison announced the invention of the phonograph, which he described as a "talking machine."

On November 21, 1922, Georgia's Rebecca Felton was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. She was appointed to serve the remaining term of the late Sen. Thomas Watson, and served for one day before his elected successor took office.

On November 22, 1718, English pirate Edward Teach, usually referred to as "Blackbeard," was killed during a battle off the coast of Virginia.

On November 22, 1899, pianist-composer Hoagy Carmichael was born Howard Hoagland Carmichael in Bloomington, Ind

On November 22, 1909, Miss Helen Hayes made her stage debut in the play "In Old Dutch," which opened at New York's Herald Square Theatre.

On November 22, 1930, Harvard defeated Yale 13-0 as mystified listeners of the British Broadcasting Corp. heard, for the first time, radio coverage of an American college football game.

On November 23, 1765, a court in Maryland's Frederick County repudiated the "British Stamp Act," the first bold colonial action against England.

On November 23, 1887, actor William H. Pratt, who would take the stage name "Boris Karloff," was born in London.

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

On November 23, 1945, wartime rationing of most food items ended in the United States.

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

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

On November 24, 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

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

On November 24, 1977, an archaeologist said a tomb uncovered near Salonika, Greece, was that of King Philip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great.

On November 24, 1991, Freddie Mercury, lead singer of the rock band Queen, died in London of AIDS; he was 45.

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Westchester Public Library

Westchester Public Library has curbside pickup at its Thomas and Hageman branches.

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Hageman Library (219-926-9080) is located at 100 Francis St., Porter. Thomas Library (219-926-7696) is located at 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Westchester Township History Museum (219-983-9715) is located at 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton. The Baugher Center is located at 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.



Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

Two different books. Two different authors. Two different genres. Both by local authors with something to say...

Sarah had a Little Plan by Jen Tousey (*oversize paperback, \$15.99 retail on Amazon and Barnes & Noble; also available as an eBook, and in hardcover for \$18.99. 36 pages.*)

Suggested for your 5- to 6-year-old, this story shows how one young girl's determination lead America to a new national holiday. This is a real person who may not be as famous as Betsy Ross, but who holds a special place in our nation's history.

Sarah Josepha Buell Hale (1788-1879) was a determined widow of five children when she decided to fight for a national holiday of thanksgiving. Four presidents turned Sarah down, but Abraham Lincoln agreed with this ambitious woman.

Written in rhyme with colorful paintings on each page, this lovely book brings home the real meaning of the holiday, and the woman who fought her whole life to make it a permanent holiday.

Following the poetic story, Jen Tousey has included a bio of Sarah Hale, a short history of why she did what she did, a copy of the original letter to President Lincoln in 1863, a vocabulary of terms to discuss with your child and other fun facts.

Truly a fun and educational way to teach our young ones where Thanksgiving Day came from and how much we have to be grateful for.

Tousey's book is a gift to hand down generation to generation. Learn more about her at www.thisfamilyblog.com

*"A national holiday —
Unique! American!
Born from love of God and country,
All... 'cause Sarah had a plan!"*

Pullman: The Man, the Company, the Historical Park by Kenneth J. Schoon (*oversize paperback on Barnes & Noble, in paperback or eBook, and on Amazon in paperback, eBook and hardcover. 182 pages.*)

The History Press gives us beautiful softcover books with glossy pages and beautiful black-and-white photos depicting a historical person, place or

thing. This week's book takes us close to home: a book that would be a great Christmas present for your history buff or railroad enthusiast. Let me introduce you to George Pullman, truly a man before his time...

Once upon a time, Haskell & Barker Car Co. was the largest employer in Michigan City. It made the famous Pullman car starting in 1922. Its merger with The Pullman Company of Chicago proved a successful relationship until 1969, when the Haskell & Barker plant shut down for good.

But it's best to start at the beginning with a man named George Pullman, who gave his name to a company, a Chicago neighborhood and an iconic railroad sleeping car.

No one could deny the opulence of the Pullman cars and the famous porters in their easily identified uniforms, giving top-notch service to the passengers. But all this didn't happen overnight...

Pullman was born in New York state. By 14, with fourth grade under his belt, he quit school and went to work in his uncle's store, soaking up knowledge of merchandising and commerce.

By 1859, the 28-year-old Pullman arrived in Chicago, starting a business of moving and raising buildings. Remember, Chicago had a serious drainage problem at this time — after all, it was built on a swamp!

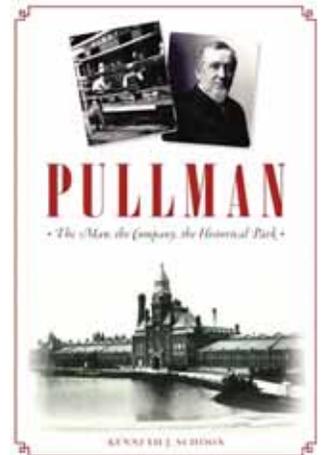
Traveling by train, the young Pullman realized having a sleeping car for long trips should be a pleasant experience. He coupled that with his belief that customers would pay good money for such first-class service. He was not the first to think of sleeping cars, but he was the first to make them comfortable and luxurious. And a dream became a reality...

"...within one year after his arrival in Chicago, George Pullman's building raising and sleeping car redesigning businesses were doing well, and he was becoming a well-known Chicago businessman."

Fascinating reading, with great photos, this is a book that makes history come alive, with the addition of being about history in our own backyard.

Schoon is a professor emeritus at Indiana University-Northwest, where he taught for 40 years, and the author of six books about the history of the Chicago/Northwest Indiana area.

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