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Honoring a Pint-Sized Legend

by Edmund Lawler



Eddie Gaedel takes a walk in his only major league plate appearance as a St. Louis Brown on Aug. 19, 1951.

A group of baseball aficionados meets but once a year in Three Oaks, Mich., to celebrate a plucky, pint-sized Major League Baseball player who reached first base in his one and only plate appearance — an infinitesimally rare event.

Although Eddie Gaedel's major-league career fell well short of the average 5.6-year tenure, he left an indelible mark on the game thanks to his Lilliputian stature. At 3 feet 7 inches tall and weighing only 65 pounds, Gaedel had a strike zone as thin as a cell phone.

It's no wonder the 26-year-old Gaedel, a very short-lived member of the St. Louis Browns, drew a walk on four pitches on Aug. 19, 1951. Gaedel's jer-

sey — No. 1/8 — found its way to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. His autograph is said to be more valuable than Babe Ruth's.

Here's how the moment is described in the Society for American Baseball Research: "*Detroit Tigers pitcher Bob Cain took the mound in the bottom of the first inning and warmed up. Browns' manager Zack Taylor then signaled for a pinch-hitter, Gaedel in for outfielder Frank Saucier. As Gaedel strode to the plate, umpire Ed Hurley turned and yelled, 'What the hell?' Taylor presented Gaedel's contract to the umpire and, after some confusion and all-around amusement, Hurley called for a pitch. Gaedel, a*

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rightlander, walked on four pitches and took his base. Jim Delsing was sent in to pinch-run. Gaedel ran off the field to a standing ovation.

Sixty years after the outlandish stunt orchestrated by Browns owner and baseball showman Bill Veeck, the first of nearly a dozen Eddie Gaedel Society chapters was formed in O'Doherty's Irish Grille & Pub in Spokane, Wash. Chapter members, led by their "manager" Tom Keefe, raise a toast to Gaedel every Aug. 19.

Retired elementary school principal Gary Lange led the formation in 2018 of the Southwestern Michigan Chapter of the Eddie Gaedel Society. The chapter, the only one in Michigan, whimsically bears Gaedel's unique uniform fractional number — 1/8.

"The reason we celebrate Eddie's life is because he did something that all of us would have wanted to have done — he appeared in a Major League Baseball game," Lange says while standing before a glass display case of Gaedel memorabilia in the appropriately named Biggest Little Baseball Museum.

Created in 2019, the museum occupies a single second-floor room of the Three Oaks Township Public Library. Admission is free, and it's open during regular library hours. The museum features exhibits about local teams, including the Three Oaks Greens, New Troy Grays and Lakeside Aces, as well as the start of Little League in Three Oaks. Vintage baseball gear such as gloves and bats adorns the walls. Lange is the museum's founder.

Baseball played an outsized role in the lives of Baby

Boomers, the 65-year-old Lange says. And many of the kids who grew up in the wake of World II are familiar with the legend of Eddie Gaedel.

"His appearance took place in an era when many Baby Boomers were of baseball playing age. Everybody in the neighborhood played back then," Lange says.

Nearly every kid of that time can recall an errant backyard baseball that they or a friend may have launched that broke a window of their parents' home.



Signage for the Biggest Little Baseball Museum in Three Oaks.
Photo by Edmund Lawler.



Gary Lange displays a replica of Eddie Gaedel's famous jersey with the fraction 1/8.
Photo by Edmund Lawler.

Many of the 45 people who attended the local chapter's annual get-together Aug. 19 hail from that era. But that's not a requirement for membership, Lange says.

"Membership is just a matter of showing up. There are no dues, no secret handshakes," he says with a laugh. "All you really have to do is honor what Eddie did and reflect on his life."

Known as "Gaedelians," members come from Galien, St. Joseph, New



Eddie Gaedel remains the shortest player in major league history.

Troy, Three Oaks, Harbert and from as far away as Grand Haven and suburban Detroit. South of the Michigan border, members come from Michigan City and South Bend.

This year's event in Three Oaks featured a baseball trivia contest. Teams of five competed to demonstrate their command of baseball knowledge. The team led by *Beacher* columnist and die-hard Chicago White Sox fan Charley McKelvy got the win.



A display case in the Biggest Little Baseball Museum features Eddie Gaedel memorabilia.
Photo by Edmund Lawler.

The evening, replete with ballpark franks and Cracker Jacks, also featured a presentation by Lange about the museum and the rich history of baseball in the Three Oaks region. A second presentation by local historian and former journalist Randy Miller focused on Gaedel.

Miller has a special interest in the life and death of Eddie Gaedel. He lived on the same block on Chicago's South Side— although not at the same time — as Gaedel. Unfortunately, Gaedel's life was more tragic than celebrated.

As Miller explained in his presentation, "Gaedel was living in an apartment at 5042 S. Wolcott, in Chicago, where on June 18, 1961, his mom found him in his bed, dead. He had a bruise and cuts near his left eye and bruises and cuts on his knees.

"The coroner's report concluded that Eddie had died of a heart attack, probably caused by the trauma of physical assault upon his body in physical combat with an unknown assailant. Eddie had been known to hang out at the Jay-Bee Bowling Alley at 51st and Damen, which was a 10-minute walk from his apartment," according to Miller.

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"Gaedel, apparently known as a mean drunk, allegedly staggered home from that location and was likely followed by his attacker into an alley, where he was beaten and robbed, according to police."

Gaedel's assailant remains unknown 60 years after his death, Miller says. It seems like a true cold case, although the coroner concluded Gaedel, 36, died of natural causes, not from assault. Miller has never agreed with that conclusion and believes Gaedel deserves justice.

Miller's presentation included a photo of Gaedel's death certificate and a photo of his gravesite in St. Mary's Cemetery in Evergreen Park, Ill. Bob Cain, the Detroit Tiger pitcher who issued the walk to Gaedel in the game in St. Louis's Sportsman's Park, was the only MLB player to attend Gaedel's funeral in Chicago.

"Eddie Gaedel made some quick money," Miller says. "But I think Bill Veeck took advantage of him. He gave him his one-day contract, and he made a few appearances after that. But then Veeck and the Browns essentially said, 'We're done with you.' Eddie did not have a steady source of income."

Gaedel did have a variety of promotional work, including serving as the Buster Brown shoe man and as a brand character for Mercury Records, thanks to his unusual stature.



But his diminutive size made Gaedel an easy mark for bullies, Miller says. But Gaedel would have none of it and

fiercely resisted the harassment. Sadly, he sank into alcoholism, which contributed to his death from heart disease and a fatty liver, according to the coroner's report.



White Sox owner Bill Veeck in the press box at Comiskey Park in 1979. Photo courtesy of Edward J. Ballotts Jr.

But Baseball Hall of Fame member Veeck wasn't completely done with Gaedel. When he became the White Sox owner in 1959, he recruited Gaedel and three other people of his height to land in a helicopter in Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox.

According to Lange, they stepped from the helicopter dressed as Martians and carried ray guns. The Martians ran to the White Sox dugout to capture Sox shortstop Luis Aparicio. Gaedel said, "Aparicio: You don't have to take me to your leader... I already know him."

The vibrant spirit of Eddie Gaedel, a little man who in a brief, shining moment got to play in a big-league game, lives on. His life will be celebrated once again next Aug. 19 by the Southwestern Michigan Chapter of the Eddie Gaedel Society No. 1/8.

If You Go

Gary Lange will present a free program on America's favorite pastime at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 20, in the Pokagon Room at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

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What Happens When a Reviewer is Misled?

by Andrew Tallackson

This isn't so much a review, but an admission of ridiculous confusion.

The independent World War II film "Burial" debuts this weekend at Vickers Theatre. I saw it last week through streaming. The description, the audacity of it, piqued my interest: Russian soldiers taking Hitler's remains to Moscow are attacked by German werewolves.

My gut reaction was, *what the...* Gotta check this out, simply out of curiosity. Imagine the surprise, 95 minutes later, when I had no clue what went down.

I do next to no research before watching a film, preferring instead the joy of discovery. Turns out, "Burial" is a case of a movie's distributors having zero clue how to market it, so they gave up and promoted it as a horror flick. This is *not* a werewolf tale. It's a "what if" historical picture in which soldiers are stalked by a German resistance group whose origins are debated by historians.

I know that thanks to Google...*after the fact*. However, I can't tell you if the movie works because I sat there, like an idiot, repeatedly wondering, where are the friggin' werewolves?

So, I turn to you, dear reader. For those of you who see the movie this weekend at Vickers, email me afterward. Does it work? Because right now, I



Charlotte Vega stars in "Burial."

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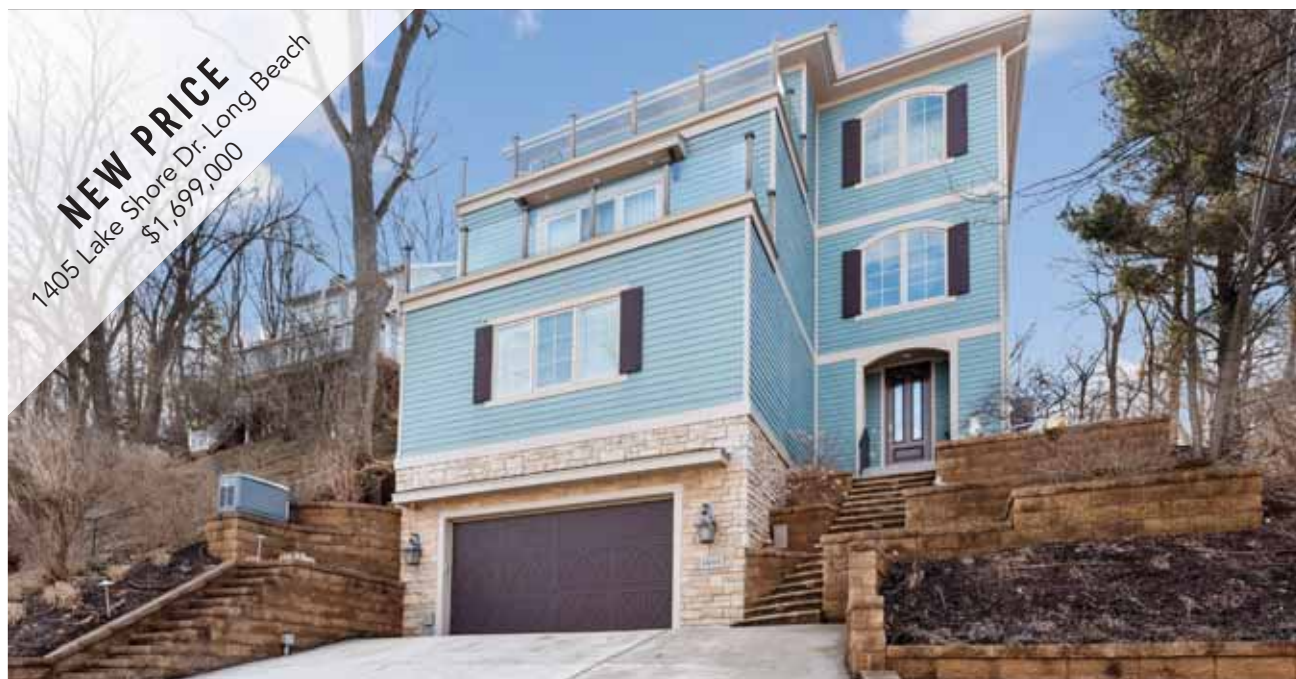
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The results are often truly magnificent, a clarification of direction, theme and determination.



"Odes To The Sycamore, No. 10," ink and watercolor by Pat Herman.

Everything about the sycamore intrigues her — the bark, the flowers, small, fuzzy brown fruits. Deciding to create a series based solely on a single centralized theme is Herman coming face-to-face with herself and her love of this natural form. The result is wonderful mixed-media works (primarily watercolor and ink, sometimes with the addition of pencil). For example, "Odes To The Sycamore, #10" offers a glimpse of a zoomed-up view of the trunk and bare branches of either early spring or winter set against a wonderful clear blue sky. "Odes To The Sycamore, #14" is a much closer, zoomed-up view of the patternization of the bark. Her exploration of the subject is right on point for anyone following current public discourse regarding the environment and the importance of trees. For Herman, this has been a successful, intimate, in-depth exploration of the subject.

A posted statement reads: *"Sycamores are among the oldest species of trees on Earth, well known for*

The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 U.S. 12, Beverly Shores, features mixed-media works by Pat Herman: a seasoned artist, Duneland Plein Air Painters member and lover of the towering sycamore tree. Her latest exhibit, "Odes to the Sycamore," clearly expresses her immersion into the subject.

This interest in a singular species is not a recent one, but instead harkens back to Herman's childhood.

their longevity, hardiness and dramatic beauty. They can live for 250 years, or more. There are several American Sycamores that have been reported to be 500 and 600 years old." I found that statement to be surprisingly informative, providing a better understanding of Herman's fascination with the species. I expect she will continue to explore this theme. I am interested to see where the future leads her.

The show closes Nov. 8. I highly recommend seeing these fine works in person.



Just around the corner from The Ellen Firme Gallery is The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway, which this month features "IN Dunes" — paintings by Aaron Melendez.



"Dunescape V (West Beach), a watercolor on paper by Aaron Melendez.

The artist grew up in the region, served in the Marine Corps and attended Chicago's American Academy of Art, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in illustration. As a classically trained artist, he is a strong "advocate for representational art."

The exhibit is divided into two basic subjects:

The Inquisitive Artist

Linda Weigel



"Odes To The Sycamore, No. 14," another ink and watercolor piece by Herman.

landscapes and birds. Entering the gallery, on the right you will find a series of dunes paintings and to the right a series of bird illustrations, such as the barred owl, red titmouse, American bittern and eastern bluebird.

Each work is beautifully and meticulously executed. His "Dunescape V (West Beach)," a watercolor on paper, stands as a fine example of his skill and dedication to capturing detail, shadow and light. There is a restful, contemplative air to his landscapes, perhaps even meditative as you patiently gaze into each one. Melendez clearly takes to heart the beauty of the region, celebrating the uniqueness of the Lake Michigan shoreline and birds.

The show closes Sept. 25. Don't miss out on seeing this fine artist's wonderful work.



At Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., "Moniquemeloche Presents" continues in the upstairs Hyndman, Brinka-Cross and Susan Block galleries. One of my favorite works is by Kajahl, specifically his painting "Green Face Mohawk," a 2017 oil on linen mounted on panel. The work feels historical, although the explanation for how he developed it is enlightening.



"Green Face Mohawk,"
an oil on canvas by Kajahl.

His artist statement says, "*Kajahl resurrects objects that are lying dormant in historical archives. He endlessly scours and sifts through books, online images and visits museums to gather source material.*"

His statement continues: "*He takes these finds from his excavations and hybridizes entities that eventually become grandiose figures....*"

To learn more about the two stunning works by

Kajahl in the show, you'll need to visit the LCA yourself. It closes Oct. 21.

In the downstairs NIPSCO Education Studios are two new exhibits. The first is abstract expressionist/action paintings by Area Artist Association member Ginny Scott. The second showcases 12 members of Land of Lakes Art Alliance.

Scott relocated to the area (first Chicago, then Indiana) from Westchester County, N.Y. She's always been an artist and studied with international artist Harriet Febland. Her background as a professional artist with numerous exhibits and juried competitions is lengthy and include shows in Westchester County and New York.

In her current LCA show, she presents a series of large and small works that point to her expressive abstract style. In her artist statement, she notes, "*Illusion and beyond reality are the themes in my work.*"



"Landscape Composition"
by Ginny Scott.

The viewer is challenged to lose oneself in the images, color and rhythm of the painting...

The Land of Lakes Art Alliance features LaPorte County based artists. Bob Zimmermann founded the group in 2004; it meets once a month in LaPorte and, like Michigan City Art League, welcomes all interested adults.



Nichole Novak's
acrylic work "Watershed."

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Pictured at the Michigan City Art League celebration are Kadie O'Connor (from left), Wendy Wilcox Kerman, Cathy Kissinger and Betty Thomas.

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The show is titled "Hidden Gems." The artist statement indicates the title refers to *"our passion for seeking out and visually capturing quiet places and moments that are special to us: Landscapes, nature and animals, whether whimsical or realistic, and other subtle subjects that are often overlooked in daily life."*

Participants include Kris Cook, Don Grott, Mary Ketchmark, Mike Konieczny, Tom Konieczny, Laura Krentz, Peggy Michaels, Nicole Novak, Richard Smith, Elizabeth Standerski, Sandi Terry and Zimmermann.

The exhibit follows the theme well. Interesting discoveries await those who view it.



One of the region's longest-serving artist associations is Michigan City Art League, which is celebrating its 90th year.

Begun in 1932, the group offers affordable art classes. It is a welcoming group ranging from well-established to just-getting-started. To showcase its members, and to celebrate its anniversary, the group is exhibiting at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church's Legacy Center, 1719 E. Barker Ave.

Sept. 10 was the official open house. President Kadie O'Connor, along with past presidents Betty Thomas and Cathy Kissinger and artist Wendy Wilcox Kerman, enthusiastically spoke of the group's mission and beginnings.

Asked how the exhibit came about, O'Connor said, "Actually, this is pretty much the brainchild of our past president, Betty Thomas, who really wanted to promote this to let people know how integrated this group has been with Michigan City for many, many years. And, it's a good way to spotlight all the very famous and talented artists that lived in and around Michigan City."

Thomas added, "Wheeler S. Marsh began the

Art League with three members teaching art...and so forth. So, the Art League was started for artists to learn and share their joys of creating to increase art appreciation in the community and to provide outstanding workshops at a minimum cost. I think that the draw of the Art League is the minimum cost factor."

Thomas said coursework varies during two-week sessions. Members can immerse themselves in a variety of media, such as oil or acrylic painting, even drawing. Minimum costs means more people can explore the world of fine art.

Kerman has been a professional artist in the region for quite a while. I was curious about her connection to the MCAL.

"Well, I'm kind of a guest because I've been around the Art League since I was a very young girl," she said. "My father, Robert Wilcox, was one of the original artists that helped form it along with Wheeler Marsh, and was one of the original teachers and presidents in the 1930s."

O'Connor added, "There's another thing that we just started. It's called an Art Walk. Many stores and businesses in and around Michigan City are giving us room to display and sell our paintings, and they accept them from all members from beginners to older established members. It gives the artists a chance to display their artwork somewhere. It's another whole step of getting more involved in art, and these stores are promoting art in the community by really supporting the Art League. It's really wonderful.

MCAL hosts meetings in the Queen of All Saints School cafeteria. With ample parking, it's an easy access location.

Be sure to stop by and visit The Legacy Center. For additional information, check out its Facebook page or contact O'Connor at kd3627@hotmail.com Contact Linda Weigel at l.c.weigelstudio@gmail.com

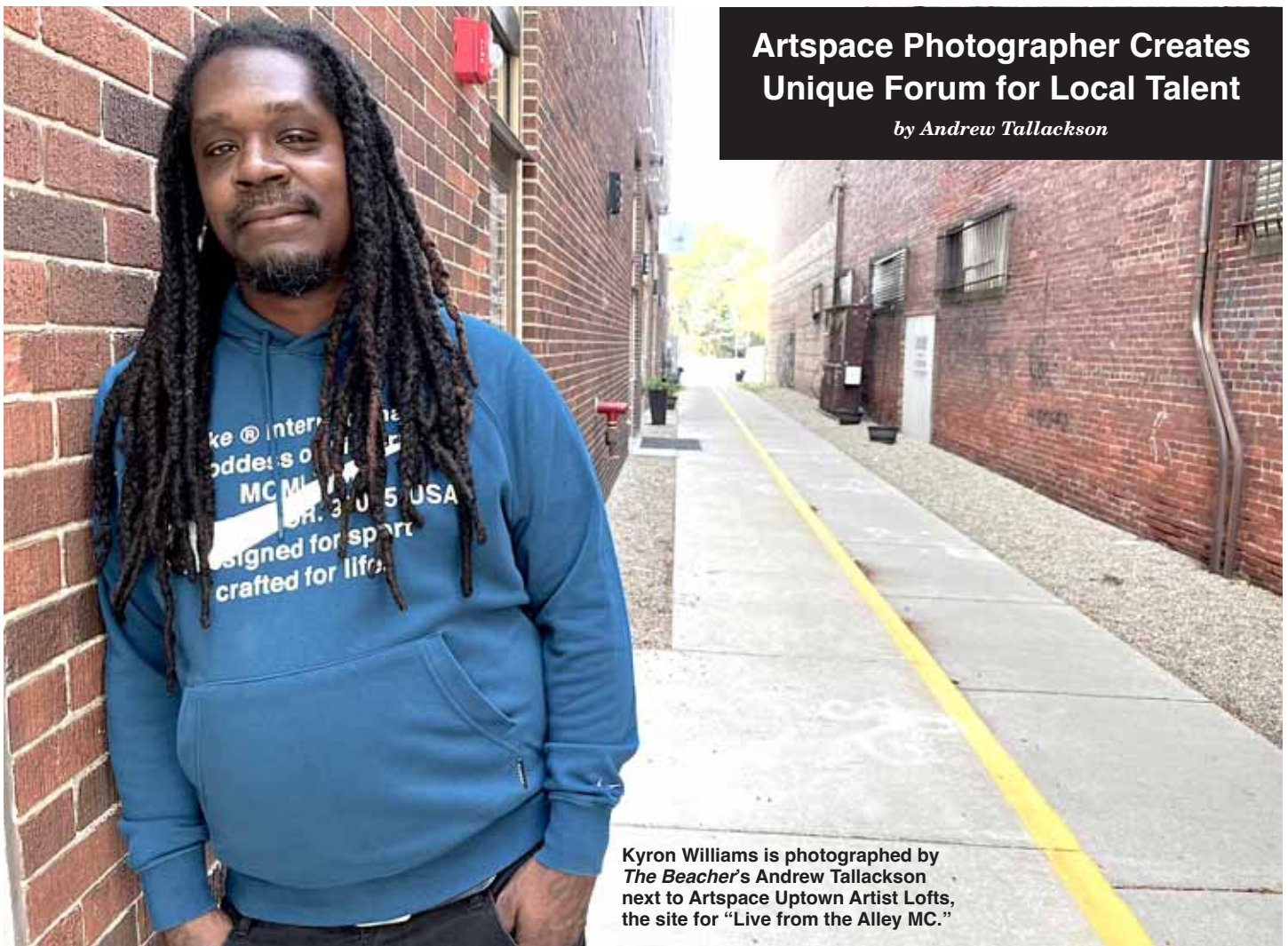
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Artspace Photographer Creates Unique Forum for Local Talent

by Andrew Tallackson



Kyron Williams is photographed by *The Beacher's* Andrew Tallackson next to Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts, the site for "Live from the Alley MC."

The goal for Kyron Williams was to create an on-line platform to showcase the local music scene. The freelance photographer-videographer just didn't have a catchy name for it.

Then, being an Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts resident, the solution fell into his lap.

"I don't have a car," he said, "so the closest spot to do this is the alley at Artspace."

Hence, the origins of the YouTube page "Live From the Alley MC." For about two months, it has grown in popularity, in some cases videos of local performers drawing thousands of viewers.

Williams, 42, is a Michigan City native who attended Niemann Elementary School, Krueger Middle School and Rogers High School. He's also one of the original tenants at the seven-story Artspace, 717 Franklin St., which officially debuted in 2016. The estimated \$13.7 million project created 44 live/work units for artists and their families in the former Warren Building.

To get the ball rolling for "Live From the Alley MC," Williams turned to five friends, recording them performing in the Artspace alley, to give viewers a taste of the concept.

The average shoot takes about 20 minutes, with

Williams using a Sony camera to capture performers from three different angles. He also turned to friends James Conlin, who is a *Beacher* photographer, and Adam Wood, another Michigan City native, for additional technical boosts ranging from mics to mic stands.

After posting the initial videos, Williams began receiving submissions from people to be filmed for "Live From the Alley MC." Williams' Facebook and Instagram pages were the means by which people reached him.

Before any filming commences, Williams requests the artists submit to him samples of their music.

"I want to be able to check them out," he said. "I don't want to put just anything on there. It has to have a good vibe to it, the music."

If taking on the project, Williams then goes over the particulars of the shoot, from any costs to the duration of filming.

For those artists without any forum for their music, the exposure, Williams says, is incredible.

"They go crazy," he said of the talent on "Live From the Alley MC." "Most of them don't have music videos."

A quick scan of posts to the site shows the num-



Screenshots from videos posted to "Live from the Alley MC."

ber of viewers ranging from 367 to nearly 5,000. The number of people following the page at press time neared 200.

Williams wants the page to reflect the entire spectrum of music, from hip-hop and rap to rock, country and alternative.

And the overall response to the page so far?

"Everybody is all showing the love. No hating," Williams said. "Everybody sees this as a way to showcase a lot of people's talents. To give them a little buzz, and some insight into the whole business."

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Second Half of “Clerks III” Lives Up to its Promise

by Andrew Tallackson



Jeff Anderson (left) and Brian O'Halloran reprise their roles as Randall and Dante in “Clerks III.”

The first half of “Clerks III” is so embarrassingly awful, I contemplated leaving the theater.

Maybe the reaction was personal.

The first picture, Kevin Smith's 1994 debut, is special to me. Well, it's special to a lot of people. The \$27,000 black-and-white cheapie arrived amid the renaissance of independent cinema. Hipsters like Steven Soderbergh, Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez, groomed on a steady diet of cinema, telling stories in a manner no one dared match.

“Clerks” stemmed from Smith's early days toiling in corner markets and video stores. His film looked like crap, the acting in many cases was amateurish...but the dialogue. *Man, the dialogue.* These characters were saying things you didn't hear people say in comedies. Profanity laced conversations about sex and drugs amid nerdy ruminations on “Star Wars” and pop culture touchstones. And, for a Gen Xer like me who couldn't identify with his own generation, I appreciated that “Clerks” never placed its slackers on pedestals like “Reality Bites” did. It took them to task. The movie's message: Quit whining and blaming others for your troubles.

For the first 45 minutes of “Clerks III,” we realize something about Smith. Nearly 30 years after his debut, he's never bothered to become a good director. His movies still look cruddy. The toilet humor that felt brave back in 1994 now feels desperate. His core crew of actors is still too aware of the camera.

There aren't many laughs early in “Clerks III.” Randall (Jeff Anderson) and Dante (Brian

★ ★ 1/2

“Clerks III”

Running time: 115 minutes. Rated R for pervasive language, crude sexual material and drug content.

O'Halloran) own the very convenience store they despised in the original. They've hit middle age, and the two actors appear worse for wear. Weary. Reeking of failure. It suits the arrested development of characters well. It was one thing, in their 20s, to be unfocused. They had their whole lives ahead of them. But pushing 50, they have no excuse.

In the original, there were flashes of wit amid the outrageously profane banter. Now, there's no rhythm or inspiration to the dialogue. It's empty shock value. Childish at best, needlessly offensive at worst. Smith, after all these years, also hasn't figured out where to place his camera. Everything looks like it was staged by an amateur. And the character of Jay (Jason Mewes), once the dazed-and-confused prankster with pal Silent Bob (director Smith), is now a bore.

Then, Randall has a heart attack and surviving it in full realizes he has a new lease on life. Rather than comment on movies, he feels it's time to make one of his own.

And it is here that “Clerks III” gets its act together. Like Smith recovered his mojo. The movie becomes an inspired, meta exploration of itself and its origins, with Randall deciding to make the story of his

life. Basically, he's making the original "Clerks." In black and white. The movie from here on out really is designed for Kevin Smith fans only: people like me who've seen the original too many times to count. He resurrects just about all of the original actors, shifting between color and black and white and recreating specific scenes and dialogue. There is a sweetness to the laughs. Smith capitalizes on our affection for his debut as a director, and for these characters who, whether they choose to admit it or not, are each other's best fans. And, there is Rosario Dawson doing what she does best: breeze through scenes with effortless charm.



Rosario Dawson (right) does what she always does: fill her every scene with boundless good cheer.

Is "Clerks III" worth seeing? Not in a theater. It may work better when it hits streaming, where you can skip the early passages to savor the last half, which succeeds rather splendidly.

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“End of the Road” Coasts Through Silly Story Thanks to the Cast

by Andrew Tallackson



Queen Latifah and Chris Bridges star as siblings on a dangerous road trip in “End of the Road.”

“End of the Road” is the kind of B movie studios cranked out every decade or so, but for some reason fell out of fashion.

It’s what I call the “highway to hell” movie, or the “road trip from hell” thriller. The benchmark, of course, was Steven Spielberg’s first major feature, 1971’s “Duel,” in which Dennis Weaver is terrorized by a largely unseen truck driver. In 1986, there was “The Hitcher,” with Rutger Hauer’s knife-wielding wacko terrorizing C. Thomas Howell. Then came the self-aware tributes: first Kurt Russell’s “Breakdown” (1997), then Paul Walker’s “Joy Ride” (2001). By 2007, Hollywood lost interest after a useless remake of “The Hitcher” tanked at the box office.

I’m not sure why. As B-movie material, it’s simple, direct storytelling. Weary travelers — desert highways reinforcing how alone and vulnerable they are — stalked by relentless forces.

“End of the Road,” which just debuted on Netflix, starts as a quiet domestic tale, then dives headfirst into its “highway to hell” premise. The result is silly to the extreme, but what can’t be denied is that a very likable family exists at the core. What happens is entertaining enough to keep you watching and not feel like you’ve been robbed of 91 minutes.

The movie also follows a trend, cemented by Oscar-winner Jordan Peele (“Get Out,” “Us,” “Nope”),

★ ★ 1/2

“End of the Road”

Running time: 91 minutes. Netflix. Rated R for some strong/bloody violence, drug use, sexual content and language.

in which black actors assume roles reserved in the past for white actors. Here, you couldn’t ask for two more likable stars: Queen Latifah (“Chicago”) and “Fast and Furious” regular Chris Bridges. She plays Brenda, a recently widowed mother who financially can’t afford to stay in California, opting to move back to Texas with her mother. Her children, Kelly (Mychala Lee) and Cam (Shaun Dixon), have zero interest in leaving. Ditto her ne’er do well brother Reggie (Bridges), who’d rather smoke weed than take life seriously.

Once they hit the road, any opportunity for family bonding gets dashed amid a motel stay in which a drug deal goes bad in the next room, leaving a dead body and a bag of cash. And, wouldn’t you know it, Reggie’s sticky fingers see the cash ending up in Brenda’s vehicle...and the ticked drug dealers hot on their tail. Toss in local racists, a detour at a Wild West attraction and a big twist I didn’t see coming, but has enough plot holes to sink Brenda’s entire minivan.

But here's the thing. A premise like "End of the Road" trumps its flaws if you care about the characters. That you don't want to see them harmed. And that is the case here.

What I've liked about Lati-fah is, she seems larger than life. Able to hold her own... but a big Teddy bear inside. The screenplay offers just enough backstory for Brenda — Army brat whose military father taught her how to fight — to make her ability to take charge credible. Bridges does his "Fast and Furious" shtick — cracking wise — but he does have funny dialogue, particularly a conversation about working at Chick-fil-A. Lee and Dixon, as Brenda's kids, feel like a real brother and sister, with a natural flow to their banter.

Beau Bridges — brother of Jeff — turns up as a local police officer, and he factors into the movie's wild conclusion. Director Millicent Shelton, whose background is in TV ("30 Rock," "Insecure"), is firmly aware of the movies that inspired her own, and



"End of the Road" succeeds because of the likable family at the core of the story.

she stages the action in lurid pinks, blues and purples to give the payoff a stylish finish.

"End of the Road" is nonsense. You can't defend it as anything but. However, the last scene makes you smile, which means it must have done something right. It isn't a great movie, but it has its moments.



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The library has begun changing overhead lighting to LED fixtures. They will feature automatic ambient lighting, centralized controls for turning on and off and conservation in unoccupied public areas. A section above the front entrance will have specialized color lighting for seasonal themes. The expected completion date is Sept. 16. The library will remain open during all phases of the project, but reserves the right to close if necessary. Areas under the work zone will be closed. The goal is to minimize closure time to its collections and services. The meeting rooms will be closed while work is done in them.

The following programs are scheduled:

- **Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23.** Versiti Blood Center will host the drive. Call (800) 7TO-GIVE for more details.
- **Writing Out Loud's 38th season kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.** The speaker is Anna-Lisa Cox on Sept. 24. Cox is an award-winning



historian of 19th-century America, with a special focus on the frontier and rural Midwest. She is a Non-Resident Fellow at Harvard University's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research. Her writing has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *Lapham's Quarterly* and *The New York Times*. Her original research

underpinned two exhibits at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. Her recent book, *The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers and the Struggle for Equality*, was honored by *Smithsonian* magazine as one of the best history books of 2018. She just completed a major project for the Library of Congress Folklife Center collecting oral histories from multi-generational African-American farmers in the Midwest. In ad-

dition to working on her next book, she is leading the "Questioning Conversation" video series project for the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.

- **Stomp Rockets! at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26.** Make a paper rocket and watch it soar from a launchpad made with PVC pipe and a two-liter plastic bottle. Take an empty two-liter plastic bottle for launch; however, supplies will be available.
- **Creative Coding with Micro:bit at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28.** The physical computing workshop, aimed at children 9 and older, is an introduction to coding with the Micro:bit micro-controller. Projects will use Microsoft MakeCode, cardboard and other craft materials. Advance registration is required. Call the Youth Services desk at (219) 873-3045 for details.
- **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays in September.** Membership to the group is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Also, the group has organized a local chapter of the Warm Up America Foundation. Volunteers are knitting and crocheting handmade squares (7x9 inch) that will be joined together to make full-size afghans.
- **Makerspace: open lab hours from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in September.** Youth ages 6-17 can create with LEGO WeDo, Micro Bits, paper circuits and Ozobots. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend with them.
- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.** Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Check out previous story time videos through the library's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website.
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Walt has a daughter in college, and his wife died some time ago. He’s nearing retirement age, but doesn’t want to get any closer to it.

As narrator, Walt first introduces the Wavers at the Veterans’ Home of Wyoming. A small number of the old guys sits in their electric, and hopped up, wheelchairs by the side of the road, waving at passing cars. Beats playing Bingo, I guess.

Walt’s favorite is Charley Lee Stillwater. He refers to himself as *“the last of the Buffalo Soldiers”* because of the Union kepi he wears on his head. He played for a Negro baseball team until World War II, and he was suddenly in the Army and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. He hated it there. Later, he also served in the Korean War.

The other Wavers like telling Walt about Charley’s escapades. They mean more now since Charley recently died.

How did Charley die? The coroner says it was a heart attack, but he does see a small puncture, as if from a recently administered needle. Problem is, Charley took no meds that required a shot.

Walt is asked to go through Charley’s belongings to see if he can find the name of some relative... Charley never spoke of any. Walt’s shocked to find a bag with lots of banded up \$100 bills...to the tune of \$1 million cold cash! Where oh where did this money come from? But wait...there’s more.

Walt also finds a small canvas fragment of an old Western scene with calvary and Indians. Walt calls on his old friend, Henry Standing Bear, who confirms it is a study for the painting of Custer’s Last Stand by the artist Cassilly Adams, or as Henry calls it, the Battle of the Greasy Grass.

This leads to a discussion of the battle, which shows Walt’s white man’s version and Henry’s Native version. Both attempt to part fact from fiction, but this leads to a bigger question of where the full size painting is. Did Charley have it and sell it, and the money was payment for it?

Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



A trip to a museum confirms the fragment canvas is a study for the larger Adams painting. Walt and Henry are invited to a party that night where many movers and shakers in the art world will be there, possibly shedding some light on the painting.

One man Walt meets is Count von Lehman, who claims he bought the painting, but never received it.

As to the painting, it has a long and interesting life. The artist sold it many years ago to the Budweiser Beer Co., whose owner copied and sold thousands of them to bar and restaurant owners around the country. Interesting, but how does Charley fit into all this? The original painting was supposedly burned in a fire many years ago at an Army base. Could it be Charley saved it and hid it all these years? Questions that Walt must find answers to, but the number of suspects is growing, the small canvas suddenly disappears and then the Count disappears — hiding or murdered? Anybody’s guess at this point, as Walt’s sense of history and

plain old common sense take him off and running

If you’ve never read a Longmire book, you’re in for a treat. Walt is a big, thoughtful man with an amazing knowledge of history. Henry Standing Bear is the Native version of Walt, including a droll sense of humor.

The characters are in abundance, but there is still the mystery of Charley, the money and the missing painting. There is a wild chase at the end that will keep you on tether hooks, laughing at times, and I almost forgot to mention Walt’s undersheriff, spunky Victoria Moretti, his sometime lover who is driving him bonkers. Her official vehicle is getting old, and she hears Walt mistakenly say the county will give him anything he wants, so guess what Victoria wants? A shiny new vehicle with all the bells and whistles! And Vic is not a woman to be trifled with. As if Walt doesn’t have enough to deal with...

The final word: A most entertaining read, great characters and a mystery not without its humorous moments. I call this one PG-16.

Till next time, happy reading!



Monday Musicale

Following a two-year hiatus, Monday Musicale returns to kick off its 111th season at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

There is no admission charge; however, donations are accepted to the club's youth scholarship fund.

In keeping with the year's theme, "Circle of Life," the September program will include songs about birth, early childhood and spring. Pianist/accompanist Bev Griffith will host the evening, joined by performers Candace Archer (soprano), Sue Cassler (contralto), George Maslankowski (clarinet), Steven Mast (piano, tenor vocals), Joe Stewart (baritone), Felicia Thomas (flugelhorn) and a vocal trio comprised of Archer, Cassler and Stewart.

Musical selections include "Morning Has Broken," "Turn! Turn! Turn!" with words from the book of Ecclesiastes, "You Have Wings to Fly" by Estes & Gilpin and Michel Legrand's "You Must Believe in Spring." Also planned are a medley of lullabies from Walt Disney feature films, Joseph Murrow's "You Make Me Feel So Young," the children's tale "Pierre" set to music by Carole King; and "Pretty Baby" combined with "I'll See You in My Dreams." Griffith will conclude the program with Jay Unger's "Ashokan Farewell."

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Registration is at 9:45 a.m. The cost is a \$15 donation. The experience involves sitting and walking meditation, as well as a meal. Take a cushion or chair, water, a book or writing journal that deals with spirituality, mindfulness or meditation. Masks are optional.

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Harbor Country Singers

Harbor Country Singers will lead its final free outdoor sing-along of the year at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Sept. 27, on Spring Creek Stage, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks, Mich.

Cosponsored by School of American Music, the sing-along will feature music by the Beatles, including "Let It Be," "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Hey Jude" and "Yellow Submarine." HCS members Sherry Kanoski, Donna Mitchell, Pat Putnam and Diane Ruzevich will lead the songs, accompanied by SAM guitar instructors Ron Spears and Tom Parisi.

Songbooks will be provided, and musicians can take instruments to play along, as well as lawn chairs or blankets.

If it rains, the program moves to the Shelter House at Carver Memorial Park, U.S. 12 and Elm Street in Three Oaks. Donations to HCS or SAM are welcome. Visit www.schoolofamericanmusic.com to support SAM programming or the Future Fund, the campaign to raise an endowment. Every dollar donated is matched by the Michiana Arts Foundation.

HCS is supported by a Pokagon Fund grant.

Michiana Humane Society Benefit

Michiana Humane Society will host "Fall Into Art," its benefit to aid shelter pets, on Oct. 1, with online ticket sales closing at 2 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 30.

The event begins with a self-guided tour of eight Michiana studios, during which guests can meet the artists, see their work and learn about their craft. The tour is followed by a cocktail party at Color Pop Salon in New Buffalo, Mich. A live auction hosted by Janet Davies and a raffle are planned.

Check-in is at It's A Breeze from 11 a.m.-noon EDT. Studio tours are from noon-5 p.m. EDT, with the after party from 5-8 p.m. EDT at Color Pop.

Tickets also may be purchased at check-in. Make online reservations at tinyurl.com/yc63vf25

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"Sun Cycle" Mural Unveiling

Lubeznik Center for the Arts and North Central Community Action Agency will host the "Sun Cycle" mural unveiling at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at NCCAA's program center, the Madeline & George Smrt Community Center, 301 Grant Ave.

The event includes refreshments, networking and the chance to meet Felix "FLEX" Maldonado Jr. Born and raised in East Chicago, he is a classically trained, award-winning artist with 30 years experience in murals, painting, graffiti art and commercial art direction. He created the 8 feet by 8 feet "Sun Cycle" mural in two days at last month's Lubeznik Arts Festival's mural invitational.

The mural is being donated to the center as part of LCA's new mural program that focuses on adding art into Michigan City neighborhoods.

In July, LCA kicked off its mural program with a 14 feet by 140 feet project on Michigan City's west side designed by Bernard Williams, with themes and images proposed by the church's parishioners. Williams and neighborhood locals painted the community driven public-art project.

NCCAA is a non-profit addressing issues facing low-income people in LaPorte, Starke, Pulaski, Porter, Newton, Jasper and Cass counties. Contact LCA Marketing Manager Samantha Bean at (219) 874-4900 or sbean@lubeznikcenter.org for more details.

Preview PNW Session

Prospective students can visit Purdue University Northwest's Westville campus for "Preview PNW" from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

The event offers information on the university's undergraduate offerings and admission process, as well as resources on financial aid and scholarships. Tours are available.

Visit pnw.edu/westville-preview to register.



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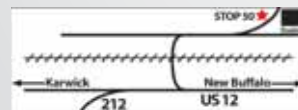
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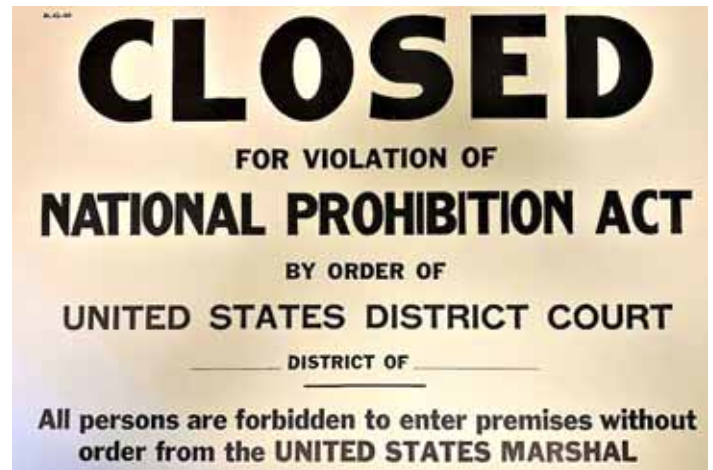
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Prohibition Program



This undated poster shows the National Prohibition Act in full swing.

Former judge William Boklund will conclude LaPorte County Historical Society's presentation of "Hoosiers and Their Hooch: Perspectives on Prohibition" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

The program, held at LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., will highlight Prohibition's impact on the law in general, specifically two criminal trials in LaPorte that, according to a press release, turned the legal system upside down.

Call (219) 324-6767 for more details.

Michigan City Messiah

Rehearsals kick off Thursday, Oct. 20, for the 58th annual performance of "Michigan City Messiah."

Handel's masterwork will be conducted by Philip Bauman and feature vocal soloists, a large chorus and full orchestra. Admission is free, with no advance tickets required. Performances are at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St.

Rehearsal dates are Oct. 20 and 27, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, and Dec. 1.

Vocal scores are available to borrow or purchase at rehearsals, which also are at The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center.

Anyone interested in joining the performance can visit www.MCMessiah.com or Facebook.

Church Fall Rummage Sale

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 7396 W. Johnson Road, will host its Fall Rummage Sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Items included are: CDs; blu-rays; VHS tapes; clothes for women, men and children; shoes and purses; kitchen items; material; bedding; pillows; tablecloths; books; Christmas ornaments, lights and other related items; glassware; wall hangings; and desk items.



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Low Gross: A. Batagianis, K. Grott, M. Schlunz.
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Event: Lowest Score (Hole 9)

A Flight

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Event: B. Rumbuc, J. Spang, L. Uremovich.

B Flight

Low Gross: Sheila Brackin.
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Low Putts: Sheila Brackin.
Event: Sheila Brackin, Carol Hullings.

C Flight

Low Gross: Kathy Nelson.
Low Net: Ann Batagianis.
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Sept. 24 — LaPorte First United Methodist Church UMW Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

Sept. 24 — Grand opening, 10 a.m., Sebert Woods County Park, 3608 W. County Road 925 North, Michigan City. Info: (219) 325-8315.

Sept. 24 — “Hoosiers and Their Hooch: Perspectives on Prohibition” (speaker: William Boklund), 2 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Sept. 24 — Writing Out Loud (Anna-Lisa Cox), 7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 26 — Stomp Rockets!, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Sept. 26 — Monday Musicale, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: (219) 874-3754, (219) 362-1421.

Sept. 27 — Virtual Author Talk with Hernan Diaz (Adults 19+), 3-4 p.m., through LaPorte County Public Library. Info: <https://libraryc.org/laportelibrary/18038>

Sept. 27 — Halloween Decorating, Bingo and Prizes, 4-5 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Cost: \$5/child. Payment/registration: (219) 325-8315.

Sept. 27 — Readers Corner — Book Club, 6-7 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Sept. 28 — “Sun Cycle” mural unveiling, 1:30 p.m., Madeline & George Smrt Community Center, 301 Grant Ave. Info: (219) 874-4900, sbean@lubeznikcenter.org

Sept. 28 — Creative Coding with Micro:bit, 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Registration: (219) 873-3045.

Through Sept. 30 — Michigan City Art League, Queen of All Saints Catholic Church’s Legacy Center, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Legacy Center 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 Oct. 21 — “moniquemeloche pres-

ents...,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.LubeznikCenter.org/Events

Through Nov. 19 — Exhibit (39 military uniforms/associated artifacts), LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

First and Third Mondays — Singing Sands Toastmasters Club, 6:30-8 p.m., Senior Health/Wellness Center (old hospital ER, Barker/Buffalo).

Mondays in Michigan City — Bingo, Moose Family Lodge 980, 2107 Welnetz Road. Doors open/8:30 a.m., early birds/9:30 a.m., regular Bingo/10 a.m.

Thursdays in September — Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Saturdays in Michigan City — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Washington streets. Info: farmersmarketmichigancity@gmail.com

Saturdays in LaPorte — LaPorte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas. Info: laportefarmermarket@gmail.com

Sundays in Michigan City — The Dockside Artisan Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Millennium Plaza. Free parking.

In the Region

Sept. 22 — First Day of Fall Women’s Hike to the Blowout, 6-7:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 22 — Mary Gauthier with special guest Jaimee Harris, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$20 + \$4 convenience fee, reserved/\$45 + \$4 convenience fee. Reservations. www.acornlive.org

Sept. 23 — The Black Opry, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$25 + \$4.50 convenience fee, reserved/\$50 + \$4.50 convenience fee. Reservations. www.acornlive.org

Sept. 24 — National Public Lands Day, 9 a.m.-noon, Park Connection Office, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Sept. 24 — Marram Grass Planting, 9-11 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 24 — Shirley Heinze Land Trust “Nature in the Arts,” 9 a.m.-noon, Meadowbrook Nature Preserve, 109 W. County Road 700 North, Valparaiso. Focus: “Cyanotype Print Making & DIY Nature Wands.” Registration: tinyurl.com/ymwkbtx6

Sept. 24 — Turtles at Two, 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 24 — Lake Effect Jazz Big Band, 7 p.m. EDT, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Online tickets: reserved cabaret seating/\$15, general admission/\$12. Tickets @ door: \$15.

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Sept. 24 — Toranzo Cannon & The Chicago Way, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$25 + \$4.50 convenience fee, reserved/\$50 + \$4.50 convenience fee. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

Sept. 25 — Prickly Pear Promenade, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Sept. 27 — Harbor Country Singers free outdoor sing-along, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Spring Creek Stage, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks, Mich. Donations/info: www.schoolofamericanmusic.com

Through Oct. 1 — “Journey Through Indiana: The Photographs of Kay Westhues and John Bowser,” Elkhart’s Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri./1-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$6/ages 8-12, \$8/ages 13-18, \$8/college students with ID. Info: (574) 293-6660.

Through Oct. 2 — “WIRED: The Rise (and Fall) of Electric Cars,” The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$8.50/seniors 60+, \$6/youth ages 6-18. Info: www.studebakermuseum.org, (574) 235-9714.

Through Oct. 30 — “The Avanti: America’s Most Advanced Automobile,” The Studebaker National Museum, The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$8.50/seniors 60+, \$6/youth ages 6-18. Info: www.studebakermuseum.org, (574) 235-9714.

Through Nov. 13 — New exhibits, “Family Dinner: The Deep Connection of American Lived Experience” & “FOOD for THOUGHT,” Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 983-0271, www.krasl.org

Saturdays in Chesterton — European Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Broadway & Third Street. Info: (219) 926-5513.

Sundays in September — Bailly/Chellberg History Hike, 2-4 p.m., Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road, U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

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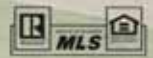
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