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Renaissance Man

by William Halliar

Editor's note — As we bask in the glory that is the World Series Champion Chicago Cubs, let's take a step back in time to learn more about the man whose many accomplishments included the first live broadcast of a Chicago Cubs game from Wrigley Field in the mid-1940s.

Michigan City has been home to many men and women whose lives bettered ours by living, working, creating and sharing their talents with us.

It may be said as well that all who are serious about leading purposeful, useful lives should consider these brave spirits and strive to emulate them.

One larger-than-life individual who forever left his mark on the world was "Captain" William Crawford Eddy. An exuberant, creative soul, his story exemplifies a restlessness and curiosity about life and

the world around him, and an enduring passion to learn and create.

Eddy spent his later years in Michigan City. He died in 1989, yet because of his willingness to share his talents with others, he will influence the course of technology and learning for many years to come.

Sterling Quinlan, pioneering TV executive, author and founding member of Chicago's Museum of Broadcast Communications, said in a eulogy to Captain Eddy, "I have always believed that Bill Eddy

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William Eddy relaxes, surrounded by several ceramic pieces, in his Michigan City home. Archival 1962 photo provided by Mike Fleming

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was truly a Renaissance man. He was an inventor, a pilot, a mariner, an entrepreneur and a genius... Knowing him made the lives of all of us who knew him, much better, much richer, much, much more rewarding and much more fun. What more can you ask of a fellow human being?"

Who was Eddy, and what would cause *Chicago Tribune* correspondent Rick Kogan to dub him "the 20th Century Marco Polo" in an article written a year after his death?

In the Captain's own words, "*Basically, I'm artistic. I only have a normal BS in engineering, but the art overrides 100 percent of what I do, be it ceramics, glasswork or woodcarving. Any field that I can express myself in, I want to do it.*"

These words were spoken to the late Henry Lange, a revered local journalist, when Eddy was well into his 80s and intrigued by computer generated art, which he called his Lorelei, or alluring spirit.

Being more than simply artistic, Eddy was a curious and creative soul. That curiosity took him in many directions during his career, and his willingness to experiment with ideas caused him to make many discoveries, earning him 37 patents during his lifetime.

According to Thomas Pliske of *The Chicago Tribune*, "*William Eddy was never afraid to try something new...if you check into his life story you can see a bit of Leonardo da Vinci. He's not just an artist. He's an inventor, a tinkerer, an experimenter.*"

Eddy was born in 1902 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. His father was a businessman and mayor of the city for four terms. He attended the New York Military Academy as a high-school student, then was accepted into the U.S. Military Academy.

Eddy was, first, an artist, and as a young boy, he must have spent many hours with pencil in hand,

always dreaming, drawing and sketching the images that danced in his fertile imagination. This talent must have come in handy, because while in the Navy, he designed the insignia for the submarine service. His dolphin insignia was approved and adopted. It is still in use today.



Eddy's dolphin insignia, still in use today by the U.S. Navy.

Eddy's service in the Navy took him to ports of call around the world. He began his career as an ensign assigned to the light cruiser USS *Cincinnati*.

His ship was sent to Nicaragua, then dispatched to China to display U.S. naval prowess along the Yangtze River.

A disability that might have discouraged many only spurred Eddy's creativity to find a solution, no matter the obstacle. From youth, he'd been plagued with a hearing problem. To gain entrance into the Navy, he escaped notice by reading lips. During his training, he became acquainted with the fledgling science of electronics and designed a hearing aid disguised as a pipe. Appearing as a dashing navel officer, he would clench the pipe between his teeth, and the audio signals received through

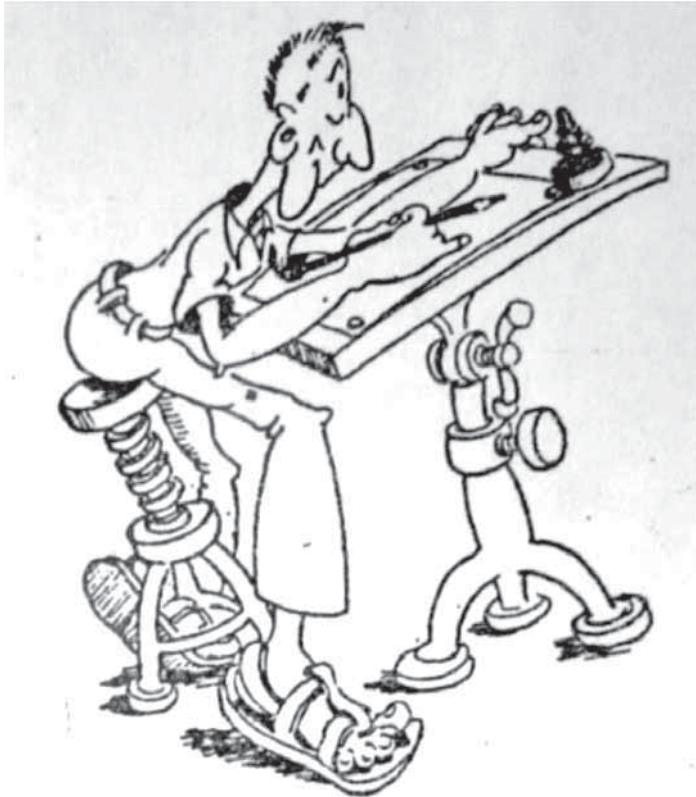
the pipe were transmitted through his jawbone to his inner ear.

In 1928, Eddy requested a transfer to submarine service. Perhaps because of his hearing disability, he applied his interest in electronics to developing a visual display for tracking audio signals. This device was used for many years for tracking surface ships from underwater. He became qualified as a submarine commander and gained the rank of lieutenant.



William Eddy reveals his new cartoon book in this 1962 archival photo provided by Mike Fleming.

Ever the experimenter, Eddy began perfecting equipment used aboard submarines of the time. It can only be imagined that Captain Eddy was somewhat of a rogue who tried new things and experimented on his own time, because he eventually set up his own laboratory for perfecting his devices.



A self-caricature by Eddy.

In 1930, Eddy transferred to the Naval Submarine Base at New London, Conn. Here, he designed an electronic course to train his fellow officers in the use of his newly developed equipment.

During a physical exam in 1934, Eddy's hearing disability was discovered and the Navy, in the infinite wisdom of a government agency, forced him to retire in spite of his contributions. Some might have been discouraged, but Eddy jumped back into civilian life, putting his knowledge of electronics to work on the homefront in developing TV technology.

In 1936, he met Philo Farnsworth in Philadelphia. Farnsworth also was an electronics wizard who earlier began to experiment with sending images over the airwaves. During a two-year period, a team formed by Farnsworth, including Eddy, researched and invented what today is known as "sawtooth" scanning. This method of television transmission is the basis of modern television transmission today.

Eventually, the Farnsworth group experienced financial difficulties and Eddy was offered a job with RCA, where he created special effects and lighting for the New York-based company. Eddy's reputation for creativity and innovation gained him an invitation from the Balaban and Katz theater chain to establish the first TV station in Chicago.

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Eddy helped bring Fran Allison and her show, "Kukla, Fran and Ollie," into the limelight.

The station Eddy created was known as WBKB, eventually becoming Chicago's ABC Channel 7. During his work for WBKB, Eddy handled every aspect of the business, including the booking of talent, creation of programming and sales. In the beginning, he went from door to door trying to interest Chicagoans in this new form of communications and entertainment. In the process, Eddy brought to the fledgling medium some of its first stars: Burr Tillstrom, Fran Allison (remember "Kukla, Fran and Ollie"?), Marlin Perkins, Dave Garroway, Danny Thomas and Jimmy Durante, to name a few.

(In 1985, Eddy was inducted into the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame.)



The Eddy hanger at Phillips Airport.

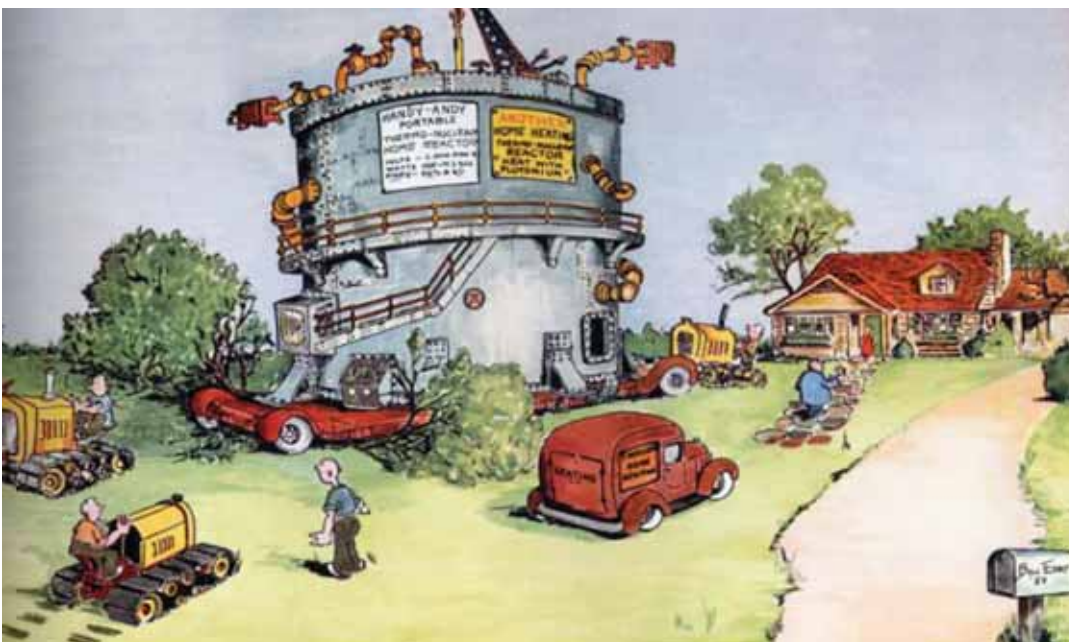
While helping establish the television business in Chicago, Eddy began looking for a location to raise his family in the area. Because of his love of the sea and all things nautical, and perhaps because it was a haven from the hustle and bustle of the big city, Eddy decided to make his permanent home in Michigan City. Eddy made his new hometown famous in the early days of TV by broadcasting live boxing matches every Tuesday night from the Elston High School auditorium.

When on Dec. 7, 1941, the United State entered World War II, Eddy reported for active duty again in the U.S. Navy and was given a commission as "captain." He continued to assist in the development of modern radar and set up schools to teach young officers. During the war, it was estimated he was responsible for training more than 180,000 officers. He was awarded the Legion of Merit from the Navy for his work in the development of radar.

After the war, Eddy returned to his work in TV, but soon became bored by the business and resigned his position at Paramount, which purchased the Balaban and Katz Theater Co., to begin his own company in Michigan City.

Eddy's Television Associates created a process of mapping the landscape from the air, using microwave technology. His company did surveys for major projects such as the routing of the Indiana and Illinois tollways. He also helped establish the route for a 3,000-mile communication network through Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

Though it all, Eddy never abandoned his artistic talent. He was a cartoonist who for many years made drawings for Honeywell Corp.'s yearly calendar. His cartoons often featured his own character, "Imby," who was continually getting himself in trouble by misusing technology and gadgets. According



Eddy's cartoon work: "Where Should I Put the Thermostat, Lady?"

to Rick Kogan, Eddy's cartoons were collected by Winston Churchill, Dwight Eisenhower and John Glen.

At 83, Captain Eddy's art was featured in a special exhibit at Michigan City's Community Center for the Arts. *The Chicago Tribune's* Thomas Pliske wrote at the time of the exhibit, "As famous as it is, cartooning is only one aspect of Eddy's creative expression. Art lovers visiting the exhibit are amazed that, while most people are fortunate to master one or two art forms, Eddy has mastered several."

On display at the center were works in ceramics, wood carving, oil painting, metal sculpture and computer-generated art.

As if all of these accomplishments were not enough, Eddy also loved languages. He was a talented linguist fluent in Chinese, French and German.



Eddy's cartoon work: "We've Finally Found a Substitute for 'Plastics' — We Call it 'Wood'."

Eddy died at 87 in 1989 in his home in Michigan City. All of his life, he was ever curious, ever learning, ever creating, always contributing to the human experience. We often hear of thinking outside of the box. Art cannot be contained in a box. Captain Eddy was living proof that the creative personality who wants and needs to contribute to his world cannot be held in a space created by small thinkers.

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“Doctor Strange” Playfully Subverts Comic Book Expectations

by Andrew Tallackson

“Doctor Strange” is comic-book comfort food, proof that “Captain America: Civil War” did not empty out Marvel’s bag of tricks entirely.

The movie is a loopy surprise, a welcome antidote to the bombastic migraines DC passed off as entertainment this year with “The Suicide Squad” and “Batman vs. Superman.” It’s popcorn fare at ease with its own silliness. How else to explain the scene where the reluctant hero, training in a remote facility in the Himalayas, receives a slip of paper with a cryptic word on it. Inquiring if it’s his new mantra, his host offers a quizzical look, then replies, “It’s the WiFi password. We’re not savages.”

There are scads of moments like that, scenes that effortlessly subvert our expectations. The story is the requisite Marvel origins tale, but told with sneaky wit. Consider it “Harry Potter” meets “Inception.”

Every Marvel super hero acquires his/her newfound skills either by happy accident or as redemption for being a selfish dolt. Embodied with maniacal gusto by Sherlock Holmes himself, Benedict Cumberbatch, Doctor Stephen Strange is a bit of both. He’s a neurosurgeon with a rabid god complex who loses use of his hands in a car accident, then learns of a paraplegic who mysteriously walked again after heading to the Himalayas.

From here on out, director Scott Derrickson and his co-writers, Jon Spaihts and C. Robert Cargill, tweak our every presumption.

Much has been made, for instance, that Strange’s Zen-like mentor, the Ancient One, is not played by an Asian actor, but Tilda Swinton, who is white and British. So what? The actress, an Oscar winner for

“Michael Clayton” (2007), is wonderful, resisting the urge to phone in a performance we’ve experienced before. There is something melancholy about the Ancient One: wise, yet sad, maternal in a sly way that works its spell on Strange.

And talk about those spells. Through the Ancient

One and her right-hand man, Karl Mordo (Chiwetel Ejiofor, the “12 Years a Slave” star sturdy as always), Doctor Strange learns to conjure fiery lassos that open up portals to different worlds that spin about like trippy kaleidoscopes. Under lesser hands, the effects might have consumed the actors, but Derrickson, who cut his teeth on horror cheapies (“The Exorcism of Emily Rose,” “Deliver Us From Evil”), proves he’s light on his feet with the visuals. Aided by the effects geniuses at Industrial Light and Magic, the action sequences are bright and giddy, thrilling in ways the relentlessly dark and gloomy “Batman vs. Superman” was not.

True, Mads Mikkelsen (TV’s “Hannibal”) makes for a so-so villain, and Rachel McAdams is underused as Strange’s love interest, although the actress has a couple of deliciously deadpan reactions to Strange’s peculiar new abilities. What matters is that the movie makes you smile, and smile again. The

average “blockbuster,” and I use that term loosely these days, is little more than a special effects reel in search of a story. “Doctor Strange,” by comparison, has great affection for its characters and the extraordinary world they inhabit.

The nifty effects are the icing on the cake.

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Benedict Cumberbatch stars as “Doctor Strange.”

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Yes, It Was Worth the Wait

Editor's note — The following column was written by Beacher Print Salesman Drew White

At 38, there are people who suffered far longer than me before seeing the Chicago Cubs win a World Series. My Cubs affliction can only be traced back to about 1984.

I feel fortunate not to have been around for the collapse of 1969, but I've had to swallow smaller doses of heartbreak.

The grounder getting past Leon Durham.

The alleged lip reading that allowed San Francisco's Will Clark to know Greg Maddux was about to feed him a "fast-ball, high inside," leading to four Giants runs on one swing of the bat and a lifetime of the question, "Why do they always talk with their gloves in front of their mouths?"

Being up 3-2 against the Marlins with Kerry Wood and Mark Prior in the queue for clinching games at Wrigley, only to be thwarted by a series of events that — truth be told — had nothing to do with anybody named Steve Bartman.

Back-to-back National League Central titles in 2007 and 2008 that naturally culminated in back-to-back sweeps out of the National League Divisional Series in each of those years.

It's a fair question to ask why people continued to support a team that dominated the market on baseball futility for 108 years. The bad years were horrible and the good years probably even worse.

You had no legitimate argument for why you were a Cub fan beyond citing names like Ernie Banks, Fergie Jenkins, Billy Williams, Ron Santo and Ryne Sandberg. No amount of Old Style, Harry Caray or ivy-laden brick walls could possibly make up for the fact that the Cubs couldn't be considered the greatest thing since sliced bread since sliced bread didn't exist the last time they won the title.

Yet, the hope that one day the Chicago Cubs would win the championship kept stringing us along and along and along.

And along and along and along.

At some point, even the most eternal optimist has to have a breaking point, right?

There's a saying that goes, "Set low expectations and you'll never be disappointed."

In a lot of ways, that has been my approach to the Chicago Cubs.

Each year, you get a trip to the amusement park.

Most years, you found yourself at Enchanted Forest back in the day. A couple of hills, maybe a stretch where the speed got fast enough to move a hair on top of your head. Amusing when you're a kid, but redundant and pointless by about age 10 or noon, whichever came first.

Occasionally, a year would come when you'd head to Six Flags. There were some loops, twists and turns before the rain washed the day away, and you're left with an overpriced T-shirt you'll likely never wear again.

As it turns out, Cubs President Theo Epstein was Walt Disney and manager Joe Maddon was Mickey Mouse, saying, "Get in the bus, we're going to Orlando."

I can still remember watching the press conference when the Cubs introduced Maddon. I told myself, "This is the guy who is finally going to take us to the World Series."

"This guy will never buy another drink in the city of Chicago."

Exactly two years to the day that the Cubs replaced Rick Renteria with Maddon, my premonition came to fruition at Progressive Field in Cleveland.

After the Cubs had defeated the Indians in Game 7 on Wednesday night, I along with millions of other Cub fans cried and screamed. There were emotions tapped that we've never had tapped before. All the while, there's the realization that multiple generations of people passed that never got to experience the rush of hearing the words World Series Champion Chicago Cubs.

Now that it's over, you look back and realize why you never jumped ship. You knew that one day, God willing, you'd experience a euphoria unlike any you'd ever experienced.

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- Wednesday, Nov. 16: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 17: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19: 1:30-3 p.m. A reception is at 3 p.m., and wreaths can be picked up until 4 p.m.

Wreaths also may be picked up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, during business hours Monday, Nov. 21, and until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Artspace Open Stage Event

The monthly open-stage venue “Legit AF (Group Therapy)” is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Artspace Uptown Artists Lofts, 717 Franklin St.

The event typically features one or two poet/author/performance artists, followed by opportunities from audience members to perform. This time, the audience will experience a rapid-fire presentation of 10 to 20 small-press poets and independent musicians — live, pre-recorded or beaming by skype.

Free and open to the public, donations are accepted. The event is not suitable for children. Contact Michele McDannold at michelemcdannold@gmail.com or (217) 371-8297 for details.

St. Mary Anniversary Event

As part of its 150th anniversary, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Michigan City, will rededicate the World War I Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the church courtyard on 10th Street.

The event, held in conjunction with Veterans Day, is at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. The Rev. Kevin Huber will conduct the service. Members of American Legion Skwiat Post 451 will present the colors and a 21-gun salute. Bob Johnson will sing a musical rendition, and Taps will be played.

After the ceremony, attendees are invited to the church vestibule for cider and doughnuts.

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Sesquicentennial Planning

In preparation for Three Oaks' sesquicentennial next year, two meetings are planned starting at noon EST Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Community Room at Three Oaks Township Library, 3 N. Elm St.

From noon to 1 p.m. EST, the meeting will show clothing worn at the 1976 Three Oaks centennial. Guests can learn about making clothing, or possibly having vintage-style clothing made for them.

People are sought to make the clothing, as well as those who iron, lay out or cut material, hand sew buttons and trim, or pin hems.

Afterward, a planning meeting for the Afternoon Tea Party on Sept. 16, 2017, that will include a "fashion show" of the vintage clothing, with prizes, is from 1 to 2 p.m. EST.

Contact Priscilla Lee Hellenga at schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com or (269) 409-1191 about the vintage clothing, or Janet Schrader at sandpirate@sbglobal.net about the tea party contact.

New Troy Indoor Flea Market

New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road, will present its Indoor Flea Markets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST Saturdays, Nov. 12 and 19.

Antiques, tools, crafts, books, memorabilia, housewares, furniture and locally made or grown items will be available. Judy's Chicago Style Hotdogs will be sold.

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Theatre at the Center to Present "Annie Warbucks"

"Annie Warbucks," the sequel to Broadway's 1977 Tony-winning smash "Annie," runs Nov. 17 through Dec. 18 at Munster's Theatre at the Center.

Based on Harold Gray's "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, the book is by Thomas Meehan, with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin. It opened off-Broadway in 1993 and broke records for the time with 200 performances.

The first scene continues where the story left off. Annie, her dog, Sandy, and Daddy Warbucks are opening presents around the tree on Christmas morning when Child Welfare Commissioner Harriet Doyle arrives to inform Warbucks that he must marry in 60 days so Annie can have a proper mother.

Jeff Award-winner Linda Fortunato will direct and choreograph. Emily Zimmerman ("Elf the Musical" at Marriott Theatre) stars as Annie and Jeff Award-winner David Girolmo ("Gypsy" and "A Little Night Music" at TATC) as Oliver Warbucks. Elizabeth Telford ("Sense & Sensibility" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater) plays Grace. Jeff Award-winner Iris Lieberman ("All Shook Up" and "A Christmas Memory" at TATC) plays Commissioner Doyle, while Jeff Award-winner Heidi Kettenring ("Here's Love" and "Always Patsy Cline" at TATC) plays Mrs. Kelly.

Rounding out the supporting cast are Jason Richards, James Sparling, Shelley Crawford, Reneisha Jenkins, Donterrio Johnson, Nancy Kolton, Courtney Lucien, Richard Marlatt, Michael Potsic and



Emily Zimmerman stars as Annie and S'Wheats as Sandy in "Annie Warbucks." Photo by Guy Rhodes Photography.

Denzel Tsopnang as Vandenberg. Children featured in the cast include Grier Burke, McKenzie Franklin, Stella Hoyt, Lilly Bea Ireland and Rika Nishikawa. S'Wheats as Sandy.

The production team includes musical director Bill Underwood, scenic design by Jack Magaw, lighting design by Guy Rhodes and sound design by Barry Funderburg. Brenda Winstead is the costume designer,

Brittney O'Keefe the props designer and Kevin Barthel the wig designer.

Performances are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays and select Thursday and Sunday nights and Saturday matinees. Individual tickets range from \$40 to \$44. Discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Call the box office at (219) 836-3255, visit Tickets.com or call (800) 511-1552. Visit TheatreAtTheCenter.com for more details. The theater is located in The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road.



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PNW Odyssey Reception

Purdue University Northwest will celebrate the opening of its 18th Odyssey Sculpture and Art Exhibit with a public reception at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex.

The event will debut multi-piece contemporary sculptures and new art collections. Guests may take self-guided tours and view more than 20 works of sculpture and installations of paintings, photographs and a tapestry in the DSAC.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served prior to formal remarks that begin at 5:30 p.m., with a welcome by Chancellor Emeritus Jim Dworkin.

Contact Elizabeth Bernel, University Art Collections and Special Events coordinator, at (219) 785-5719 or ebernel@pnw.edu for more details.

Sinai Forum

Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator Bret Stephens will discuss "A Foreign Policy for the President-Elect" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, as part of Purdue University Northwest's next Sinai Forum.

The presentation is in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, 1401 S. U.S. 421. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Stephens, winner of the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, will speak just five days after a new U.S. president is elected. He will examine the impact of the president-elect on foreign policy and discuss rules to guide the next president in dealing with Middle East challenges.

A foreign affairs columnist and deputy editorial page editor of *The Wall Street Journal* and former editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, Stephens wrote the book *America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder*.

Tickets can be purchased by credit card at www.pnw.edu/sinai-forum or by cash or check at: Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City, and the Porter County Community Foundation, 1401 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso. All students who show a valid school I.D. are admitted for free.

The fifth and final speaker is Northwest Indiana native and retired astronaut Col. Jerry Ross, who will present "Spacewalker, My Journey in Space" at 4 p.m. Dec. 4.



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Indiana Dunes State Park is among 18 state park properties to temporarily close for deer reductions.

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DNR biologists evaluate which parks require a reduction each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at each park. The state parks are home to more than 32 state-endangered plants and numerous significant natural communities. The reductions help control browsing by deer to a level that helps maintain habitat throughout the state parks for all plants and animals.

Information on 2017 state park deer reductions, including online applications, will be available next summer at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild. The application deadline usually is the end of August.

Comedy Night Starring Pat Godwin

Youth Service Bureau will host the fundraiser "Comedy Night Starring Pat Godwin" from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at La Porte's Silver Palace, 1719 State St.



Godwin appeared on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" in 2009.

A cash bar will be available at the 18-and-older event. Advance tickets are \$25, or \$30 at the door. Advance tickets are available at both YSB locations (906 Michigan Ave. in La Porte and 228 W. Fourth St. in Michigan City) and Kabelin stores in La Porte and Michigan City.

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Big Band Bash

"Big Band Bash," a collaborative event to benefit The Heritage Museum & Cultural Center and Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, is at 6:30 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 11, at the museum, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich.

Beer, wine and appetizers will be served. Period dress is encouraged. Sharon Haynes will provide a swing dance class to start the evening. Dancing most of her life, she became involved in the ballroom-dance scene more than 10 years ago.

Performing big band music is Blue Shoes, which formed in 2013 as a small group that wanted to branch out in their musical opportunities. Playing mostly jazz and modern music, improvisation is a main focus; however, big band standards are a large part of its repertoire.

The band was started by Dale Reuss and is directed now by saxophonist Andrea Gentry. Members are: Rebecca Selvidge — vocalist; Brenda Title — saxophone and clarinet; Tammy Finch — saxophone; Mindy Burns — trumpet; Tom Farrand — trombone; Doug Wegscheid — bass; Kim McKavit — piano; and Jack Totzke — drums.

Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$320 for a reserved table of eight. Reserved tables include two bottles of wine.

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Poster Contest Winners



Kierra Newson's winning first-place entry.

Michigan City Area Schools Transportation Department staff surprised students at three schools Oct. 28 to award prizes in the district-wide School Bus Safety Week poster contest.

The bus drivers and monitors stopped by Lake Hills Elementary, Pine Elementary and Barker Middle School to award first- through third-place honors.

Lake Hills STEM Elementary School sisters Kamari'a Tillman and Kierra Newson were selected as winners from close to 100 entries. Kierra, who is a fifth-grader, won first place for her design, which earned her a NuVision Tablet PC device, while sixth-grader Kamari'a received a Wolves sweatshirt.

Other winners in the safety poster contest, judged by MCAS Transportation staff, law enforcement officers and other special guests during School Bus Safety Week, included:

- Kaiden Crowel (tied for second place), Pine Elementary.
- Estefon Cuellar (tied for second place), Barker Middle School.
- Brooklyn Accardi (third place), Pine Elementary.

Krasl Artisan Market

The annual Artisan Market and Soup's On runs Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 10-13, at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich.

The market is the only juried autumn fine art and craft event in Southwest Michigan. Nearly 100 artists were selected this year, presenting jewelry, wearables, toys and home décor.

In addition to the market, KAC ceramic artists have created soup bowls to buy during Soup's On. The cost is \$10, with all proceeds aiding the KAC Ceramic Studio.

New this year, Soup's On is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day, with different organizations or restaurants providing specialty soups. The schedule is:

- Thursday — Lake Michigan College Culinary Arts Students.
- Friday — Bistro on the Boulevard.
- Saturday — The Buck.
- Sunday — Zoup.

Bread and dessert are included for \$10.

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Songs of Giving Hearts

The Fourth Annual Songs of Giving Hearts Charity in Concert is Nov. 11-13, the mission to support programs that serve veterans and the homeless.

The concerts feature local musicians and vocalists, including Adrianna Acevedo, Michelle Alexander, Gayle Davis, Nic Orbovich and Fernando Zamora. This year's focus is raising awareness for emerging Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and veterans outreach networks.

Admission comes through contributions. Food pantry donations will assist Sacred Heart and Trinity Episcopal. Winter wear donations will benefit homeless families at Sand Castle. Free will donations will be accepted. They can be addressed to Notre Dame Church, Songs of Giving Hearts/Interfaith Mens Shelter in the memo line.

Veterans are invited to the special Veterans Day concert at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. The theme is patriotic music and honoring veterans.

A concert of Broadway, show and gospel tunes is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at First Presbyterian, while the third concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday Nov. 13, at Notre Dame Church. Orbovich will perform a violin solo. Zamora will offer a piano solo, with more performances by Songs of Giving Hearts vocalists.

The concerts are sponsored by the Notre Dame Church Peace and Social Justice Commission, Songs of Giving Hearts, First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Episcopal Church. Visit www.songsforgivinghearts.org or email info@songsforgivinghearts.org for more details.



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by Kevin Scott

I mustache you a question.

What is the best part of fall? Changing leaves? Sweater weather? The holidays?

All good answers, but what I look forward to most is that the mustaches

start to grow.

That's right. Movember is upon us! A lot of people know of No-Shave-November, where guys don't shave their faces in November. But anyone can do that. Beards are fashionable. Do you have the guts to only grow out your mustache? Or maybe, you ask, why should you, and what the heck is Movember?

Movember turns things up on multiple levels. The first difference is you can only rock a mustache for the month. Pencil thin? Split in the center? Handlebar? Anything you can grow, grow it and be proud of it.

Now, why grow it? This is the real reason Movember thrives, and what drew my brother and me to participate in this campaign seven years ago. The reason for the season of growing mo's is to benefit men's health. As opposed to No-Shave November, Movember participants use their newly installed upper lip billboard to raise money for prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Added last year were poor mental health and physical inactivity.

The idea started back in 2003 with 30 "Mo Bros" growing mustaches in Australia. The 30 Mo Bros took up the challenge, but did not raise any money. A year later, it grew to 480 guys and gals who took on the challenge of raising money for men's health, escalating from \$0 to \$40,851 in just a year. They came to the conclusion that growing a mustache sparked great conversation and started the Movember Foundation. Proceeds went to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. The \$40,851 donation was the largest check the PCFA ever received.

In 2014, Mo Bros from dozens of countries, including Australia, Singapore, the United States, The Netherlands and Ireland, to name a few, grew their mustaches for the cause. A total of 4,746,905 Mo Bros and Mo Sisters have been added since the start.

As I said, the numbers are astounding. Since 2003, \$649 million has been raised and 832 men's health projects funded. An idea can change the world, and a mustache can do the same.

My brother, Brian, and I started back in 2009 and have participated each year. I have gone to job interviews with my mustache, gone on first dates with my mustache (usually not a second date), even judged a beauty pageant with my mustache. Last year, I stood up in my brother's wedding with my mustache. Some say why, but those close to me know. Movember is near and dear to our families' hearts. We grow our mustaches in honor of our dad, Dennis, who lost his battle to prostate cancer. The simple action of growing a mustache is a constant

reminder of our dad, as well as a conversation starter for the cause. No matter how ridiculous we look all month long, we spark conversations with friends, members, clients, even strangers about awareness. We also think of our dad and share stories. To me, that is worth it all.

One in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. In the U.S., one American dies from prostate cancer every 19 minutes. We spark conversations, share numbers, share our story and raise money to honor our dad and spread the word. The old saying, "Knowledge is power," reigns true here. The more people know, and the earlier they know about the risk factors, the better off they will be. This goes for any disease or condition out there. For prostate cancer, age, family history and ethnicity are the main risk factors.

This year, my brother and I are embarking on our journey with a cavalry. At Anytime Fitness, members and friends will participate. I reach out and ask men and women to participate in this wonderful month of men's health awareness. Whether you can grow a mustache or not, whether you are Mo Sister and simply spread the word and spark up the conversation, anything is better than nothing. If you are able to, please visit our website and donate at <http://moteam.co/denim-denny>. If you are unable to donate, we still love the heck out of you and would like you to please send us your love on our page.

At the end of October, I get excited for the coming month. It sparks conversations about the cause, and the silliness and/or sexiness of our mustaches. More importantly, it sparks conversations about our dad. He was always our No. 1 fan and our best friend. He was always there for us, and not a day goes by when I don't think about him. Growing a mustache to raise money and keep his memory alive is the reason for the season. I encourage each and every one of you to either grow your mo, share the stats or donate to the cause.



Anytime Fitness staff and regulars embrace the spirit of Movember.

DAF Slate of Officers

Dunes Arts Foundation elected a new board and officers at its 73rd Annual Board of Directors meeting held at Dunes Summer Theatre.

With more than 35 Dunes affiliate patrons attending, Eileen Long was elected board president, Amy Black as vice president, Jim Morse as treasurer and Nora Ryszka as secretary.

Long, a Purdue University-North Central graduate, is the manager of administrative services at Columbia College Chicago for the Cinema Art and Science department. She has escorted students to the Cannes Film Festival, hosted student screenings and receptions at the Directors Guild of America in Hollywood and managed all aspects of large-scale department conferences.

Black, a Ball State University graduate, helped pioneer streaming video services over the Internet with Hello World, one of the Internet's first affiliate programs.

Morse was born and raised in Michigan City, and received his undergraduate and law degrees from Indiana University. He spent the last 27 years of his career with Exxon Mobil Corp., where he is senior counsel. He also spent 12 years of his career overseas, most recently in Iraq, and specializes in designing, negotiating and implementing complex international ventures throughout the world.

Other board members include Abigail Thayer, Abby May, Jordon Mellen, Dale Cooper and Artistic Director Tara Lonzo, former head of casting at Chicago's Goodman Theatre.

South Shore Veterans Special

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Photos by Paul Kemiell



Next ArtsBridge Concert Features Organ, Choral and Piano Works

ArtsBridge will host an organ, choir and piano concert and exhibit at 4 p.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 13, at First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor, Mich.

In the program's first half, James Kraus will perform on the Gabriel Kney pipe organ John Bull's "Rondo in D" and Henry Purcell's "Voluntary on the 100th Psalm." Then, he will direct the Lake Michigan College Concert



The Lake Michigan College choir with Jim Kraus (far right).

Choir and Chorale with "Sing We and Chant It" by Thomas Morley, "All Ye Who Music Love" by Baldassare Donato, "Ave Maria" by Tomás Luis de Victoria, "Waldesnacht" and "In Stiller Nacht" by Johannes Brahms and "O Nata Lux" by Morten Lauridsen.



Brock

After a brief intermission, David Brock will perform classical, jazz and gospel music selections on the piano. Evan Robinson's art will be on display and for sale.

Kraus in 1993 became minister of music at St. Joseph First United Methodist Church and serves as an ordained deacon there. He is active as an accompanist for many local student musicians and is an instructor at Lake Michigan College, where he has taught organ, piano, music theory, music history, music appreciation and choir. He has written many choral works, several cantatas for choir, soloists and orchestra, as well as in-

strumental works for various instruments, including the organ. He was a charter member of the Twin Cities Organ Concert Series. He lives in St. Joseph with his wife, Lorie, and their two children, Jacob and Esther.

Brock, who grew up in Benton Harbor, has been playing the piano and singing at weddings and receptions since he was 16. For three years, he accompanied the Indiana

University South Bend Gospel Choir. From 2012 to 2013, he directed the IUSB Gospel Choir and composed music for it to perform. He also served as pianist and assistant music teacher at Benton Harbor High School for many years. For the past 13 years, he has served as associate minister and organist for Bread of Life Missionary Baptist Church in Benton Harbor. On Saturday mornings, he performs on the organ and piano at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Highland Avenue in Benton Harbor. More recently, he has provided piano accompaniment for Lake Michigan College's Gospel Choir.

Evan Robinson, a Niles High School senior, is a visual artist with experience in sketching, painting, digital, pastel and chalk. A few artists from which he draws inspiration are Mark Crilley and Vincent van Gogh. He plans to major in art and "make a living off of my art."

A reception follows the program in Goff Hall. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. The church is located at 475 Green Ave. on Morton Hill. Call (269) 925-7075 or visit FirstPresBH.org on facebook for more details.

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Dressed for Success

Creativity ran wild during a costume contest for children and teens Oct. 29 at Michigan City Public Library. Paul Kemiell captured a few of the highlights for us.



College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday, the free, financial-aid application-assistance program, is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Purdue University Northwest.

The program is scheduled in Room 265 of the Technology Building, 1401 S. U.S. 41. University financial-aid experts and service-organizational specialists will go line by line to help prospective fall 2017 college students and their parents accurately complete the Free Application for Federal Student AID for submission to the federal processor.

The form is required to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships and student loans at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools.

New this year, the FAFSA can be completed and submitted by using 2015 tax information.

Students 23 or younger should attend with a parent(s) or guardian(s) and take their family's completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax return or a draft. Students who worked during 2015 also should take income information. Students 24 or older may attend alone and take their own completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax return/draft.

Students and parents also are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to obtain 2015 tax information.

Any student who attends College Goal Sunday and submits a completed evaluation form will be entered in a drawing for a scholarship.

Visit www.collegegoalsunday.org or call (800) 992-2076 for more details.

ASL Club Fun Night

The Purdue University Northwest American Sign Language Club will host Fun Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, Great Hall C.

Participants will converse in ASL while playing cards and board games. Guests can take games, as well as snacks and soft drinks.

Contact Karen Donah, PNW continuing lecturer and ASL coordinator, at (219) 785-5432 or kdonah@pnw.edu for more details. The club, and the Northwest Indiana Deaf Community, are on facebook.



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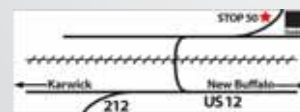
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Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

• **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, and 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

• **“Organizing Your Medical Life” from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Hageman.**

Purdue Extension Educator Annetta Jones will discuss how to create a system that organizes medical records so they remain current and accessible.

• **Bits & Bytes series, How to Teach Yourself, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.**

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

• **Graphic Novel Book Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The focus is Jason Aaron’s “Doctor Strange Vol. 1: Way of the Weird.” Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

• **Family Coloring Friday Nights from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at Hageman Library.**

Materials are provided, but patrons can take their own. No registration is necessary.

• **Lego Club from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Thomas Library Children’s Department.**

Children build around a different theme using the library’s Legos. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **The Korean War: Battle of Chosin from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Historian and war-battle enthusiast Thomas Murphy will discuss the war’s decisive battle.

• **Sunday Matinee: “Indignation” at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

The movie is Rated R. Free popcorn is available.

• **Everybody Has a Story Writing Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Nov. 14 and 21, at Thomas Library.**

Professional writer Mo Vear will present lessons, inspirations and tips on preserving memories through writing. Registration is required in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Westchester Township Museum.**

Joan Costello will discuss Barbara Ross’ Maine Clambake Mysteries. Refreshments will be served.

• **AARP Driver Safety Program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Thomas Library’s Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members. Registration is necessary. Visit www.aarp.org/drive or call Instructor Jeanette Pike at (219) 949-6307.

• **Crochet Club from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Thomas Library.**

Beginners and skilled crocheters 18 and older can join instructor Amber Erazo.

• **“Know Your Credit” at 6 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

1st Source Bank representatives will lead the sessions. No registration is necessary for either session.

• **Pokemon League from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Thomas Library.**

The program is aimed at children in first grade and older. Attendees learn to make decks of 60 cards. They don’t need to take anything unless wanting to take a starter pack of cards.

• **Children’s Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Aimed at children in third grade and older, attendees learn beginning crochet from Sadie Steciuch. Children should take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium weight yarn. Class size is limited, and registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• **Minecraft Meet-up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Thomas Library.**

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

• **Battles of the American Civil War from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at Thomas Library’s Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

History buff and Civil War enthusiast Thomas Murphy will discuss the Battle of Gettysburg.

• **Pizza Pajama Book Club for Teens from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Thomas Library Young Adult Room.**

Teens in grades 6-12 will discuss Douglas Adams’ “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.” Pizza will be provided. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

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Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

Thursday, Nov. 10

- **4 p.m. — Owl Banding: Behind the Scenes!**

The program, limited to five participants, includes visiting nets and extracting owls. The cost is \$50. Registration is required by calling the Nature Center at (219) 926-1390.

Saturday, Nov. 12

- **10 a.m. — A Witch Hunt.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute stroll in search of the witch hazel — the last woodland flower of the year.

- **2 p.m. — Scales and Tales.**

Meet at the Nature Center for a look at reptiles of Indiana Dunes, with live animals present.

Sunday, Nov. 13

- **10 a.m. — Feed the Birds.**

Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding.

- **2 p.m. — Just a Few Furs.**

Learn about a variety of dunes critters during the 45-minute Nature Center program.

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

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The following programs are available:

- **A screening of "Heroes on Deck" at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the Visitor Center auditorium.**

The film chronicles the role Chicago and Lake Michigan played in the training of more than 15,000 World War II Navy pilots. The story includes how the pilots were trained, and recovery of some of the more than 100 aircraft that ended up at the bottom of Lake Michigan. Also, military artifacts will be on display.

- **A ranger will lead a two-hour tour of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in one of the park's 16-passenger buses at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.**

The tours meet at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. After a brief introduction, participants board for the tour, which is free, but reservations are required by calling (219) 395-1882.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is on Lake Street in Gary. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

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Letter to the Editor

I was tipped off this morning by another local dog lover, Bobbi Petru, that the cover story in *The Beacher* was about Creek Ridge's no-leash, dog exercise park. It's 3+ acres of heaven for "man's best friend" plus man!

Many of us in Beverly Shores make the trek to Creek Ridge several times a week to share the relaxed space in the woods with our pets. We are looking for those with common interests: visiting with others who enjoy the open spaces, mingling with frequent visitors, making new friends, getting exercise. (Obviously I'm referring to both dogs & their owners.) An interesting irony of dog parks is that we dog owners often remember the names of the dogs while frequently not learning the names of their owners.

Your lovely article captured what "non-dog people" might not experience...that as we're looking for companionship in our dogs, we often find it additionally with other dog lovers. Those of us with dogs understand that we get as much back as we give... maybe more?

Wishing all the best to those who have dogs and are able to treat them to exercise at Creek Ridge and other no-leash dog exercise parks.

Eileen S. Heisler

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Michigan City Public Library

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

• **Duneland Stamp Club at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.**

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

• **Film Showing: "The Looking Glass" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.**



The library will host a screening of the new film by local director John Hancock ("Prancer," "Bang the Drum Slowly"). The movie charts the relationship between a 13-year-old girl (La Porte's Grace Tarnow) and an aging actress (Dorothy Tristan, who also co-wrote the script) suffering from early onset Alzheimer's disease. Andrew Tallackson, editor of *The Beacher* and a co-producer of the film, will moderate a discussion on the film afterward.

• **STEAM Ahead Kids: Art à la Carte at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14.**

Children 4-10 accompanied by an adult can weave a design into a placemat for Thanksgiving. All materials will be provided. The child must be present to receive materials.

• **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 15 and 29, and 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 16 and 30.**

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

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

Interwoven Expressions

Interwoven Expressions, which celebrates its 30th anniversary as a juried textile and fiber arts sale and exhibit, is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton.

The event features weavers, dyers, felters, hookers, seamstresses, papermakers and basketmakers. Participation was limited to residents of states bordering Lake Michigan, with 35 artists selected.

Admission and parking are free. Visit www.InterwovenExpressions.com for more details.

PNW Student Group Collects Professional Clothing for Budding Teachers

The Purdue University Northwest student organization Teachers Networking Together collected and distributed hundreds of clothes to provide professional attire for students entering the teaching profession.

PNW student Merrie Leigh Gable, Crown Point, said the idea came to her following a discussion in the "Family, Community, School Partnerships" class taught by Mary Jane Eisenhauer, Early Childhood Education associate professor.

"She encouraged us to look around our communities for people in need," Gable said. "I realized that as education majors, we are required to dress professionally for our first-year, student field experiences, and that requirement continues throughout our time as students. But for some students, doing so is a strain on the pocketbook."

After thinking about the situation, Gable said she came to realize, "I can do something about it." She developed a network and started collecting donations of professional attire that could be given to students through what she called the "Teacher's Closet." PNW students, staff and faculty opened up their own closets to provide clothing, coats, shoes and briefcases. Friends, family and local teachers got involved. Hundreds of items were donated.

Working on this project was a natural fit for Teachers Networking Together.

"We support and provide resources to all PNW education students," TNT President Kate Sech,

Marquette Questers

Marquette Questers Chapter 139 is winding down for the 2016 season.

The group will have its Christmas get-together in December, and plans for 2017 programs are in the works.

The last meeting, held at Sara McNabb's home, featured a program on Victorian china fairings — small porcelain ornaments that incorporate figures, with scenes and captions on the base. They were called "fairings" because they were given away as prizes at fairs during the Victorian era. They often were small, with prices based on condition and subject matter.

Call Joyce Dalton at (219) 874-5832 or Maryanne Garon at (219) 872-3905 for more details.

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PNW education students Merrie Leigh Gable, Alexandra Petrovich and Kate Sech prepare donated items for the Teacher's Closet clothing giveaway.

Highland, said. "We provide professional development opportunities, we volunteer in the community and we try to create a network of friends."

When the day came for the giveaway, all donated items were neatly sorted, hung and displayed. When students came in to "shop," they were thrilled with what they found.

"Everyone was so surprised and appreciative," Gable said. "I was blown

away with how grateful everyone was. It was fun to watch the looks of disbelief when we said that everything is free. I loved seeing people's confidence grow when they put on a blazer for the first time, and their friends said how great they looked."

TNT officers are discussing offering a Teacher's Closet next fall semester. In the meantime, they are organizing a giveaway for the spring semester, but instead of clothes, children's books will be available so future teachers can start their classroom collections of books and literature.

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Chesterton Art Center

The following exhibits are on display at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

• **Works by clients from Frontline Foundation's Art Recovery Program in the Luella DeWulf Gallery through Nov. 30.**

The program, which runs weekly at the Chesterton and La Porte offices, is led by Director of Clinical Services Allen Grecula and Art Recovery Instructor Brian Dortmund, a local artist and owner of Artsmith Studio.

The groups explore the 12 Steps of Recovery and involve artistic mediums that encourage self-expression. The session, as well as the Music Recovery program, provide additional support alongside outpatient treatment services.

• **Rita Berg will showcase her paintings through Nov. 30.**

Berg's current work focuses on seascapes, lighthouses and flowers. The St. John resident took art lessons after retiring from a career as a radiologic technologist and domestic engineer. She dabbled in ceramics, one-stroke and tole painting before settling on oil painting.

Visit www.chestertonart.com for more details.



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

- South Central Junior-Senior High School, 9808 S. County Road 600 West, Union Mills, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11.
- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, La Porte, noon-6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14.
- St. John Kanty, 7012 N. County Road 600 East, Rolling Prairie, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more details.

JROTC Offers Community Support

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has supported the school and the community by participating in numerous events.

The JROTC Color Guard presented the American flag at three football games, the homecoming pep rally and a veterans dinner sponsored by La Porte County veterans groups to combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The cadets marched in the homecoming parade and assisted in crowd control at the game against La Porte at Ames Field.



Cadets march in the homecoming parade.

Other civic projects included helping chaperone the Barker Middle School dance, the Howl 'O Ween event at Ames Field and the art exhibit at Artspace Uptown Artist Lofts.

"We are already approaching 2,000 hours of community service since July 1," Master Sgt. Jeff Benak, the Marine instructor, said. "I think that says much about how our cadets care for our school district and the Northwest Indiana area."

The cadets will not receive much rest this month. They honored the U.S. Marine Corps' 241st birthday with their military ball Nov. 4 at the Pine Grove Banquet Hall in La Porte. The next day, they marched in the Michigan City parade for veterans. The cadets will participate in five additional ceremonies honoring veterans, culminating with a ceremony at the high school at 1:30 p.m. Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The community is invited.

The following day, the Cyber Patriot team will have its first competition in a mock cyber attack on a computer information system. One week later, on Nov. 19, MCHS will host a military skills competition involving 10 schools from Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland. The day after Thanksgiving, cadets will help kick off the Toys for Tots campaign. The month will end with setup for the school district wide "One City, One Sound" concert.



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3. Sue Luegers	167
4. Peg King	165
5. Kathy Osborne	161
6. Dottie Brinkman	156

SPLITS

Kathy Osborne 5-7

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3 in a row Ann Bogart

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

"Making Paper with Plants"

A paper-making expert will demonstrate how garden plants are used in making paper during the next River Valley Garden Club meeting at 1 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, Mich.

Andrea Peterson of La Porte's Hook Pottery Paper has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The Art Institute of Chicago and a Master of Fine Arts from University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She also will bring handmade paper for guests to purchase.

All meetings are open to the public. The business meeting starts at 1 p.m. EST, followed by the paper-making demonstration at 2 p.m. EST. More information is available at www.rivervalleygardenclub.org or call Elizabeth Palulis at (269) 426-3513.

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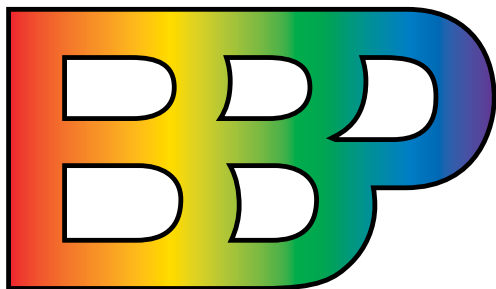
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Edgewood Elementary Receives Grant

Edgewood Elementary School will receive close to \$639,000 to fund a comprehensive, five-year plan aimed at boosting student achievement.

Edgewood is one of 14 Indiana schools that will receive more than \$16 million through the School Improvement Grants 1003(g) program. Funded by the federal government, the Indiana Department of Education awarded the competitive grants to support comprehensive school-improvement plans.

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announced the 14 recipients in Indianapolis on Oct. 18.

School Improvement Grants provide funding to schools that demonstrate a need for additional funds, as well as a commitment to use the funds to raise student achievement. Selected schools are awarded money to strategically implement one of six approved school-improvement models.

Edgewood will use its \$638,884.75 grant to support curriculum and professional development through a program called SchoolRise. The grant will provide data analysis tools, consultants, a permanent guest teacher, culturally relevant classroom libraries and added technology to enhance student learning and parent involvement.

Taltree 10K

Open to runners and walkers, the Taltree 10K is Saturday, Nov. 12, at Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso.

The course heads through woodland, wetland and prairie ecosystems on a combination of trail surfaces. Awards go to the top three finishers in each age group, as well as the top overall finishers.

Race day registration starts at 8 a.m., with the race at 9 a.m. The cost is \$35. All entries are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Proceeds support Taltree's conservation endeavors. No dogs, strollers, bicycles, in-line skates, scooters or other vehicular traffic are allowed on the race course. Visit tinyurl.com/zz8kuo5 for details.

Public Leaders Forum

Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce will host a free Public Leaders Forum from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in the City Hall council chambers.

Ron Miller of WEFM Radio will moderate the panel. Mayor Ron Meer, along with city officials Craig Phillips (Planning & Redevelopment), Michael Koss (Sanitary District), Police Chief Mark Swistek, Fire Chief Randy Novak and Clarence Hulse (Michigan City Economic Development Corp.), will participate.

The public can ask questions after the moderated session. Registration is not required, but RSVPs are appreciated by calling (219) 874-6221.

The Great Grocery Give-Away!

La Porte Rotary Club, working with Al's East, will present "The Great Grocery Give-Away!," where all proceeds aid Rotary efforts that promote the community and youth leadership.

Tickets, which cost \$5, are available from Rotary Club members or the Al's East checkout. A ticket serves as the entry into the drawing for Al's gift card prizes and the grand prize of 70 seconds to scramble through the store, loading a grocery cart with as much food as possible. The ticket also serves as a 5 percent discount coupon at Al's up until Dec. 31.

Rotary Club members will have a table at Al's East in La Porte from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. The drawing for the 10 finalists is Nov. 14, with all 10 finalists winning at least a \$20 gift card. Finalists must be present Nov. 19 to participate in the drawing for the grand prize winner of the Grocery Scramble.

Tickets are available through Nov. 14. Contact Rotary President Fran Milo at franmilo@comcast.net or (219) 363-7977 for tickets or details.

Historical Society

La Porte County Historical Society Inc. will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

Robert Burns, retired educator and Historical Society board member, will present the program "Safe Haven Baby Boxes." La Porte County recently became the nation's second site to establish a Safe Haven Baby Box, which is accessible at Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department. It is designed to save infants whose parents or guardians won't care, or can't care, for a child. Details of the laws surrounding these boxes will be discussed, as well as the procedures involved in the process.

Safe Haven Baby Box's creator and founder is a volunteer firefighter from Woodburn, Ind., who was abandoned as an infant. The group's slogan is "No shame, No blame, No name."

Guests are welcome at the meeting. Visit www.laportecountyhistory.org for more details.

"Polonica" Bus Trip

The Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana will host a "Polonica" bus trip to Chicago on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The luxury coach departs at 8:30 a.m. from Nativity of Our Savior Catholic Church, Portage, and at 9 a.m. from All Saints Catholic Church, Hammond. Approximate return times are 6:30 p.m. to Hammond and 7 p.m. to Portage.

The itinerary includes Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, lunch at Lutnia Restaurant and the Lira Ensemble's Christmas concert of Polish carols, song and dance at Chicago's Orchestra Hall.

The cost is \$90 per person and includes transportation, lunch, tips and donations. Reservations must be made by Nov. 21 by calling Theresa Child at (219) 464-1369.

Polish-American Cultural Society

Polish-American Cultural Society of Northwest Indiana, Michigan City Chapter, meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the former St. Mary School, 321 W. 11th St.

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Nov. 10 — Graphic Novel Book Club, Jason Aaron's "Doctor Strange Vol. 1: Way of the Weird," 6-7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Nov. 10 — "Barker Mansion: Flashback to Purdue University Barker Center," 7-9 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$15/adults, \$10/youth & Purdue staff & alumni with valid ID, free/current Purdue students with valid ID. Info: www.barkermansion.com

Nov. 11 — VETERANS DAY.

Nov. 11 — "Heroes on Deck," 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

Nov. 11 — Purdue University Northwest, 18th Odyssey Sculpture and Art Exhibit public reception, 4:30 p.m., James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex. Info: (219) 785-5719.

Nov. 11 — United Way of La Porte County Fall Gala: A Tribute to the '40s & '50s USO, 6-11 p.m., Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa. Tickets: \$85. Table of 10: \$850. Registration: unitedwaylpc.org/events

Nov. 11-13 — Songs of Giving Hearts Charity in Concert. Schedule/locations: www.sonsofgivinghearts.org, info@sonsofgivinghearts.org

Nov. 11-14 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* "Denial." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* "The Dressmaker." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

Nov. 12 — Interwoven Expressions, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton. Admission/parking, free. Info: www.InterwovenExpressions.com

Nov. 12 — A Witch Hunt, 10 a.m., Nature Center @ Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 12 — Film Showing: "The Looking Glass," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 12 — California Guitar Trio, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$30. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

Nov. 12 — Youth Service Bureau fundraiser, "Comedy Night Starring Pat Godwin," 8-10 p.m., La Porte's Silver Palace, 1719 State St. Advance tickets: \$25/\$30 @ door. Info: (219) 362-9587, Ext. 104.

Nov. 13 — Two-hour Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore bus tour, 9 a.m. & 1 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Reservations: (219) 395-1882.

Nov. 13 — Sunday Matinee: "Indignation," 1:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

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Nov. 14 — STEAM Ahead Kids: Art à la Carte, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 14 — Open-stage venue, "Legit AF (Group Therapy)," 6-8 p.m., Artspace Uptown Artists Lofts, 717 Franklin St. Free/donations accepted. Info: (217) 371-8297.

Nov. 15 — Purdue University Northwest American Sign Language Club Fun Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m., James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, Great Hall C. Info: kdonah@pnw.edu, (219) 785-5432.

Through Nov. 20 — "Into the Woods," 4th Street Theater, 125 N. Fourth St. Chesterton. Times: 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$18. Reservations: (219) 926-7875, 4thstreetncca.org.

Through Nov. 30 — Exhibit, "Frontline Foundation Art Recovery Program," Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: www.chestertonart.com

Through Jan. 6, 2017 — Exhibit, Dorothy Graden, Laurel Izard & Edwin Shelton, Visit Michigan City La Porte. Opening reception: 5-8 p.m. Nov. 18.

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

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

In the Region

Nov. 10-13 — Artisan Market and Soup's On, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Market hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thur., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Sun. Info: www.krasl.org, (269) 983-0271.

Nov. 11 — "Big Band Bash," 6:30 p.m. EST, The Heritage Museum & Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$40/\$320 for reserved table of 8. Reservations: (269) 983-1191.

Nov. 11-19 — "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11-12, 18-19, 3 p.m. Nov. 13. Tickets: \$19/adults, \$17/students & seniors 62+. Reservations: (574) 848-4116, www.elkhartcivictheatre.org

Nov. 12 — South Bend Comic Book Convention, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST, Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933. Free admission. Info: (309) 657-1599.

Nov. 12, 19 — Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free admission. Info: (773) 803-9773.

Nov. 13 — ArtsBridge concert, 4 p.m. EST, First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave. on Morton Hill, Benton Harbor, Mich. Free/donations accepted. Info: (269) 925-7075.

Nov. 15 — River Valley Garden Club, 1 p.m. EST, Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, Mich. Info: (269) 426-3513.

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On November 10, 1871, Henry Stanley, a newspaper correspondent and explorer, found missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone in central Africa, and greeted him with the now famous remark, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" And Livingstone answered: "Yes, and I feel thankful that I am here to welcome you." Livingstone was seeking the source of the Nile River, continuing his search until his death in 1873.

On November 10, 1919, in Minneapolis, the newly formed American Legion held its first national convention.

On November 10, 1951, AT&T (Ma Bell) inaugurated the first coast-to-coast dial-it-yourself telephone service.

On November 10, 1954, the "Iwo Jima Memorial," depicting five Marines raising the American flag on top of Iwo Jima's 546-foot-high Mount Suribachi was dedicated in Arlington, Va.

On November 10, 1969, the children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on PBS.

On November 11, 1919, the first Armistice Day was officially celebrated.

On November 11, 1938, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on network radio.

On November 11, 1954, the United States celebrated the first official "Veterans Day."

On November 11, 1966, *Gemini 12* blasted off from Cape Kennedy, FL, with astronauts James Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. aboard.

On November 11, 1981, stuntman Dan Goodwin scaled the outside of Chicago's John Hancock Center in nearly six hours.

On November 12, 1946, the first bank drive-in window, called an "autobank," was installed by the Exchange National Bank of Chicago.

On November 12, 1954, Ellis Island, the world-famous immigration station in New York Harbor, was ordered closed. During its 62-year history, more than 20 million immigrants passed through its doors.

On November 12, 1984, in history's first space salvage, space shuttle astronauts Dale Gardner and Joe Allen retrieved a wandering satellite.

On November 12, 2006, Gerald Ford surpassed Ronald Reagan as the longest-lived U.S. President of 93 years and 121 days.

On November 13, 1921, "The Sheik," a motion picture starring Rudolph Valentino, opened at Chi-

cago's Roosevelt Theater. It was said that the masculinity of Valentino's image on the screen caused women in the audience to swoon. Leading men in movies have tried ever since to capture the romanticism of the Italian born star.

On November 13, 1927, the Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River, linking New York and New Jersey, opened for traffic.

On November 13, 1933, the first recorded sit-down strike in the United States occurred at the Hormel Packing Co. at Austin, Minn.

On November 14, 1553, England's Queen Lady Jane Grey (a queen for only nine days) was imprisoned in the Tower of London on charges of high treason.

On November 14, 1832, the world's first street-car — called the "John Mason" — made its debut in New York. Thirty people could be accommodated in the three compartments of each car, which was drawn by two horses, and traveled on tracks laid on Fourth Avenue.

On November 14, 1851, *Moby Dick*, a novel by Herman Melville, was first published in the United States.

On November 14, 1889, *New York World* reporter Nellie Bly began her attempt to top the fictitious voyage of Jules Verne's Philas Fogg by traveling around the world in fewer than 80 days. She completed the journey in 72 days.

On November 15, 1492, Christopher Columbus made note of the use of tobacco by the American Indians, the world's first written reference to this highly addictive drug.

On November 15, 1926, the National Broadcasting Company went on the air with 24 radio stations. The first broadcast, from the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf Astoria, featured opera stars Mary Garden and Tito Ruffa, the New York Symphony Orchestra, Will Rogers, Weber and Fields, and many others.

On November 15, 1958, while filming a movie in Spain, 44-year-old actor Tyrone Power died of a heart attack.

On November 15, 1966, *Gemini 12* astronauts James Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

On November 16, 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington from the Colonial army.

On November 16, 1908, conductor Arturo Toscanini made his United States debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera House.

On November 16, 1959, "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

On November 16, 1973, *Skylab 3*, carrying a crew of three, was launched from Cape Canaveral, FL, on an 84-day mission.

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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Alliance by **Jolina Petersheim**
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At the same time, in the nearby town of Liberty, all the Englishers' cars have stopped. Cell phones and all electricity have been wiped out. Moses tells them it is probably an Electromagnetic Pulse. It's probably what caused his plane to crash. He tells them, "A special warhead, probably set off hundreds of miles above the earth, gives off this huge electromagnetic pulse that wipes out technology because of how the pulse reacts with the earth's magnetic field. It's harmless to humans and animals, but it can take out the power grid and everything that relies on a computer..."

What has happened? Are we at war? With no way to communicate with the outside world, and the nearest big city many miles away, the small community is on its own.

As Moses slowly heals, he meets with the bishop and other community leaders. He tells them what he believes happened, and what they can expect in the coming days and weeks. Food will slowly run out, and refugees from outlying areas will appear and expect the Mennonites to feed them. Some will want to steal and loot...and maybe kill. The bishop explains the pacifist attitude of their order, and how they cannot in good conscience turn away anyone in need.

Besides Moses, there are three other *Englishers* at Mount Hebron. They share his opinion. They try to persuade the elders that this will come down to a "them or us" situation as people become desperate, with nowhere to go. They finally agree that preparations must be made for the inevitable, and the bishop gives the go-ahead to build a wall around Mount Hebron and post guards.

This scenario provides plenty of food for thought. Not knowing what is going on in the rest of the country, and even the world, is frightening enough without worrying about scared, possibly dangerous people tearing down your doors. And if you're part



of a religious group that preaches pacifism, what would you do when faced with this situation? The community will soon find out whether its long-held beliefs can withstand the reality of a world without law and order.

That's the background for this story. Now, here's the inner turmoil. Leora has been taking care of her grandmother, younger brother and younger sister ever since her father disappeared and her mother died a year later. Jabil has always figured he'd be the one to marry Leora, but she can't bring herself to see him as her

husband. Now, this stranger, Moses, enters their lives and brings all kinds of new emotions to Leora and a lot of hostility to Jabil. So, we have the age-old love triangle. Who will win? Or will any of them?

Leora has enough on her plate without seriously thinking about either of these men. How will the community cope? How long can their food supply realistically last if they follow their religious teaching to the letter? The leaders don't fully trust Moses and the other *Englishers* to make good on their promise not to shoot anyone unless necessary.

As the days go by, the food dwindles, roving gangs try to breach the wall and Moses discovers someone in Mount Hebron is hiding food in a root cellar. Leora's simple-minded sister is found wandering in the night in bloody nightclothes. Was she raped? A new and raw emotion surfaces in Leora: "In three weeks, I have not only become a pessimist, I have discarded my pacifist ideals in pursuit of revenge."

As important as the EMP is, the underlying story here is this community's inner struggle: These Mennonites have believed in a lifetime of learning to be giving, taking care of those in need and shunning violence. Is there room for compromise and adaptation in this new world?

The story gives us much reason to pause and think. To that end, Petersheim has posed a number of questions at the end of the book that would be perfect for a book club to discuss.

Leora's story will continue in The Divide, due in stores spring 2017.

From *Booklist*: "Petersheim has written a novel of hope forged in unlikely circumstances and a romance sparked in the cold of despair. Readers of faith who have questioned their place in the world, who wonder what they might become if society's bounds no longer held them, will be enthralled."

Petersheim's debut book, The Outcast, earned a starred review from *Library Journal*. Her second book, The Midwife, got rave reviews. She and her husband share the Amish and Mennonite heritage.

Till next time, happy reading!



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