Local Students Attend President Ford’s Funeral in Grand Rapids

by Charles McKelvey

“A pair of local students got an unforgettable lesson in American History January 2 by attending a portion of President Gerald R. Ford’s funeral ceremonies in Grand Rapids.

Holland Roorda, who is a freshman at Bridgman High School, and her brother Roman, who is a 7th grader at Reed Middle School, were among the thousands who paid their respects to the thirty-eighth President of the United States of America during his repose at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on Tuesday night.”
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The siblings, who were taken to Grand Rapids by their mother Cathy Roorda and her partner, Gary Gorka, did not mind waiting three hours to pass silently past President Ford’s flag-draped casket, because they understood that he was Michigan’s only occupant of the White House.

However, when asked if there would ever be another President from Michigan, Holland Roorda said, “Yes, and it’s going to be me.”

The Roordas and Gary Gorka also watched the motorcade bearing President Ford’s body arrive at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum earlier Tuesday. They were especially impressed by the quiet dignity of the crowd of mourners and of the respectful way in which the honor guard of Boy Scouts conducted themselves.

President Ford, it should be noted, was the only Eagle Scout to occupy the White House.

Gerald R. Ford served as President from 1974 to 1977. He succeeded Richard M. Nixon, who was the first President ever to resign.

President Ford was born on July 14, 1913 and died on December 26, 2006. He was interred in a private service on Wednesday outside his museum along the Grand River. During the interment service, a 21-aircraft formation flew over in the “missing man” formation.
Boy Scouts served as honor guards during President Ford’s funeral in Grand Rapids. Gerald R. Ford was the only Eagle Scout to serve as President.

Boy Scouts from the council named in his honor came to honor President Ford.

Holland Roorda took this photo of an Eagle Scout (Charles McKelvy) who came from Harbert, Michigan to pay his respects to President Ford.

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Holland Roorda (left) and Katie Wolgamott traveled from different parts of Michigan to pay their respects to President Ford in Grand Rapids on January 2. Holland hails from Bridgman and Katie came from her home in Bitely.

Bridgman Navy veteran Gary Gorka (left) greets Commander Bernie Loomis at President Ford’s funeral in Grand Rapids.

The motorcade arrives at the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

The hearse bearing President Gerald R. Ford’s remains arrives at his museum in Grand Rapids.

The flag at the Gerald R. Ford Museum flies at half-staff.

Bridgman High School student Holland Roorda views tributes left by the public in front of the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.
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Violin Studio Recital

Local Concert Violinist, Nicolas Orbovich, will present a Studio Recital of his violin students. The concert will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 13, at The Barker Mansion Civic Center, 631 Washington Street, Michigan City. Admission is free and open to the public.

Mr. Orbovich’s studio consists of students aging from 5 to adult pupils. The repertoire will include favorite folk songs from the traditional student and Suzuki repertoire through advanced virtuosic violin pieces. Nic will also perform a solo work that afternoon.

Nic’s studio has grown substantially in the last two years. This is the first year in which most of the students performing are from the Michigan City and LaPorte area; a very exciting development for the community’s artistic development.

The recital will also feature two performances by the newly-formed Michigan City Violin Choir. The Choir is comprised entirely of Orbovich’s violin students. This, too, is an important musical occasion; the Choir fills a much needed role, as Michigan City has no public education string ensembles.

All are welcome to the concert and are invited to stay for a reception afterwards. Mr. Orbovich’s studio is always accepting new students of all abilities. Information at (219) 878-1965 or (219) 561-1939.
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Twenty-five years after she accepted the principal’s role at St. Mary of the Lake School in New Buffalo, Mrs. Judy Krueger has submitted her resignation. Effective June 1, 2007 the resignation will terminate a formal relationship that began when Mrs. Krueger started a six-year teaching career at the parochial school in 1975.

Earlier, as a student at New Buffalo High School in the 1950s, Mrs. Krueger attended catechism classes at St. Mary’s. Informally, as she noted in a letter to school supporters, “My work here began as a parent volunteer in 1971, when the oldest of my five children entered first grade at St. Mary’s.”

Her 31 years as a teacher and principal have provided the ingredients for “a joyful, fulfilling vocation.” The same years have seen St. Mary’s come of age as a fully accredited, highly regarded institution of primary and elementary education, “preschool through eighth grade.”

Mrs. Krueger will leave with a deep sense of accomplishment. “I was the first laywoman who had ever held the principal’s job,” she says. “I think there was a feeling then, a doubt that a school could stay Catholic with a lay person at the helm. But we had the example of the nuns who preceded me, the sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, Indiana. I also remembered the nuns at Mundelein College in Chicago, where I took my graduate degree.

“When I started teaching here, we had no kindergarten, no preschool, no child-care center such as we have now. Having started both the kindergarten and the preschool, we were able to institute the all-day kindergarten. We had a library then that was really a large closet. Now we have a well stocked, substantial library.”

What may have been the most impressive changes have taken form over the past dozen years. “Into the 1990s we had only six elementary grades, first through sixth,” Mrs. Krueger notes. “Then in 1996-97 we were able to add seventh and eighth grades. With the second floor addition that took place in the past half-dozen years, we can now house the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in their own second-floor rooms.”

Other facilities have filled equally critical needs. Completed in 2003, the Elsie and Paul Oselka Gymnasium provides space not only for athletic practices and events; it makes dramatic and other presentations possible. “Where our kids once had to eat lunch at their desks, we now have a fine lunchroom.”

The Collegial Style

Judy Krueger sees St. Mary’s as the epicenter of sometimes related, sometimes unrelated groups or classes of friends who in the aggregate form a support community. Her entire principalship has functioned on the principle—no pun intended—that her role is to encourage and help.

The result has been a “collegial style” that calls on her part for performance as a “chairperson,” not a “boss.” “This way, the gifts and talents of a great many people have come into play,” she says. “It starts with the students, from the oldest to the youngest, moves on to our fantastic staff and faculty, and includes the PTO, our pastor, “Father Jim” Morris, and those who have contributed help in one way or another.”

Over her 25 year tenure Mrs. Krueger has served during the pastorates of five different priests, “all of whom have been marvelously helpful.” Because she loves to teach, she has also worked as a classroom teacher every year of the past 24--until the current school year started.

“I took a master’s degree in education at Valparaiso University, receiving my degree right after I had my fifth child. That qualified me to teach at any level from kindergarten through twelfth grade. So while occupying the principal’s office I’ve taught classes in my fields—English or language arts, social studies, and religion.

“Finishing up” includes placing final touches on the school’s outreach spirit, “We have about 200 students currently,” Mrs. Krueger points out. “We’ve become more like a regional Catholic elementary school. We actually draw from about six different public school districts. “We’ve consistently stressed academic excellence. Moving technologically into the computer age, we’ve had more and more opportunities to provide cultural enrichment as well. We’ve been honored to have students of the Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu faiths, and we think that has helped us. We have learned about our different traditions and what brings us together.”

Volunteers have helped enormously to enhance St. Mary’s school-day and after-school activities. As an example, a retired elementary school principal who has two master’s degrees from the University of Chicago provides volunteer services in remedi-
al reading. A former grade school teacher is doing ESL--English as a Second Language--work with a child from Vietnam.

“We’ve had math enrichment, drama training. We have a very good sports program. A chess club. An artist who lives in Union Pier now runs our art program.”

“This year a skilled music teacher has been added to our staff. That’s been a treasured, welcome addition.”

Enrichment takes place outside the school as well as inside it. Mrs. Krueger has been instrumental in furthering the work of the community-wide Harbor Nights programs. She helped launch a Book Club that today, approaching its ninth anniversary in March, 2007, still meets monthly. Other Harbor Nights efforts include garden walks, a house walk, and similar activities that may or may not directly benefit the students of St. Mary’s.

“We’ve been able to organize a trip to the Shakespeare Theatre at Navy Pier, Chicago. Also visits to the Chicago Art Institute, other field trips. We’ve organized trips to the Smoky Mountains National Park for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. We’ve camped in the Indiana Dunes to give students a sense of the environment we enjoy here along the lake.”

“Our eighth graders have already begun to look forward to a planned junket to Washington, D.C. this coming spring.”

The words “enrichment” and “culture” run through Mrs. Krueger’s accounts of the school’s programs and goals. So does the word “diversity.” The school, she says, stresses academics--the reading, writing, math, and other basics--but also the arts and cultural enrichment, with some emphasis on the environment and ecology. Informing it all is the thesis that the spiritual growth of the child is critically important.

Diversity comes naturally in a school whose students are 70 percent Catholic while 30 percent profess other faiths. The students represent all socioeconomic levels. “Every school like ours has financial problems, but we feel lucky,” Mrs. Krueger says. “We have the best of all academic worlds and our community of friends.”

“Such Sweet Sorrow”

Parting from the school and the community of New Buffalo and environs will be “sweet sorrow” for Mrs. Krueger, but it won’t be complete. She and her husband, Duane “Butch” Krueger, plan to sell the local home that they’ve occupied for 35 years, then to move to eastern Tennessee. Once established there, they will continue to nurture their New Buffalo roots to the extent possible.

“It is my hope to continue to serve St. Mary of the Lake School in the areas of development, public relations, long range planning, alumni relations or in whatever ways will foster the ongoing gift of Catholic education to this community,” she wrote in her December letter to the school’s “friends.”

The Tennessee house is already built, already waiting. The Kruegers have joined two libraries there, in the town of Townsend--voting population, 298 souls--and Mrs. Krueger has her own home office. They also belong to one book club and have scratched the surface of the beauties of the neighboring Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Already retired for two years after a 37-year career as a senior parole agent with the Indiana Department of Corrections, Butch Krueger shares Judy’s enthusiasms for hiking, travel, biking, visits to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, and annual visits to the October Storytelling Fest in eastern Tennessee. The Kruegers hope also to see a lot of their five children and eight grandchildren. Among the latter the oldest is 13 and the youngest, 2.

For the Kruegers retirement will be the active, challenging life that geriatric counselors advise. New Buffalo will be in the background, a place to visit, the home of “countless children, teachers, parents, parishioners and friends…whose lives have touched mine so deeply.”

Her career at the school will recede in time but remain fresh in memory. Of that, Mrs. Krueger is certain. Summarizing the experience, she says, “It’s been incredibly enriching, expansive, positive, fulfilling, and meaningful. It’s been a privilege and an honor.”

(Below) Microphone in hand, St. Mary’s School principal Judy Krueger calls on friends and well-wishers to do their best in the forthcoming fund drive for the St. Mary of the Lake School addition. The photo dates from July, 2001.

(Above) Principal Krueger and husband “Butch” share a light moment in the yard of their New Buffalo home
Timpanist Solos With the Symphony

The Southwest Michigan Symphony’s principal timpanist, Mark Guthrie, is the featured soloist for the Sat., Jan. 13th “Hands Across the Pond” concert.

The Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. MI time on the Mendel Mainstage of Lake Michigan College, Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI.

Guthrie is also the Principal Timpanist with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. He is also Artist-in-Residence with the Kalamazoo Symphony. Mark has performed as a soloist performing Bartok’s Concerto for Two Pianos and Two Percussion at the Gilmore Piano Festival; Russell Peck, Glory and the Grandeur; and William Kraft Concerto for Four Percussionists with the Kalamazoo Symphony.

In addition, Mark also performs with the Kalamazoo Symphony Percussion Duo. The Duo performs educational and innovative percussion repertoire throughout the West Michigan Area. He is also on the faculty of Kalamazoo College and the Director of the Kalamazoo College World Percussion Ensemble. He has presented Master classes and Clinics in Michigan and around the country. He has performed with Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Grand Rapids Symphony, South Bend Symphony, I Musici de Montreal for the Gilmore Piano Festival, Indiana Symphony, Toledo Opera Association Orchestra, Michigan Bach Colleguim, and Bach Festival Orchestra.

To get the most out of an evening at the Symphony, plan to attend the Pre-Concert Conversation which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the South Training Room. These informal sessions give you the opportunity to not only hear the conductor talk about the music that will be performed but also to ask him that musical question that has been on your mind. You will also have a chance to meet and talk with guest artist Mark Guthrie.

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The featured speaker will be poet, publisher, editor and educator, Haki R. Madhubuti, a best-selling author of poetry and non-fiction, with more than three million copies of his works in print. Madhubuti has published 24 books (some under his former name, Don L. Lee). The book “Black Men: Obsolete, Single, Dangerous?: The African American Family in Transition” has sold more than one million copies. His poetry and essays have been published in more than 30 anthologies from 1997-2001. His latest book is “Tough Notes: A Healing Call For Creating Exceptional Black Men.”

He is the founder, publisher and chairman of the board of Third World Press, co-founder of the Institute of Positive Education/New Concept School and co-founder of Betty Shabazz International Charter School in Chicago.

Breakfast participants are asked to bring a book suitable for donation to the Bring a Book to Breakfast program. Books will be donated to local literacy projects.

As part of the breakfast activities, the winners of the local essay contest for children will be announced. A local youth choir will provide a musical interlude.

Following the breakfast at about 9:30 a.m. in LSF Room 144, Bob Mellin, PNC continuing lecturer of English will present the PNC Dialogue with Janell NaKia Irving, PNC grants writer. Irving will present, “Obscured Perception: Beguiled By What We See.” This will provide the audience with an opportunity to examine their own perceptions and biases in an interactive setting with the presenter.

To round out the day’s activities, PNC students, faculty and staff will join a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project from noon until 3 p.m. at the LaPorte Family YMCA at 901 Michigan Ave. Volunteers will have the opportunity to clean, paint and bring new life to the YMCA. Volunteers may contact project coordinator Gary Demski, PNC director of Student Activities, at gdemski@pnc.edu or call 872-0527, ext. 5479 to register.

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The Michigan City native said that he became interested in broadcasting as far back as 1981.

“Watching the anchors on news programs created a spark,” Bill explained. Following his instincts, Bill enrolled in 1982 at Midwestern Broadcast School in Chicago, where he learned how to work “both sides” of the camera. Some of his interviewees at the school – (the late) newscaster John Drury and Tony LaRusso – prepared him for the celebrities – and the local folk – he would interview later in and around Michigan City.

Bill started his program in Michigan City in 1984, producing eight-to-ten hours of “Interesting Individuals” weekly. He also took on an additional project, writing and producing “Twilight Theater” for seven years. Over the years, he has interviewed Hollywood celebrities, beauty pageant contestants, and a multitude of people from the area. His “local stars” have included former Elston State Basketball Champions in a 20th anniversary show, local veterans in a segment saluting the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, LaPorte baseball coach Ken Schreiber, Miss Duneland Kelly Beyer, and several Miss Indiana pageant winners. He has taken his camera to Navy Pier for New Year’s Eve, and to Chicago’s South Side when the Sox were on their way to winning the World Series. He’s also taped real-time patrols with officers of the Michigan City Police Department. His camera crew – Dan Smith, Andy Steele, John Baines and Don Varda, have been important assets for the more than two-decade run of the public access shows.

Bill said that he’s drawn inspiration from some of the famous names in television, such as Ed Sullivan and Dick Clark. In fact, Bill hopes in the future to tape the action in Times Square on New Years’ Eve. When at Navy Pier a few weeks ago, Bill interviewed a several people visiting the city from out-of-town, including a Scottish man who wore a kilt to the evening’s revelry. Costumes play a big part in many tapings of “Interesting Individuals.” Costume World’s owner, Sue Copeland, has opened her store on Franklin Street to Bill for some forty tapings. The program has aired a Halloween Fashion Show since 1994.

“It’s fun,” Sue Copeland said of the tapings. “It can take a lot of time to tape just one skit, but it’s an enjoyable experience.”

“We also had Miss Indiana 2000 come in to try on costumes, and both of my sons have been in the Halloween shows,” Sue said. The hundreds of outfits and accessories—from glam to ghoul—work as a “perfect fit” for skits and subjects of “Interesting Individuals.” It’s also helped Sue’s shop become
more well-known.

“Sue has gone to a lot of effort to open her shop for the shows,” Bill said. From the huge selection of period apparel, the public access producer has conceived programs based on historical figures such as Annie Oakley and George Washington. Kelly Beyer Lawson, a former Miss Duneland, has modeled several times as well as performed her baton twirling talent on several shows. Local musician Susan Brown is another “Interesting Individual” that Bill has featured over the years.

“Susan researches her performances well,” Bill said. “Kelly had done some really good interviews, and her little-girl nature makes her fun to do the baton twirling and costume shows.” Toni Simmons, a model from Elkhart, has participated in over fifty shows with Bill, who said he appreciates her pleasant personality and professional approach. Another of Bill’s cast of “Interesting Individuals” is talented magician Matt Kalita, who has performed several disappearing people tricks on the show.

Bill keeps alert when a well-known celebrity is in the area. He has managed interviews with Claude Akins, Karl Malden, and Barbara Eden. Hollywood actor Claude Akins was in LaPorte for a golfing fundraiser when Bill contacted him, and that taping was the longest of the celebrity interviews, he said. When Bill learned that Barbara Eden was appearing in a theater production in South Bend, he easily obtained permission for a short interview. Gary native Karl Malden had returned to the region to accept an award at Valparaiso University, and once again, Bill managed to tape a short spot with the Academy Award-winning actor.

Bill admits that he is never quite sure where the idea for his next show will come from. He is a familiar sight at the annual In-Water Boat Show and has taped segments involving wave runners, charter fishing adventures, and bathing beauties. Two of his tapings on the lake almost had a “bad” ending.

“There were two times I almost drowned,” he said. “I fell off a wave runner and swallowed a lot of water. Another time I got off a boat (too early) to swim to shore and got worn out.”

Some of the other adventures the “Interesting Individuals” producer has memories of—and footage to remind him—are of airplane and helicopter rides, and riding in a police car that was chasing two suspects.

“The (suspects’) car crashed into a church,” Bill remembers.

“Interesting Individuals,” which airs locally on Tuesdays on Comcast cable channel 99 at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm, has been picked up by an additional 16 towns and cities in Indiana and Michigan, Bill said. The weekly show that provides an entertaining half-hour of everything from interviews and profiles to skits, music, magic and more is a labor of love for its creator. Bill said that he doesn’t earn a penny from it. What he has received are those intangibles of lifelong friendships, fun, and the drive to keep creating and entertaining others.
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More information with Jody Presser, 219/326-6680, Deb Shreve, 219/872-9897, or Linde Hansen-Lukas, 219/872-4653. The websites are geocities.com/cisvmc or cisvusa.org

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Saturday, January 20; 2:00-4:00 pm MI time
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Saturday, January 20; 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Ikebana Workshop: The Japanese Art of Flower Arranging

Interested in a new approach to arranging flowers? Join Sondra Byrnes, who has studied Ikebana for more than 20 years, for an introduction to this Japanese art. Sondra reviews the historical and philosophical background of Ikebana and demonstrates several Ikebana styles. Then put your creativity to work as you create a lovely take-home arrangement. Although studying Ikebana is considered a lifelong endeavor, this workshop is designed to introduce concepts and skills that can be incorporated into Western style arrangements. Class size is limited; please call ahead. Students should bring a container and pruners.

Members $45, Public $55. Advance registration is required by 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 13.

It is recommended to call Fernwood to confirm status of classes beforehand. Contact Fernwood for registration and information at (269) 695-6491.

Fernwood is located near Buchanan, Michigan. Take US 31 to Walton Road, exit 7. Go west 1.7 miles, then north on Range Line Road.

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Meanwhile, In Norway....

I went to Norway again. Well, it seemed like I was in Norway. A year ago I told you Beacher readers about Liv Markle’s annual Norwegian buffet. That was her 21st supper. And you read how she does her food shopping at Scandinavian grocer Erickson’s in Chicago, later puts on her skis and flies over our then snowy neighborhood golf course. Liv, a broker associate at our local realtor Merrion Associates, lives an incredibly busy life. This year she added even more – she spent two weeks on an African safari, admiring thousands of animals (however, among those thousands, she says there wasn’t one single leopard), eating an outdoor lunch while the tour drivers walked around in wide circles watching for menacing animals, enjoying natives dancing in their villages. This year, her 22nd buffet included some fascinating food as well as fascinating guests whom I hadn’t met last year. A delightful annual party.

### LIV’S 2006 ASPIC

2 envelopes unflavored gelatine

3 Knorr fish-flavored bouillon cubes in 2 cups of water.

Dissolve the ingredients over medium heat. Pour a thin layer of gelatine in a decorative form and let set. Parboil carrots, cauliflower, peas and broccoli. Hard boil a couple eggs. Make a pretty pattern over the gelatine. Pour another layer over pattern and let set. Place the rest of vegetables, shrimp and fish (cooked) in form and pour the rest of the gelatine over all. Refrigerate until set. Liv says: to get the dish out of the form, dip top of the form in hot water for a few seconds.

Recognize these Brier Leafers, Jim Laughlin & John Leinweber?

Marianne and Oleif Olsaker, Norwegian friends at the Norwegian feast

Nearby neighbor Nancy Porter with Liv

Mike Brennan with Lee Dabagia

Beverly Fields – Liv’s co-chef
THE VENISON MEATLOAF

4 slices bread, moistened with milk  
1 egg, beaten  
1-1/2 lb ground venison  
3/4 lb ground pork  
1/4 lb ground veal  
1 medium onion, chipped  
1/2 green pepper, chopped  
2-1/2 tsp salt  
1-1/2 tsp finely ground pepper  
1/2 tsp crushed fennel seed  
1 T. Oregano  
1 T. basil  
6 rounded T. grated Parmesan  
2 8oz-cans cream of mushroom soup  
1 cup water or stock  
6 potatoes, quartered

Squeeze most of the milk from the bread, fork or tear into pieces and whip the egg into it. In a large bowl, mix the three ground meats with your ten fingers. Add the egg-bread mixture and all the rest of the ingredients save the mushroom soup, water or stock and potatoes. Turn into meat mix and again using your fingers, make a uniform mix. In one of the bowls stir the soup and water or stock into a uniform mix and pour over the loaf.

Cover and bake for about 1-1/2 hours in a 350 degree oven. After about 30 minutes, put the potato quarters around the loaf, recover the pan and finish out the 1-1/2 hours.
Greeting 2007

Hah! You’re probably thinking that I’ve gathered a bunch of self-improvement sites to help you with those New Year’s resolutions you’ve broken already. I haven’t. If you have not quite followed the list of resolutions, take heart: you can prepare for Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig) next month and start again. The sites I’ve gathered for this week can be loosely put into two categories: those that entertain, and those that make you think. A nice balance, wouldn’t you say?

Page by Page Books (www.pagebypagebooks.com). Maybe one of your goals this year is to read more books. This website gives you the opportunity to choose from hundreds of classics that you can read online (no downloading .pdf files). A few authors from this very broad selection includes L. Frank Baum (all of the Oz books); Jack London, Arthur Conan Doyle, Edith Wharton, and even a selection of Presidential inaugural addresses. If you haven’t renewed your library card, then check out this website and read to your heart’s content.

Free TV Links (www.freetvlinks.net). Some of us, believe it or not, do not have cable TV. When those award shows come on, it makes us wonder about some of those cable offerings that we have not been able to watch. But thanks to the Internet and this website, we cable-deprived viewers can watch episodes of 24, South Park, and a host of other shows. Instead of buying that set of Seinfeld or Friends DVDs, we can save our money and watch the episodes online. This is a cool site for the thrifty-minded who may have felt left out in the cold when co-workers talk about the programs over the water cooler. If you have dialup, forget it. You need at least a DSL connection to enjoy this offering.

Entertainment Anytime (www.entertainmentanytime.com). This is just a silly diversion that will make you laugh, or at least put a smile on your face. As you drive a cab (you are at the wheel), you’ll be watching a passenger in the back seat go through a series of funny shticks. If you need a tension reliever during your busy day, this interactive Flash presentation might be just the ticket to loosen you up.

Breathing Earth (www.breathingearth.net). Now we get to some serious stuff. This map of the world shows how many tons of CO2 is being emitted by countries around the globe in real time. The site also tells you how many births and deaths are occurring worldwide as long as you are logged on to the website. After seeing which countries light up in orange—, which represents huge amounts of CO2 emissions, you’ll wish you’ve moved to South America. I say that because in the few minutes I was watching the map, I did not see any orange coming
from that southern continent.

**Good Radio Shows** (www.goodradioshows.com). This site was suggested to me by a member of the MACS club. The public radio site hosts *Peace Talks*, where subjects discussed range from Peaceful Parenting to Workplace Conflict Resolution, Domestic Violence, and to Global issues. You can listen to snippets of the programs, or read partial scripts, and access more information about each topic through a list of links. There is a lot of thought-provoking information to absorb—and practice—here.

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**Maple City Word Crafters**

Maple City Word Crafters, a group for amateur writers, will meet from 6-8 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 15 in the small meeting room at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Everyone is welcome. The group meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. as long as the library is open. There is no charge or registration. For more information or 48 hours in advance for signing for the hearing impaired, phone 219/362-6156.
Beach Garden Club Entertained

As is tradition Beach Garden Club members met for their Annual Christmas lunch to celebrate long friendships, renew new ones, and share good cheer with one of their favorite charities. The day dawned with pine trees, walkways, and Christmas decorations covered in a blanket of snow. Garden Club members were met by Cagney, handsome pooch, greeter at Duneland Inn. Lunch arrangements and table décor were arranged by Dee Caulfield and Pat Latchford. Dorothy Miller thanked the ladies for the warm clothing and toiletries brought for the Michigan City Men’s Shelter. Annually, Dorothy delivers these gifts to the shelter.

President Donna Hennard invited Jinny Hilf to begin the lunch with an invocation. Jinny’s invocation extended thanks for the beauty of nature, gifts of good health, friendships, and remembrances of those members no longer able to participate.

After a delicious lunch, the ladies were entertained by the joyful and talented voices of the Notre Dame School Glee Club directed by the capable hands of Ms. Michelle Alexander and accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Brandon. Eight grade girls, as is tradition, led the Glee Club in singing “Christmas in Killarney”, a special rendition of “Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer” brought smiles and laughter, and the finale of “Cheer cheer for Old Notre Dame had everyone joining in.

Many thanks to the Glee Club for bringing holiday joy to this annual event and to Cagney and her owners for the delicious lunch and cozy location.

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**When:** Sat., Jan. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Where:** Acme Lodge 83, 8700 W. Pahs Rd., Michigan City.  

**When:** Tues., Jan. 16, 4:30-9 p.m.  
**Where:** Brown Mackie College, 325 E US Hwy 20, Michigan City.  

**When:** Wed., Jan. 17, noon-6 p.m.  
**Where:** Valparaiso University, 1400 Chapel Dr., Valparaiso, IN.  

All presenting donors at these locations will be eligible to enter a regional drawing to win a $1,000 shopping spree.  
Walk-ins are welcome or schedule an appointment at 800-448-3543.

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**Teen Book Club at County Library**  

LaPorte County Public Library’s teen book clubs will meet on Tues., Jan. 16, at 4 p.m., at Temple News Agency, 816 Jefferson St., LaPorte.  
Those arriving by 4:05 p.m. will receive a free dish or cone of ice cream in a flavor of their choice compliments of the Friends of the Library. A limited number of free copies of the books funded by Friends of the Library are available at the Adult Circulation Desk at the main library. Copies may also be checked out from a display shelf in the Young Adult Room at the main library and other library locations.  
The Temple Tuesdays group, which uses books chosen with middle schoolers in mind, will discuss SilverFin by Charlie Higson. The novel is the first in a series about James Bond at age 14.  
The All Booked Up group, which uses books chosen with high schoolers in mind, will discuss Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams. It is a top seller and is hilarious science fiction.  
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**Winter Classes at Krasl Art Center**  

Winter classes for teens and adults at The Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, MI, will start Jan. 22 and run for eight weeks unless otherwise noted.  
There are day and evening classes, as well as Saturday, too. There will be 13 workshops for adults and teens as well, and special children’s classes on weekends and after school.  
Adult classes range from $20-$225; workshops cost $35-$140, and children’s classes range from $20-$90. Krasl members receive a discount on all classes. More info: 269/983-0271 or www.krasl.org
WFMT Host to Present Bach Lecture

Respected classical radio host Carl Grapentine of Chicago’s WFMT 98.7 will present a lecture prior to Valparaiso University’s Jan. 13 performance of Johann Sebastian Bach’s “St. John Passion.”

Grapentine will discuss the “St. John Passion,” one of the composer’s most moving works, at 2:30 p.m. in the VU Center for the Arts. The 45-minute lecture is free and open to the public.

The Bach Institute at Valparaiso will present the “St. John Passion” at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection on campus. Tickets to the Jan. 13 performance are $20 for adults and $15 for senior citizens and students. Call the VU Box Office at (219) 464-5162 or visit the Valpo ArtsMedia Web site at valpo.edu/vuca/valpoartsmedia to purchase tickets.

Grapentine joined WFMT in 1986 after 13 years as morning host for a Detroit classical radio station and regularly presents pre-concert lectures for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago and other ensembles. He performs as narrator with the Chicago Pro Musica and serves as host for the nationally-syndicated concerts of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and for the annual National Concert Band Festival.

An accomplished conductor and vocalist, he has been the “stadium voice” of the University of Michigan Marching Band for 37 seasons. Grapentine has 20 years of experience as a church music director and currently is serving as interim music director for Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, Ill.

Valparaiso’s Bach Choir, Chorale and Symphony Orchestra, along with faculty and guest soloists, will perform the “St. John Passion.”

The Bach Institute was founded in 2003 with a gift from Valparaiso alumni Richard and Phyllis Duesenberg and is dedicated to the study and performance of Bach and his music. In 2005, the Bach Institute gave the Midwest premiere of Bach’s aria “Alles mit Gott und nichts mit ohn’ ihn,” lost for nearly 300 years until its rediscovery earlier that year. For more information, visit the Bach Institute’s Web site at valpo.edu/bach.

Talk to a Lawyer Free at MC Library

On Mon., Jan. 15 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., you will have the opportunity to get legal answers to the questions free of charge. The Indiana State Bar Association, the LaPorte County Bar Association, Indiana Pro Bono Commission and the First Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, Inc. will sponsor a walk-in site at the library, open to anyone, but especially for persons who have significant legal problems but cannot afford an attorney. Attorney volunteers will also be available to provide referral information in case further legal assistance or social services, etc. are needed. For more information, phone 873-3049.

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The Lake County Parks Department is sponsoring the current contest “People Enjoying the Parks—The Perfect Pathfinder Cover.” They are looking for the cover of their 2008 winter issue which will be the winning entry in this contest.

For a complete set of rules and an entry blank, phone the Parks’ Corporate Office at 219/945-0543 or go online to www.lakecountyparks.org

Entries must be 8x10, unmounted and unmatted and may be delivered in person or by mail.

Deadline is April 2 and prizes include not only the cover of the Pathfinder, but passes to Deep River Waterpark and Cedar Creek Family Golf Center passes. More information at 219/947-1958.

New Collection at Courtyard Gallery

The first pieces of its 2007 collection have arrived at Harbor Country’s Courtyard Gallery. These are a brilliant series of abstract oil paintings by Sally Schoch, a Chicago-trained artist who, over a long and productive career, has been commissioned to contribute to some of the most prestigious private and corporate collections in the Midwest.

Sally attended the University of Chicago, the University of Miami, and holds BFA and MFA degrees from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She also studied in Europe for a year before returning to her hometown of Joliet, IL.

The Courtyard Gallery is located at 813 E. Buffalo St. (US 12) in New Buffalo, MI. 269/469-4110.

Line Dancing Lessons

Beginner line dance lessons will be held on Wednesday evenings, Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31. 6-7 p.m. CST. The cost is $4.00 per class.

Intermediate line dance lessons will be held 7-9 p.m. CST at $7.00 per class.

The classes will be held at the American Legion Skwiat Post 451, 121 Skwiat Legion Ave., Michigan City. No advance registration is required.

Information: 219-874-3624.

Computer Classes at County Library

The following technology classes will be held at LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., downtown LaPorte, on Tues., Jan. 16:

9:30 a.m. - Basic Mousing.
1:30 p.m. - Introduction to the Internet.
6:30 p.m. - E-Mail Basics.

There is no charge, but you must register at the Information Desk or by phoning 219/362-6156. Signing for the hearing impaired is available by phoning 48 hrs. in advance of the date.
You Are Invited…

2nd Annual Winter Magic fundraiser for the La-Porte County Coalition of Youth-Serving Agencies (YSA) will be held on Sun., Jan. 14th 6-9 p.m., at Marquette Mall - Michigan City.

Enjoy the music of The Tom Milo Band while sampling delicious foods and beverages. Tickets: $15/in advance or $20/at the door.

This fundraiser is being sponsored by Marquette Mall. Tickets are available at Marquette Mall Customer Service Office and from any YSA member.

Visit the website at www.laportecountyysa.com to learn more about this county-wide organization whose members provide after-school and summer programs for our children.

For more details, contact Jan Kostielney, YSA secretary, at jkostielney@emichigancity.com

Duneland Weavers’ Guild

The Duneland Weavers’ Guild will meet on Sat., Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Westchester Library Annex, 100 W. Indiana St., Chesterton. The program will be presented by five guild members. These members have accepted a challenge to take a predetermined set of yarns and create something wonderful with them. Hear their stories of what the yarns said to them and get to see wonderful finished products.

There will also be a yarn sale during the meeting. Yarns are sold by individual members and include weaving yarns, knitting yarns, and possibly some equipment. Sales are on a person-to-person basis.

Coffee, tea and refreshments are served. Guests are always welcome.

Intro to Yoga at MC Library

On Thurs., Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m., there will be an Intro to Yoga class at the Michigan City Public Library. This is a beginners level gentle flow Hatha yoga class. Join certified instructor Lauralee Sikorski of the Dancing Feet Yoga Center. Yoga promotes relaxation and inner peace and tones muscles while restoring balance and flexibility. Comfy clothes and an empty stomach are suggested. A yoga mat will be provided or bring your own.

Tutors Needed at Library

The Learning Center at Michigan City Public Library needs math and reading tutors for children. If you can spare an hour or two a week, phone 873-3043.

Scrapbook and Beading Materials

The Michigan City Public Library’s teen group is scrapbooking and beading this year. If you have leftovers you can donate your “scraps” to the library. Drop off materials at the Youth Services desk.
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

January 11 -- Writer’s Rendezvous at the MC Public Library. 6 pm. New members welcome.

January 11-12 -- The Michigan City Senior Center will be closed for floor refurbishing.

January 13 -- Library Story Time at MC Public Library. 10:30 am. For 2-5 year olds with parent/adult. No sign-up required.

January 13 -- Opening reception for “Women’s Journeys in Fiber” at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. 7-9 pm. 219-874-4900 or www.lubeznikcenter.org

January 14 -- Winter Magic Fundraiser for the LaP. Co. Coalition of Youth-Serving Agencies at Marquette Mall. 6-9 pm. Tix $15/adv., $20/at door.

January 15 -- The MC Senior Center will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

January 15 -- Talk to a Lawyer Free Today at the MC Public Library. 9 am-5 pm. Info: 873-3049.

Every Monday -- New Buffalo Chess Club. 6 pm (MI time) at the New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson, New Buffalo. Open to all ages and skill levels. Info: John Calo, 269/469-6507 or email jscaleo@localnet.com

Places to Visit:


Great Lakes Museum of Military History, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City. Open 9 am-4 pm, Tues-Fri; 10 am-4 pm Sat; closed Sun & Mon. Adm. $3/adults, $2/vets & senior citizens, $1/ages 8-18, and free to under 8 and active military personnel. Info 872-2702 or www.militaryhistorymuseum.org

LaPorte County Historical Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Adm. $3/LaP. Co. resident; $5/out-of-county; $3/kids 12-17; free/under 12 yrs. 219/324-6767 or www.laportecountyhistory.org

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. Tues.-Fri., 10 am-5 pm; Sat-Sun, 11 am-4 pm. Closed Mon. Phone 874-4900. Showing thru Jan. 21: “Women’s Journeys in Fiber.”

New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, MI. Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm, (MI time) Closed Sun. 269/469-5409.


Preschool Programs at County Library

Preschool Storytimes
Preschool Storytimes are changing from Wednesdays to Thursdays at LaPorte County Public Library, beginning Jan. 18. Preschool Storytime will be held on Thurs., Jan. 18 and 25 at 10 a.m., in Children’s Services. There will be no Preschool Storytime during the first two weeks of January. Each time there is 30-40 minutes of stories, music, and crafts for 3-5 year olds. More information at 219/362-6156.

Cat & the Fiddle Friday
“Cat & the Fiddle Friday” will be held on Fridays, Jan. 19 and 26 at 10 a.m. in Children’s Services at LaPorte County Public Library. There are no sessions during the first two weeks of January. This is for children from 18-36 months and their parent or caregiver. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and other activities are included. For more information, phone 219/362-7128.

The LaPorte County Public Library is located 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. There is no cost or registration for either program. For signing for the hearing impaired, please phone 48 hours in advance 219/362-6156.

Lego Tournament at Coolspring Library

The second annual Lego Tournament at Coolspring Branch Library will be held on Fri., Jan. 12. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., and judging will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be prizes for three age groups, 3-6, 7-10 and 11+.

Contestants can bring a pre-built Lego or Duplo creation or build their creations at the library during the time between registration and judging. Also, contestants should bring their own Legos or Duplos to build with, but there will some available for use too. There is no charge, but to pre-register or for more information, phone 879-3272. Phone 219/362-6156 48 hours in advance to request signing for the hearing impaired.

The Coolspring Branch of the LaPorte County Public Library is located at the corner of 400 N and Johnson Road in Michigan City.
On January 11, 1770, Benjamin Franklin, in London, shipped the first rhubarb to America.

On January 11, 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

On January 11, 1913, patrons of the National Automobile Show in New York City saw a new type of luxury car—the four-door sedan. It was a Hudson.

On January 11, 1988, World War II flying ace Gregory “Pappy” Boyington, 75, died in Fresno, California.

On January 12, 1737, John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts. Hancock won fame with the boldness with which he signed his name to the Declaration of Independence. Even today, when a man signs a document, he is said to have affixed his “John Hancock.”

On January 12, 1773, America’s first public museum was established in Charleston, South Carolina.

On January 12, 1856, painter John Singer Sargent was born in Florence, Italy.

On January 12, 1876, Jack London, famous American novelist and short-story writer, was born in San Francisco. London was the author of more than 50 books. Of these, “The Call of the Wild,” written in 1903, is the best known.

On January 13, 1733, James Oglethorpe, along with 130 colonists, arrived in Charleston, South Carolina, in route to settling what is now Georgia.

On January 13, 1832, American author Horatio Alger, who wrote a series of books for boys, was born in Revere, Massachusetts. His heroes always rose from tattered poverty to riches and respectability. This “Rags to Riches” theme became an American symbol that, without doubt, propelled many to achieve what appeared to be impossible.

On January 13, 1864, composer Stephen Foster died (penniless in a New York charity hospital) at the age of 37.

On January 13, 2002, the off-Broadway musical “The Fantasticks” was performed for the last time, ending a run of nearly 42 years and 17,162 shows.

On January 14, 1784, the United States Senate ratified the peace treaty with England that ended the Revolutionary War.

On January 14, 1875, Albert Schweitzer, brilliant German philosopher, physician, musician, clergyman, missionary, and writer on theology, was born at Kaysersberg, Alsace.
On January 14, 1914, Henry Ford started the assembly line that reduced the time of putting together a car from over 12 hours to 93 minutes. This contributed to lowered automobile prices, smog, energy shortages, traffic jams, fast food restaurants, and Arab dominance of the oil market.

On January 14, 1990, South African Hendrick Goosen, a fishing boat captain who, in 1938, caught a coelacanth, a fish thought to have been extinct for 70 million years, died at the age of 85.

On January 15, 1622, French author and dramatist Jean Baptiste Poquelin, who took the stage name Moliere, was born in Paris. In 1673, while acting in his last play, a story about a hypochondriac, he took ill and died within a few hours.

On January 15, 1759, the British Museum was officially opened in London.

On January 15, 1943, construction was completed on the massive Pentagon complex.

On January 15, 1974, “Happy Days” (that was to become one of the longest running sitcoms on TV) premiered on ABC.

On January 16, 1936, Florida’s “Hialeah Race Track” installed the first electric-eye photo-finish camera to record the winner of each horse race, eliminating forever the question of which horse really came in first.

On January 16, 1957, three B-52’s took off from California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jets. The trip lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes.

On January 16, 1964, the stage show “Hello Dolly,” starring Carol Channing, began a run of 2,844 performances.

On January 16, 1969, two manned Soviet Soyuz spaceships became the first vehicles to dock in space and transfer personnel.

On January 17, 1773, Englishman James Cook became the first known person to cross the Antarctic Circle.

On January 17, 1778, Captain James Cook discovered the Sandwich Islands (now the Hawaiian Islands), naming them after Lord Sandwich, head of the British Admiralty.

On January 17, 1871, Andrew Hallidie received a patent for a cable car system. The first cars began operating in San Francisco in 1873.

On January 17, 1917, the United States bought the Danish West Indies (later renamed the Virgin Islands) from Denmark for $25 million.

On January 17, 1919, following World War I, pianist Ignace Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created Republic of Poland.
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Student Workshop Registration
Registration and auditions for the Festival Players Guild’s annual student workshop will be held Sat., Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. & Sun., Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., MC.
This year’s production will be the Getting to Know You version of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musical “Cinderella.” The workshop auditions are open to students elementary through high school. Thanks to a grant from the Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation, there is no fee. Rehearsals will begin in mid-January with performances scheduled for March 2, 3 and 4.
Students will receive instruction in music, dance, acting and technical aspects of presenting a show. Instructors for the workshop are Brant Beckett, Ruth Radke and Jerry Peters and all rehearsals will be held at the Mainstreet Theatre, (219) 874-4269.
No Shortcuts to the Top by Ed Viesturs with David Roberts

The Christmas holiday is passed into fond memories and now the cold of January seeps into our bones. I would like to start the new year with a book recommendation that is inspiring and exciting and a great winter read...

First off, this is a work of non-fiction. Author Ed Viesturs is a man who always had a vision, a vision to climb the world’s highest mountains. There are fourteen mountains in the world over 8000 meters each, and Ed has conquered them all, and all without the use of bottled oxygen!

Now that may sound like an unlikely feat, but Ed is actually not the first to have done this. He was, however, the first American to climb the summit of the “Big 3,” Everest (8850 m.), Godwin Austen (also known as K2, 8611 m.), and Kanchenjunga (8598 m.). That awesome accomplishment made Ed resolve to climb the other eleven. There is a great map in the inside front cover of the book that shows the area of China, Nepal and India where these mountains are located.

But with any story, fiction or non, we must go back to the beginning...

Even as a teenager, Ed knew he wanted to climb mountains. He was also smart enough to know that he had to have a career to fall back on in order to make the money necessary to finance those trips with.

Ed always loved animals and so made a decision to go to college and become a veterinarian. In order to be close to his beloved mountains, he applied to the University of Washington and was accepted. Busy earning bachelor and master degrees, and even a doctorate, during the school years, summer breaks Ed would make money and gain experience by working as a guide on Mt. Rainier.

After college, and working in a friend’s veterinarian practice, Ed found that as his mountaineering became more and more important to him, he began to take more and more time off from his job until he finally had to quit and seek out sponsors in order to finance his expeditions which now took up all of his time.

By 1992, Ed discovered that the Italian Reinhold Messner and the Pole Jerzy Kukuczka had conquered the fourteen 8,000ers and others were clos-
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Swap Dreams for Reality in imaginative 3 bedroom ranch on almost one acre of naturally landscaped dune. Tuscany ceramic floors and cherry cabinets in new kitchen; stainless steel appliances. Open planned living, dining kitchen has fireplace. Family room opens to deck and patios. 3 Bedrooms, hardwood floors, 200 amp electric, laundry, basement.

**$519,000**

2043 Lake Shore Drive

You Promised Her the Moon. Take the easy way out with this casual but elegant ranch on 180 feet overlooking Lake Michigan. Living, dining, kitchen, master bedroom, and family room share Lake Michigan views. Glowing hardwood floors throughout. Full basement has second fireplace, 4th bedroom, bath and other rooms as needed. Screened porch, patio, decks. **$1,049,000**

106½ California Ave.
Crisp, Clean, Cozy Sunshine Cottage in mint condition with wrap around decks extra lush green lot to enjoy. Great room, 2 spacious bedrooms, partial basement. Only 1 block to Sandy Lake Michigan beach.

**$300,000**

213 California Ave.


**$689,000; $699,000; $719,000**

1705 Lake Shore Drive
Comfort With a Touch of Formality in 1949 Colonial overlooking Lake Michigan. Window walled living room has large stone fireplace and French door entry to dining room. Updated family kitchen has built in desk and room for family gatherings. Hardwood floors in living room. 5 bedrooms, 2½ baths, basement.

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