The New 4-H - Not Just for Farm Kids Anymore

by Rick A. Richards

4-H has been a rural fixture since 1902, but times have changed. 4-H isn’t your grandfather’s 4-H, and for Patty Keating, an educator in 4-H youth development at the LaPorte County Cooperative Extension Service, that’s just fine with her.

Keating spent 10 years in 4-H even though the Michigan City Rogers High School graduate admits, “I wasn’t a farm girl.”

But the experience she got in 4-H helped her overcome her fear of speaking in public and taught her how to work as part of a group. Those are life skills she uses today.

Keating said 4-H is an evolving institution that’s reaching out not only to young people on the farm, but to young urban people.

“We have an outreach to urban youth,” said Keating. “We teach them about farming, where food comes from. If they want to learn to ride a horse, we have a program for that. If you want experience in public speaking or computers, we can do that, too.”

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4-H Motto

To make the best BETTER.

4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
my HEART to greater loyalty
my HANDS to larger service
and my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world.
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Thirty years ago when Keating was in 4-H, young people could sign up for projects in electricity, cake decorating, ceramics, photography, dairy, beef, swine and horse and pony, just like young people today.

But the options today are much more far reaching. Young people can do projects in aerospace, clowning, genealogy, gift wrapping, recycling, scrapbooking, sport fishing and even building toys like Legos.

“We have an image problem,” admitted Keating. “We’ve evolved, but the thinking people have about 4-H hasn’t. We get kids excited when we meet with them at their school, but their parents have the view that 4-H is only for farm kids.”

There are 1,100 4-H members in LaPorte County, said Keating, with an additional 200 Mini 4-Hers. The 4-H program is for children in third through 12th grade while Mini 4-H is for children from kindergarten to second grade.

Keating said that of the county’s 1,100 4-H members, 19 percent are rural residents, 61 percent live in small towns, 19 percent live in Michigan City or LaPorte and 1 percent are classified as suburban.

But of the 27 4-H clubs in LaPorte County, only two meet in Michigan City — the Coolspring Champs at Joy School and the Urban 4-H Club that meets after school at Lake Hills and Marsh schools.

Nationwide, there are 6.5 million members in all 50 states and U.S. territories, 3,500 staff members and 518,000 volunteers.

Keating said it would be impossible for LaPorte County to offer the programs it does without the help of volunteers.

While credit for the first 4-H club is given to Ohio in 1902, the idea of a program for rural youth had
been around for several years before that. In 1914, however, with creation of the Cooperative Extension Service through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, club work for young boys and girls became a mandatory part of its mission.

4-H – head, heart, hands and health – has been the guiding principle of the organization from the beginning, said Keating. Each of those, she said, plays a crucial role in the development of life skills for young people.

“What we offer is unique. It’s for everyone, regardless of where you live,” said Keating. “Through 4-H, young people can get involved in community service. They can do demonstrations and public speaking, which is something that is valuable in school.

“Without 4-H I never would have done those things,” said Keating.

One reason 4-H has evolved over the years from a strictly farm-related organization to one that’s open to all young people, is that the interests and activities of young people have changed.

“Frankly, the reason 4-H started back in 1902 is that there was a lot change taking place in agricultural practices to make farming more efficient,” said Keating. “Farmers were resistant to that change, so the people doing the research (primarily the land grant universities) figured if they taught the youth, then the youth would teach the parents.”

It worked.

Over the initial years of 4-H, club activities focused on the farm. After all, more than half of Americans lived on a farm at that time. Projects on crops and livestock and machinery repair were common for boys and food preparation and preservation and housekeeping were common for girls.

If that was the same menu of projects today, Keating said 4-H would not exist.
What people don’t see are the after-school meetings, the workshops, the project sessions and the hours and hours of work that are done behind the scenes before a finished project ever shows up at the county fair.

“This is about opportunity,” said Keating. “We want to give young people an opportunity to be their best and to succeed at life.”

For more information about 4-H in LaPorte County, contact Patty Keating at pkeating@purdue.edu or visit the Web site www.ces.purdue.edu/laporte

Sandra Seymour (second from right) involves fellow clown members and spectators in a comedy skit.

Photos provided by the
LaPorte County Cooperative Extension Service.

Polish-American Cultural Society

In conjunction with the Portage Public Library, the Polish-American Cultural Society will host a meeting and special presentation Wed., Oct. 6th, at the Portage Public Library, 2665 Irving St., Portage, IN.

Following a brief meeting at 5 p.m., a presentation on “Four Continents to Freedom” by author Sandra Lundin will begin at 5:30 p.m.

This is the true story of Millie Zygmunt Rytel of Highland, who was abducted with her family from their farm in Poland and taken to a Siberian labor camp during World War II.

Admission is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested by phoning Ann at 219-465-8855 by Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

Library Closing

La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, its six branches (Coolspring, Rolling Prairie, Fish Lake, Union Mills, Kingsford Heights, and Hanna), and its mobile library will be closed on Fri., Oct. 1 only for staff training. 219/362-6156.
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Admission to Autumn Air is free for Fernwood and WNIT members. Regular admission prices apply to all others. Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

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About Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve. Fernwood is a favorite of all who love nature - flora and fauna. Phone: 269.695.6491. Fernwood is located near Buchanan, Michigan, at 13988 Range Line Rd., Niles. Hours are Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, noon-6 p.m. The Fernwood Café is open Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday, noon-3 p.m. Fernwood closed on Mondays.
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Footlight will open its October production of “The Murder Room” on Friday, October 8th pm. Directed by Dee Piotrowski, this zany mystery has been described as “Agatha Christie meets Monty Python meets Abbott and Costello.”

The plot is straight out of an Christie novel - a rich man marries a young woman; the husband disappears; others have motives for murder. One room in the house, the murder room, might hold the key to solving the mystery. Or does it?

The talented cast includes Michael Little (Virgie, IN), Mary DeBoer & Kelsey Dougherty (Valparaiso), Kathy Chase and Zac Roberts (Michigan City), and Curt Passafume (LaPorte).

Additional performance dates are October 9 & 10, 14-17. There will be a “Patron Appreciation Reception” following the Sun., Oct. 10th performance at the neighboring Blink Art Gallery.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday curtains are at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Doors open 15 minutes prior to curtain. All tickets are $12. Reduced rates available for groups of 20 or more. Reservations are recommended and may be made by phoning 219-874-4035 or online at www.footlight-players.org/reservations.html. Reservations will be held until 15 minutes prior to curtain unless secured by the presentation of a Footlight Season Gift Card or by prior payment in full. Footlight Theatre is located at 1705 Franklin St., Michigan City.

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(Standing (L-R): Zac Roberts, Kelsey Dougherty, Mary DeBoer, Curt Passafume & Kathy Chase. Seated: Michael Little)

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The Special Consensus is a four person acoustic bluegrass band that began performing in the Midwest in the spring of 1975. The first band album was released in 1979 when the band began touring on a national basis. In 1984, The Special Consensus initiated the Traditional American Music (TAM) Program in schools across the country and began appearing on cable television and National Public Radio shows. The band has since appeared on The Nashville Network “Fire On The Mountain” show, toured for three seasons as 4/5 of the cast in the musical “Cotton Patch Gospel” (music and lyrics by Harry Chapin), and released twelve additional recordings.

The band includes traditional bluegrass standards including songs by Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, Jim and Jess McReynolds—as well as songs by artists from other musical genres such as “I’m No Stranger to the Rain” as recorded by Keith Whitley and “Blue Skies” by Irving Berlin.

The band’s musical diversity is demonstrated by the fact that The Special Consensus has performed at the most traditional bluegrass festivals as well as performing concerts with symphony orchestras such as the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra and Symphony of the Shores. In 1993, the band performed the first of many concerts with a symphony orchestra, complete with orchestral arrangements of songs from the band repertoire.

All seats are reserved. Tickets for the 8:00 PM performance are $15.00. Senior Citizen tickets (62+) are $14.00. Tickets for students, high school age and below, are $7.50. Reservations may be made by phoning the Festival Players Guild/Mainstreet Theatre Box Office at (219) 874-4269.
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Strickland is one of today’s most innovative social enterprise thinkers. His mission is to encourage others to dream bigger, push harder and achieve the extraordinary. He knows this is possible because he’s done it himself. He was a child in Pittsburgh’s ghetto when a teacher took the time to encourage him in an arts program and changed his life forever.

He presents a portrait of passion, challenge and triumph. His story is told in his book, Make the Impossible Possible.

He is president and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corp., in inner-city Pittsburgh program featuring arts activities for youngsters and job-training for adults. He believes that setting high expectations helps motivate people to achieve those expectations. Parents of children enrolled in his program say the youngsters attend school more regularly and their grades go up.

Strickland has lectured at Harvard University, is CEO of the nation’s largest jazz subscription service, earned the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award and is a National Endowment for the Arts board member. A book signing will follow Strickland’s talk.

Forum subscription tickets are $75 for regular tickets, $125 for donor tickets and $150 for patron tickets. Any student with a valid ID will be admitted free.

Subscription tickets may be purchased at the door, www.sinaiforum.org or 872-0527.

“Live a Beautiful Life”

Celebrate women of all ages by coming to Live a Beautiful Life at 6:00 p.m., on Thurs., Oct. 7 at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Lovera Wolf and David Miller will talk about their new book Womenopause: Stop Pausing and Start Living. Local businesses who help women be fit, feminine and fabulous will also be present. Free refreshments are also included. There is no admittance charge or registration.

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Indiana Ballet Theatre will celebrate their 31st anniversary at the Classical Arts Gala. The Gala will be held on Oct. 15 from 6-11 p.m. at St. Elijah's Serbian Hall, 8700 Taft St., Merrillville, Ind.

Indiana Ballet Theatre's mission is to give the community exposure to the world of dance through performance, outreach and education.

The Gala will feature dinner, entertainment, and silent auction. Red filtered flashlights can provide illumination without affecting night vision. You can easily make a red light by cutting the end off a red balloon and putting it over a standard flashlight.

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CAS remaining events for 2010 include:
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Calumet Astronomical Society

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The events are open to individuals, families and school groups. Red filtered flashlights can provide illumination without affecting night vision. You can easily make a red light by cutting the end off a red balloon and putting it over a standard flashlight.

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About Indiana Ballet Theatre

Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest, Inc., a 501C3 not-for-profit organization, was established in 1980 under the artistic direction of Gloria Tuohy, MDE. Her career has spanned over fifty years of professional dance, teaching, choreography and costume design experience in England, other parts of Europe and the United States. She was trained by the prestigious French Cecchetti classical ballet syllabus. She danced with Volska Ballet Company in London, England and the Surrey Light Operatic Society of England.

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“Beyond Therapy,” Christopher Durang’s most produced play, is a farcical comedy that focuses on Prudence and Bruce, two Manhattanites who are seeking stable romantic relationships with the help of their psychiatrists. Bruce is a highly emotional bisexual who tends to cry easily, a trait homophobic Prudence sees as a weakness. Their respective therapists - libidinous Stuart, who constantly seduces his patient, and eccentric Charlotte, refers to the play Equus as a good source of advice. When Bruce finally brings up his live in male lover, Bob, complications ensue. Acorn Theater’s production, directed by Michael Fernandez and starring Chicago based actors John Bonner and Katie Dufresne, will be an in depth look at these hilariously complicated character’s and their oddly romantic connections. This play asks the question “Do you allow for contradictions within yourself?”

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The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI.

Magical Story Corner

Magical Story Corner will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at the Coolspring Branch Library, Johnson Rd. & 400N, Michigan City. Mr. Wizard will take people to a different story place each week. This is intended for 18-month-olds to 5-year-olds with an adult.

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And one's loyal wife, Natalie McKelvy, has toyed every year with the notion of returning to the “Field of Screams” at 855 Mayflower Road in Niles for a real go at the “Scream Park,” but she has always found the place to be just way too creepy with the lights on during the ratched-down media tour.

“Come on, Natalie,” yours truly always says, “You’ll love it.”

But she always says: “I’d be a steamer in two seconds.”

A “steamer” for the uninitiated, is the poor mortal soul who is so frightened by the ghostly happenings at the Niles Haunted House, that he or she loses bladder control and, well, if it is a particularly dark and clammy night, well, he or she becomes a “steamer.”

Marty Paquette was our devilishly detail-oriented guide for Media Fright Night. He has been volunteering at the popular Niles fall attraction since 1995.

“There are about five good scares right in this little area alone.”

That was veteran Niles Haunted House volunteer Marty Paquette explaining to a plucky band of reporters on “Media Fright Night” at the popular Niles autumnal attraction that there is simply no hiding from the frights on the given nights of “Dark Terror” of what is no mere roadside attraction.

As to where those five good scares are in this year’s two new attractions: “Zach’s Zombie Motel” and “The Legend of Pirates Cove,” well, you will just have to pick your own way through the dark, now through Halloween, and “get the yell scared out of you” all by yourself.

And, as Marty Paquette explained on “Media Fright Night” when all the lights were on and the ghouls and ghosts were just getting into their game modes, “We make a point of breaking up groups, because we find we can really scare people better when they are in small groups.”

A volunteer since 1995, Marty Paquette said the Niles Haunted House is a group collaboration that is planned and prepared year-round and picks up steam in June and July when the rest of the population is sunning on the beach. As he and other volunteers have said: “We’re here to take you on a trip through the scariest, creepiest, most blood-curdling attraction this side of the Continental Divide.”

Just how creepy and scary is the Niles Haunted House?

Well, consider this reporter’s experience last year on “Media Fright Night” when he aimed his digital camera at his frightfully dressed guide, Dan Mitchell, and got nothing. Zippo! That never happened before, and it fortunately did not happen this year, but it sure gave one pause.

Your faithful correspondent nearly became a steamer during his first “normal” visit to the Niles Haunted House two years ago when Dan Mitchell and his mates made mincemeat out of him by appearing stealthily in his own personal space and just smiling at him.

“You got me, dude!” is what he said.

And he will certainly say it again this year as he explores the detailed sets in “the Legend of Pirates Cove” and gets frightened for real by a real pair of costumed dramatic actors: Amy and Dennis Davis of Niles.

You will see the two of them together and separately out on the Midway of the Macabre and who knows where else as they appear in Amy’s amazing costumes as, in her case, the Mad Hatter, and, for Dennis, Captain Jack Sparrow. Johnny Depp, eat your crusty old pirate heart out!

And so you know, Amy and Dennis Davis were united in matrimony on the Midway of the Macabre.
Hey, what happened to the Wolverine?

Hey, what happened to the Wolverine?

Dare to let the devil take you on a Haunted Hayride this Halloween.

Amy (left) and Dennis Davis tied the knot two Halloweens ago on the Midway of the Macabre at the Niles Haunted House. Does it get more romantic than that?

on Halloween night, 2008 with their wedding party dressed as pirates and fairies. They passed under an honor guard of ghouls bearing axes and pitchforks and they seriously would like to see a wedding chapel become part of the Niles Haunted House scarescape.

Amy Davis, by the way, is owner of a company called Costumes Plus, and she will happily design a wardrobe for that moment “when you need to be who you’re not.” Why she even put veteran volunteer Rob Gruener of New Buffalo in a kilt for her wedding in 2008. And judging by the excellence of the outfits she and her husband were wearing for Media Fright Night, one knows that Amy Davis can deliver, big time! Contact her if you dare at: 574-302-1086 or costumes_plus@yahoo.com.

And also know that the Niles Haunted House is a non-profit community project that employs some 200 volunteers representing more than 80 local community and school organizations. Last year the Park generated more than $55,000 for area communities, a significant portion of which went to 83 not-for-profit organizations such as Boy and Girl Scout groups, church youth groups, and booster clubs for colleges and high schools.

They are hoping to scare up more donations this year, and you can do your part by enjoying a frightful visit to the Niles Haunted House on Friday and Saturday nights in September and also Sunday nights in October as well as the weeknights of October 27 and 28. The Park is open from 7 to 11 p.m. (EDT) on Friday and Saturday nights, and from 7 to 10 p.m. on those Sunday nights in October as well as on Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 28.

And if you go on Halloween itself, be sure and wish the Mad Hatter and Captain Jack a ghoulishly happy second wedding anniversary.

The Niles Haunted House Scream Park is located on Mayflower Road, south of Niles-Buchanan Road just off Exit 5 of the US 31 Bypass, which can be reached from US 12 or the Indiana Tollroad. For information on prices and special requests, please do not fear to call: 269-687-FEAR.
The Michigan City Public Library Writing Out Loud series continues with mystery writer Kate Collins. The program is free and open to the public.

Kate Collins is the author of the best-selling Flower Shop Mysteries. Her books have made the Barnes & Noble mass market mystery best-sellers' lists, the Independent Booksellers' best-seller's lists, as well as booksellers' lists in Australia and England. She sold her first historical romance novel in 1995. Since then she has published seven historical romantic suspense novels and eight mysteries.

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Comedy ‘Almost, Maine’ Opens Oct. 6

In the middle of a lonely, snowy winter, couples in a small town fall in and out of love in unpredictable and often hilarious ways in Valparaiso University's production of the comedy “Almost, Maine.”

John Cariani’s acclaimed play, with nine loosely connected vignettes that center on the joy of falling in love and the sadness of love lost, will open Valpo's 2010-2011 theatre season on Oct. 6.

Directed by Lee Orchard, professor of theatre, the play will be performed in the University Theatre in the Center for the Arts on campus from Oct. 6-8 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 9 & 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for students and senior citizens and can be purchased online at www.valpo.edu/vuca/ticket.php or by phoning (219) 464-5162.

The play takes place on a Friday night as the aurora borealis is about to brighten the night skies above Almost. Despite the large number of separate, though tangentially connected, stories told in “Almost, Maine,” the production uses a limited number of actors to portray events taking place at the same time.

Named one of the best plays of 2006 following its off-Broadway run and recognized for excellence by The Wall Street Journal and American National Theatre, “Almost, Maine” has proven to be a hit with audiences across the country.

For more information about upcoming productions or to purchase season tickets, phone the Valpo Box Office at (219) 464-5162. Groups of at least 10 may reserve seats together and get a $3 discount per seat by calling at least two weeks in advance of each production’s opening. Season tickets for Valpo’s five mainstage productions during the 2010-2011 season can be purchased at a cost of $55 for adults and $35 for seniors.

More information about Valpo’s Department of Theatre can be found at www.valpo.edu/theatre

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Cyberscribbles
by Paula McHugh

This week we tackle the subject of E-Mail tracker programs. This is especially helpful for newbies, but the information is worth reviewing by surfing pros as well. I have to thank my friend Charlotte for this. She forwards informative emails to a list of her friends on a daily basis. Here is the email she recently sent me:

The man that provided the following information is a computer tech. He spends a lot of time clearing the junk off computers for people and listens to complaints about speed. All forwards are not bad, just some.

He wrote:
By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with snopes.com and/or truthorfiction.com for determining whether information received via email is just that: true/false or fact/fiction. Both are excellent sites.

The following is advice from snopes.com:
VERY IMPORTANT!!
1) Any time you see an email that says “forward this on to ‘10’ (or however many) of your friends”, “sign this petition”, or “you’ll get bad luck” or “you’ll get good luck” or “you’ll see something funny on your screen after you send it” or whatever --- it almost always has an email tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and emails of those folks you forward to. The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of ‘active’ email addresses to use in SPAM emails or sell to other spammers. Even when you get emails that demand you send the email on if you’re not ashamed of God/Jesus --- that is email tracking, and they are playing on our conscience. These people don’t care how they get your email addresses - just as long as they get them. Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease “how would you feel if that was your child” --- email tracking. Ignore them and don’t participate!

2) Almost all emails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of email is, is a way to get names and ‘cookie’ tracking information for telemarketers and spammers -- to validate active email accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your Friends and Family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them. You will be providing a service to your friends. And you will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam emails in the future!
An Inn Between Evening

The Michigan City Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Children and Families will be holding an event to honor Bernie Scott for the many good works he has done on behalf of the homeless.

The evening will include stories of former shelter residents and you will hear from State Representative Scott Pelath who will speak on state efforts for the homeless.

The event will be held on Wed., Oct. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Krueger Memorial Hall, 801 Liberty Trail, Michigan City. Refreshments will be served.

For ticket and other information, phone 879-2552. $10 contribution per person; tickets will be available in advance or at the door.

Those attending are asked to bring items from the Shelter wish list: cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, toiletries, diapers, clocks, radios, small appliances, and kitchen gadgets.

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listing regardless how inviting they might sound! Or make you feel guilty if you don’t! It’s all about getting email addresses and nothing more.

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT!

Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later and very possibly a virus attached! Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let’s not make it easy for them!

ALSO: Email petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization - i.e. social security, etc. To be acceptable, petitions must have a “signed signature” and full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time and you are just helping the email trackers.

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On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, September 18th and 19th, the 10th Outdoor Celebration of the Arts was held at the Schoolhouse Shop in Furnessville near Chesterton. Inclement weather on Saturday made for lower crowds, but some artists did make sales that day any way. The weather Sunday P.M. was quite pleasant so I visited then. With many people attending, I had to drive past the Shop over the hill and down to a parking lot. I walked back to the Shop and started taking photographs and talking to the artists.

First, I photographed Jan Sullivan (The Art Barn) who was with Sandy Appleby. They came so they could enjoy all the art which was on display. Then I photographed Virginia Phillips with some of her oil paintings. Virginia was very excited and told me, “About three days ago, I got a call that one of my lily drawings was selected to be one of the six Easter seals for 2011. These seals will be out in January and February when they do the fund raising. I sent in three drawings; I don’t know which one was chosen.”

Artist June Wallace Looby had her oil paintings displayed on screens on the front lawn. She did previously show her work at a gallery in Naples, Florida, but now she exhibits at the Chesterton Art Center. Also, her studio is in her home. When I stepped inside the Schoolhouse Shop, I photographed owner Roy Krizek selling some candles to a customer, Steve.

Outside again, I stopped by the Crinoid Compositions booth. Owner, Melinda Boothe Massette, designs and produces the crinoids; she has been collecting them and beachcombing Lake Michigan for nearly 50 years. Customer Tanya Sanders was trying on a crinoid necklace. Melinda said, “Someone encouraged me to make this jewelry which I have been doing for ten years. My house is ‘Crinoid City,’ friends bring their grandchildren to explore and enjoy the crinoids.”

Tom Wesolowski from Coloma, Michigan, had a display of his outdoor landscapes and was hoping to make some sales on Sunday afternoon. Wood carver Larry Jensen had many bowls for sale and some tables and lamps. On Saturday, he sold some
bowls and even a eucalyptus table. He still had a mesquite table and a lamp made from both myrtle and maple woods. He exhibits his work at Lubeznik Center & Southern Shores Artisans and is a member of the Chesterton Center.

Alex Zaideman of Porter posed by his art in a booth. Some of the artists had signs reading “Last Show of the season--discounts available.” One of these was Ronald Ster of Niles, Michigan. He still had hopes of selling some of his work.

Lynn Lyon of Beverly Shores was at the show for the second year. She told me, “I sold three original watercolors yesterday and several prints. I was amazed!” Lynn is a beginner in making the giclee (French method) prints of her original watercolors but had done watercolors for a longer time. It was her husband’s idea to have free candy which was quite popular with the visitors.

Wilma Craig Rolston of South Bend had a large exhibit of her knit hats, with a sign, “Think Snow.” She was taking a break while her husband was in charge of the booth. He told me, “They’re quite warm and she loves to make them. Alana, of WNDU, wears one of Wilma’s hats.” Garrett Hamm from Chesterton also had giclee prints. Much of his work was realistic but quite colorful. Brett Maniscalco specializes in fine art photography. From St. Joseph, he now lives in New Buffalo and works in Michigan City. Some of his work is black and white while other pieces have some color mixed with black and white.

Before I left the show, I bought a jumbo quesadilla and a coke from Santiago’s Restaurant who were serving food on the Shop’s back patio. Many other people enjoyed the Mexican food from Santiago’s under the yellow umbrellas atop the green or salmon colored outdoor tables. While eating, we could all gaze down below at the white tents of the artists. A very relaxing end to an afternoon filled with good art!
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Artist Virginia Phillips stands by some of her paintings.

Woodcarver Larry Jensen holds up one of the bowls he’s made to sell.

Lynn Lyon is showing her watercolors and prints.

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World Film Series at Valparaiso U.

A critically-acclaimed Bollywood movie, an Austrian film that won the Cannes Film Festival's top prize and a Japanese romantic comedy are among the movies to be featured during Valparaiso University’s World Cinema Series, a year-long celebration of international film.

Valpo’s 2010-2011 World Cinema Series will feature six recent films in their original language with English subtitles. Following each film, a Valpo faculty member with expertise in the country where the movie was made will lead an audience discussion.

Films in this year’s festival are:
- Oct. 15 – “Train Man” (Japan), discussion led by Fred Kavanagh, assistant professor of Japanese;
- Nov. 12 – “Before the Rains” (India), discussion led by George Pati, assistant professor of theology;
- Jan. 21 – “The Class” (France), discussion led by Randa Duvick, professor of French;
- Feb. 18 – “The Secret in their Eyes” (Argentina/Spain), discussion led by Richard Stith, professor of law;
- March 18 – “Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress” (China), discussion led by Benjamin Ridgway, assistant professor of Chinese.

Timothy Tomasik, an associate professor of French, said the film series, now in its fifth year, provides the campus and surrounding community an opportunity to regularly see high quality foreign movies.

“It can be tough for people to choose foreign films because they aren’t sure what to expect,” Tomasik said. “Valpo’s World Cinema Series allows the campus community and public a chance to see important films being made in other countries. That’s really important as we become an increasingly interconnected world, and so the festival helps us fulfill our mission of increasing people’s understanding of other cultures.”

Screenings will begin at 7 p.m. in Neils Science Center (Room 234) on campus. Tickets are $6 per film or $25 for admission to all six films, with refreshments served prior to each screening. Tickets are on sale now at the Harre Union, by calling (219) 464-5415 or at the door.

Tomasik said films in the series not only span the globe, but include a variety of genres and directing styles. The French film “The Class” is shot in a documentary style, while the Spanish/Argentine film “The Secret in their Eyes” is a visually-rich crime thriller.

For more information about the World Cinema Series, visit www.valpo.edu/foreignlanguages/worldcinema/index.php

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On Sat., Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m., vocalist Dawn Yarbrough and pianist Jean Prosper are set to perform SMSO’s first Around Town concert of the season, “Just Jazz.”

The duo will perform a selection of jazz standards at the Oak Room Auditorium at the Citadel, located at 91 Hinkley Street, in the heart of Benton Harbor’s burgeoning Arts District. The Oak Room Auditorium is a beautiful venue with high ceilings, hard wood floors, excellent acoustics and comfortable seating.

The Around Town Series performances are smaller concerts featuring soloists and musical ensembles in unique venues around St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. More relaxed in atmosphere, the Around Town concerts offer a myriad of musical styles and allow for more audience and musician interaction.

Dawn Yarbrough

Benton Harbor native Dawn Yarbrough has lived in Milan, Italy for numerous years where she is a multi-talented Artist/Performer. Possessing a dynamic personality, Ms. Yarbrough’s eclectic portfolio of professions includes television, cinema, and theatre actress; runway model; television presenter; and painter.

In Europe, Yarbrough performs all over the continent with her band, The Donna Y Band, under the moniker Donna Y. Her shows are unique, elegant, involving, and always leave audiences wanting more.

An avid thespian, Ms. Yarbrough appeared in the original Italian musical comedy “E sottolineo Se...”, alongside co-star Gian Luca Guidi. Other appearances include tour performances with international singing sensation Michael Bublé and Italian star Antonello Venditti.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $7 for students. For more information, phone the Symphony office at 269.982.4030 or go to www.smso.org
For a complete listing of October events, visit www.laportehealth.org.
Aunt Kitty’s Fall Trash & Treasure Sale

The Independent Cat Society will hold its annual Aunt Kitty’s Fall Trash and Treasure Yard Sale on the shelter grounds located at Route 6 and LaPorte County Line Road on Sat., Oct. 2nd and Sun., Oct. 3rd from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Along with many yard sale bargains, they will have cat toys, catnip mats, Calico Corney’s homegrown catnip, baked goods and much, much more. There will also be refreshments available while you shop and lots of beautiful cats and kittens available for adoption.

For further information, phone (219) 785-4936. All proceeds benefit this No-kill Cat Shelter.

Poetry Slam Returns October 1

Free First Fridays @ 5 continue at Lubeznik Center for the Arts at 5 p.m. on October 1st with the return of Poetry Slam—the creative, sometimes raucous, spoken-word competition that entertained crowds last Spring.

Poetry Slam welcomes both a wide range of voices and boisterous audience participation. In May, audience members anointed as “judges” for the night chose poet Stephen Henn as first place winner. Henn, of Warsaw, IN, returns as the featured poet in October. Bragging rights and prizes were also collected by runners-up Merle Miller of LaPorte and Sierra McDonald from Michigan City High School.

World Poetry Slam finalist J.W. Baz is slated to host in October. His charismatic spoken word pieces have been featured on National Public Radio and in the Chicago Tribune. You won’t want to miss this chance to cheer, boo, or even participate in this unique performance event. Those interested in reading should contact Janet Bloch at 219.874.4900 or jbloc@lubeznikcenter.org to register.

Lubeznik Center’s First Fridays @ 5 events are a great opportunity to view current exhibitions, mix and mingle, enjoy light bites, libations and more. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The Lubeznik Center is located at 101 W. 2nd St., at the lakefront in Michigan City. Gallery Hours are Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Galleries closed on Mondays. For more information: www.lubeznikcenter.org or 219-874-4900.

“Days and Nights of a Filmmaker…”

The University of Notre Dame Department of Film, Television and Theatre and DeBartolo Performing Arts Center presents “Days and Nights of a Filmmaker: A Tribute to Jill Godmilow,” a two-day celebration of the retiring professor’s filmmaking and teaching career. On Fri., Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Eastern time, alumni student filmmakers will return to campus to screen their student works and tell how they got from O’Shaughnessy Hall’s film loft into the film business in New York, Los Angeles and all points in between. On Sat., Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., Jill Godmilow will screen her first and last films: the Academy Award-nominated documentary “Antonia: A Portrait of the Woman” (1974), and “What Farocki Taught” (1998). Both screenings will be held in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on campus.

Jill Godmilow’s documentary film, “Antonia: A Portrait of the Woman” was added to the National Film Registry in 2003, and her feature film about Gertrude Stein in “Paris, Waiting for the Moon,” won first prize at the 1987 Sundance Film Festival.

Both of these are free but ticketed events. Reserve tickets at 574-631-2800, the Center’s ticket office or www.performingarts.nd.edu
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National Merit Finalist From La Lumiere

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Conor has been an active member of La Lumiere’s award winning Science Olympiad team, a varsity cross country and track runner, a member of the National Honor Society, and a key player in the school’s drama productions. Conor has consistently earned a place on the Summa Cum Laude honor roll and has also received the American Citizenship Award and the Presidential Education Excellence Award.

The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

Singer/Songwriter Anne Hills in Concert

Internationally known singer/songwriter Anne Hills returns home for a Box Factory for the Arts concert on Sat., Oct. 2nd at 8 p.m. MI time. Anne will present an all-acoustic concert featuring blues, folk, traditional and Americana.

When Anne is not on stage, she is a prolific songwriter and producer of CDs. She has been the recipient of numerous honors for her work, including the World Folk Music Association’s 2002 Kate Wolf Memorial Award.

Tickets for the Anne Hills concert are $15 general admission; and $10 students & seniors. Children 12 and under admitted free.

For more on this and other Box Factory events, visit www.boxfactoryforthearts.org or on Facebook or contact the Box office at 269-983-3688 during normal gallery hours of 10 am to 4 pm, Mon.-Sat. or Sun. from 1 to 4 pm. Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI.

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Cost for this class is $35/general public or $25/Chamber of Commerce members. For more, contact Heather Melnyk at the Entrepreneur Center Michigan City, 422 Franklin St., Michigan City. Phone: 219.809.4200 ext 300 or email heather@ec-mc.org

Notre Dame Trash/Treasure Sale

The 3rd Annual Notre Dame Church Community Trash/Treasure Sale will be held on Sat., Oct. 2, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sun., Oct. 3, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The sale will take place in the Notre Dame School Gym located at 1000 Moore Rd., Michigan City. A Clothes Boutique will be featured along with furniture, toys, electronics, household items, dishes, jewelry, baby items, collectables, lawn furniture and someone’s treasures.

All proceeds will aid Notre Dame School and Church activities. More information with June Salmon, 872-9626 or the Parish Center 872-4844.
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The Women’s Golf League at Long Beach Country Club has come to an end. Terry Deming and Adele O’Donnell chaired the end of the season event.

The morning began with forty-four golfers divided into teams of four with a player representing each flight. The format was a Step Aside Scramble. The ladies went off the front and back nine with a winning team for each.

18 HOLE WINNERS FOR 2010:

Low Gross
A Flight – Sue Leugers
B Flight – Linda Wilson
C Flight – June Salmon & Susan Roule
D Flight – Lynn Jacox

Low Net
A Flight – Sue Leugers & Jen Gronceski
B Flight – Mary Weithers
C Flight – June Salmon
D Flight – Gloria McMahon

Low Putts
A Flight – Peg King
B Flight – Laurel Byrne
C Flight – Dorie Mertz & Marge Walsh
D Flight – Joan Geoghegan

18 Hole Club Manager’s Trophy Winner - Jen Gronceski
Most Improved – Mary O’Neil

The front nine winners were: Peg King, Kathy Brennan, Adele O’Donnell and Linda Bolton.

The back nine winners were Sue Luegers, Marge Walsh, Paulette Harnach and Tommy Fitzsimmons.

Everyone that day was a winner with prizes given to all the golfers. The biggest winner was the Salvation Army Food Pantry with a donation from the Women’s League of $1,055.

9 HOLE WINNERS FOR 2010:

Low Net
A Flight – Nancy Henry
B Flight – Paulette Harnach
C Flight – Betty Duggan, Vangie Kuhn, and Regina Bradley

Queen of the Green – Laurel Byrne
Nine Hole Club Manager’s Trophy Winner - Donna Hennard
Most Dedicated Golfer (perfect attendance) - Vangie Kuhn
Most Improved – Jean Guerin
President’s Cup – Adele O’Donnell

Eighteen Hole Club Manager’s Trophy Winner: Jen Gronceski, John Dillon

Jen Gronceski, Mary O’Neil, Regina Bradley, Joan Geoghegan

President’s Cup Winner: Adele O’Donnell

Co-chairs of the Summer Celebration Event: Adele O’Donnell, Terry Deming
1st Place - Front nine: (L-R) Peg King, Linda Bolton, Adele O’Donnell
(not pictured Kathy Brennan)

1st Place - Back nine: (L-R) Paulette Harnach, Marge Walsh,
Tommy Fitzsimmons, Sue Luegers

2nd Place - Front nine: (L-R) Judy Nicolsi, Babs Ward,
Bonnie Reese, Marge Cullen

2nd Place - Back nine: (L-R) Rima Binder, Betty Duggan,
Donna Hennard, Marci Meyer

3rd Place tie - Front nine: (L-R) Dorie Mertz, Kathy Kenefick,
Barb Macudzinski, Mary Lou Linnen

3rd Place tie - Back nine: Joan Carey, Sally Allen, Pat Kelly, Judy Curtin

Mary Sheridan, Nancy Stokes
(not pictured Ellen Holloway, Kathy Hanley)

Liz Slattery Terry Deming, Vangie Kuhn (not pictured Nancy Henry)
**Annual Mystery Tours at Oliver Mansion**

A Pinkerton detective (or is he?), a brewery worker (where was he on the night in question?), a saloon showgirl (what does she know of the stranger in town?) and others will take turns telling what they know of the crime that is the focal point of “Murder at the Muessel Brewery,” the Center for History’s fourth annual Mystery at the Mansion. This year’s thriller, which takes place in the 38-room Oliver Mansion on Friday, October 8 and 15, is based on the true story of murders that took place at the Muessel Brewery (later Drewry’s Brewery) on December 30, 1915. Tours leave every five minutes, starting at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are strongly recommended to guarantee a place on a tour and may be purchased by calling 574-235-9664. Tickets are limited. Admission is $10/adults; $8/seniors; $6/youth 6-17; and $5/members.

As visitors tour the 38-room historic house, they can use their investigative skills to track down a “secret accomplice” in the infamous crime. Performers dressed in period costume share their own suspicions about the mysterious third assailant. Participants cast their vote for “whodunnit” and those who solve the case win a chance at the grand prize. The play has been scripted by Roger Chrastil, who has written all previous Mystery at the Mansion programs.

Copshaholm, the Oliver Mansion, once home to the J.D. Oliver family, is an historic house museum owned and operated by the Center for History. The Oliver family moved into the three-story, 12,000 square-foot house on January 1, 1897. The Victorian mansion would be home to the family for the next 75 years. All of Copshaholm’s furnishings are original, showing the house just as it appeared when the family lived there. Copshaholm is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(574) 235-9664 or www.centerforhistory.org

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**“A Novel Yarn” at County Library**

A Novel Yarn will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Mon., Oct. 4 at La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Come and work on your knit or crochet projects. All teens and adults are welcome, no matter what their skill levels are. Donations of yarn are also welcome. Phone Sarah Morrison at 219/362-6156 for more information.

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**Angels Among Us**

*Thursday, October 7 -- 3:00 p.m.*

The Michigan City Public Library will present a program “Angels Among Us,” led by Ange Benz. Listen to and share inspiring stories about the presence of angels in our everyday lives. The program is free and open to the public.
Nine Art Galleries will be Open in the “Uptown Arts District”

First Friday Oct. 1st, 5–8 p.m. in Michigan City

Everyone is welcome to “gallery hop” and view a wide variety of original art. Collections include fine art ranging from traditional to contemporary: paintings, photography, sculpture, performing arts and much more. Most galleries will offer appetizers and refreshments.

Galleries include:

- **Blink Contemporary Art Gallery** at 1709 Franklin, (currently featuring “Hook, Line & Sinker.”)
- **Lakeside Gallery West** at 827 Franklin, (contemporary art)
- **Prince Gallery** at 726 Franklin, (eclectic collection of fine art)
- **Southern Shore Art Gallery** at 724 Franklin, (collection of art from women of all ages and backgrounds)
- **Artistic Furniture and Creative Paintings** at 701 Franklin, (“You dream it, I’ll paint it”)
- **Walnut Ink Gallery** at 607 Franklin, (contemporary art of all kinds)
- **Ryan J. Bolger Photography Gallery** at 525 Franklin, (photography featuring landscape and urban scenes)
- **Revive Consignments** at 523 Franklin, (clothing, furniture and art)
- **Lubeznik Center for the Arts** at 101 W 2nd St. (Poetry Slam 5-8 p.m.)

Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul’s

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Fri., Oct. 1, 5-7 p.m., in the school gymnasium.

The dinner will include pasta and sauce, salad, garlic bread and beverage for $6. Children ages 4 and under eat free. Advance tickets are available in the church and school offices, or at the door.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the St. Paul Praise Band 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will also be a Balloonapalooza from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for the kids, and a Bean Bag Tournament for adults 6:30-8 p.m.

More information at 874-4709.

Play Readers Needed

Sudden Productions will have individual auditions for readers for their production of “Aelita, Queen of Mars.” Next performance is at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., Michigan City, on Nov. 6, in Reader’s Radio Theater style. Readers receive a small stipend. Male & female readers needed in preparation for Chicago performances next spring.

For audition, leave message for Dan at 219/872-6779 or visit www.SuddenProductions.com
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

**September 30** -- Festival of Fall Fashions presented by Art Barn School of Art at Strongbow Inn, Valparaiso. Fashions by Judee’s of LaPorte and John Cicco’s Menswear of Merrillville. Cocktails 5:30 pm; dinner 7 pm; show time 8 pm. Tix $45; reserve at 219/462-9009.

**September 30, October 1** -- “Top Girls” a play by Caryl Churchill performed by the PNC Theatre. Thurs 5 pm; Fri 7 pm in the Library-Student-Faculty Bldg Assembly Hall, Room 02 on campus. Adm. free, donations accepted. The public is invited.


**October 1** -- St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner. 5-7 pm. in the school gym, 8th & Franklin, MC. Tix $6. Adult Bean Bag Tournament, Balloonapalooza, movie & games for the kids. Music 5:30-7:30 pm.

**October 1** -- Uptown Arts District (Michigan City) open from 5-8 pm. Visit 9 galleries; refreshments will be served. Story elsewhere this issue.

**October 1** -- Free Friday @ Five at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., MC. This month: Poetry Slam. 5-8 pm. Adm. free; refreshments will be served. Sign up for the poetry reading with Janet Bloch 874-4900. Mix & mingle, view art galleries.

**October 1-2** -- Farmer’s Market at Schoolhouse Shop & Antiques, 278 E 1500 N, Chesterton, IN (just off US Hwy 20). 10 am-4 pm each day. Info: 219/926-1551.

**October 1-2** -- “Beyond Therapy” (comedic play) at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI. 8 pm MI time. Tix $20; reserve at 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

**October 2** -- Mainstreet Farmer’s Market, 8th & Washington streets, MC. 8 am-noon.

**October 2** -- Writing Out Loud featuring writer Kate Collins (Flower Shop Mysteries). 7:30 pm. Book signing and reception to follow. Free, open to the public at the MC Public Library.

**October 2-3** -- Notre Dame Church Annual Trash/Treasure Sale. Sat. 8 am-3 pm; Sun. 9 am-2 pm in the school gym, Moore Rd. & US Hwy 12, MC. Clothes Boutique, furniture, toys, baby items, etc.

**October 2-3** -- Riverside Market Place, Pioneer Pier Development, 234 E. 2nd St., MC. Fall Harvest Days Event featuring local farmers & artisan market; free apple cider & music. Sat 9 am-2 pm; Sun 10 am-2 pm.

**October 2-3** -- Skip’s Open Air European Farm-
ers Market at Skip’s Restaurant, New Buffalo. 9 am-2:30 pm MI time. Info: 269/469-3330.

**October 3** -- MC Lions Pancake Breakfast at the MC Senior Center, Washington Park. 8 am-1 pm. Pancakes, sausage, eggs & more for $5; $3/kids under 10 years.

**October 3** -- Sinai Forum presented by PNC. Bill Strickland will speak on “Make the Impossible Possible.” 3 pm at Elston Middle School Auditorium, Spring & Detroit streets, MC. Subscription tix sold at the door, www.sinaiforum.org or 872-0527.

**October 7** -- The Judy Show. Impersonator of famous stars at The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Dr., Three Oaks, MI. 8 pm MI time. Tix $15; reserve at 269/756-3879 or www.acorntheater.com

**October 8-10, 14-17** -- “The Murder Room.” Presented by Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St., MC. Thurs/Fri/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. Tix $12; reserve at 219/874-4035.

**October 9** -- New Buffalo Harvest & Wine Festival. Lion’s Park, downtown New Buffalo. Live music to world-class wines from Southwest Michigan, food from area restaurants, farmer’s market, and hayrides to a pumpkin patch. Free activities for the kids. Noon to 10 pm MI time. $5 donation at gate.

**October 9** -- Festival Players Guild Winter Arts Series: Special Consensus Bluegrass Band in concert at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., MC. 8 p.m. Tix $15/adults; $14/seniors (62+); students, $7.50/high school age and below. Phone 874-4269.

**October 9-10** -- Oktoberfest at MC Senior Center. German food and drinks, authentic German music and more. More info to follow.

**October 10** -- Pipe organ concert at First Congregational Church, 531 Washington St., MC. 4 pm. Organists Stephen Schnurr and Derek Nickels. Reception to follow concert. No adm., freewill offering will be taken.

**Thru October 31** -- “Harboring Big Ships: A Pictorial History of the Michigan City Lakefront” exhibit at LaPorte Co. Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Open Tues-Sat 10 am-4:30 pm. 219/324-6767 for more inf and adm. prices. www.laportecountyhistory.org

**Thru December 12** -- The Rudd Family Country Jamboree at The Pearl Theatre, 907 Franklin St., MC. Every Sat (6 pm). Tix $12/in adv. or $15/at the door. 219-763-4915 or www.ruddfamilycountryjam-boree.com. Email: pearlvenue@comcast.net

**Farther Afield:**

**October 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 27-31** -- Niles Haunted House Scream Park 855 Mayflower Rd, Niles MI. Thurs & Sun 7-10 pm; Fri/Sat 7-11 pm MI time. 269-687-FEAR. www.haunted.org

**October 2-3** -- Autumn Air Celebration at Fernwood Botanical Garden, 13088 Range Line Rd., Niles, MI. Sat/10 am-6 pm; Sun/noon-6 pm MI time. Music, train rides and more. 269/695-6491.
On September 30, 1787, the sailing ship Columbia left Boston in the first attempt by an American ship to circumnavigate the globe.

On September 30, 1846, Boston dentist William Morton made the first recorded use of ether as an anesthetic.

On September 30, 1882, the first hydroelectric plant in the United States went online in Appleton, WI.

On September 30, 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy.

On September 30, 2000, in Sydney, Marion Jones won Olympic gold in the U.S. women’s 1,600-meter relay and bronze with the 400-meter squad – making her the only woman to win 5 track medals at one Olympics.

On October 1, 1903, the first baseball World Series opened in Boston between the American League’s “Boston Pilgrims” and the National League’s “Pittsburgh Pirates.” In the best of nine series, Boston won 5 to 3.

On October 1, 1940, the Army’s first parachute troops were organized in Fort Benning, GA.

On October 1, 1962, Johnny Carson took over as host of NBC's “Tonight Show.” His first-night guests were Joan Crawford, Mel Brooks, Rudy Vallee, and Tony Bennett.

On October 1, 1971, Disney World opened in Orlando, FL.

On October 2, 1835, the Texas Revolution began when American settlers and a Mexican cavalry unit engaged in battle near the Guadalupe River.

On October 2, 1950, “Peanuts,” a comic strip produced by Charles Schulz, was first published.

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington proclaimed that the nation’s first “Day of Thanksgiving” was to be observed on November 26.

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as the day in which the nation should celebrate Thanksgiving.

On October 3, 1955, Captain Kangaroo and The Mickey Mouse Club made their debut on CBS and ABC, respectively.

On October 3, 2003, a tiger attacked magician Roy Horn of Siegfried & Roy during a performance in Las Vegas, leaving the illusionist in critical condition on his 59th birthday.

On October 3, 2005, a Russian space capsule with American tourist Gregory Olsen aboard docked with the International Space Station.

On October 4, 1895, the first U.S. Open golf tournament was held at Newport Country Club in
Rhode Island.

On October 4, 1931, the New York News carried the first “Dick Tracy” comic strip.

On October 4, 1957, television’s “Leave it to Beaver,” starring Hugh Beaumont as Beaver’s dad, premiered on CBS.

On October 4, 1957, Russia ushered in the space age as Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, orbited the earth. Its radio continued to transmit for 21 days.

On October 4, 1958, the first trans-Atlantic passenger jetliner service was begun by British Overseas Airways Corp. with flights between London and New York.

On October 4, 1960, the first successful communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, FL.

On October 4, 1502, Christopher Columbus discovered Costa Rica.

On October 5, 1582, the “Gregorian Calendar,” the one that most of the world uses today, was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII.

On October 5, 1910, Portugal abandoned the monarchy and became a republic.

On October 5, 1921, the World Series was broadcast by radio for the first time. Those few who had a radio, or had access to one, could hear a play-by-play description by sports writer Grantland Rice.

On October 5, 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon completed the first non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in the state of Washington 41 hours after taking off from Japan.

On October 5, 1947, President Harry S. Truman made the first televised presidential address from the White House.

On October 5, 1983, Polish labor leader Lech Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts on behalf of Polish workers.

On October 5, 1989, the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet, was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

On October 6, 1857, the first major chess tournament to be held in the United States took place in New York City.

On October 6, 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, RI.

On October 6, 1889, at West Orange, NJ, Thomas A. Edison let audiences view his first motion picture.

On October 6, 1889, the Moulin Rouge in Paris first opened its doors to the public.

On October 6, 1927, The Jazz Singer, starring Al Jolson -- the first motion picture to use sound track -- premiered in New York City. While there were only 291 spoken words, the movie marked the beginning of a new era in film making.
September 30, 2010

**The Fall Arts and Crafts Fair**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 818 Franklin St., Michigan City, will host a Fall Arts and Crafts Fair on Sat., Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be approximately 22-25 spaces available. Tables will be provided. Table coverings will be provided by the exhibitor. All items should be handmade. Spaces are available for $2. There will be no admission charge for this craft bazaar.

A Bake Potato Bar with soup, salad and dessert will be available for exhibitors and visitors. Interested crafters should contact Donna Knoll for more information at 219/874-7293.

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**Hispanic Heritage Month at LaPorte Co. Library**

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the art and life of Frida Kahlo, one of Mexico's greatest artists, will be on display at La Porte County Public Library’s Main Library during the first week of October. The free exhibit features five panels, each approximately 4 x 6.5 feet, displaying some of Kahlo’s work and telling her life story. The exhibit will be open during regular library hours in the Adult Services Department.

Frida Kahlo suffered polio as a child and grew up during the Mexican Revolution. She began painting after she was severely injured when the bus she was riding collided with a streetcar. Kahlo, then 18, was impaled by a steel handrail and suffered many serious injuries. During her three-month recuperation, she taught herself how to paint and created the first of many self-portraits.

In 1928, Kahlo approached the famous Mexican artist Diego Rivera, whom she had first met while she was at the renowned national Preparatory School, for advice on her work. He encouraged her endeavors and the two began a relationship, marrying in 1929. The couple lived all over the world as they followed Rivera's commissions. They lived a controversial lifestyle and had a stormy, turbulent relationship.

Many of the hardships Kahlo experienced found their way onto her canvases. She often painted images of herself, her family, and her relationships. Over time, Kahlo became well known for her unusual works and vivid colors. She showed her art in many parts of the world, drawing interest from critics and art collectors.

Today Frida Kahlo is considered one of the leading Mexican artists of the twentieth century as well as one of the pioneering women in art. Her paintings can be seen in many international museums and in her family home, Casa Azul, which is now a museum dedicated to her life and work.

For more information about this free exhibit, phone 219-362-6156. The Main Library is located at 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte.

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The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman

Newspapers. Have they become the dinosaurs of our generation? Ever since Gutenberg invented the printing press, the dissemination of news seemed to be the inevitable outcome of this fantastic new invention. And now? Now the information highway streams across the screen of our televisions and personal computers, making the daily printed newspapers seem almost obsolete.

But I think there will always be a romantic side to the daily newspaper. Old movies showing the man in the suit with a press card stuck in the rim of his fedora, sucking on a cigarette, jotting down notes in his worn notebook, hurrying back to a smoke filled office filled with clanking typewriters makes a nostalgic picture adding to the romance of the newspaper reporter.

But what is the reality? In this engrossing book of an English language international newspaper based in Rome, the reader is led not only into the much quieter newsroom of today, but into the lives of the journalists who cling to the only job they know while fearing they’re actually aboard the Titanic...

Rachman’s approach to the whole situation is through a series of short stories about the people who work for this paper, strung between short snippets of the paper’s beginning back in the 1950s by an Atlanta millionaire who based his dream upon an old girlfriend and her present husband, both journalists. Betty wrote freelance for American women’s magazines, and her husband, Leo, was the Rome correspondent for a Chicago newspaper. Cyrus Ott thought them the perfect pair to run his international paper.

You know the old saying -- “it takes money to make money” and if it weren’t for Cyrus Ott’s considerable portfolio the paper might not have succeeded, what with the expenses of the Rome operation and paying for reporters in Paris and other European cities. But that’s only part of the big picture. The people who work for the paper, their interaction with each other, and the daily grind of coming up with stories that are not only current but will keep readers’ attention and papers flying off the newsstands are explored here. Then there are the rivalries, the jealousies and the idiosyncrasies of those journalists that make this book one not to be missed.

Let me give you some examples...

Paris correspondent Lloyd Burko is getting old and just can’t get into the new swing of things. Heck, he still has a word processor circa 1993, no computer, no email and can’t bring himself to tell the Rome boss. Lloyd’s having trouble coming up with relevant stories, until he gets this idea that’s sure to be a page one story...

Then there’s the obituary writer, Arthur Gopal. God, what a job. “Arthur’s cubicle used to be near the water cooler, but the bosses tired of having to chat with him each time they got thirsty. So the water cooler stayed and he was moved.” On the upside, he also was in charge of puzzle wuzzle and the brain teaser and world weather. That was life for Arthur until his boss wanted him to write a special obit about a woman who wasn’t actually dead yet and provides him an unexpected opportunity to upstage his immediate supervisor and get that promotion he deserves...

Meet Hardy Benjamin, business reporter who “spends her morning on the phone to London, Paris and Frankfurt, wheedling quotes from grumpy financial analysts...By midafternoon she has written a thousand words, which is greater than the number of calories she has consumed since yesterday.”

Herman Cohen is the corrections editor and takes his job very seriously. He produces a monthly internal newsletter called Why? “in which he de- cants his favorite blunders from the paper.” Spelling blunders like Sadism Hussein, or the Untied States or calling Germany’s problems ‘a genital malaise in the economy.’ Herman loves his job!

These are just a few of the interesting characters you will meet in The Imperfectionists. Their stories are in turn funny, sad, poignant, and touching. How Tom Rachman can be so perceptive and touch on the innermost depth of the human condition is nothing short of amazing.

Praise for The Imperfectionists comes from many respected sources including these:

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“Each chapter is so finely wrought that it could stand alone as a memorable short story. Slowly, the separate strands become entwined and the line characters have drawn between their work and home lives is erased...funny, poignant, occasionally breathtaking.” - Financial Times

Author Tom Rachman was born in London, raised in Canada and is a graduate of the Columbia School of Journalism. His knowledge of the foreign press comes from his experience as a foreign correspondent for the Associated Press in Rome, and as an editor for the International Herald Tribune in Paris. This is his first novel. His website is www.tomrachman.com

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