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## The Gateway to Harbor Country

A Look at Red Arrow Highway — Past, Present & Future

by William Halliar

The news was potentially alarming — a depression discovered in the famed Red Arrow Highway and an 8-foot-wide sinkhole forming in the roadway

just south of Harbert, where Lakeshore Road meets the highway near Cherry Beach Road.

The cause is a crumbling, 80-year-old culvert 40 feet below the road's surface. Would the "gateway" and main route into Harbor Country have to be closed for months to affect needed repairs? What would the impact be to local businesses who garner 70 percent of their yearly profits from trade during an average summer tourist season?

Red Arrow Highway is well-known to residents of North-west Indiana and Southwest Michigan, as well as to visitors from throughout the Midwest. It is the front door to Michigan's Harbor Country and home to artists, musicians, writers

and free spirits. Along the route, travelers can enjoy, "shopping, dining, lodging, antiques, festivals, art galleries, theaters, wine, beer, trails, parks and beaches," according to Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce's annual Guide to Harbor Country.

During the summer, more than 5,000 cars a day carry passengers on Red Arrow Highway to their favorite destinations along Lake Michigan's shores. Harbor Country boasts "Eight Great Towns" bordered by the magnificence of Lake Michigan. The highway is the asphalt thread that knits

these communities together, and invites all to share the delights of this popular vacation destination. Before Interstate 94, there was Red Arrow Highway — a ticket to adventure.

In 2016, it may be difficult to imagine that fewer than 100 years ago, travel communities between Northwest Indiana and Southwest Michigan was difficult and often dangerous. In our day of smooth pavement, superhighways and GPS, it takes a little imagination to conjure the challenges early travelers might have encountered. They followed poorly marked trails around swamps, dunes and shifting sand traps, often finding

themselves lost and stuck in axle-deep trouble. The easiest way to travel was by boat or rail, and, of course, a horse could negotiate fairly rough terrain without too much trouble

trouble.

No one thought too much about road improvement until the invention of the modern safety bicycle in the early 1880s and the subsequent "wheel" craze in the days when Daisy was







A postcard from 1930 spotlighting Union Pier, one of the communities along Red Arrow Highway. Postcard provided by Mike Fleming

content to marry her swain and be swooped away on a bicycle built for two. Bicycles became easy and safe to ride, and everyone wanted to get into the act.

In 1893, Civil War Hero Gen. Roy Stone, who discovered the importance of good roads during the great conflict, was appointed special agent in charge of the new office of Road Inquiry. His task was to promote new rural road development to improve travel for wagons, coaches and bicycles on America's many dirt roads.

The real game changer for road development came in 1908 when Henry Ford introduced his tough little Model T, built affordable for the average family and designed specifically for the prevailing road conditions. People began to travel from town to town in the country, and out across the wilderness and vast expanses of the west. Sunday drives became popular, and the little towns in Southwest Michigan became places to visit.

Early settlers came after the land was logged by large eastern corporations lured by the promise of good farmland. They were largely immigrants from Europe, with dreams of farming and prosperity. Their dreams were called "blue sky" farms because they were more based on blue-sky thinking than reality. Often, these little communities were associated with specific ethnic groups. The Czechs and Lithuanians settled in Union Pier, Swedes in Harbart, Greeks in New Buffalo and Italians in Benton Harbor.

These clever "blue Sky" farmers soon realized the soil was too sandy for traditional farming, but fruit and especially grapes grew well in the area. More than this, they began to realize they could make more money renting rooms to visiting friends from Chicago than they could from farming. A mom-and-pop resort area began to grow. Between 1900 and 1930, Southwest Michigan became a popular resort area known to many as "Chicago's Rivera."

In 1911, a private organization was created in Southwest Michigan to create a roadway between the little villages that grew along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. The organization was dedicated

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to promoting the construction of an improved roadway to encourage automobile traffic into the area. The culmination of their plan was the creation of the West Michigan Pike.

As the popularity of automobile travel grew, the federal government became involved in the development of improved roads. All across the country, people were becoming tired of the poor quality of the nation's roads and demanded improvement. The rallying cry of "Get the farmers out of the mud" became the common sentiment. In 1916, Congress passed the Federal-Aid Road Act that created the Federal-Aid Highway Program. It made funds available for state highway agencies to finance highway improvement projects.

In 1917, the West Michigan Pike became a part of Michigan's system of trunk line roads. It was renamed M-11. The federal government created a standardized numbering system for highways, and in 1928, the Pike became U.S. 31 and U.S. 12 in Southern Berrien County. Completed in 1922, the West Michigan Pike allowed motorists to travel from the Indiana state line to Mackinaw City on a newly paved road.

Tourist trade in Southwest Michigan continued to prosper, and it was soon realized a proper "super highway" was what was needed. The West Michigan Pike, though scenic, was just two lanes wide and followed a circuitous route along Lake Michigan's shoreline. A realignment or straightening of the highway was planned and a new road constructed. A few remnants of the old highway were left intact and still, today, retain a flavor of the 1920s.

In 1953, the new four-lane highway was completed and soon became a true "gateway" A map detailing to the great state of Michigan from the west.

The road was dedicated to the U.S. 32nd Infantry Division. This division was formed in World War I from Army National Guard units from Wisconsin and Michigan. The tradition and roots of the 32nd were formed during the American Civil War when units of Midwestern boys came to be known as "The Iron Brigade" because of their tenacity in battle.

During the fighting in France, the 32nd continued the tradition of the Iron Brigade and earned the nickname "Les Terribles" from the French to honor their fortitude in advancing over enemy terrain. They were the first allied division to pierce the German Hindenburg Line of defense in September 1918. The 32nd adapted a shoulder patch to commemorate the action; a line shot through with a red arrow.

Thus, the Red Arrow Highway was named for this famous Midwestern fighting force, which became known as the Red Arrow Division.

And now, nearly a century later, an 8-foot-wide sinkhole has appeared in the pavement of this famous roadway. For 80 years, buried in the sand 40 feet below the highway, a concrete culvert has been carrying the diverted waters from one of Har-

bor Country's many streams to Lake Michigan.

Over the years, a large sewage line was incorporated into the culvert structure, as well as a natural gas line, water and communication lines, which make this particular culvert a complex system of major importance to the area's infrastructure.

The water of the stream running constantly over the concrete surface of the culvert for 80 years eroded the walls of the structure over time. Cracks and holes began to appear in the walls of the culvert and the sand, in which it was buried, began to seep into the holes to be carried downstream and out into Lake Michigan.

The crack that is of major concern runs 200 feet of the 300-foot total length of the culvert. The evacuated sand forms voids in the surface under Red Arrow Highway, which eventually created a sinkhole in spring 2014.

The Berrien County Road Commission has been keeping a close eye on the condition of the culvert and the subse-

quent appearance of a sinkhole on the surface of the ground. According to Louis Csokasy, Berrien County Road Commission managing director, "We knew that something had to be done, to either repair or replace the culvert," and it would have to be done soon.

At first, it was thought that perhaps the existing culvert could be repaired without disturbing



A map detailing the journey of the West Michigan Pike.

the highway. After some preliminary engineering work and cost estimates, it became apparent the cost to repair compared with the cost of total replacement made total replacement the more feasible option. But it would be a huge, time-consuming project.

According to Csokasy, it is not possible to simply dig 40 feet down to the culvert because of the sandy soil it runs through. Anyone digging a hole in sand at the beach knows how easily the walls cave in. So for this project, a sloping hole will be dug spanning 120 feet on either side of the 300-foot culvert itself. Total time to complete the projects was estimated at 14 to 20 weeks. The federally funded project is projected to cost \$1.425 million.

Rumors had it that the Road Commission was planning to begin the massive operation in July, and that it would stretch into August. This would completely close Red Arrow Highway for the entire summer tourist season. Viki Gudas, Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce executive director, explains that 70 percent of the yearly profit for most of the business along

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Viki Gudas, Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Photo by William Halliar

the highway comes from the summer tourist trade. Red Arrow Highway is "Main Street" for the eight towns of what is known as Harbor Country, including Sawyer and Three Oaks.

A meeting was held March 22 to discuss the problems and hash over the options. The Chikaming Township Center meeting room was filled to capacity with citizens and business owners concerned over the timing of the project. Csokasy explained that if the project was put off until too late in the year, say after Labor Day, the surface of the highway would have to remain gravel for up to nine months because area asphalt plants would be shut down for the season. More than one in the crowd agreed they could live with that option.

The meeting was an open house, with the floor open to public discussion. Many who stood to speak voiced their concern over the impact of a summer season road closure. They raised the concern for the 44 businesses and 500 hundred area workers who would be adversely impacted.

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As a result of the meeting, a group of concerned business people, led by business owner Mary Brown, organized and lobbied with the county road commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation to push the start date back past the summer season. Eventually, it was agreed upon by all parties that the work would be postponed until sometime in August, after the bulk of the tourist season is over.



The spot on Red Arrow Highway where work is expected to be done later this summer. Photo by Bob Wellinski

In the meantime, for those concerned about the safety of driving over the affected section of Red Arrow Highway, Csokasy and his team are keeping a close watch on the roadbed. He and his crew do regular visual checks of the site, dig core samples and even are bringing in a Ground Penetrating Radar unit to check the integrity of the underlying structure. Safety is of utmost concern. He says he is "reasonably confident" the road will be passable until the August start date for the project.



The view along Red Arrow Highway traveling east near Harbert. Photo by Bob Wellinski

When the project begins in the fall, traffic will be detoured onto Three Oaks Road from Warren Woods Road on the south and Sawyer Road on the north. The new culvert will be larger than the existing 80-year-old version. The current culvert is 7 feet wide by 6 feet high, the new one 12 feet wide by 7 feet high. The new culvert will be made of 58 cast concrete sections, each weighing between 45,000 and 50,000 pounds.

So, the good news is that Red Arrow Highway will be open for the 2016 season, then when it reopens in spring 2017, it will traverse a new and improved culvert system that should give good service well into the next century.



Cars travel along Red Arrow Highway near Red Arrow Road Show. Photo by Bob Wellinski



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#### Long Beach Native Receives Sagamore of the Wabash



With his family by his side, Pierre Twer (second from left) receives the Sagamore of the Wabash from Gov. Mike Pence (far left).

March 23 turned out to be a remarkable day for Long Beach native Pierre Twer.

First, Gov. Mike Pence and Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter thanked him, as Bolt for the Heart founder and president, for donating more than 50 Automatic External Defibrillators. Then, Pence presented him with the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor recognizing distinguished service to the state.

The ceremony was held at the State Fairgrounds Indiana Farm Bureau Building.

The AED donations to state police arose after an experience Twer had while running in the 2010 Boston Marathon, when he witnessed another runner suffer from cardiac arrest. The runner was saved by an AED. This inspired him to collaborate with Heart Reach Carmel and establish the Bolt For The Heart 5K Family Thanksgiving Run, of which 2015 was the fourth year. Since its inception, the 5K run

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Twer shakes hands with Pence as he receives the Sagamore of the Wabash.

has grown from 41 runners to nearly 2,000 who participated this past Thanksgiving Day.

Each year since the run started, 100 percent of the proceeds have been used to buy AEDs as donations to non-profit organizations.

Twer, an Elston High School graduate, lives in Carmel. His parents, Rolf and Annemarie, still live in Long Beach.

Twer told *The Beacher* he's deeply humbled by the honor, but credits everyone involved with Bolt for the Heart for its ongoing success. He thanked the board, in fact, for its support as he discussed Bolt for the Heart during the ceremony.

Twer said he was especially moved that his family joined him at the ceremony, including his wife, Susan, daughters Erika and Ashley, son, Adam, and parents.

More information about Bolt for the Heart is available at www.BoltForTheHeart.com



Representatives from Indiana State Police look over the Automatic External Defibrillators donated by Bolt for the Heart.



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Live Music Matters will present the inaugural Lighthouse Jazz Festival on Saturday, July 9, at Michigan City's Guy Foreman Amphitheatre, located inside historic Washington Park.

The one-day event features live music by top jazz artists, craft beers and wine, local cuisine and interactive activities for children.

The event kicks off at 11 a.m. and runs until 10 p.m. Tickets are on sale at http://j.mp/lighthouse-jazz. The cost is: \$10 for 21 and older, \$5 for 13- to 20-year-olds and free for children 12 and younger.

Attendees will be treated to diverse musical sounds from the big band era, traditional straight-ahead jazz, chamber music, soul, funk and smooth jazz. The lineup includes:

bassist, vocalist and composer whose elegant sound is an eclectic mix of genres based on a strong jazz foundation. She has performed with the great Lionel Hampton, Roy Hargrove, Tia Fuller, Sean Jones and Kenny Barron. A Manhattan School of Music graduate, she has studied with Lisle Atkinson, Ron Carter and Milton Hinton. She has toured extensively abroad and is a U.S. Jazz Ambassador. McCann is an internationally recognized jazz vocalist who merges classical vocal technique and gospel aesthetic with jazz to create a sound uniquely her own.

• 4 to 5:30 p.m. — Shana Tucker, a singer-songwriter and cellist who credits her genre-bending ChamberSoul journey to the influences of her jazz



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Mimi Jones.

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McCann. New
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(Miriam Jones) is
a multi-talented

and classical roots, interwoven with '80s and '90s pop music, movie soundtracks and world music. A radio interview on NPR led to an invitation to join the musical cast of "KA" by Cirque du Soleil in Las

Vegas, where she currently time when not on the road. A beneficiary of public school arts education, she devotes considerable amount of time to working with students of all ages in public, private and charter schools, community centers and summer



Shana Tucker.

camps to promote arts-education programming for students of all ages.



Jimmy King

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jimmy King and The Revolt. King has an impressive career that spans several years and includes working with many noteworthy and accomplished musicians. He currently is playing with Bruno Mars, but is actively pursuing a solo career. He and his band, The Revolt, recently released their debut EP, "His Pathways." The album showcases King's vast talent and wide range over soulful tracks.
- 8 to 9:30 p.m. -Alex Bugnon. The funky soulful, contemporary jazz of Montreux-born kevboardist Bugnon (boonyahn') has set him apart from his peers. Inspired by his jazz musician father, well as his uncle, late trumpet great Donald Byrd, he cultivated his love for a wide range of jazz and soul-based artists and styles. He



Alex Bugnon.

has created one of the most recognized styles in today's contemporary jazz piano. It is a sultry mixture of contemporary jazz, funk and R&B, with hints of gospel.

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- Wine and Canvas Adult Art Experience: Paint with guidance from professional artists.
- Cookies and Canvas Children's Art Experience: The hands-on arts effort guides children through the process of painting a canvas from start to finish.

VIP tickets are on sale for those who want upfront, all-day reserved s Alex Bugnon. eating in the amphitheater. General admission ticketholders can take portable chairs and blankets to relax on the expansive lawn space around the amphitheater stage.

The festival is presented by Live Music Matters, a non-profit that aims to create positive cultural and economic impacts for Michigan City and surrounding communities. John Moultrie, Live Music Matters founder, is the event's executive producer and artistic director. He also will bring the popular Ship and Shore Blues Festival to Michigan City on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4. Visit www.lighthousejazz-festival.com for more information.

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Giving the presentation is architectural conservator David Arbogast, Davenport, Iowa. In private practice for the last 30 years, with more than four decades of experience in historic color analysis, Ar-

bogast has been an instructor in historic paint analysis at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies since 2009. His presentation primarily will consist of discussion on historically appropriate exterior and interior colors and finishes, specific to historical periods represented in the region.

In his private practice, Arbogast provides scientific analysis of historic finishes for the restoration of historic structures, ranging from state capitol buildings to archeological sites. The analysis is conducted in a laboratory using an optical microscope and samples of the historic paint viewed in cross



David Arbogast determined the entire color history of the Orran G. Fox House, 1501 Michigan Ave., La Porte, to assist the owner in selecting the house's new paint colors.

section. Locally, he was involved in determining the historical colors of Chellberg Farm at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and in La Porte the colors of the Orran G. Fox House, 1501 Michigan Ave.

His program here is in conjunction with May being National Historic Preservation Month.

"PEP encourages attendance by those who are looking for practical know-how on how to select period-appropriate col-

ors and finishes for the exterior or interior of their houses, those who are looking to learn about the process of taking samples of the exterior or interior of their homes in order to determine the original colors that were used, and those who are simply interested in learning more about the fascinating history of how the use of color evolved in the U.S. over different historical eras, and for different building types or styles," PEP President Dottie Rosenbaum said.

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#### Lions Club to Help Establish Arboretum at Krueger

Michiana Lions Club has invited the community to help plant seedling trees to establish an arboretum at Krueger Middle School, 2001 Springland Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 9.

Eighth-grade Krueger students and visiting third-graders from Lake Hills Elementary will team up with Lions members in planting more than 110 seedling trees. They also will participate in an educational program that revolves around tree growth and care. Among the seedlings to be planted are American Plum, Hackberry, Elderberry, Black Chokeberry, Hazelnut, Gray Dogwood, Pawpaw, Persimmon, Shagbark Hickory, Black Cherry and Washington Hawthorn.

In 2013, Krueger Middle School began operating as an Outdoor Environmental Science Center, offering students in grades seven and eight coursework tailored to the environment. The school has been honored with several awards, including an Indiana Governors Award for environmental education. The arboretum will complement existing environmental learning resources on the school's campus, which include a Wetlands Boardwalk, Bird Habitat Trail, Forest Management Trail and Savanna Prairie area. A Butterfly Habitat and Stormwater Reclamation project are under development.

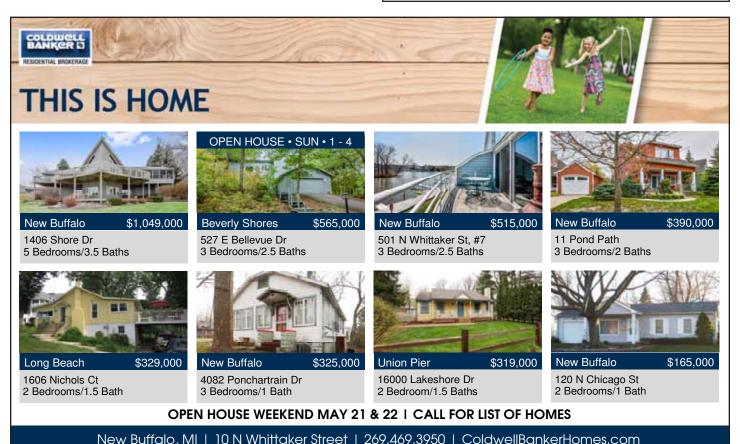
The May 9 event is part of "Protecting Our Environment," a Lions global campaign in April and May.

"There is an urgent need for the global community to take action to protect the environment, given the many issues facing our planet, such as climate change, deforestation and loss of plant and wildlife," said Jamie Miller, Centennial Service Challenge chairwoman.

In addition to the club's upcoming Protecting Our Environment service event, it conducts a variety of projects, including a nut and candy sale, food pantry, backpack project, eye screenings, candy days, golf outing, sock project for the homeless, "keys for cancer" and eyeglass recycling.

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#### **Monday Musicale Announces Student Award Winners**



Pictured are winners in the Junior Division: (front row, from left) Hannah Feeney, Aidan Feeney and Hunter Zdyb. The back row is (from left) Victorio Sirugo, Michael Bim-Merle and Savannah Holley.

Winners in Monday Musicale's 2016 Student Awards Competition performed in concert April 24 at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St., Michigan City.

Auditions were held April 10 at Barker Mansion. Twenty musicians were chosen to receive certificates, plaques and/or scholarships totaling \$2,400.

Michael Bim-Merle, Michigan City, received the Joy Carson Memorial Award, given to the overall winner of the Junior Division (grades 4-8). An eighth-grader, he took top honors in the piano and violin divisions.

Seventh-grader Victorio Sirugo, La Porte, received the Judges' Choice Award for his piano performance of Debussy's "Deux Arabesques (No. 1)."

In the Senior Division (grades 9-12), violinist Lena Levi, Valparaiso, took top honors: the annual Monday Musicale Award, which goes to a high school senior. After graduation, Levi plans to major in music at Boston University.

Students recognized were:

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

#### **Instrumental (Various) Grades 4-5**

- Hunter L. Zdyb, violin first.
- Ezra Pendergrass, saxophone second. Instrumental (Various) Grades 7-8
- Michael Bim-Merle, violin first.
- Heather Cortelyou, oboe second.
- Marc Gray, flute third.

#### Piano, Grades 5-6

- Aidan Feeney first.
- Hannah Feeney second.



Pictured are winners in the Senior Division: (front row, from left) Valarie Wright, Kaelyn Oman and Sophia Gardner Orbovich. The back row is (from left) Caitlyn Stout, Sara McMahon and Esther Wright.

Not pictured is Lena Levi.

• Gideon Rosa – third.

#### Piano, Grades 7-8

- Michael Bim-Merle first.
- Victorio Sirugo second.
- Caleb Rosa third.

#### Voice

- Savannah Holley first.
- Rebecca Hill second.
- Danaka Howard third.

#### **Judges' Choice Award**

- Victorio Sirugo, piano.
   Joy Carson Memorial Award
- Michael Bim-Merle, violin and piano.

#### SENIOR DIVISION

Mildred Bowman Memorial Award

Sophia Gardner Orbovich, voice

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**Roy Hibner Memorial Award** 

Valarie Wright, violin

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Kaelyn Oman, voice

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Marilyn Whiten Memorial Award

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**Monday Musicale Award** 

Lena Levi, violin.





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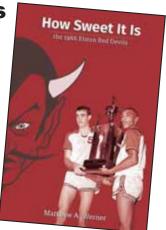
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#### **About the Cover**

by Andrew Tallackson

Janet Baines comes up with great ideas for *Beacher* articles and cover photos.

Likely she'll be embarrassed by the praise once she sees this in print. Regardless, Janet, our inside sales and customer service representative, knows a good photo or story idea when she sees one.

It was Janet, for instance, who alerted us to Ted Soller's stunning shot, that of a rainbow arched over Michigan City's lighthouse pier, that graced our St. Patrick's Day cover.

And it was her idea that we at *The Beacher* honor our mothers by featuring their pictures on the cover of this week's Mother's Day edition. We've done our best to include as many staff members as possible.

And come the Father's Day edition, you'll be treated to our dads as well. And yes, the idea for that cover was Janet's as well.

The moms are:

- 1. Patricia Koch, mother of typesetter/designer Becky Wirebaugh.
- 2. Elizabeth Ann Halliar, mother of correspondent William Halliar.
- 3. Maria Angelos, mother of correspondent Connie Kuzydym.
- 4. Kay White, mother of print salesman Drew White.
- 5. Marvene Moultrie, mother of John Moultrie, who coordinates the Art+Times column.
- 6. Tisa Cunningham, mother of correspondent Matt Cunningham.
- 7. Sally Montgomery, mother of owners Don and Tom Montgomery.
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- 10. Bonnie Lyles, mother of Kelly Russell, who collates *The Beacher*.
- 11. Louise Jean Hasara, mother of Cheryl Joppek, who collates *The Beacher*.
- 12. Mary Kirby, mother of Dora Mae Kayser, who runs the bindery.
- 13. Judith Tallackson, mother of Editor Drew Tallackson.
- 14. Joan Pyzyna, mother of book reviewer and former Editor Sally Carpenter.
- 15. Michelle Parker, mother of Tommy Parker, who delivers The Beacher.

#### **Spring Card Party**

The Senior Center Spring Card Party is from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Michigan City Senior Center, 2 on the Lake. Refreshments will be served, and a raffle table is planned. The admission fee is \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door.

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April to April	Units Sold	Units Exp.	Med Sold	Med Exp	\$Volume
Michigan					
14-15	239	161	\$343k	\$392k	\$104.0 M
15-16	227	214	\$340k	\$430k	\$108.2 M
Indiana					
14-15	140	180	\$302k	\$452k	\$56.5 M
15-16	150	213	\$326k	\$410k	\$56.6 M
Dec to April Michigan					
14-15	47	66	\$343k	\$426k	\$22.2 M
15-16	52	78	\$306k	\$442k	\$28.8 M
Indiana					
14-15	35	50	\$238k	\$422k	\$12.1 M
15-16	36	63	\$305k	\$399k	\$12.8 M

As I said a month or so ago, my December -January was very good. Since then, things have slowed for me. Intuitively, I have become skeptical about 2016. So, I pulled the numbers to get hard data.

I pulled stats from Harbor Country, MI and from "Indiana Lakefront"; both for 12 month periods ending April 15th and for the last 4 months ending April 15th. The consistent stat is the number of properties that "expired" (did not sell during the listing period) increased in 2015-16 compared to 2014-15. The gap between sold median and expired median indicates to me the failed sales were priced too high. Indiana shows good uptick on Median Sold Price. That is positive.

For all time periods, the time from list to sell has dropped year over year. It is around 115 days in Indiana and circa 100 days for Michigan. There are buyers. If your house has not sold, it is overpriced.

**Except for the March to March Michigan** data, the number of sales went up year over year, but very little. The \$Volume went up, but again not much. One \$5,000,000 sale influenced the Michigan \$Volume Stats.

As I have said before, 2014-15 was a bit anemic compared to 2012-2013 (a year of good growth). I am seeing the same sorts of numbers recently. Time on market means you can sell quickly if you price it to current market value.

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#### **Geisen-Carlisle Hosts Luncheon**



Ministers from all faiths recently gathered to treat their office staff to a catered lunch at Pottawattomie Country Club. Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Homes hosted the 4th Annual Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon. "It's nice to see clergy and staff members from many different churches enjoy food and fellowship here," owner Larry Geisen said. "We work closely with local churches, and it's so nice to get together under different circumstances."

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#### **First Friday Art Walk**

Michigan City Mainstreet Association will present the First Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. May 6 in the city's Uptown Arts District.

The monthly event features local merchants hosting artists and entertainment for free.

The Nest, 803 Franklin St., will feature the painting series "Keepers of the Land," while Robert Smeets will demonstrate handpan drums. Paris House of Bridal, 728 Franklin St., will have Mary Chandler of Blue Moon Dance teach basic ballroom and Latin dancing, while Urban Soles, 624 Franklin St., will host Chris Acton of Acton Creatives and Eric Thompson of Thompson Tables Inc.

Trestle will have its grand opening at its new location, 622 Franklin St., and feature Jesse Meyer's photography. Also at Trestle, Art + Science Works will demonstrate and show samples of fused glass and ceramic glaze.

Patina Vintage Goods, 621 Franklin St., new to Uptown Arts District, will feature hand-picked, curated collections of vintage art and furniture. Revive Consignments' new Down Gallery will feature Sandra Leonard Chicago's *avant-garde* costume and performance artist work. Darling Boutique, 418 Franklin St., will feature Tom Lynch's repurposed home décor items.

Explore the Franklin Arts District Artists studio at 722 Franklin St., which will feature Rhonda Mullen of Whispered Photography. Nearby is the La Porte County High School Art Competition at Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St.

At ArtSpace Uptown Artist Lofts, 717 Franklin St., residents will have a group show on the first floor of the newly renovated building. A sneak peek is planned there of the new home of The Closet by Franklin Vintage, Chef Bizzaro Millinery, and Nielsen's Antiques in Suite A. Nest Number 4, a home decor store, will sell handmade home goods. The Quilters Apothecary will have its grand opening in Suite D.

Luxe Boutique, 904 Franklin St., will feature Karen Woodruff of Young Living Essential Oils, while Hoity Toity, 731 Franklin St., will host its First Friday Extravaganza.

Elsewhere, Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., will highlight photography by Ryan Solano. Old Lighthouse Museum in Washington Park will have photos by Jan Hoeppner. Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will have an opening reception for three new exhibits.

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#### **New Lubeznik Center Exhibits**

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will unveil its new exhibits during First Fridays Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. May 6.

"Out of Shadows" in the Hyndman Gallery features paper installations by Yoonshin Park and Richard Shipps.

Park creates the paper in her installations, whereas Shipps cuts it. Parks uses a pulp mixture of cotton and abaca. The process of creating paper intrigues her because of how she can incorporate and use it as a medium. Shipps, on the other hand, is fascinated by light and shadow, and how that interaction reveals form in interesting ways.

"Signatures of All Things" in the Brincka/Cross gallery features work by Doug Stapleton, who reconfigures found images into ambiguous narrative collages that often refer to the original source, but alter the message. Using his background in anthropology and art history, he applies his knowledge to construct his collages.

"Discarded Memories" in the Susan Block Gallery features work by Kass Copeland, who reconstructs discarded furniture and household items found in the alleys of her Chicago neighborhood to create recycled mixed media pieces. Often returning to child-hood stories and rhymes as resources, her work is rooted in this narrative foundation.

Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org/ for additional information.

#### **High School Art Competition**

Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St., will present the La Porte County High Schools Art Competition, with a kickoff event during First Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. May 6.

Greg Hertzlieb, curator of Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art, will judge the competition, with more than \$700 in awards presented. The event is sponsored by the Jerry Peters Memorial Fund through the Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Other contributors include Michigan City Art League, Glenn L. Firme & Associates, Patricia Judson Memorial Award and the Stanley/Tumosa Award.

The exhibit continues through May 22. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit www.southernshoreartassociation. com for more information.

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The idea struck me as destined for failure: a TV prequel to Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," set in present day and airing on a network whose claim to fame was stuffy biographies and documentaries.

Why? Why tamper with perfection? Is it ego, that filmmakers these days believe they can do better? Or is it the patronizing attitude that each passing generation wants nothing to do with entertainment of bygone eras, especially if it's in black and white?

The last time someone tinkered with Hitchcock's terrifying classic — Gus Van Sant's sleazy, pointless, shot-for-shot 1998 "tribute" — it felt like someone relieving themselves all over Hitchcock's grave.

From a creative standpoint, a remake, or reboot, should exist only to improve on its source. Take a bad movie or TV show and make it better, like the creators of SyFy's "Battlestar Galactica" did back in 2003. Don't retell the same story because you're bankrupt of new ideas. And let's be honest: Today's young minds are savvy. With viewing options available online or streamed into homes, anyone craving classic entertainment has instant access to it.

When it debuted on March 18, 2013, "Bates Motel" scored the highest ratings of any A&E show, its heftiest audience between the ages of 18 and 49. Clearly, enough people were familiar with the story, craving an answer to the question: What went terribly wrong with Norman Bates?



Nestor Carbonell stars as Sheriff Romero, his relationship with

The show is now in its fourth season. The journey up until now has had its ups and downs. On April 18, however, it aired an episode titled "The Vault," symbolic in conveying how buried secrets eventually break free. It was the finest hour of television I have experienced in maybe eight or 10 years, and believe me, that's saying something, as my tastes of late have shifted to PBS fare like "Downton Abbey," "Call the Midwife" Norma taken to new heights in and "Mercy Street." It accomplished three things. It

reaffirmed Vera Farmiga, who stars as Norman's mother, as the Meryl Streep of her generation. It revealed that Freddie Highmore, former child star of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005), is an actor of formidable talent. And, it proved the show's writers, whose resumes include "Lost" and "Friday Night Lights," have the guts to see these characters through their harrowing journey.

Hitchcock's classic, by the way, has lost none of its bite almost 56 years after its release. It was based on Robert Bloch's 1959 novel, which was loosely inspired by the gruesome exploits of Ed Gein, a con-

## "Bates Motel" is TV at its Most Hypnotic

by Andrew Tallackson

victed murderer and grave robber. Gein's story would inspire not only "Psycho," but also "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" and "The Silence of the Lambs."

Studios feared Bloch's novel was too repulsive to be successful, so Hitchcock, working on a slim budget of just more than brazenly \$800,000, flipped conventional wisdom the bird. He killed off his leading lady (Janet Leigh) early in the story, which at the time was unheard of. His villain, deceptively harmless hotel proprietor Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins), was a disturbing portrait of aberrant sexuality, having somehow dispatched of his mother and absorbed her personal-

ity into his, even dressing like her while treating Leigh's Marion Crane to, as we all know, the Worst. Shower. Experience. Ever.

Taboo material, indeed...but audiences couldn't get enough. Since its release, Hitchcock's "cheapie"

has grossed more than \$50 million worldwide and is revered as one of the most terrifying movies ever.

After Hitchcock's death in 1980, Hopkins exploited the material that made him famous, appearing in one not entirely crappy sequel, "Psycho II" (1983), then a slew of campy, forgettable, cash-grab followups.

"Bates Motel. With the storytellers approach their concept seriously. They envision a very human Norman Bates (Highmore) and the exceedingly tricky relationship with his



Vera Farmiga stars as Norma and Freddie Highmore as Norman in "Bates Motel."

been complete. Mother and son live in Oregon, not in California as depicted in Hitchcock's film, and that Pacific Northwest setting has, unfortunately, plunked the characters right into the heart of "Twin Peaks" territory. Too often, the show has felt like it's killing time with shady, undesirable sorts who

recall David Lynch's

early '90s cult classic.

That is especially true

of Norma's stepson,

Dvlan (Max Theriot).

who was embroiled in

mother, Norma, played

by Farmiga with not-

ready-to-cut-the-chord

control. With each

passing season, they've

piecemealed elements

of their past to the

viewer. The psychology

of these two has not yet

the area's not-so-secretive marijuana operations, and Sheriff Alex Romero (Nestor Carbonell), who drifts in and out of the town's shadier elements. These are fine actors — Theriot is exceedingly charismatic, while Carbonell is the show's secret

weapon of moral ambiguity — but the question that's been lurking in the minds of viewers up until now is this: When will psycho-intraining Norman Bates go completely off his rocker?

Enter Season Four. By the second episode, the pressure-cooker bond between Norma and Norman had deteriorated to where Norman exploded in a violent outburst directed at his mother. Locked in her room for hours, she finally emerges, scanning the area for Norman. No sight of him, only the sound of the TV blaring in the downstairs living room. As Norma sheepishly makes her way down the stairway, there is little sound. No dialogue, no outside distractions. That silence, that uncertainly as to Norman's whereabouts, led to the most agonizing, edge-of-your-seat two minutes I've seen since Andrea waited for her sister to "return" in Season One of "The Walking Dead." For all of technology's strides in gore and violence, there is something to be said for what we don't see — that fear of the unknown — to effectively scare the you know what out of an audience.

And yet, the sequence did not climax in violence. Instead, it resulted in Norman's hospitalization, and it's been during ensuing episodes, where Norman is placed under intense therapy, that we come to appreciate just how good an actor Highmore is. The scenes between Norman and his therapist (Damon Gupton) are exceedingly risky. Norman's behavior is all over the place. One minute, he is receptive to counseling. Other times, he appears manipulative, as if therapy is a seductive game of cat and mouse. Is he telling the truth? Highmore's high-wire act is mesmerizing, subtle changes in body language, the glint in his eyes, conveying what state of mind Nor-

man has now embodied. At the same time, the love-hate relationship between Norma and Romero — a constant tease in prior seasons — has emerged as TV's most heartbreaking love affair. Which gets to the April 18 episode, "The Vault." Norma's entire existence has been propelled by covering up past sins, not just Norman's, but her own, including abuse both Damon Gupton has the tricky emotional and physical.



role of Norman's therapist.

Having made a connection with Romero, Norma finally bared her soul to him in the most devastating piece of acting I've seen on TV. Farmiga, an Oscar nominee for George Clooney's superb "Up in the Air," has excelled in performances that feel natural and unforced. Here, Norma's release before Romero is a brutal collapse: embarrassment, shame, defeat, regret. Romero's response, one of acceptance, brought the episode to an unbelievably moving close.

If Farmiga and Highmore don't win Emmys for this season, then Emmy voters are seriously screwed in the head. "Bates Motel" has gone way beyond its gimmicky premise to emerge as a TV heavyweight, a force to be reckoned with. Where the journey goes from here, how it finally overlaps with the events in Hitchcock's original, is a puzzle about to be unwrapped by expert hands.

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Simply put, "Bates Motel" is can't miss TV.



The tension between Norma and Norman has escalated in Season Four to where the bond between mother and son has eroded

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A free screening of the documentary "Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability" is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7, at The Field Museum,1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

The film tells the story of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's formation, from its ecological and industrial beginnings, to its designation as a national treasure, toward a model for a sustainable future for the environment, economy and communities along Lake Michigan's southern end.

The filmmakers, National Park Service regional leaders, local experts and Field Museum scientists will lead a post-film discussion, revealing how the National Lakeshore and other sites across Northeast Illinois and Northwest Indiana are activating natural, cultural and industrial heritage for sustainability. Field Museum collections from the region, and efforts toward a Calumet National Heritage Area designation, will be highlighted as well.

"Shifting Sands" is presented by environmentalist Lee Botts and produced by Botts, Tom Desch, Rana Segal and Pat Wisniewski. The panel discussion will be moderated by Mark Bouman, Chicago region program director for the Keller Science Action Center at The Field Museum and Calumet Heritage Partnership president.

The program will be held in the museum's James Simpson Theater. Enter through the West Entrance (between Lake Shore Drive and the museum). Paid parking is available in the Soldier Field North Garage.

#### **Youth Orchestra Spring Concert**

Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra's spring concert, featuring works by Brahms, Vivaldi and Mahler, is at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 8, at Howard Performing Arts Center, Berrien Springs, Mich.

The youth orchestra is one of several educational programs through Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, targeting students between fourth grade and senior year of college. Conducted by Burke Lokey, Joe Oprea and Beth Oeseburg, the Youth Orchestra, Encore Strings and Concert Strings rehearse Monday evenings during the fall and spring of each school year.

The concert lineup includes "Hungarian Dance No. 5" by Brahms, "Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major" by Mozart, "Marche Slave" by Tschaikowsky, selections from "Carmina Burana" by Orff, "Spring" by Vivaldi, "Aztec Sunrise" by Edmundson, "M to the Third Power" by Nunez and "Cellos Ole!" by Richard Meyer.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students and seniors. Howard Performing Arts Center is located at Andrews University. Contact the symphony office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.smso.org for more information.



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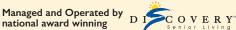
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#### **Gold Ratings**



Michigan City High School's Treble Chorale and City Singers traveled to Kankakee Valley Middle School on April 16 to compete at the ISSMA Contest. The choirs performed three songs each for a panel of three judges, then performed various sight-reading exercises in front of a different judge. Treble Chorale received a gold rating, while City Singers received a gold rating and a gold in sight reading.



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#### **Michigan City Public Library**

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

- Art à la Carte at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5. Children 4-10 accompanied by an adult can make a Mother's Day corsage. All materials are provided. Children must be present to receive craft materials.
- Mother-Daughter Book Club at 4 p.m. Friday, May 6 and 20.

The book club for women and their daughters (ages 8-12) will discuss Sarah Weeks' "Pie," with a slice of pie included as part of the meeting. Each child will receive a copy of the book. Registration is limited and required at the Youth Services Desk or by calling (219) 873-3045. Plan to attend both dates.

• Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

Certified yoga instructor Lauralee Sikorski emphasizes deep breathing and releasing stress. Take a mat and wear comfortable attire, and come on an empty stomach.

• Great Decisions at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, May 9 and 23.

The foreign policy discussion program meets for the final month of its 18th season. Discussions center on Climate Change and Cuba and the U.S.

- Angels Among Us at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. Ange Benz leads the discussion on inspiring stories about the presence of angels in everyday lives.
  - Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 11.

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

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

#### **Community Open House Taco Party**

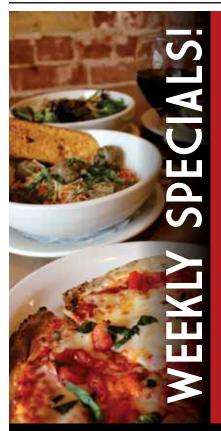
READ La Porte County Inc. will host its free Community Open House and Taco Party from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at La Porte County Library's Large Meeting Room, 904 Indiana Ave.

A piñata and craft activities are planned. Guests can learn about free English classes and tutoring in reading, English, math, computers or citizenship. View a tutoring session, and meet the tutors and students. Door prizes will be awarded.

#### **Marquette Spring Concert**

Marquette Catholic High School's music department has rescheduled its annual spring concert, "Movie Melodies," for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, in the school's Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

The concert, directed by Amy Crane, features the school's Music Performance Class and Marquette Chorus. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students/seniors and \$3 for children 12 and younger.





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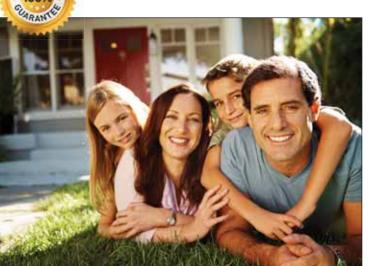
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#### Community Job Fair

The City of Michigan City, Economic Development Corp. Michigan City, Greater La Porte Economic Development and Northwest Indiana Workforce Board WorkOne offices have partnered to host a Community Job Fair on Wednesday, May 11.

The fair, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Room, will unite employers, universities, skilled trades, training providers and community organizations to highlight job opportunities and career paths for jobseekers.

The first hour of the event is open to veterans only, doors opening to the general public at 11 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to take copies of their resume and dress in business attire. Anyone needing resume assistance before the event can stop by a WorkOne Center for a free resume workshop. Visit www.gotoworkonenw.com or call (877) 607-0680 for a list of WorkOne locations.

#### **Hatzikostantis Family Fundraiser**

A fundraiser to benefit the Hatzikostantis family is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at La Porte National Guard Armory, 2391 W. Indiana 2, La Porte.

Participating vendors include Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Thirty One and Scensty. Hot dogs, chips and baked goods will be sold.

Contact Kelly Kolasa at (219) 210-7132 or km\_ gonzales@hotmail.com for more information.

#### **Briar Leaf Men's Club**

Briar Leaf Men's Club has begun its 2016 season, with events and open play scheduled each weekend through Oct. 30.

All games are set up randomly through the Tournament Manager Program. Handicaps are by Indiana Blue.

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#### The Mousetrap

Strangers trapped in a boarding house during a snowstorm discover a murderer is among them in "The Mousetrap," which kicks off a two-weekend run Friday, May 6, at La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., La Porte.

Suspects in the boarding house include the newly married couple who run it, a spinster with a curious background, an architect better equipped to be a chef, a retired Army major, a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday on May 6-8 and 13-15. Tickets are \$12. Call (219) 362-5113 or visit www. laportelittletheatreclub.com for tickets.

#### St. Luke Rummage Sale

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave., will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7.

Items include all sizes men, women and children's clothing, shoes, purses, furniture, jewelry, household, lighting, kitchen, dishes, home décor, bedding, bath, tools, books, music, movies, crafting, holiday, collectibles, games and toys.

Call (219) 879-9415 for more information.

#### **Leadership LP County Golf Outing**

Leadership La Porte County will host its annual golf outing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Briar Leaf Golf Club, 3233 Indiana 39, La Porte.

Teams and individual golfers can register, with individuals matched with other individuals if interested. Non-golfers can attend just for lunch.

The cost is \$300 per team, \$75 for an individual or \$20 for lunch only. A tee sign can be purchased for \$100. Visit tinyurl.com/hblz4ca to register.

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#### **Genealogical Society**

The La Porte County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the La Porte Parks & Recreation Building, 250 Pine Lake Ave.

After the business meeting, Mary Hedge, La Porte County Public Library reference librarian, will present the program "Prominent Jewish Citizens of La Porte County Indiana." Many of the early businesses and industrial facilities were owned and operated by Jewish families.

Michigan City Public Library and the genealogical society will sponsor a special program by Michael Lacopo, DVM, at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the library's meeting room. He is a nationally recognized authority on German genealogical research, his topic "Methods of Identifying the German Origins of American Immigrants."

The program is free. Guests are welcome. Visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~inlcigs/ or like the group on facebook for more information.

#### **Museum Opens for Season**

The Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave., begins its 2016 season Saturday, May 7.

New displays include: Floyd Lintner Chevrolet cars; Molly Pitcher Winery; area churches; a music room; The Dime Store; and dresses.

The World War I military area has original 1917 posters on loan from the Michigan State University Museum. The pieces are original art representing support of the war effort during that era. The Three Oaks/Regional Room has an updated look. Area towns include Bridgman, Harbert, Lakeside, New Buffalo, Sawyer and Three Oaks.

The museum remains open through Oct. 30. May hours are (all times Eastern) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

#### War of the Wines

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., will host "The Art of the Beverage Episode One: War of the Wines," a young professionals event, from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 13.

Round Barn Winery and St. Julian Winery will compete for bragging rights during the blind tastings, with all wines concealed. Votes can be made in three categories: red, sweet red and white. Winners in each category and "Best in Show" will be announced. Shoreline Brewery will provide light bites.

Marie Claire Foster and Sam Lubeznik are the event co-chairs. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased until 5 p.m. May 13. Online tickets include a minimal processing fee. Visit tinyurl.com/ju8bb2c to make a reservation.

#### **New Buffalo Community Forum**

Aloma Custer, Berrien County Genealogical Society vice president, will share hints on writing a family history so others will want to read it at 6:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 10, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Custer will discuss organizing and prioritizing thoughts while putting them on paper, establishing timelines for narrative and photos, making the story interesting and different styles to use. She also will discuss various ways to publish a family history.

Other programs in the free New Buffalo Community Forum Series include: "Personal Safety and Scams" on Tuesday, May 17, by Kelly Laesch of Berrien County Sheriff's Department; "Stormy Weather" on Tuesday, May 24, by Timm Pschigoda of Lake Michigan College; and "The Dynamics and the Shadows of Hinduism" on June 6 by David Tidwell of Lake Michigan College.



Audience members joined in at the mic during the program.

The forum's April 24 program, "American Songbook 1-2-3," featured early jazz and show tunes, Motown and pop songs. Some selections combined banjo, harp and guitar, according to Garth Taylor, who was joined by fellow musicians from the School of American Music, a group from the non-profit Three Oaks Arts and Education Center, which provides training by volunteer professionals to more than 100 local students, many through scholarships provided by donations.

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- Indian Trail Elementary School, 3214 S. Indiana 104, La Porte, 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 9.

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## Taltree Mother's Day Art Fair

Taltree Arboretum & Gardens' Mother's Day Art Fair, a free event featuring vendors, food trucks and horse and carriage rides, is from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 8.

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## **Program Packs Visitor Center**



Photographer David Larson attends the April 16 kickoff to his new exhibit. Photo by Charles Chuman

A record crowd of almost 250 people packed Indiana Dunes Visitor Center on April 16 to see local dunes photographer David Larson's program, "50 Years of Photography in the Indiana Dunes."

The evening kicked off with a reception, hosted by the Dunes Learning Center. Larson's photographs, some dating back to 1959, show the changing nature of the landscape and include dunes lo-

cated today within the National Lakeshore's West Beach and some, like Howling Hill, that were lost to development.

The program began with remarks from Geof Benson, Dunes Learning Center executive director, who mentioned the center has hosted more than 50,000 children on overnight environmental education programs in the dunes. IDNL Superintendent Paul Labovitz thanked the learning center for its support, saying the evening's program was a great kick-off event for National Park Week.

The center's support provided for the printing and framing of the photos, as well as refreshments for the reception that preceded the exhibit's opening. The exhibit features 20 iconic dunes photos by Larson. It will remain in the Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter, through Sept. 5.

Visit www.nps.gov/indu or call (219) 395-9555 for more information.





## **Indiana Dunes Birding Festival**

The second Indiana Dunes Birding Festival will celebrate the migration of bird life through the Indiana Dunes region Thursday through Sunday, May 5-8

The event is a joint partnership with the region's major environmental groups and highlighting the area's rich biodiversity and bird-watching opportunities. Organized by the Indiana Audubon Society, it includes Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park as site hosts.



The growing four-day festival includes nearly 50 guided field trips and car pool tours to view migrating birds within the dunes area, a vendor market-place, more than 30 bird-related programs, from live bird-of-prey talks to species ID workshops, and special workshops for new bird watchers and educators. Evening events include special excursions for woodcocks and whip-poor-wills, and a family friendly "birds and brews" social event on multiple nights.

The Saturday night keynote presentation includes Iain Campbell of Tropical Birding Tours. He will present "The Mis-adventures in Bird Guiding," which looks at his experiences seeking out birds from around the world. The keynote includes dinner, a silent auction and vendor marketplace.

General early bird registration is online. Costs for the entire festival run as low as \$59 for adults and \$45 for youth 18 and younger. Registration can be found at www.indunesbirdingfestival.com/

More information is available at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter, and by contacting the information desk at (219) 395-1882 or the State Park Nature Center at (219) 926-1390.







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## **Marquette Questers**

Marquette Questers Chapter 39 is embarking on its 2016 summer season.

The group ended 2015 with a Christmas dinner at Duneland Beach Inn. Donations of new children's books were accepted and given to The Salvation Army. Toiletries were accepted and donated to Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the homeless.

Questers remembered members who passed away by making donations in their memory. In memory of Virginia Bushong, Martin Johnson's "Writing the Gettysburg Address" was donated to Michigan City Public Library. In memory of Margaret Novak, \$50 was donated to Columbia University to its scholarship fund.

The new season started with the first meeting at Joyce Dalton's home. Six members attended. Her program was on women of the Civil War. Jackie Glidden provided the dessert.

The state meeting was held in Indianapolis and hosted by Quester Chapter No. 154 Calumet.

The Questers are selling cork or sandstone coasters depicting the Michigan City bandstand. Profits benefit its restoration. Questers also will sell them at First Friday events. Phone orders with delivery are available. The cost is \$7.50 each for sandstone or six for \$40, or \$1.50 each for cork or six for \$8.

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

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## **Westchester Public Library**

The following programs are available:

• Teen Library Council from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave.

Teens in grades 6-12 can recommend library programs, books and other programs for Teen Services. Community service hours are available.

• Chesterton Writing Group from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The group is open to adult writers – fiction or nonfiction — of all levels, whether published or unpublished. Attendees share their work and learn about publishing.

• Sunday Matinee: "The Revenant" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at the Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The Oscar-winning movie is Rated R. Free popcorn will be available.

• Bifocal Bookies at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

The focus is Fredrik Backman's "A Man Called Ove." Copies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

• Mad About Mysteries at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, and Saturday, May 14, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Serena Sutliff will share reviews of Paul Margolis' "The Naked Philosopher" and Samuel Bjork's "I'm Travelling Alone."

• Pokemon League from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through May 24 at Thomas Library.

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

• Children's Crochet Club from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through June 29 in the Children's Department at Thomas Library.

Attendees learn beginning crochet from instructor Sadie Steciuch. Children should take a size G crochet hook and skein of medium weight yarn. Register by calling (219) 926-7696.

## **Used Book Sale Postponed**

The Independent Cat Society used book sale scheduled for April 22-23 was postponed.

Plans are under way to reschedule in September. Visit www.facebook.com/INCatSociety or www.cat-society.org for updates.

Anyone with books, CDs or DVDs can donate them, and they will be stored until the sale. Email shelter@catsociety.org to make arrangements.

## **CO Awareness Group Aids Effort**

The Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation, a La Porte County-based nonprofit dedicated to carbon monoxide awareness, donated carbon monoxide detectors installed at this year's National Rebuilding Work Day on April 30.



Celebrating the foundation's donation are (from left) Nate Williams, Chesterton deputy fire chief, Simpson O'Brien, LOK communications director, and Fire Chief John Jarga.

Rebuilding Together Duneland is the local affiliate of the nation's largest nonprofit volunteer organization Rebuilding Together, based in Washington, D.C. Its mission is to improve quality of life for people in the Duneland school district who are physically and/or financially struggling through the rehabilitation of their homes. RTD is on track for its most ambitious year ever, with 14 homes and five community projects that need help.

LOK Wishing Tree Foundation partners with First Alert to provide free and discounted CO detectors to those in need. Eighteen detectors were donated to Rebuilding Together Duneland for this year's National Rebuilding Work Day. Chesterton Fire Chief John Jarga did the installs.

"When we learned of this effort to help families in need rehabilitate their homes, we wanted to ensure a carbon monoxide detector was among the improvements made," LOK founder Dot Kesling said. "It's a small insurance policy to protect the lives of the homeowners, but one that is too often overlooked."

Kesling's daughter, La Porte native Lindsey O'Brien Kesling, died at 22 due to accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in November 2010. The foundation began as a response to prevent accidental deaths due to CO.



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## **Food Vendors Sought for Events**

The National Park Service is seeking food trucks or other self-contained food-service vendors for special events this year in celebration of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's 50th anniversary and the National Park Service centennial.

These events include the Miller Woods Bioblitz on May 20-21, an anniversary concert at West Beach on Aug. 27, the Apples, Apples, Apples Festival at Chellberg Farm on Sept. 17-18 and the Dunes Blowout at West Beach on Sept. 24-25. The events are expected to draw between 600 and 1,500 visitors per day.

Federal regulations require any individuals or groups selling food or other items in a national park to obtain a Commercial Use Authorization permit. Completed applications for a permit include a \$65 payment to cover the costs of processing the request. Also, vendors selling food must comply with county and Federal health regulations. They may apply to operate at one event or all four under the same Commercial Use Authorization.

Contact Amber Siewin at (219) 395-1859 or Amber\_Siewin@nps.gov for more information.

## **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**

Swanson Center will host a free Youth Mental Health First Aid Training on Friday, May 20.

Sponsored by a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant and the SAFE Coalition for Human Rights, the training will be at Swanson Center's Activity Center for Older Adults, 910 State St., La Porte. Janell Hinchley of Campagna Academy is the presenter.

Youth Mental Health First Aid will introduce participants to the risk factors and warning signs of mental-health problems in adolescents, stress the importance of early intervention and show how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental-health challenge.

Contact Jennifer Solner at (219) 873-9820 or jsolner@swansoncenter.org for more information.

#### Hats Off to Our Volunteers

Family Advocates will host its annual benefit, "Hats Off to Our Volunteers," from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

The event, which combines the group's yearly fall event and volunteer celebration in a new format, includes a hat contest, dancing, appetizers, Southernthemed drinks, car raffle and the Advocate of the Year award. Junior and the Igniters will provide entertainment.

The cost is \$50. Tickets can be purchased by calling (219) 324-3385 or at tinyurl.com/jeo738z

#### **Chesterton Art Center**

The following programs are offered through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:

#### • Jennifer Martin will teach five different summer art camps for children beginning June 13.

Each camp is Monday through Thursday and includes three to four projects, with a canvas painting related to the theme of the week. Classes for children 4-8 are from 9 to 11 a.m., and classes for children 9-14 are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The calendar includes: Week 1 — June 13-16, Eric Carle and Tons of Color; Week 2 — June 20-24, Motion Art; Week 3 — July 11-14, Beach and Nature Art; Week 4 — July 18-21, James Rizzi Art; and Week 5 — Aug. 1-4, Vintage Style Art.

The cost for each week is \$65, with members receiving a \$5 discount.

## • Mary Acton will host two different dates for *pysanky* egg classes.

The first, for adults and children 10 and older, is from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. A strictly kids class for children 10 and older is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14.

Students learn the art of *pysanky* egg dying using wax to control the dyes on the eggs. Participants may choose from a variety of patterns or design their own. By the end of the class, each person will have completed an egg or two.

Program sizes are limited to 10 to give each student individual attention. Each class costs \$45, with members receiving a \$5 discount.

## • Mara Wible will offer a different jewelry class from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in May.

A Leather Wrap Bracelet class is May 10. Students learn how to make a trendy, leather bracelet combining a variety of materials. The cost is \$30.

A Stone & Chain Necklace class is May 17. Participants will create a necklace using chain and stones in a whole variety of colors. The cost is \$25.

A Peyote Tube Pendant class is May 24. Students learn even-count peyote and make tubes for all types of pendants. The cost is \$25.

In a number of the classes, participants will work with small beads, so take appropriate glasses. Supplies are included, and members receive a \$5 discount per class. There is a three-person minimum, and students must be signed up no later than the day prior to the start of class. In some cases, a project may not be completed in the two-hour time slot.

Call (219) 926-4711 to register, or visit www.chestertonart.com for more information.

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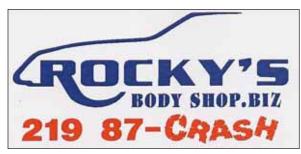
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## **Activities to Explore**

#### In the Local Area:

May 5 — Art à la Carte, 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-

May 5 — READ La Porte County Inc. free Community Open House and Taco Party, 6-7:30 p.m., La Porte County Library Large Meeting Room, 904 In-

May 5-8 — Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore & Indiana Dunes State Park. Info: www.indunesbirdingfestival.com/

May 6 — Mother-Daughter Book Club, 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 6 — Kickoff, La Porte County High Schools Art Competition, 5-8 p.m., Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Info: www.southernshoreartassociation.com

May 6 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Michigan City Uptown Arts District.

May 6 — Opening reception, three new exhibits, 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., Michigan City. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

**May 6-7** — Rummage sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 6, 9 a.m.-noon May 7, St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Info: (219) 879-9415.

May 6-7 — Marlene Campbell exhibit, "Keepers of the Land," 5-8 p.m. May 6. Silent Film Series, "Wings," 2 p.m. May 7. Cost: \$5. The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Info: (219) 262-5200.

May 6-8, 13-15 — "The Mousetrap," La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St., La Porte. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$12. Reservations: (219) 362-5113, www.laportelittletheatreclub.com

May 6-9 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Now showing: "Hello, My Name is Doris." Rated R. Times: 6:15 p.m. Fri.-Sun. Also: "Marguerite." Rated R. In French with English subtitles. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 7 — People Engaged in Preservation free educational program, "What Color is Your Vintage Home?," 10 a.m., La Porte County Public Library's large meeting room, 904 Indiana Ave., La Porte. Reservations: Dottie.Rosenbaum@gmail.com

**May 7** — Hatzikostantis family fundraiser, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., La Porte National Guard Armory, 2391 W. Indiana 2, La Porte. Info: (219) 210-7132.

May 7 — Flower Hike, 1-3 p.m., Bailly/Chellberg parking lot, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 & 20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**May 7** — "Hats Off to Our Volunteers," 6-11 p.m., La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Tickets: \$50. Reservations: (219) 324-3385, tinyurl.com/ jeo738z

May 7 — Monthly Stargazing Program, Kemil Beach parking area, 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton, Time: call (219) 395-1821.

May 8 — Sunday Matinee: "The Revenant," 1:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**May 8** — The Spaniels — Mother's Day Revue, 4 and 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.acorntheater.com, (269) 756-3879.

May 10 — Bifocal Bookies, Fredrik Backman's "A Man Called Ove," 1 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.

**May 10** — New Buffalo Community Forum, writing a family history, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Free. Info: (269) 469-2933.

May 12 — Senior Center Spring Card Party, 5-9 p.m., Michigan City Senior Center, 2 on the Lake. Cost: \$7/advance, \$8/door. Info: www.emichigancity.com

May 12 — Marquette Catholic High School music department spring concert, "Movie Melodies," 7 p.m., MQT Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$5/students & seniors, \$3/children 12 & younger.

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

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

**Through May** — "Bits of Time" display, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Hours: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tues.-Sat. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

#### **Farther Afield:**

**May 5-June 5** — "Nice Work If You Can Get It," Theatre at the Center, Performances: 2 p.m. Wed./ Thur., 7:30 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2:30 p.m. Sun., select Thurs./Sun. evenings & Sat. matinees. Tickets: \$40-\$44. Reservations: (219) 836-3255, Tickets.com, (800) 511-1552.

May 7 — Free screening, "Shifting Sands," 10 a.m.-noon, The Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

May 8 — Mother's Day Art Fair, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 450 W. County Road 100 North near Valparaiso. Free.

May 8 — Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra spring concert, 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 8, Howard Performing Arts Center, Berrien Springs, Mich. Tickets: \$5/adults, \$3/students & seniors. Info/reservation: (269) 982-4030, www.smso.org

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## **JROTC Supports School, Community**

The Michigan City High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps participated in numerous community service events in April.

The cadets conducted three Color Guards, worked two track meets, supported St. Paul Lutheran Church and Michigan City Mainstreet Association, along with providing school representation at a Michigan City Rotary Club luncheon.



Cadets provide the Color Guard for the Disabled American Veterans awards night.

The Color Guards were for the Disabled American Veterans Chapter of Michigan City, Brown Mackie College graduation and Veterans Court graduation held at La Porte County Courthouse in La Porte.

"Our cadets are very unselfish," Senior Marine Instructor Maj. Tom McGrath said. "They even came off of their spring break to do the Brown Mackie graduation."

The cadets will remain busy through the end of the school year and into the summer. Awards Night is May 18 at MCHS. Leadership Camp is June 6-11 at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield, Wis.

## **Charity Golf Outing**

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation will host its eighth annual golf outing Tuesday, May 17, at Orchard Hills Country Club, 2841 Niles-Buchanan Road, Buchanan, Mich.

Proceeds from the four-player scramble support 4-H youth programs across Berrien County. The 18-hole course is located along the St. Joseph River.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. EDT, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. EDT, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. EDT. Multiple contest prizes will be awarded at lunch.

The cost is \$95 per golfer, or \$350 for a foursome, including lunch. Hole sponsorship, including lunch, costs \$150. Those who want to attend just the lunch pay \$30.

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## **Gypsy Moth Treatments**

Aerial treatments to slow the spread of gypsy moths are planned at sites in La Porte, Kosciusko, St. Joseph and Whitley counties.

If weather is favorable, treatments could begin Monday, May 9. The schedule could be delayed if weather conditions change or leaf development slows. One site each in Kosciusko, La Porte, St. Joseph and Whitley counties will receive two treatments, spaced four to 10 days apart. Detailed maps of the sites are at gypsymoth.IN.gov

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Visit gypsymoth.IN.gov for more information.

#### **Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**

The following programs are available:

## • Flower Hike from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.

Hikers will explore the 10,000-year-old glacial moraine and the diversity of spring wildflowers, and learn about the area's diverse human history. Be prepared for possible muddy conditions. The parking lot is located on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

#### • Monthly Stargazing Program on Saturday, May 7, at the Kemil Beach parking area.

Chicago Astronomical Society members will take telescopes so visitors can get a closer look at the night sky. Call (219) 395-1821 to find out the time. The Kemil Beach parking lot is located at 27 N. East State Park Road, Chesterton.

• Parents and toddlers can participate in the Nature Tots program from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 11, at the Paul H. Douglas Center.

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Long Beach Community Center 2501 Oriole Trail. Long Beach IN 46360

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Open house: 11-2pm May 7-8

#### **Golf Clinics**

Briar Leaf Golf Course, 3233 Indiana 39, La Porte, will offer "Eyeline Putting Clinics" and "No Fear Ladies' Clinics."

In "Eyeline Putting," Briar Leaf PGA Pro Jay Williams, one of only four Eyeline Golf Certified Instructors in Indiana, will reveal how to putt better using the four putting elements. The program uses drills, games and training tools.

The next session is from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. May 23-24. Space is limited to ensure proper teacher/student ratio. The \$40 cost includes take-home materials. Register in advance by calling Briar Leaf at (219) 326-1992 or email briarleaf@comcast.net

In the "No Fear" clinics, subjects include: fundamentals of the swing; short game; how to get started playing golf; etiquette and rules of the game; and how to purchase equipment.

The first session is May 10-12 and the second May 17-19. Times are 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Williams is the instructor. Class size is limited to ensure proper student/teacher ratio.

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## **Master Gardeners Recognized**

La Porte County Master Gardeners held its annual recognition meeting Thursday, April 14, at Red Mill County Park.

Master Gardeners were recognized for volunteer work and participation in education activities.

Eleven interns from the 2015 Master Gardener class were recognized, including: Gary Miller and Carol Sloane, La Porte; Laura Henderson, Roxann Lucas, Estelle Pawloski and Wendy Shafer, Michigan City; Julie Goetz, Westville; Gayle Gross de Nùñez, Knox; Paula J. Nevers, Portage; Julia Ryan-Perkins, Valparaiso; and Juanita Hill, New Buffalo.

Four Master Gardeners were certified after completing at least 35 hours of volunteer service, including: Ronald Faloon and Mary Freyer, Michigan City; Donna Vilser, Long Beach; and Jeffrey Michaels, Union Mills.

Six individuals were designated Advanced Master Gardeners after completing at least 60 hours of volunteer service and attending a minimum 45 hours of gardening education activities. They were: Tina DeWitt, Kingsbury; Dan Blakley and Linda Weigel, La Porte; Mary Davis and Carl Drzewiecki, Michigan City; and Rubia Jasinevicius, New Buffalo, Mich.

Five gardeners achieved the Bronze Master Gardener level this year, having donated at least 200 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 60 hours of gardening classes: Pamela Coker, Russ Klosinski, Ralph Lerner and Linda Strain, all of La Porte, and Jen Kuzdas, Rolling Prairie.

Jan Manik, Chesterton, achieved the Silver Master Gardener level, having donated at least 500 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 75 hours of gardening classes.

Loretta Pressel, Walkerton, achieved Gold Master Gardener status, having donated at least 1,000 hours of volunteer time and attended a minimum of 100 hours of gardening education. She was a member of the first Master Gardener Class in 1996, and has worked on many projects over the past 20 years during her tenure as a Master Gardener.

Contact the La Porte County Extension office at (219) 324-9407 or visit www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/laporte and link to "Master Gardeners," or www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/ for more information.

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#### Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Expatriates by Janice Y.K. Lee (hardcover, \$27, in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

Margaret Reade, Mercy Cho, Hilary Starr. Three women, three different lives, yet all connected by one thing: they are American expatriates living in Hong Kong.

Margaret has been in Hong Kong for three years. A 30-something beauty, she is married to the handsome Clarke Reade. A move from New Jersey to San Francisco got Clarke a new job and an offer for a three-year rotation to run his company's Hong Kong office. Big promotion, big raise, housing package, car

and driver, live-in maid. Who could resist? Soon, the Clarkes and their three children are winging their way over the Pacific to their new home. Margaret was a landscape architect, but that dream had to be put on hold. Then, in the blink of an eye, the Reades' lives will be changed forever by a horrendous event on a day trip to Korea. How could that even happen?

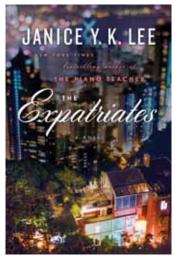
Hilary and David Starr have no children. He was a lawyer. She and Margaret knew each other in California. Hilary can't seem to conceive and instead has taken a young child, Julian, from an orphanage and gives him piano lessons at her home each week. What is her end game? Will she adopt him? David may have other ideas.

Mercy is a Korean-American single girl born and raised in Queens, N.Y.C. Although she graduated with good grades from Columbia University, she had trouble getting a job. A college roommate, Philena, invites her to stay with her in Hong Kong. Twenty four years old, no prospects of a job in her field of art history, why not go for awhile? She's been there for three years now, and still, no job. Then, she meets Margaret, who could use some help with the children on outings. Mercy seems like the perfect fit. Or is she?

Woven into the daily lives of these three women, their husbands, children and other expat friends is the whole expat community and what it consists of. It is easy to see how insular they all become, as Hiliary observes: "They all think of their stint in three-year increments. They have never considered politics in Hong Kong or China or the implications of raising the local minimum wage."

They all take for granted the past English colonial way of life that still exists with live-in help, drivers and expat gathering places where they mingle with their own. "The locals are the feudal servants, running to obey every whim."

This expat life affords these women more time to



go shopping, go to the gym, take better care of their looks and plan girlfriend trips to Vietnam "to buy art and get embroidered linens and lacquerware or to Bangkok or Seoul to get skin treatments."

Sound like paradise? Remember—even the Garden of Eden had snakes.

What is our place in the world? Does a complete change of scenery affect the way we act and interact with others? Lee examines each woman's plans for their lives, their fears and longings, their strengths and weaknesses. Going to the Far East must have sounded at first like a trip to Fantasyland to these

women.

Will Hilary's desire for a child eventually cause her husband to seek greener pastures? Ten years and no signs of a pregnancy. It is tearing Hilary apart, and soon her marriage. However, David may find out too late that what he seeks from life is just an unrealistic dream. Until he meets this sweet half-Korean girl named Mercy...

Margaret may find that life goes on, no matter how much we hurt, and hiding from the world is not really an option. But it's all up to her whether she stagnates in a pool of self-recrimination or accepts what life has given her and attempts to live in a new, albeit changed, world.

Hilary will find that someone does love her unconditionally, and it will be the beginning of a different outlook on life for her. Will David agree to her new terms?

Make no mistake—this is not a soap opera. None of these women are portrayed as perfect or evil. Lee shows all the love, loss and uncertainties that plague women no matter where they live. Hong Kong and its life so unlike what these women are used to is described so well, I began to see it in a new light, better than any travel guide could provide.

This is a sensitive, amazingly perceptive look into the lives of women. Two very enthusiastic thumbs up!

From *The New York Times Book Review*: "A female, funny Henry James in Asia, Janice Y.K. Lee is vividly good on the subject of Americans abroad."

Lee was born and raised in Hong Kong. Her first novel, <u>The Piano Teacher</u>, was named an Editor's Choice by *The New York Times Book Review*. She was a former editor at *Elle* and lives in New York with her husband and four children. Visit her website at <u>www.janiceyklee.com</u>

Till next time, happy reading and Happy Mother's Day!



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