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Amazing Journey

by Andrew Tallackson

Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" not only is one of the composer's preeminent works, but it also is one of the most widely performed symphonies. Ever.

The masterwork, first presented publicly in 1824, saw Beethoven step outside the box, weaving a chorus and four soloists into the final movement. The words were cleaved from Friedrich Schiller's poem, "Ode to Joy." Today, even those unaccustomed to classical music are familiar with the rousing strains of Beethoven's superlative work.

LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra first performed "Symphony No. 9" on Nov. 14, 2000. Philip Bauman considers it a milestone moment. Personally, his son, Matt, was born the week of the concert. Musically, having served as LCSO's conductor and music director for about six years, it was proof the symphony's musicians could tackle a piece they might not have considered.

"They had never performed that work before, and it's a very challenging work," Bauman said. "From the standpoint of doing such a monumental work,



Philip Bauman's journey with LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra began back in 1994 when he filled in for Steven Blackwelder.

all the pieces came together. It opened their eyes to what the possibilities could be."

Now, after 24 seasons with LCSO, Bauman will helm his final concert during "From Hollywood to Broadway" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. The Pops concert exemplifies Bauman's adventurous spirit when it comes to music, of peppering the familiar with efforts that brave uncharted waters.

"It's typical of many of the Pops concerts in that I am proud to bring to the community, and to the orchestra, selections that are not readily available or performed by other orchestras," he said.

That explains why concertgoers at the May 5 concert will experience everything from "Avatar," "La La Land" and "Hamilton" to Hollywood composer Rick DeJonge returning as guest conductor, choosing LCSO to debut his multimedia

piece, "Tribute to Silent Films."

Bauman took time out from rehearsals for his final LCSO concert to speak with *The Beacher*, shar-

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ing fond memories of indelible performances by the musicians, and the journey they've taken with him over the past 24 years.

But first, a little about Bauman.

Born in Battle Creek, Mich., he received a bachelor's degree in music theory from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in orchestral conducting from Northwestern University. His first experience as a conductor emerged on home turf: the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. Ensuing conducting duties would emerge with Chicago Opera Theater, The Opera Factory, da Corneto Opera, Light Opera Works and the Jarvis Conservatory.

He created Camera da Musica Concert Society, a chamber music concert series and professional orchestra. Affiliations also spanned the Chicago Brass Choir, Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, Elgin Symphony,

Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, Wheaton Symphony and Downers Grove Oratorio Society.

LCSO entered the picture in 1994, ironically as a last-minute save when Steven Blackwelder was unable to serve as conductor.

Back in 2014, Bauman told *The Beacher*, "My



first impressions (of the symphony) were that they were musicians with a great deal of heart, with a desire to do well and go through the process of rehearsing and performing. The atmosphere in the community was very wel-



Helming the symphony's children's concerts is something Philip Bauman has greatly enjoyed.

coming, so that set things in the right direction.”

LCSO musicians hail not just from LaPorte County, but South Bend, Valparaiso, Southwest Michigan and Chicago. On average, the total number of musicians, which includes substitutes and student apprentices, is about 90.

Over the years, Bauman said, younger musicians have entered the fray, ranging in age from their 20s to their 50s. That balance, of fresh faces performing alongside seasoned LCSO veterans, has invigorated performances.

“These younger musicians are aware of our group, and they are excited about participating, and that energy level brings the whole group up a bit,” he said. “And these are musicians who play in other regional orchestras who may not be in leadership positions in those groups, but who can become leaders in our groups.”

Looking back, Bauman can point to specific moments, certain performances, that fill him with pride. “Symphony Fantastique” in 2000. “Pines of Rome” and Mozart’s “Requiem” in 2003.

“We did a spectacular version of Beethoven’s ‘Symphony No. 3,’” Bauman said, noting that Nic Orbovich, the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival co-founder, served as concertmaster during that performance. “When Nic came back and we listened to the (concert) recording, it was just spot-on.



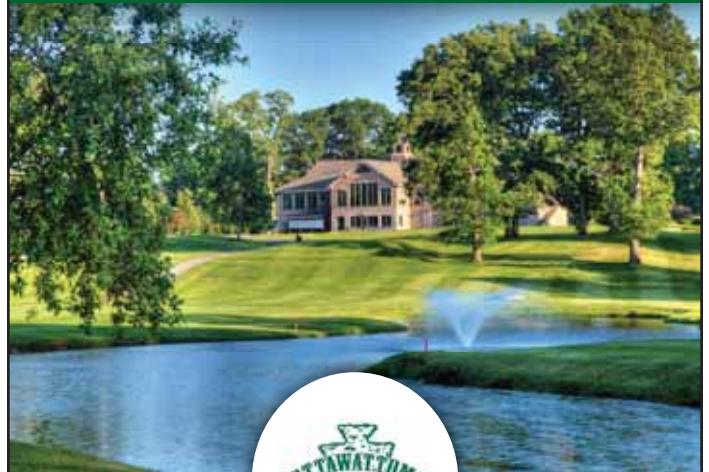
Philip Bauman conducts the symphony in a performance that includes The Other Three Tenors.

“Those kinds of accomplishments...were really eye-opening to the group.”

How would Bauman characterize his philosophy as conductor? Like any lover of classical music, there are certain pieces he says he would have liked to present, but has no regrets that LCSO did not perform them.

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"Sometimes, people feel a conductor is doing things only they want to do, things they want to conduct, and I have never approached it that way," he said. "I tried to be conscientious that we would have a strong degree of success with the numbers we perform."

With "From Hollywood to Broadway" right around the corner, is there a particular concert or performance that stands out the most, that Bauman feels defines his tenure with the symphony?

That moment arrived in March 2008 when LCSO presented Carl Orff's magnificent "Carmina Burana." The work is divided into five major sections, with 25 movements total. Along with its iconic imprint as a work of contemporary brilliance, the "O Fortuna" portion has appeared in countless films and television commercials, most effectively in 1981's "Excalibur."

It is a piece Bauman says he was pushing for years to perform.

"I kept saying, 'We *really* need to do this piece,'" he recalled.

The board, he said, was apprehensive, not just because of the cost, but also because of the magnitude of the music, which is scored for a large orchestra, chorus and soloists.

If You Go

"From Hollywood to Broadway" is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

Audience members can arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a slide show commemorating Bauman's tenure and experience with the orchestra.

Table seats are expected to sell fast at \$30. General admission is \$20 for adults and \$18 for guests 65 and older. Children and students are free. Tickets are available at www.LCSO.net, and can be purchased at the Civic, Roxy Music Shop and LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Michigan City.

But when the moment of truth arrived, Bauman says, the performance was "magnificent."

"It was a moment of validation," he said, "for the orchestra on a performance level, (for me) as a conductor of the piece. From that point on, I knew, we could tackle anything. We had arrived."

If anything, that performance, Bauman says, is what he will remember most about his time with LaPorte County's symphony.

"Everyone was just blown away by it," he said. "There was a real sense of pride. For the board, for all of us, it was a reminder that we have a first-class symphony."



Philip Bauman leads the symphony in a concert this past March.

Philip Bauman By the Numbers

- Through Hoosier Star, he has worked with close to 120 different vocalists: 60 youth singers and 59 adults singers.
- 13 seasons of children's concerts, performing for more than 65,000 children.
- Conducted More Than 160 Songs.
- Groups who collaborated on performances: Blue Moon Dance; Dance Tech; Footlight Players; Harbor Arts; Harbor Country Opera; Indiana Ballet Northwest; LaPorte High School Chorus; LaPorte High School Orchestra; LaPorte Little Theater Club; Lubeznik Center for the Arts; Mariachi Acero; Michigan City High School Chorale; Michigan City Soul Steppers; Michigan City Chamber Music Festival; Northwest Indiana Symphony Chorus; Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony; Notre Dame Glee Club; Purdue Varsity Glee Club; Robert Swan Productions; Ronald McDonald/McDonald's; South Shore Dance Alliance; South Bend Chamber Singers; South Suburban College Choir; Thaddeus C. Gallery; Wirt Emerson Concert Choir; Xel-Ha Escuela de Danza; Bethany Lutheran Church; First United Methodist Church; First Presbyterian Church, Michigan City; The Presbyterian Church, LaPorte; Michigan City Ministerial Alliance; Countryside Christian Church; Susan G. Komen; LaPorte Hospital Foundation; Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte; CASA-Harmony House; Girl Scouts of America; Boy Scouts of America; Boys & Girls Clubs of Michigan City.

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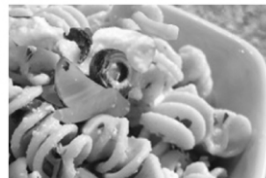
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“Infinity War” Takes Considerable Risk With Cliffhanger Ending

by Andrew Tallackson



An epic slate of super heroes prepares for battle in “Avengers: Infinity War.”

“Avengers: Infinity War” is Marvel’s ballsiest gamble. Either they’ve achieved the mother of all cliffhangers...or blindsided fans with an ending that leaves them pissed.

I suspect it’s Door No. 1. Marvel is the cash cow of Hollywood studios, churning out lucrative franchises like it’s nobody’s business. Doubtful it would crap all over itself. How the next film, tagged to arrive in theaters May 3, 2019, resolves the pickle it finds itself in is the true test of whether “Infinity War” is “good” or “bad.”

Right now, it’s a massive buzzkill. Rarely have I witnessed moviegoers exit a theater in stunned silence. A Marvel movie typically ends with flourish, the villains vanquished, the thunderous soundtrack swelling with triumphant strains of victory. Not so this time around. The abrupt fade to black that halts the drama is Marvel’s equivalent of a swift kick in the gut.

Then again, “Infinity War” speaks to how much affection we’ve generated for these characters over the past 10 years, since Marvel kicked into high gear with 2008’s “Iron Man.” They are like comfort food we eagerly return to, assured we’ll head home afterward on a popcorn-fare high. Watching them suffer is not something of which we are accustomed.

The story is simple enough. Bad guy Thanos (Josh Brolin), believing the universe is overpopulated, aims to restore balance. His plan? Collect all the Infinity Stones so he can wipe out half the universe. What complicates the film, written and directed by the creative team behind two “Captain America” movies — “The Winter Soldier” and “Civil War” — is that the key players behind several Marvel franchises enter the fray, not just the “Avengers” and “Captain America,” but also “Guardians

of the Galaxy,” “Black Panther,” “Doctor Strange,” “Spider-Man” and “Thor.”

Consider this Marvel’s “All Stars” edition, and it is enough to make your head spin. Thankfully, the directors (Anthony Russo and Joe Russo) and writers (Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely) achieve a fair balance between the hefty slate of characters. True, some nearly get lost in the shuffle, like Scarlett Johansson’s gutsy Black Widow. Others, like Elizabeth Olsen’s Scarlet Witch, finally emerge with the emotional heft they deserve.

The Russo brothers certainly know how to craft a pulse-pounding action sequence. The combat is tightly choreographed and edited, the heroics rousing. Indeed, the epic smackdown that unfolds in Wakanda is everything you’d want from a Marvel movie.

Brolin makes for an intriguing heavy. Thanos, without question, falls into the requisite me-want-the-whole-world-for-myself insanity required for a Marvel villain. This time, however, Brolin, through the character, explores the price that comes with achieving total domination. Thanos is evil with a flicker of a conscience.

By the time this review goes to press, “Infinity War” will have shattered box-office records during its opening weekend. The true test, however, arrives the second weekend, when a precipitous drop in receipts may occur, the culprit being disillusioned fans not exactly clamoring for another viewing.

I reserve the right to hold off on declaring whether I liked “Infinity War” until the next picture, curious to see how the two films complement each other.

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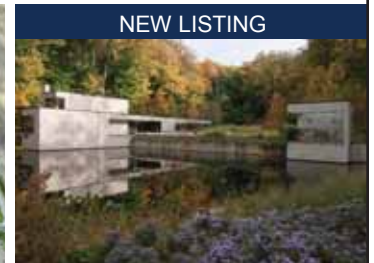


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Long Beach is making a concerted effort to ensure its “stops” not only yield stunning views of Lake Michigan, but also remain safe and clear as public-access sites.

That is why the park and recreation board has announced no personal items can be stored on or around town property, and that includes the access sites at each stop along Lake Shore Drive.

Park Board member Zachary Neff told *The Beacher* the board has placed considerable emphasis on improving the areas at each stop. Stop 23, in particular, was completely redone.

The problem, he continued, is people storing personal items at the access sites, including: chairs, kayaks, surfboards, float pads, rubber totes, firewood, gasoline and lighters. Some items, such as beach chairs, have been chained to the steps.

“It’s gotten to where it looks like a garage sale at the bottom of the stairs,” Neff said. “We are the only community in the area that has allowed it...and it has gotten out of control.”

Signs are in the works that will be erected at each stop letting residents know personal items can’t be stored there. Each stop has volunteer “stop captains” who live nearby. In addition to regular clean-up efforts, they’ll keep tabs on the areas, notifying

by Andrew Tallackson



Stop 23 is an example of how the Long Beach park board has focused on improving the public-access sites along Lake Shore Drive.

the park board if there are issues, Neff said.

Park board members, stop captains and maintenance staff will affix stickers to items left on, or chained to, town property that state, “Please remove. Do not store items on town property.” The stickers are safe to apply to boats, rafts and the like, Neff said. If those items remain, they will be taken to the town maintenance building off Karwick Road, where they will remain for one week. If no one retrieves them after that time, Neff said, they will be discarded or given to charities.

The park board is trying to make sure residents are aware of the issue through everything from newsletters to park board and town council meeting minutes. The goal, Neff said, is not to punish people, but rally the community together.

“Let’s keep our parks and stops beautiful,” he said. “We all need to work together to solve this problem. Hopefully, especially through word of mouth, we will see a positive change.”

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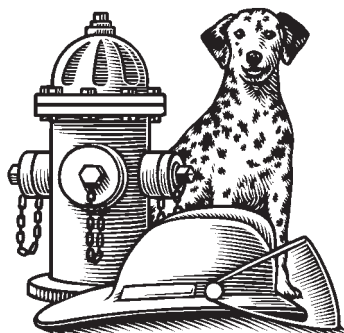
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Week of Code to Feature “Shop & Learn,” “Maker Fest”

For a second year, several organizations are partnering on a “Week of Code” in Michigan City.

The effort will spotlight computer coding and related technologies fostering a “maker” culture in the region.

Michigan City Area Schools, in partnership with the Economic Development Corp. of Michigan City, will host the community-wide week May 4-11. Additional sponsors and partners include: Safe Harbor; Unity Foundation of LaPorte County; Michigan City Mainstreet Association; LaPorte County Public Library; Michigan City Public Library; Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City; Coder Dojo of LaPorte County; and the Arconic Foundation.

At the most basic level, “code” is a set of written instructions a human gives a machine, telling it what to do. Computer coding makes it possible to create software, websites, apps and games, but almost anything that runs on electricity uses code. Coding is a skill desired across multiple job sectors, with demand for coding competency projected to rise in the coming years.

Throughout the Week of Code, MCAS students at all schools will tackle age-appropriate coding activities. Two special events also are planned to kick off the week:

- **Friday, May 4, 5 to 8 p.m. — MCAS will partner with the Michigan City Mainstreet Association to present “Shop and Learn,” the kickoff to MCMA’s First Friday Art Walk Summer Series and the Week of Code.**

Uptown Arts District shops will feature student innovators, coders and engineers demonstrating hands-on tech activities. The State Champion Safe Harbor Robotics Team will showcase its award-winning robot, and patrons who visit all participating stores can win prizes.

- **Saturday, May 5, Michigan City High School, 8466 W. Pals Road, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. —**



Students from Kristina Cole's Knapp Elementary School classroom participate in Week of Code activities last year.

“Maker Fest.”

The event features demos, seminars and hands-on “maker” activities involving Ozobots, Raspberry Pi's, coding, Internet safety, 3-D printing, Vex and Lego Robotics, paper circuits, Bitsbox and Indiana Computer Science Standards. The event is designed for teachers, parents, students and community members. There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is requested at <http://educateMC.net/code>

The special week supplements coding units and activities under way at MCAS schools and in after-school programs districtwide.

“Next year, the state will include computer science questions on the iLearn standardized test, starting at the elementary level,” Superintendent Barbara Eason-Wakins said in a press release.

“It's crucial that students of all ages are exposed to concepts and technologies that will prepare them for success now and in future careers.”

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Monday Musicale Announces Youth Competition Winners

Results of Monday Musicale's 2018 Student Awards Competition were announced when members and guests gathered for a concert April 22 at First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St.

Winners received certificates, ribbons, engraved plaques and scholarships totaling \$2,700. Ten of the top-scoring musicians performed their qualifying pieces.

Auditions for the annual event were held April 8 at First Presbyterian Church. Twenty-six young people performed selections for piano, voice, flute, violin and oboe for judges Sue Cassler, Carol Garrett, Beverly Griffith, Dan McNabb and Rick Quarles.

Aidan Feeney, an eighth-grader from LaPorte, was the overall winner of the Junior Division (grades 4-8). He received the Joy Carson Memorial Award for his piano solo, Manuel de Falla's "Ritual Fire Dance."

In the Senior Division (grades 9-12), Christian Ferrara of LaPorte took top honors. The Monday Musicale Award is presented annually to a graduating high school senior. For her flute solo, Ferrara chose two movements from J.S. Bach's "Sonata in E Minor."

The following students were recognized:

JUNIOR DIVISION

Elementary Level (Grades 5-6)

- First – Abigail Schreeg, piano
- Second – (Tie) Claire Feeney, piano, and Brayden Sobecki, piano.
- Third – (Tie) Isaac Pitman, piano, Vincent Van-Meter, piano, and Hunter Zdyb, violin.

Middle School Level (Grades 7-8)

- First – Aidan Feeney, piano
- Second – Hannah Feeney, piano.
- Third – Joseph Giuliani, voice.

Honorable Mentions

- Allison Bender, piano.
- Marie Parrette, voice.

Joy Carson Memorial Award

Aidan Feeney, piano.

SENIOR DIVISION

Mildred Bowman Memorial Award



Student audition winners performed at Monday Musicale's Scholarship & Awards Concert on April 22 at First United Methodist Church. Pictured are (front row, from left) Abigail Schreeg, Sophia Gardner Orbovich and Victorio Sirugo. The middle row is Grace Tarnow (from left), Aglaja Petrova and Clara Hooton. The back row is (from left) Aidan Feeney, Joseph Didion, Christian Ferrara and Michael Bim-Merle.

Clara Hooton, voice.

James J. Guerrucci Music Achievement Award

Aglaja Petrova, piano.

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Grace Tarnow, violin.

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Two male actors take on more than 20 eccentric characters — male and female — in the comedy “Greater Tuna,” which runs May 4-13 at Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores.

Jeffrey Baumgartner and Andy Ricci team up for the satirical portrayal of life in the fictional town of Tuna, Texas, the state's “third-smallest” city. Adding to the comedy are quick costume changes required as the actors play the entire cast.

Baumgartner does double duty, serving as director for the show, which marks the first official play of the 2018 summer season.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets range from \$15 for students and seniors to \$18 for general admission. They may be purchased at www.dunesarts-foundation.org/boxoffice or at the box office, which opens one hour before curtain. Tickets also can be ordered by calling (219) 879-7509.



Baumgartner



Ricci

Fernwood Botanical Garden

The following programs are through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• **Spring Garden Festival and Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 5.**

The festival features local vendors specializing in plant material and hand-crafted artwork for the garden. Experts can assist with questions and growing tips.

The vendor tent is open exclusively to Fernwood members from 8:30 to 10 a.m. EDT. A complete listing of vendors is available at www.fernwoodbotanical.org

• **Harris-Kramer Country Estate Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 5, and noon to 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 6.**

Longtime Fernwood benefactors Andrea Kramer and Alton Harris sold their Buffalo Road country house last fall. Known for their ongoing support of Fernwood, they donated the contents of their house to Fernwood to be sold in a two-day estate sale. All proceeds benefit Fernwood.



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INDIANA VS. MICHIGAN COSTS

Many people who live near Lake Michigan close to the Indiana-Michigan border have asked me whether there are differences between the two states in property taxes, living expenses and prices.

As to property taxes, many years ago, Indiana property taxes were much lower for many houses than Michigan property taxes because the system depreciated the buildings. No longer. Everyone's taxes are based on Fair Market Value with constitutional limits. Indiana now has a cap of 1% of fair market value for a primary residence, 2% for second homes and 3% for commercial and industrial. That lines up closely to the Michigan Township taxes that are about 1.2% for primary residence, 2.0% for second homes and 2.0% for commercial and residential. Not a cap, but actual tax rates today. If you live in a city or village, the rates in Michigan are closer to 1.5% for primary residence and 2.5% for second homes and commercial/industrial. Bit more expensive.

As to other expenses, while I have no exact numbers, I can tell you NIPSCO is dramatically (30%?) costlier for gas and electric. Something to consider.

So what Property about prices?

To keep the comparisons fair, I have created three districts. The first area is Grand Beach and Michiana, Mich., which are within three miles of the border. The second area is Michiana Shores, Duneland Beach, Long Beach and that part of Michigan City east of the river and harbor. The third Area is from Beverly Shores to Ogden Dunes north of U.S. 12. These are median sale prices for the last 12 months.

Grand Beach Michiana	\$472k
Mich Shores Sheridan	\$326k
Beverly Ogden	\$326k

Grand Beach and Michiana report a much higher median sale price. It is sufficiently higher to support the conclusion that it is more expensive to own in these Michigan communities close to the border than in the two other Indiana lakefront communities that are to the west. Interesting that Indiana communities had the same median sale price.

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"Viola Virtuosity"

Michigan City Chamber Music Festival will present "Viola Virtuosity," a free concert featuring Rudolf Haken and Istvan Szabo, at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Works by W.A. Mozart and Boris Zeidman will be featured.



Haken is a composer and violist known for melding disparate styles and genres. He is recognized for his work with extended-range violas, appearing in concert on four continents with his Rivinus five-string viola and Jensen six-string electric viola.

Szabó is a graduate of the University of Illinois and George Dima Academy of Music in Cluj, Romania, with a double major in viola performance and pedagogy. He studied at the University of Illinois with Haken



A meet-the-artists reception immediately follows the performance. Visit mccmf.com for details.

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Five area shops around LaPorte County welcome visitors to browse and buy antiques, folk art, hand-crafts, primitives, repurposed items and yard art during the annual LaPorte County Barn Shop Hop.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 4-6. Maps are available at each site, along with punch cards. Cards with all sites punched are entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate good at any of the shops.

One of the organizers is Marcy Dailey, owner of Fawn Run Farm Mercantile, 3883 E. County Road 700 North, Rolling Prairie, which is one of the locations. Also participating are:

- Freckle Farm Primitives and Antiques, 508 State St., LaPorte, which ranges from primitive cupboards and cabinets to early farmhouse goods and industrial salvage.
- Plain & Fancy Antiques & Vintage Decor, 5395 W. Johnson Road, LaPorte – Lorie Sensow and her husband, Bob, sell primitives, glassware, pottery, toys, crochet and quilts.
- Barn Style Antiques, 2194 E. Indiana 2, Rolling Prairie. Angie Jaybar's shop, situated in a 1928 barn, features primitives and farmhouse finds.
- It's All About the Barn, 0744 E. County Road 900 North, LaPorte. The white 1836 barn owned by Martha and Dave Birkholz is filled with antiques. Visit bbpnet.com/x17a for details.

Local Student Wins Essay Contest

A St. Stanislaus School fourth-grader won a National County Government Week essay contest sponsored by the Association of Indiana Counties and Bliss McKnight Inc.

Madeleine McCarther received \$100 for her essay. This year's theme was "Keeping Indiana Safe: County Law Enforcement." Essays were judged on how well students discussed the county's role in local law enforcement.



One winner was chosen in each of the AIC's six districts from among several hundred submitted from across the state. McCarther received the prize during the AIC Northwest District Meeting in Marshall County.

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First Friday @ Lubeznik Center

Peter Aglinskas returns to perform during First Friday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Aglinskas, recipient of the Chicago Cultural Department's "Artists International" Award, infuses his music with elements of jazz, soul and rock, with technique firmly rooted in classical music.



Aglinskas

Also, two new exhibits can be viewed in the NIPSCO Education Studios.

"Material Culture" displays the varied media and methods of zines and self-published materials, including comic books, graphic novels, community and environmental activist projects, poetry and photography zines.

Community Supported Art Valpo will present an overview of the style and work the current season's artists create. Exhibiting artists include Briana Olivares, Chris Acton, Rachel Garastik, Nick Gloom, Laurel Izard and Jessica Haug.

Continuing in the galleries is "Birds & Bees," where 10 artists share personal interpretations and connections to birds or bees through drawing, printmaking, painting, sculpture, mixed media, installation and video. The artists include Aimée Beaubien, Kimberly Beck, Karen Bondarchuk, Ladislav Hanka, Kelly Heaton, Kristina Knowski, Lauren Levato Coyne, Laura Marie Panozzo, Stephanie Metz and Aimee Tomasek.

The First Friday event is free, with a cash bar and lite bites planned. Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org or call (219) 874-4900 for more information.

Indiana Dunes Birding Festival

The fourth annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival will celebrate the migration of birdlife through the Indiana Dunes region on Thursday through Sunday, May 17-20.

The event is a partnership between Indiana Audubon Society, Indiana Dunes State Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

While many festival programs are booking quickly, spots remain for the Saturday night dinner, silent auction and presentation at Duneland Falls Banquet Center, 1100 Max Mochal Highway, Chesterton. The keynote speaker is Greg Miller, who was portrayed in the movie, "The Big Year."



Miller

Four-day registration is available for the entire event, or participants can register online for the keynote dinner only. Registration and program information is at indunesbirdingfestival.com

More details are available at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter, by calling the IDNL information desk at (219) 395-1882 or the Indiana Audubon Society at (219) 928-6905.

Naturalists Hike @ Gardens

A naturalists hike, complete with birding expert Susan Bagby and Potawatomi Audubon Society members, is at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Leading the hike is Jude Rakowski, a Gardens volunteer and former park ranger. Bagby will point out birds by sight or sound. Potawatomi Audubon Society members will identify wildflowers, trees and bugs.

The hike is held rain or shine, unless the weather turns severe. Admission is free for Gardens members. General admission is \$8 for visitors 13 and older and free for children 12 and younger. There is no additional charge for the tour. Meet at the entrance cabin in the parking lot. Wear good walking shoes, and dress for the weather.

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Region of Three Oaks Museum

The Region of Three Oaks Museum opens for the season Saturday, May 5, combining new exhibits with old favorites.

Located at 5 Featherbone Ave. (next to The Acorn Theater), the museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m. EDT Saturdays and Sundays in May. From June to October, doors are open from noon to 5 p.m. EDT Thursday through Sunday.

New displays emphasize pioneer days with depictions of butter churning, tapping maple trees for sap and spinning sheared wool into yarn. One display highlights quilts and oil lamps pre-dating electricity, a bed from the Sittig family home and a desk from the Lakeside Post Office.

These attractions join the museum's collection of photographs of founding fathers and local landmarks, and display cases of familiar area products and period memorabilia.

Saturday, July 21, marks the debut of "Joe Savoldi — Griddler, Grappler, Hustler, Spy" at Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St. The movie will join the museum's local film collection that includes "Father of the Featherbone," the story of local founder E.K. Warren, and "Not Just a Casino," a documentary about the early days of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomie Indians. All the videos were written and produced by TROTOM volunteer Nick Bogert, a veteran network news TV producer. The films are available for showing during museum hours and by special request. DVDs can be purchased by calling (269) 756-3547.

Civil Wars Days in Three Oaks is Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. TROTOM is a sponsor of the family-oriented event, including a typical Army camp and mock battlefield.

The museum will participate in the U.S. 12 Heritage Garage Sale on Friday through Sunday, Aug. 10-12. Vendor applications are available at the museum. Sale donations will be accepted, and volunteers are welcome.

Spectacular Saturdays at the Museum involves activities aimed at preschool and elementary-aged children, including stories, games, crafts, experiments and snacks. Pre-registration is required, and parents are encouraged to explore the museum while their children play.

Visit regionofthreeoaksmuseum.com or contact trotommuseum@gmail.com for details.



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From Mao to Mary

"From Mao to Mary," a showing of Biblical works by Chinese artist He Qi, will be shown during the First Friday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. May 4 at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

Church member Patty Mershon Schaeffer manages displays within the church. According to a press release, she was delighted when the Rev. Dr. Ericka Kilbourne presented the opportunity to display the work of He Qi (pronounced Huh Chee) last fall.



Patty Mershon Schaeffer stands with a work by He Qi.

He Qi blends traditional Chinese material and methods with unique interpretations of classic Christian stories. He came of age during the Cultural Revolution of 1970s China, learning to paint by copying portraits of Chairman Mao. He later began copying Raphael's "Madonna and Child," but in secret. His art has been displayed throughout Europe, Asia and North America.



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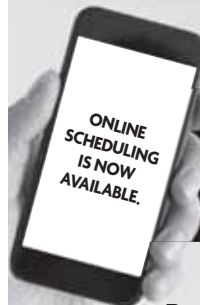
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Here's how to register

- **La Porte** office Tuesday May 15 from 6-7 PM located at 1405 E. Lincolnway Suite B (next to All Star Auto). **CALL 219-380-0809.**
- **Crown Point** office Tuesday May 15 from 6-7 PM located at 11055 Broadway Suite B (just south of Tech Credit Union). **CALL 219-386-4499.**
- **Highland** office Tuesday May 15 from 6-7 PM located at 2144 45th St. (in the Porte De'Leau Plaza). **CALL 219-301-7961.**
- **Valparaiso** office Thursday May 17 from 6:30-7:30 PM located at 3125 Calumet Ave. Suite 8 (next to the YMCA). **CALL 219-386-4477.**

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5 x 5 At the Depot...And a Cause for Celebration

by Linda Weigel

A special 20th anniversary is approaching as The Depot Museum and Art Gallery in Beverly Shores opens its 2018 season with what promises to be a unique and affordable fundraiser and exhibit.

The event's location is notable. The Depot, itself, is a true architectural gem, and one many of us in the area have frequently passed on our way to the beach or heading west on U.S. 12. The distinctive red-tiled roof, stucco walls and half-rounded arches are eye-catching. The building now serves as a nonprofit museum, art gallery and flag stop for the South Shore.



The gallery entrance opens at 5 p.m.

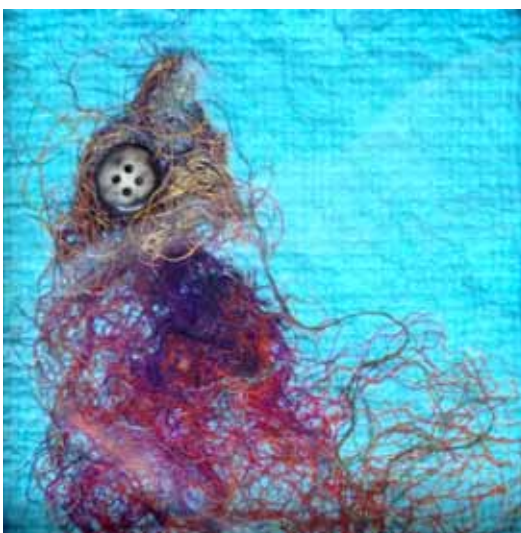
To purchase a claim tag, sales begin from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday May 4, and continue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, and at the event itself on Friday, May 11, starting at 5 p.m. The number of claim tickets sold are the same as the number of artworks



In celebration of this 20th anniversary, a distinctive art show will open for viewing and claim ticket purchases Friday, May 4, followed by the formal opening reception with selection of artworks from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 11.

The exhibit will feature more than 100 original and donated 5" x 5" works by mid-career and emerging artists. In keeping with the theme, each piece is priced at \$55, with all proceeds supporting Depot programming.

The variety of media is exciting, offering buyers the choice of affordability, and distinctive and original artworks. To select your piece of art at the May 11 opening, buy a claim tag with a numbered sticker. Then, use the sticker portion at the opening, where it is placed under your selected/claimed piece. Once the artwork is claimed, it is no longer available. It's suggested people buy their claim tags early and arrive early at the Depot.



Examples of works included in the 5 x 5 fundraiser.



available. Therefore, if interested, you may wish to stop by the Depot to buy your ticket or tickets early. The exhibit is open to anyone, and you need not purchase a claim tag to attend the May 11 opening.

The show continues through May 20.

If You Go

The Depot Museum and Art Gallery is located at 525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores. Visit www.thedepotmag.org for details.

A Collaboration to Preserve History

Editor's note — This article was submitted by Suzy Vance

Many in Northwest Indiana have heard of The Depot. Located in Beverly Shores, it is the only original, remaining, Mediterranean-Spanish style train station on the South Shore line.

Today, while serving as a train station for commuters to Chicago and South Bend, it is home to a historical museum and regional art gallery.

Designed by Chicago architect Arthur Gerber and built in 1929 for \$15,000, this 1,575 square-foot station was one of two serving Beverly Shores until its last stationmaster, Nellie Warren, who lived in the building's residential side, retired. Then, this precious building slid into disrepair.

In 1988, the first station in Beverly Shores, located at Central Street, was demolished overnight. Fearing the worst — the demise of the only remaining station — a group of residents led by then-town board president Carol Ruzic swang into action to save it.

These courageous, inventive and determined people doggedly, over the course of the next 10 years, from 1988-1998, found a way to get this building on the National Register of Historic Places, then to find \$500,000 from a variety of sources to restore it. The collaboration included: Beverly Shores residents; the town of Beverly Shores; Dunes Woman's Club; Association of Beverly Shores Residents; U.S. Department of the Interior; National Park Service; Indiana Department of Natural Resources; Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology;



The Depot in Beverly Shores.

Porter County; Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroads; Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District and NIPSCO.

In 1998, the The Depot Museum and Art Gallery Inc. was reborn, and the building once again opened its doors.

The mission is to enrich the lives of Northwest Indiana residents by:

- Preserving and telling the story of Beverly Shores.
- Featuring shows by artists from the region.
- Hosting museum and gallery events providing opportunities for people to gather and connect.

From May to October, The Depot is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday. It houses three historical exhibits, while the gallery hosts six solo and group exhibits, with openings from 5 to 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month. The season concludes with a holiday show and sale in November, the Saturday and Sunday before Thanksgiving.



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The following programs are available:

• **Teen Library Council from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

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

• **Bits & Bytes series, Internet Privacy Part 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.**

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

• **"Star Wars Day" on Friday, May 4, at Thomas and Hageman branches.**

Stop by the Thomas Library for trivia questions all day, with a prize for the correct answer. A Jedi bike decorating station for children up to age 11 is from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. outside the Thomas branch. The circulation desk will have free popcorn.

Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter, will have a "Star Wars" book corner drop-in craft, a guess-the-silhouette contest for a prize, a display featuring all things "Star Wars" and a "Star Wars"-themed snack.

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. in The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

• **Make N Take Kids Craft Time on Saturday, May 5, at Thomas Library.**

Children can stop by the Children's Department anytime during the day (while supplies last) to make a colorful springtime flower for Mother's Day.

• **Chesterton Cubing Club from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

Anyone interested in Rubik's Cubes is invited.

• **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

Area knitters, and those who crochet or do needlework, are invited.

• **Sunday Matinee: "The Post" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in The Baugher Center.**

The movie is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn will be available.

• **Tinker, Create, Invent and Have Fun! from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Hageman.**

Classes emphasize science, design, engineering and art through hands-on, project-based work. Aimed at children 4-6, space is limited to 12. Registration is required by visiting the library or calling (219) 926-9080.

• **Alzheimer's Association Presents "Know the 10 Signs" from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.**

The program provides an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's disease.

• **Mad About Mysteries from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at Westchester Township History Museum.**

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Youth Orchestra Spring Concert

The Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra Winds will present its inaugural performance during the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra Spring Concert.

The program is at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 6, at the John and Dede Howard Auditorium at St. Joseph (Mich.) High School, 2521 Stadium Drive.

The newly formed ensemble, directed by John Owens of Lake Michigan College, provides a supplemental experience for middle-school wind, brass and percussion players from the region. The concert also will feature performances by: the Concert Strings, conducted by Beth Oeseburg; Encore Strings, conducted by Joe Oprea; and the Youth Symphony, conducted by Burke Lokey.

Concert highlights include three pieces by the LMYO Winds set to the original Georges Méliès silent film "*Le Voyage dans la Lune*" ("Voyage to the Moon") from 1902.



Kraus



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The concert also will showcase two senior soloists. Esther Kraus will perform Robert Schumann's "Piano Concerto in A Minor," and Jared Jaggi will present Alexander Arutunian's "Trumpet Concerto in A Flat Major."

Tickets, which are \$5 for adults or \$3 for children/seniors, are available at the door. Contact the SMSO office at (269) 982-4030 or visit www.sms.org for more details.



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Nature's Tiny Tots

Designed for parents and grandparents, explore nature with toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy music, dancing, storytelling and, weather permitting, hiking.

The free program is from 10 to 11 a.m. May 21, June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, and Aug. 6 and 20 at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 at least one week in advance to register.

Joyful Movement, "Shake, Rattle and Move"

The 45-minute, low-impact mindfulness program starts at 7:45 a.m. and meets at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Dates are:

- May 21, 23 and 30.
- June 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27.
- July 9, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30.

The free program is self-paced and ideal for all ages. Participants can sit or stand. The emphasis is stretching, meditation, heart pumping and balance.

Call one week in advance of each date.

Senior Lifestyles

Join the free 55+ Club, a social club designed for adults 55 and older to learn and explore various types of nature. Free coffee is served to participants.

The group meets from 9 to 10 a.m. at Luhr County Park Nature Center. Call at least one week in advance to register. The schedule is:

- June 6 — "Mixing Medicine," over the counter do's and don'ts, pharmacist Jeremy Blosser.
- July 11 — "Diabetes Awareness and Sugar Glucose" with Clarise Largen of IU Health LaPorte Hospital.
- Aug. 1 — "Meditation, Relaxation and Chair Yoga" with Danielle Kessler of The Crossing Wellness Center

Tuesday Treasures

The program aimed at 6- to 13-year-olds meets from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Luhr County Park.

All programs include arts and crafts. Parents are not required to participate or stay. The cost is \$8 per person per program. Pre-registration and payment are required one week before each program. The schedule is:

- June 12 — "A Drop Around the World," the water cycle.
- June 19 — "Sweet As Honey," bees.
- June 26 — "What's Under The Canopy?," forest animals.



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“Spring Concert and Exhibit”

ArtsBridge will present a “Spring Concert and Exhibit” at 4 p.m. EDT Sunday, May 6, at First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.

The program will feature music students from The Citadel Dance & Music Center, directed by Susan Dietrich-Reed and jazz guitarist Gene Butler. Wearable art by Sharon Wilkinson will be on display and for sale.

The Citadel Music Program started in 1998 as part of the Arts & Education Program at The Salvation Army Corp Community Center in Benton Harbor. In 2008, it affiliated with The Citadel and became The Citadel Dance & Music Center. Its mission is to develop skills through dance and music education, and performance.

Dietrich-Reed is executive director of the CDMC, which has more than 400 students in dance and music. She also is the director of music, facilitating 25 professional instructors.

Wilkinson, Stevensville, Mich., became an artist in her 50s. She gathers locally reclaimed goods and fashions them into dresses, skirts, sweaters and scarves.

A reception follows the program in Goff Hall. Call (269) 925-7075 or visit firstpresbh.org for details.



Dietrich-Reed



Butler

Farmers Market

North Central Community Action Agencies Inc. will have a booth at the St. Stanislaus of Michigan City farmers market Saturday, May 5.

Another group that will have a booth is The Blanketeers, whose members knit, crochet and sew. In the past, they've created items for nursing homes, the Ronald McDonald House and others in need. Anyone interested in getting involved should stop by the group's booth.

The market is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot next to the tennis courts.

First Saturday Hike

Gabis Arboretum (formerly Taltree) will host a free First Saturday Hike from 10 to 11 a.m. May 5.

A naturalist guides visitors through the arboretum, focusing on seasonal changes and interests.

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Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

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• **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following program is offered:

• **Make a Campfire & S'mores from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5.**

Join a naturalist anytime during the hour as they reveal how to effectively and safely make a campfire. Demonstrations include primitive styles and tools of today. Hands-on fire-starting opportunities are planned. The program concludes with s'mores around a campfire, sponsored by Friends of the Indiana Dunes.

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

Shirley Heinze Spring Benefit

Shirley Heinze Land Trust will host its annual spring benefit at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Purdue University-Northwest's James B. Dworkin Center.

The event raises funds to support the organization's work, with RSVPs requested by Friday, May 4. The evening begins with a champagne reception and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner. Guests can participate in live and silent auctions.

This year's "Funding the Future" paddle auction will feature a \$1 for \$1 match opportunity to establish a permanent operating fund for long-term land conservation and preservation efforts.

Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased through the Spring Benefit link on the Shirley Heinze website, www.heinzetrust.org, or by contacting Bonnie Hawksworth at (219) 242-8558 or bhawksworth@heinzetrust.org. Live and silent auction items will be available for preview on the website.

Glass Art Exhibit



A glass and sterling necklace
by Kristin Perkins.

Thaddeus C. Gallery, 822 Lincolnway, LaPorte, will present "Melting Point," an art glass exhibit featuring award-winning glass jewelry artist Kristin Perkins, on May 4 through June 2, with an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. May 4.

This is Perkins' fourth exhibit at the gallery, and she will be present during the reception.

Perkins began making jewelry in high school, taking courses on metalsmithing. She completed a history degree from the University of Michigan and after graduation studied glass blowing at Baron Glassworks in Ypsilanti, Mich., teaching herself the lampworking method.

Also on display are Janet Zug's hand-blown glass vessels, and new works by several gallery artists, including Ananda Khalsa, Richard Glass, Alison Haddon and Kent Stetson.

Zug started blowing glass in 1990 and over the next 14 years rented other artists' studios to create her designs. She worked as a studio assistant for glass-blowing classes in Penland, N.C., and Corning, N.Y. In 2004, she installed her own glass-blowing studio in her Vermont home.

The exhibit is free. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, or by appointment. Call (219) 326-8626 or email info@thaddeusc.com for more details.



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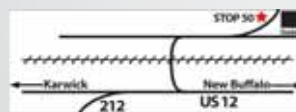
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• **Free Gentle Flow Yoga at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5.**

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

• **Mo' Beat Blues at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the meeting room**

Samuel Lozada's show remakes familiar songs to fit a high-energy style of music. Lozada is a musician and singer-songwriter who performs blues, jazz, R&B, country, rock, swing and rat pack.

• **Story Time @ the Lubeznik Center for the Arts! at 11 a.m. Monday, May 7, at the Lubeznik Center, 101 W. Second St.**

The library's Story Time Crew takes its act to the LCA for a free program appropriate for children through age 5 and accompanied by an adult.

• **Story Time at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 9.**

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.

Marquette Mulligan

Registration is under way for Marquette Catholic High School's 2018 Marquette Mulligan, a four-person scramble Monday, May 21, at Long Beach Country Club.

The event commences with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$145 per player, or \$580 for a four-some. Entry fees include a continental breakfast, green fees, cart fees, welcome gift, lunch, complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

Also planned are a skins game and longest drive/closest to the pin contest.

Golfers can register online at marquette-hs.org. Checks or cash will be accepted on the day of the tournament. Contact Luanne Fettig at lfettig@marquettehs.org or call (219) 873-1325 for more details.

Reins of Life Fundraiser

Reins of Life Inc. will hold a Kentucky Derby-style fundraiser from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 4, at Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Ballroom.

The event includes a gourmet dining experience involving food stations, Derby hat competition, verbal and silent auctions, and gift cards and certificates included in the "Mystery Balloons." A dance demonstration will feature Veronica and Mark from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Guests should dress in traditional Derby attire with fancy hats.

Individual tickets cost \$75, while couples cost \$125. A table for 10 costs \$675. Call (574) 232-0853 or visit www.reinsoflife.org for reservations.

Movable Art Feast

The next Movable Art Feast, a three-gallery event, is Sunday, May 6.

The festivities start at 10:30 a.m. at Blink Contemporary Art, 1709 Franklin St., where guests can try mimosas and hear talks by several Chicago artists in the gallery's "Pages" show.

From there, the event heads to The Nest, 803 Franklin St., at 11:30 a.m. for bagels and a look at new works by Michelle Wiser and Andrea Peterson.

The art feast ends at SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St., at 12:30 p.m., where Kristina Knowski will discuss approaches to framing a wide variety of images. SFC also will have work by Mary Ann Pals on display.



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Women In Leadership

Valerie Mrak will present "Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities" during the next Women In Leadership of LaPorte County meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Center, 444 Pine Lake Ave., LaPorte.

As a filmmaker, teacher, coach and speaker, Mrak has worked with corporate-thought leaders, spiritual masters, Nobel laureates and former gang members. She is a TEDx speaker, and gives acclaimed workshops and talks on "Conflict to Possibility: Breakthrough to Action."

She is involved with Indigan Storytellers, through which she co-leads storytelling workshops and tells original stories at public performances around the Chicago region. She also has been a storyteller with the National Park Service, relating folk tales and regional favorites.

Mrak produced the Telly-winning "Shadow Over Tibet: Stories in Exile," a documentary about Tibetan immigrants in America and India striving to maintain their religion and culture in exile. It is narrated by Richard Gere and aired on PBS.

Mrak is a Toastmasters International contest winner at the club, area and division level.

May's meeting, sponsored by St. Julian Winery, is open to the public. Visit www.women-in-leadership.com/events or the Women in Leadership of La Porte County Facebook page for more details.



Seeds of Impact Annual Gala

United Way of LaPorte County will host its annual Seeds of Impact gala at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in the Chinese Bridge Garden at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Tickets are \$75, and the attire is garden party chic. The event will feature a performance by jazz bassist Dwayne Dolphin, a silent auction, spring cocktails, wine and craft brews, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The event, underwritten by NIPSCO and LaPorte Hospital, supports collective community impact projects in LaPorte County.

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Master Gardeners Annual Meeting

LaPorte County Master Gardeners held their annual recognition meeting April 5 at Red Mill County Park.

Ten Master Gardeners were certified after completing at least 35 hours of volunteer service: Joanne Gorecki, Dave Morris and Chris Svoboda, all of LaPorte; Laura Henderson, Brian Kanyer, Roxann Lucas, Estelle Pawloski and Wendy Shafer, all of Michigan City; Gayle Gross de Núñez, Knox; and George Sarver Jr., Wanatah.

Three individuals were designated Advanced Master Gardeners after completing at least 60 hours of volunteer service and attending a minimum of 45 hours of gardening education activities: Megan Countryman, New Carlisle; Julie Goetz, Westville; and Paula J. Nevers, Portage.

Four individuals achieved the Bronze Master Gardener level, having donated at least 200 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 60 hours of gardening classes: Dan Blakley and Susan Kieffer, both of LaPorte, and Mary Davis and Stephen Zolvinski, both of Michigan City.

Corie Elliott, Beverly Shores, and Carol Lerner, LaPorte, achieved the Silver Master Gardener level, having donated at least 500 volunteer hours and attended a minimum of 75 hours of gardening classes.

John Connors, New Carlisle, 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. Sharon Cholewa received Gold Master Gardener-3,000 status for achieving more than 3,000 volunteer hours and more than 300 education hours, all since becoming a Master Gardener in 1998.

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Home Repair Assistance Program

Learn about resources, many of them free, to help repair or improve a home from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT Tuesday, May 8, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The free event is for Berrien County residents needing financial assistance in making home repairs. A panel discussion at 10:30 a.m. EDT is followed by time to connect with representatives from groups such as Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency, USDA-Rural Development and Harbor Country Mission.

The event is sponsored by Neighbor by Neighbor, a program connecting Harbor Country residents with social services and resources. Call (269) 231-0648 for details.

Chesterton Art Center

MaryAnn Pals is teaching a six-week Beginning Drawing Class at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

Students learn the basics of drawing, from still-life objects, to buildings in perspective, to plants and trees. Class size is limited so each person receives individual attention. All necessary art supplies are included, and students can keep the supplies at the end of the six weeks.

Students must be 16 or older to participate. The cost is \$95, with members receiving a \$20 discount. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 for details.

McVay's Annual Pancake Breakfast

McVay's Annual Pancake Breakfast is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

The menu includes pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. The cost is \$6 for adults in advance, or \$7 at the door. The cost for children is \$3 in advance, or \$4 at the door. Children 3 and younger are free.

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JROTC Earns Awards at Event

Michigan City High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Military Drill Team excelled at the National Marine Championship on April 22 in Gray, Tenn.

The drill team earned first place in the Unarmed Basic Platoon category.

MCHS was one of 15 schools nationally that qualified for the championship out of 265 Marine schools. Cadet Maj. James Steinhagen commanded the platoon.

The trip was conducted at no cost to the cadets nor MCHS. The Marine Corps funded transportation and lodging, while the MCJROTC Booster Club provided meals.

"We drilled well in the other five categories, so we knocked on the door this year to be the national champion," the senior Marine instructor, Maj. Tom McGrath, said in a press release. "With just about the entire team returning next year, our goal is to win it all next year."



The drill team poses with its first-place trophy and "Knock Out" medals.

The drill season may be over, but cadets will remain busy. The awards night is May 16. Cadets will march in the Michigan City Memorial Day Parade, then conduct their summer leadership camp June 4-8 at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wis. Cadets will support MCHS' graduation June 10, march in the Michigan City Kiddie Parade on June 23, the LaPorte July 4 parade and have drill team practice throughout the summer.

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Fine Arts Photography Exhibit

Chicago photographer Zachary James Johnston is the featured artist May 6-31 at Valparaiso's The Village Gallery, with a meet-the-artist reception at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

The exhibit, "Rewa," captures the jungle ecosystem and culture in the tiny Rewa Village in Guyana, South America. The remote village has become the focal point of a conservation effort to save the pre-historic Arapaima fish.

During the reception, Johnston will share the stories behind his collection. A brief film on the conservation project will be shown.

A Columbia College Chicago graduate, Johnston describes his works as leaning toward a more photojournalistic style, and that most of his personal work would fall into a storytelling sphere. He is the co-founder of Ship to Shore Productions, which specializes in adventure, science and conservation storytelling.

The Village Gallery is located in Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle (off Calumet Avenue just north of Cumberland Crossing). Call (219) 465-1591 for more details.



Camp Invention

Camp Invention, a nonprofit summer enrichment camp, will be offered at two LaPorte County sites.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, in partnership with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the camp challenges children in kindergarten through sixth grade through hands-on activities. It promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The LaPorte County sites are:

- Westville Elementary School, June 4-8.
- La Lumiere School, July 9-13.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by NIHF inductees. This year's Fast Forward curriculum features several video challenges encouraging children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovative side.

Activities include:

- Optibot — A small, self-driving robot that senses changes in light.
- Robotic Pet Vet — Campers nurse a robotic puppy back to health, and design and build dog parks.
- Mod My Mini Mansion — Campers design a futuristic smart home filled with gadgets, LEDs, technology and innovations.
- Stick To It — Campers invent something new every day as they explore what it is like to be a physicist, engineer and entrepreneur.

At the program's end, each camper will bring home two personalized robots.

All programs are facilitated and taught by certified educators who live and teach in the community. Visit campinvention.org for details.

LaPorte County Public Library

The following programs are at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.:

• Star Wars Day on Friday, May 4.

Celebrate Star Wars Day with crafts and activities throughout the day. A movie screening is at 3 p.m.

• Pride Bracelets from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 8.

Make bracelets to show support for the LGBT+ community during Pride Month.


• ABCs of Basic Bike Maintenance from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

Learn how to prepare for safe riding, from fixing a flat to recommended gear.

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Children's Art Classes

Jennifer Martin will host children's art classes in May at Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.

The goal is to introduce children to various artists, their styles and techniques, with projects reflecting what they are learning. Classes meet weekly, and are open to all ages and skill levels. Several mediums will be used, including drawing, painting, papier mache, mosaic, sculpture and collage.

Each month, a different artist is featured. May's artist is Jackson Pollack.

The schedule is:

- Monday, 1-2 p.m., preschool, 4- to 5-year-olds.
- Monday, 3:30-5 p.m., after school (beginner), 5- to 8-year-olds.
- Tuesday, 1-2 p.m., preschool, 3- to 4-year-olds.
- Tuesday, 3:30-5 p.m., after school (intermediate), 6- to 9-year-olds.
- Wednesday, 11 a.m.-noon, preschool 4- to 5-year-olds.
- Wednesday, 1-2:30 p.m., homeschool, 8- to 15-year-olds.
- Wednesday, 3:30-5 p.m., after school (intermediate), 6- to 9-year-olds.
- Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m., after school (advanced), 8- to 12-year-olds.
- Thursday, 5:15-6:45 p.m., after school (advanced painting), 10- to 16-year-olds.

Tuition is \$90 per month for after-school and home-school students (the member rate is \$70), and \$75 for preschool students (the member rate is \$55). Supplies and a snack are included. Students must be registered before the start of each month.

Call (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.com for more details.

Calumet Region Photo Club

Calumet Region Photo Club will sponsor a free program, "What Makes a Great Photograph," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Fairmeadow Community Church, 1601 Fran Lin Parkway, Munster.

The speaker is landscape photographer Willard Clay. Visit www.calregionphoto.org for details.

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Activities to Explore

In the Area:

May 4 — First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City).

May 4 — Musician Peter Aglinskis, 5-8 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Free. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900.

May 4 — First Friday @ SFC Gallery, 5-8 p.m., 607 Franklin St.

May 4 — “May The Fourth Be With You” artists reception, 5-8 p.m., The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St.

May 4 — “From Mao to Mary,” 5-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

May 4 — Opening reception, “Melting Point,” 5-8 p.m., Thaddeus C. Gallery, 822 Lincolnway, LaPorte. Info: (219) 326-8626, info@thaddeusc.com

May 4 — Reins of Life Inc. Kentucky Derby-style fundraiser, 6-10 p.m., Blue Chip Casino's Stardust Event Center. Individual tickets/\$75, couples/\$125, table for 10/\$675. Info: www.reinsoflife.org, (574) 232-0853.

May 4-6 — LaPorte County Barn Shop Hop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Details: bbpnet.com/x17a

May 4-7 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: “The Death of Stalin.” Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 4-12 — Premier Performance, “Aladdin Jr.,” Duneland Community Church, 1552 Pioneer Trail, Chesterton. Times: 7 p.m. May 4 & 11, 2 & 6 p.m. May 5 & 12. Tickets sold @ door. Discounted advance tickets: seealaddin.brownpapertickets.com. Info: (219) 841-2266.

May 4-13 — “Greater Tuna,” Dunes Summer Theatre, 288 Shady Oak Drive, Michiana Shores. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15-\$18. Reservations: www.dunesartsfoundation.org/boxoffice, (219) 879-7509.

May 5 — Opening, Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave. May hours: Noon-5 p.m. EDT. Info: regionofthreoaksmuseum.com, trotom-museum@gmail.com

May 5 — Naturalists hike, 9 a.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Free admission for Gardens members. General admission: \$8/13 & older, free/children 12 & younger. Info: (219) 878-9885, www.friendshipgardens.org

May 5 — Gardening at Chellberg Farm, 9 a.m.-noon, Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

May 5 — Make a Campfire & S'mores, 2-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

May 6 — McVay's Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Cost: \$6/adults (advance), \$7 @ door; children/\$3 (advance), \$4 @ door. Children 3 & younger/

free. Advance tickets: (219) 608-6032.

May 6 — Sunday Matinee: "The Post," 1:30 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chester-ton.

May 6 — Mo' Beat Blues, 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 6 — Michigan City Chamber Music Festival, "Viola Virtuosity," 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St. Free. Info: mccmf.com

May 7 — Tinker, Create, Invent and Have Fun!, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter. Registration: (219) 926-9080.

Saturdays — St. Stanislaus of Michigan City farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. May 5-Oct. 27, parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmersmarket@gmail.com, (219) 851-1785.

Saturdays — La Porte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway & Monroe. Info: www.facebook.com/laportefarmersmarket

Through May — "Up Up and Away!: A Look at Aerial Photography from La Porte County!," La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportecountyhistory.org, (219) 324-6767.

In the Region

May 4 — Opening reception, solo shows, Doug Klemm, Tom Van Valey and Andy Sawyer, 5:30-7:30 p.m. EDT, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Artist talk: 6 p.m. EDT. Info: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

May 5 — First Saturday Hike, 10-11 a.m., Gabis Arboretum (formerly Taltree), 71 N. County Road 500 West near Valparaiso. Free. Info: (219) 462-0025.

May 5 — Spring Garden Festival and Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Info: www.fernwoodbotanical.org

May 6 — Meet-the-artist reception, Zachary James Johnston, 1:30 p.m., The Village Gallery @ Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

May 6 — ArtsBridge, "Spring Concert and Exhibit," 4 p.m. EDT, First Presbyterian Church, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich. Free. Info: (269) 925-7075.

May 6 — Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra Spring Concert, 4 p.m. EDT, John and Dede Howard Auditorium @ St. Joseph (Mich.) High School, 2521 Stadium Drive. Tickets: \$5/adults, \$3 for children/seniors. Info: (269) 982-4030, www.sms.org

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On May 3, 1765, the first recognized American medical school was opened at the College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania.

On May 3, 1921, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

On May 3, 1933, Nellie Taylor Ross was sworn in as the first female director of the United States mint.

On May 3, 1937, Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for her Civil War novel, "Gone With The Wind."

On May 3, 1979, Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party won the British general election, making her Britain's first female prime minister.

On May 4, 1855, Women's Hospital, the first hospital designated exclusively for women, opened in New York City.

On May 4, 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.

On May 4, 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered Atlanta's federal penitentiary.

On May 4, 1961, the first group of "freedom riders" left Washington, heading for Birmingham, Alabama to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and bus terminals.

On May 5, 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, at 52, died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

On May 5, 1847, a group of doctors meeting in Philadelphia formed the American Medical Association.

On May 5, 1891, the opening night in New York's Carnegie Hall featured a concert conducted by Peter Tchaikovsky and Walter Damrosch.

On May 5, 1904, pitcher Cy Young hurled the American League's first perfect game as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.

On May 5, 1955, the baseball musical "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

On May 5, 1961, Alan Shepherd became the first American in space. He made a brief suborbital flight in a capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, FL.

On May 5, 2005, Tony Blair won a historic third term as Britain's prime minister, but his Labor Party suffered a sharply reduced parliamentary majority.

On May 6, 1840, the world's first postage stamp, "The Penny Black," was introduced in England.

On May 6, 1915, Herman "Babe" Ruth, pitching for the Boston Red Sox, hit his first major league home run.

On May 6, 1935, the Works Progress Administra-

tion was established to provide work during the Depression.

On May 6, 1937, while attempting a landing in Lakehurst, NJ, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible Hindenburg exploded, killing 35 of the 97 people on board, and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On May 6, 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married commoner Anthony Armstrong-Jones in Westminster Abbey. They would divorce in 1978.

On May 6, 2004, 51.1 million people tuned in for the final first-run episode of “Friends” on NBC.

On May 6, 2006, Lillian Gertrud Asplund, the last American survivor of the sinking of the Titanic, died in Shrewsbury, Mass.; she was 99.

On May 7, 1789, the first presidential inaugural ball, honoring President and Mrs. George Washington, was held in New York City.

On May 7, 1840, Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, world-famous Russian composer, was born in Votkinsk, Russia.

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 lives were lost when the British liner *Lusitania*, after being hit by a German torpedo, sank off the Irish coast.

On May 7, 1925, ground was broken for the University of Chicago Medical Center.

On May 7, 1989, Mayor Richard M. Daley and Gov. James Thompson helped break ground for the new Comiskey Park.

On May 8, 1886, an Atlanta pharmacist, John Styth Pemberton, invented a syrup for a beverage that was to become known as “Coca-Cola.”

On May 8, 1944, the first eye bank was established in New York City.

On May 8, 1984, the Soviet Union announced that it would not participate in the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

On May 8, 1999, The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace.

On May 9, 1502, Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain on his fourth, and final, voyage to the New World.

On May 9, 1754, the first cartoon appeared in an American newspaper. Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* carried an illustration of a divided snake, each section symbolizing one of the colonies. The caption read, "Join or Die."

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mothers Day to be a public holiday.

On May 9, 1926, U.S. Navy Commander Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first people to fly over the North Pole.

On May 9, 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.



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Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Third Victim by Phillip Margolin (hardcover, \$26.99 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

"A burst of static from the radio momentarily distracted Caleb just as something staggered out of the forest and into the road. He jammed on his brakes and the pickup fishtailed...As he turned, the headlights panned over a body sprawled on the road."

So starts this engrossing novel of murder, sadism, deception and the workings of a criminal defense lawyer's office.

The girl in the road is Meredith Fenner. She is burned with cigarettes, beaten, tied up with duct tape and found wearing only panties and a blouse. She haltingly tells of being kidnapped, taken to a cabin in the woods and kept until she broke out.

She is so delicate looking, everyone, especially policeman Harry White, wants to get the monster who did this to her. After some recuperation, she tells police about the newer-style log cabin by Whisper Lake — where her nightmares began. Returning to where she was found, Meredith and the police fan out and find the cabin. After a warrant allows access to the empty house, the police soon find the room where she was held, exactly as she described.

The really big surprise arrives when the police learn who owns the house. Alex Mason. A lawyer. Imagine that. I know we call them sharks, but...a sadist and kidnapper? Mason actually has a good reputation in the courtroom.

He, of course, professes his innocence, but the police find duct tape used on Meredith and with Mason's DNA. Check. She also said while she couldn't see his face, he was bulky and had a New York accent. Also check. A warrant is soon put out for his arrest and Mason is on the inside looking out.

To make matters worse, Mason's wife, Allison, describes their S&M sex activities with many of the same details given by Meredith. It's definitely not looking good for him...

Then, to make matters worse, two prostitutes, Patricia Rawls and Tonya Benson, were tortured and murdered in the area not long before. Their cases sounded a lot like Meredith's.

Enter Regina Barrister, a legend among criminal defense lawyers in Oregon. She has taken on Robin Lockwood, a young lawyer who paid for her college degree by being a Mixed Martial Arts fighter. She idolizes Regina and, along with Jeff Hodges, Regi-

na's top investigator, make a formidable team.

It's no surprise Mason turns to Regina to be his defense lawyer. Everything so far points to his guilt, though he swears he's innocent...don't they all?

Regina has picked up another client about the same time. Police officer Arnold Prater hires Regina to represent him in a lawsuit filed by pimp/drug dealer Miles Poe. Poe says Prater beat up a female friend of his during sex. He also said Prater had other cops harassing him with tickets for many minor crimes. Regina ups her fee, but Prater comes up with the retainer.

Research into Prater's past career as a cop back east shows him to be a bad egg. Robin and Jeff don't like what they find about Prater and, surprise, Poe is soon mysteriously found dead. End of lawsuit.

No one thought these two cases would have anything in common, but deep and thorough investigative work by Robin and Jeff turns up some interesting facts about Meredith and Allison — and Prater and Poe. Could these cases have anything in common? Funny how these things work.

As time goes by, Robin slowly realizes her mentor and boss might be harboring a deep secret that, if revealed, would do irreparable damage to her image. What can she do? Confront Regina? Hardly. Talk to Jeff? Maybe...

I picked this book because it gives a different perspective, that of looking at a crime from the defense lawyer's position. Also, we have not one, but two strong female characters. Regina and Robin represent the intelligent woman, both with a moral compass and passion for the law.

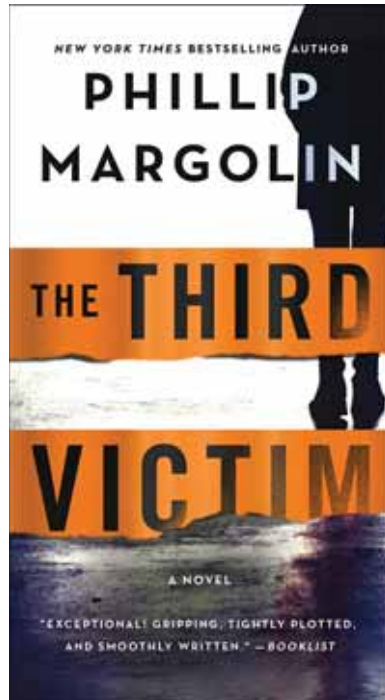
Margolin's writing is tight, the plot moves along building your interest, and just when you think the crime is solved and the bad guy gets put away — bingo! — a "new truth" will come to light.

It's easy to see why Margolin is consistently on the bestselling lists — he's the genuine article.

Booklist: "Margolin continues his return to the exceptional form of his early novels with this gripping, tightly plotted and smoothly written legal thriller... A winner from a veteran genre author."

Margolin is the author of more than 20 novels, most of them *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Gone But Not Forgotten*, *Lost Lake* and *Violent Crimes*. He is a former criminal defense attorney who now lives in Portland, Ore. Website: www.philipmargolin.com; FB: [PhillipMargolinAuthor](https://www.facebook.com/PhillipMargolinAuthor)

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