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## The Upice That Rocked America

by Andrew Tallackson



In this undated photo, radio DJ Dick Biondi is surrounded by adoring fans.

Pamela Pulice met radio legend Dick Biondi back in 1961. She was 13. Shy. Awkward. Consumed by the nagging self-consciousness of adolescence.

Not exactly the poster child of a Dick Biondi fan. "The Wild I-tralian," the radio disc jockey dubbed himself, one of the first "screamers" whose wild on-air persona saw him shouting — often with unfiltered fire — about the music he played.

But Pulice was drawn to Biondi, she says, and opportunities to meet him were plentiful. With the dawn of rock 'n' roll, DJs like Biondi embarked on many a "record hop," turning up at schools or clubs to promote music, in some instances with the performers themselves.

The fateful event that linked Pulice to Biondi emerged at a local shopping center, one that included a carnival. By her side were a Continued on Page 2

Pamela Pulice with her hero, Dick Biondi, in 1962.



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## The Unice

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friend, Joan, and her sister, Bev, who couldn't care less about the DJ.

Upon meeting Biondi, he was exceedingly kind. So friendly, in fact, the unexpected happened.

"Hey," Biondi asked, "who wants to go on the Tilt-A-Whirl with me?"

Pulice was no fan of carnival rides. Joan and Bev, however, took the what-the-heck approach and joined Biondi for a spin on the Tilt-a-Whirl.

Recalling that moment, Pulice laughs as if to this day still overwhelmed with disbelief. Her friend and sister, spiraling about on a carnival ride with the man she idolized—the girls blasé about it—while she stood and watched.

Then again, Pulice says, that's Dick Biondi in a nutshell. A gentle, kindhearted soul with a flair for the unexpected on the air and off.

"He was so unlike any DJ we had ever heard," Pulice says. "He was corny. He was wild. He was crazy. He made all of us feel like the world wasn't that serious, and he was always sticking up for teenagers."

Fifty seven years after that first encounter, Pulice remains steadfastly devoted to Biondi. In fact, she is entrenched in making a documentary on him, "The Voice

That Rocked America: The Dick Biondi Story," 20 minutes of which she will screen during a program at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

Strange, that no one up until now would think to craft a film about Biondi. Some of the stories about him are practically mythic in quality. Then again, it is fitting that Pulice is the one to do it. She is the epitome of the superfan: a custodian of knowl-

edge on everything Dick Biondi. When she conveys a story, a nugget from his past, she appears eager to share it, and share it correctly. Protective, almost, of the man and his legacy.

And what a legacy. After all, this is the guy who helped introduce Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and a slate of R&B artists to American audiences. He is credited with being the first DJ in America to play the Beatles, specifically on WLS in Chicago. The song, by the way, was "Please Please Me." When his career took him to Los Angeles, he helped introduce the Rolling Stones and the Beatles at the Hollywood Bowl. He was fired from jobs for on-air antics

25 times, but Pulice says he laughs about it, spinning that fact, like only a DJ can, that he was hired for as many jobs as he lost.

Today, Biondi is a National Radio Hall of Fame inductee. In 2010, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first Chicago broadcast. He's been a continued presence at oldies stations. And at 85, he's encountered his share of health issues, but as Pulice says, he's nowhere near down for the count.

Pulice grew up in Villa Park, Ill. Her father, Paul Enzweiler, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, meeting his bride, Judy, during a brief period of respite in Australia.

"He was on R&R when he met her," Pulice says, adding with a chuckle, "thinking the only thing he was going to see



Pamela Pulice has been working on her documentary about Dick Biondi since 2014.

(in Australia) were kangaroos."

Pulice's family, in fact, briefly lived in Australia, but a bulk of her formative years unfolded in the Chicago suburbs...alongside consuming a daily diet of Dick Biondi on Chicago radio.

"I really was a magnet drawn to him," she said.

She rode the train into Chicago to attend any of Biondi's record hops or public appearances. She started a fan club, including a newsletter she hand ed out to members. Biondi still has one of the newsletters. Pulice, ironically, does not.

On another occasion, Pulice, joined by her pal, Joan, and sister, Bev, bought Biondi a sweater from what she described as a community discount store—"the cheapest in town." He not only loved it, but wore the sweater on the cover of one of his albums.

"He was always so kind," she said. "He made me feel very special. He did that to everyone."

Pulice retired to LaPorte in 2009. Her sister already had a place here, and Pulice fell in love with a cottage on Pine Lake. The change in scenery, however, was not on a whim: the move afforded Pulice and her sister quality time with their mother during her final years, before her passing in 2013.



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Professionally, Pulice worked for many years in the restaurant business. Secretly, though, she yearned to make documentaries. In 2000, she had a change of heart. She bought a video camera, learning everything she could about the medium. She started a company, Dreaming Mimi Productions, filming weddings and other special events. Later, she formed another company, Reel Stories Productions LLC, preserving life stories through "video memories." One such project was the 17-minute film, "Peggy's Memoir: Recollections of an English War Bride." Pulice met Mike and Lynn Przybylinski, LaPorte, learning his mother, Peggy, was a World War II war bride from England. Pulice subsequently interviewed her, combing through scrapbooks for pictures and sitting down to speak with her. Ninety two at the time, Peggy talked about the chance meeting that changed the course of her life.

Pulice's greatest source of inspiration as a documentarian was Pat Wisniewski, whose film, Continued on Page 4



## The Voice

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"Everglades of the North: The Story of the Great Kankakee Marsh," was being shown at Valparaiso University. And it was around that time, in March 2014, that Pulice decided the time was now to film the story of the man who for so many years brought happiness to her life.

"I didn't think I could do it," she said of the film-making process, "but Patty (Wisniewski) really encouraged me. She told me that I would have to come out of my comfort zone to do this.



A February 1962 event brought Dick Biondi to Michigan City.

"I realized, I don't wait to die and say I didn't try this."

So, since 2014, Pulice has immersed herself in the world of Dick Biondi, traveling across the country to speak with people whose memories delve deep. She's conducted interviews at WLS. Covered "hops" Biondi attended at a Knights of Columbus, Lake County Fairgrounds and Chicago's Brother Rice High School. She's attended a car show and toy drive. She's interviewed DJs ranging from Bob Hale and Greg Brown to John Landecker and Dave Fogel. She's interviewed members of New Colony Six, Tom Doody ("The Cryan' Shames"), Bobby Rydell and Frankie Valli. In a particular coup, she nabbed comments from Brian Wilson, backstage when he appeared at Four Winds Casino Resort. Biondi introduced The Beach Boys' "Surfer Girl" to listeners out west.

Pulice still pinches herself over that last interview.

"At the time," she said, "I was like, 'Oh my God, I can't believe it'."

And Biondi himself? For someone like Pulice, who knows everything there is to know about him, did she glean anything knew?

"He's very shy, actually, very private," she said. "But he allowed me to film him, and he warmed up to it, and I think he did really well.

"He's very religious. He lives his life in that way.



Over the years, Dick Biondi has helped bring "oldies" to new generations of listeners.

He treats everyone the same way he would want to be treated."

From a production standpoint, Pulice essentially has the footage she needs. Biondi, she adds, appears happy with what she's achieved so far. PBS' Chicago affiliate, WTTW, is writing a letter of support. The film's budget is \$15,000, with online crowdfunding helping generate funds to realize the project.

Without question, the magnitude of the film has boosted Pulice's confidence.

"I always had trouble saying I was a filmmaker," she admits. "But with this, I just plowed ahead because I knew I needed to do whatever I needed to do. I had to just do it."



Over the course of her journey, Pulice has forged friendships and met people who inspired her, whose affection for a man who brought joy to so many binding them together.

"Dick Biondi connected all of us," she said. "He attracted people to him like a magnet. This was a magical time for radio. There was

Pamela Pulice will screen 20 minutes of her no satellite radio, documentary at Michigan City Public Library. no Internet, just these stations. It brought a sense of community.

"He helped me, and he helped many kids. And he did it because he loved the music. To me, he's a role model. It's inspiring, and people need to see there is a lot of love out there for him."

#### **Woodruff Family Donates World War II Garden Honoring Veterans**

The newest addition at Friendship Botanic Gardens is the World War II Garden — the first phase of an expansive Veterans Memorial Garden.

The project will comprise gardens memorializing four major conflicts, and the men and women who served their country, during World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The garden was started last year and will be completed in the coming weeks. Bill Woodruff (LaPorte County Landscaping), Bruce Woodruff (Woodruff and Sons) and H&S Landscaping provided the material and labor. The garden has a natural aggregate path and eventually will have benches that allow visitors to pay respect to World War II veterans and the Woodruff family for their service.

Six Red Sunset Maples can be found, each memorializing one of the six Woodruff brothers who served overseas. The family's military involvement includes the father, brothers and brothers-in-law during and after World War II. The family served in all military branches. Many of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren served as well.



Work proceeds on the new addition to Friendship Botanic Gardens.

Friendship Botanic Gardens will follow up the World War II garden by completing the other three other plots there. Interested parties can send a request to info@friendshipgardens.org or call the office at (219) 878-9885 to contribute. Memorial benches also are available for purchase. Visit www.friendshipgardens.org for more information.



#### Indiana Dunes Birding Festival Announces Event Headliners

Five speakers round out the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, a celebration of Indiana Dunes region bird life, on May 17-20.

The event, a partnership with the state's major environmental groups, highlights the area's biodiversity and birdwatching opportunities. It is organized by the Indiana Audubon Society and includes Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park as site hosts.



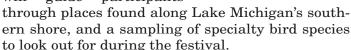
The keynote speaker is Greg Miller, who was portrayed in the movie, "The Big Year." His program arrives during the dinner, silent auction and presentation from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Duneland Falls Banquet Center, 1100 Max Mochal Highway, Chesterton.

Miller has birded in all 50 states and much of Canada during his 50 years of birding. In 1998, he traveled 130,000 miles to see as many species of birds in one calendar year as possible. He passed 700 species — an achievement many birders aspire to in a lifetime. Registration costs \$26.

The slate of headliners, all of whom will speak at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter, also includes:

 Ken Brock, "The Amazing Birds of the Indiana Dunes," from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Brock, also known as "The Bird Man of Indiana," will guide participants



• Jeff Canada, "Experience Migration with the Warbler Guide!," from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 18. The hands-on presentation explores the many uses and features of the new Warbler Guide App, as well as information about the Warbler Guide book, website and foldout guide. Everyone attending the festival this year receives a copy of the Warbler Guide foldout in their welcome bag.

 Paul Bannick, "A Year in the Lives of North American Owls," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19.

An award-winning photographer, Bannick will present a new program featuring video, sound, stories from the field and several



dozen new images from his new book: "Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls."

• Evie Kirkwood, "The Folklore of Birds," from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

From the quirkiness of crows, to the savviness of swallows, Evie Kirkwood, St. Joseph County Parks executive director, takes a lighthearted look at folklore that



often provides insight to bird behavior.

At Indiana Dunes State Park, visitors can birdwatch, build bluebird boxes and see live bird banding from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19.

All activities are free after paying the standard park admission fee of \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$12 per out-of-state vehicle. Participants who have already registered for the festival will not be required to pay the admission fee.

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, by calling the IDNL information desk at (219) 395-1882 or the Indiana Audubon Society at (219) 928-6905.



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At around 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, a convoy of motorcyclists will travel to Michigan City on their annual pilgrimage — part of the National Veterans Awareness Ride — from Sacramento to Washington, D.C.

The group of veterans and non-veteran supporters undertakes a 10-day journey across the U.S. to bring awareness and recognition to veterans.

The ride stops in Michigan City on May 22, gathering at The Harley-Davidson Shop of

Michigan City just south of Interstate 94. It then parades through Michigan City, heading north on Franklin Street to the Danny Bruce Memorial in Washington Park. After a brief ceremony there, a welcome dinner, to which the public is invited, is at St. Joseph Young Men's Society, 2001 Franklin St.

On Wednesday, May 23, the ride leaves Michigan City from American Legion Skwiat Post 451. A riders breakfast is at 6 a.m., with a ceremony at 7 a.m. and the ride leaving at 8 a.m.



NVAR's mission is to remember and honor not only those who have served, but also those presently serving. Of equal importance men are and women who are unaccounted for, either as Prisoners of War, Missing in Action or Killed in Action.

"Each day along the route,

the riders make time to stop at VA hospitals, nursing homes and other veteran care facilities to visit and honor those brave men and women who have defended our country," Steve "Headdog" Moore, the



NVAR 2009 national coordinator, said in a press release.

"We also make stops at schools along the way to help promote patriotism among the youth of our country and to emphasize to them that freedom isn't free, but comes with a cost. Also, at the various memorials along the route, we stop to lay a wreath of remembrance to honor those veterans who have passed on."



The NVAR Ride reaches Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day weekend. The group's primary objective is to participate in the annual Rolling Thunder Ride through downtown. The goal of Rolling Thunder is to bring awareness to American POWs and MIAs still accounted for or brought home.

The ride is open to anyone who wants to participate. Visit www.nvar.us for details.



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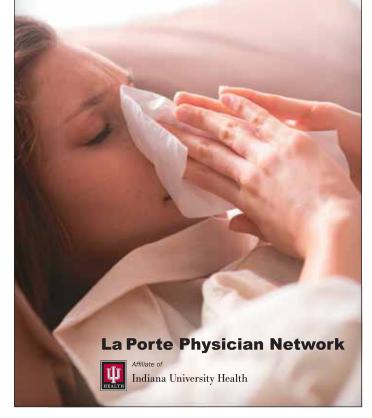
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#### **Seeds of Impact Gala**

United Way of LaPorte County will host its new gala, "Seeds of Impact," complete with jazz/funk bassist Dwayne Dolphin, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

Born in Pittsburgh, Dolphin began his career at 15, performing and recording over the years with Nancy Wilson, Melba Moore, Wynton Marsalis, Hank Crawford, Roger Humphries, Hank Jones, Abbey



Dwayne Dolphin

Lincoln, Geri Allen, Maceo Parker, Pee Wee Ellis and Fred Wesley. Performing on a custom-designed electric piccolo bass, he performs frequently in his hometown and travels to perform nationally and internationally. He also is a philanthropist, giving of his time to support the next generation of jazz/funk musicians, as well as community groups.

The May 20 event is set in the Chinese Bridge Garden. It will feature free spring cocktails, wine and craft brews from Arcadia Café + Bar, along with hors d'oeuvres and desserts from Fiddlehead and Patrick's Grille. Also planned is a silent auction, "paddle raise" and numerous opportunities to pledge financial support for critical impact projects in LaPorte County.

Tickets, which are \$75, can be purchased at unitedwaylpc.org/seedsofimpact. All proceeds benefit United Way of LaPorte County's collective community impact projects.

#### **Dual Insights Exhibit**

A husband-and-wife duo will present "Dual Insights: Carole Stodder and Tom Brand — Paintings" through Sunday, June 17, at the Marshall Gardner Art Center in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

An opening reception with both artists present is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 18.

The exhibit offers a large sample of work each artist has created as Northwest Indiana residents. Both have reputations as contemporary artists working in abstract manners. In opposing techniques, Brand works in oil on panel, while Stodder paints in acrylic on canvas.

Brand and Stodder have exhibited together and separately in museums and art centers across the region. Their works have won awards and been acquired for private and museum collections.

The center is located at 940 S. Lake St. Gallery hours are weekends only: 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.





#### **Art Up Close**

Thanks to the Indiana Arts Commission, with support from South Shore Arts, Discovery Charter School firstthrough eighth-graders visited Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. They engaged in the center's art workshop and took a docent-led tour of the three galleries. This season's show. "Birds and Bees," is especially in alignment with Discovery's mission of exploring the natural world. Pictured is Michelle Blazer's second-grade class at the LCA.



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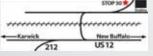
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#### **Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**

The following programs are available:

• The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.

The group preserves folk songs in the traditional way, using guitar, autoharp, dulcimer, banjo, harmonica, bagpipe, penny whistle, hurdy gurdy and other obscure instruments.

• Douglas Center Grand Reopening and National Kids to Parks Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

The center closed in December for the installation of a new heating and cooling system with a "greener" footprint, as well as new doors and skylight windows.

The annual National Kids to Parks Day, sponsored by the National Park Trust, connects kids and families to public lands and encourages STEM learning.

Guests can visit stations inside and around the center that emphasize nature-focused activities such as an outdoor scavenger hunt, fort building, arts and crafts, yoga on a dune, birding and seed ball making.

For a deeper look into Miller Woods, a picnic hike to the beach and back is at 11 a.m. Participants should take lunches and water for the 3+ mile hike.

PBS Kids' Nature Cat will attend the festivities.

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.

#### Michigan City Public Library

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

• Bookmarks: "Sing, Unburied, Sing" at 2 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the meeting room.

Marian Wray will review Jesmyn Ward's "Sing, Unburied, Sing."

• Film excerpt screening: "The Voice That Rocked America" at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in the meeting room.

Pamela Pulice will discuss her project that began in 2014, showing 20 minutes of the documentary.

• Poetry SlamCamp 2018 on Monday through Friday, June 18-22.

This summer marks the camp's seventh year. Aimed at middle-schoolers, the library collaborates with Purdue University Northwest on programming and activities, including writing and performance. Additional details will be announced soon.

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#### **NB Library Community Forum**

A private guided tour of Purdue University Northwest's sculpture collection in Westville marks the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday, May 22.

PNW's Odyssey Sculpture and Arts Program has assembled one of the area's largest outdoor sculpture collections with more than 40 pieces spread across the campus.

Leading the leisurely paced 90-minute tour is Judy Jacobi, who created the Odyssey program. The program - planned rain or shine- includes indoor and outdoor collections of contemporary sculpture and two-dimensional art. Frequent stops and bench seating exist along the way, and a golf cart for three is available.



The tour is free; however, advance reservations are requested since group size is limited. Reservations can be made at the library front desk, 33 N. Thompson St., by calling (269) 469-2933 or by email at new.buffalo.fol@gmail.com. Lunch is available after the tour in PNW's Gallery Café.

Upcoming programs include: "Backyard Birds," Tuesday, June 5; "Come for to Sing - A Summer Solstice Hootenanny," Thursday, June 21; and "Old Hickory: The Life and Times of Andrew Jackson," Monday, June 25.

The free series is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund.

#### **BikeNBrunch**

With riding season right around the corner, registration is under way for Radio Harbor Country's BikeNBrunch.

Rides exist for every level, including 15-, 30- and 45-mile loops. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. EDT, followed by the ride at 9 a.m. EDT that departs from a private farm in Three Oaks, Mich. A brunch, artist studio's tour and raffle close out the event. The brunch features locally grown and prepared foods served at a farm owned by a local artist.

Visit radioharborcountry.org to register. Click Events, pay with Pay button and fill out one registration form per rider. Registration is limited to the first 150 riders. Email questions to bikenbrunch. wrhc@gmail.com



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#### **Illiana Train Society**

Spring Hill's Illiana Train Society will make its first formal appearance during the Spring Hill Farm County Park season-opening "Spring Out To Sunset" festival from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19.

The park is located at 775 Meridian Road in Valparaiso.

As a prelude to the construction of its G-scale model train outdoor layout— due for completion in 2019 — the society will show off President David Ransom's portable railroad garden.

Society members in 2004 custom built the twolevel landscape diorama designed by Al Gengler. In 2012, Ransom purchased a seven-section, 16x13 portion of the layout from the Samuelson Illiana Garden Railway Society. It features a passing track, point-to-point spur line, switch track rail yard, tunnel, waterfall, mill pond and live plants.

The Illiana Train Society is a non-profit group of G-scale enthusiasts from Illinois and Indiana. Membership is open to any family or individual from Illinois and Indiana engaged in garden railroading, who is interested in the hobby or in promoting garden railroading.

Contact Ransom at (219) 462-6104 for details.

#### **LaPorte County Public Library**

The following program is at the main branch of LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave.

• Digital photography course, "Through the Lens," from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, May 22-24.

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#### **Westchester Public Library**

The following programs are available:

• Bookmarks at the Museum at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Westchester Township History Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.

Marian Wray will review Jesmyn Ward's "Sing, Unburied, Sing."

• Books That Make You Think Discussion Group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Thomas Library's Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The selection is Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude." Register at the reference desk, at the upstairs computer classroom or by calling (219) 926-7696. Copies of the book are available for checkout.

• Kids Science Explorer Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Thomas Library Children's Department.

Duneland School Corp. teacher Kim Stahura leads the science-based program for children 6 and older. The focus this month is hover crafts. Registration is required in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Duplo Club from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Thomas Library's Children's Department.

Geared towards preschoolers ages 2-5, registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Teen Movie: "Black Panther" at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

The movie is Rated PG-13. Free popcorn is served.

• Maker Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 21, in the Thomas Library upstairs IT classroom.

Local software engineer Adam Johnson will lead a hands-on program, appropriate for patrons 12 and older, about Arduino circuit devices. Registration is necessary in person or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Bits & Bytes series, Intro to Computers/ Windows, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 24, in the Thomas Library Serials/Automation Department.

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

• Graphic Novel Book Club from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in the Thomas Library Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

The focus is Kurtis Wiebe's "Rat Queens." Register in person with the IT department or by phone at (219) 926-7696.

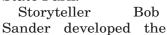
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#### "Origins" Documentary Online

Learn about the beginning of Indiana's state parks, and the role an Indianapolis businessman played in their development, in a new documentary available online.

"Origins," a 42-minute film, portrays the story of Richard Lieber, a German immigrant and early conservationist who spearheaded efforts to develop Indiana state parks more than 100 years ago. The film also tells how Lieber overcame disappointment a failed first attempt to purchase land that became Turkey State Park.





Lieber

film and narrates it. He wrote it in 2016 with funding from an Arts in the Parks grant through the Indiana Arts Commission as part of the Indiana State Parks 2016 Centennial Celebration. Originally, Sander presented "Origins" live and in person to state parks visitors.

In 2017, he received a grant to convert "Origins" to a digital presentation that could be shared through electronic media and used in state park interpretive centers.

A link to the "Origins" video is at StateParks. IN.gov/2410.htm

#### **French Market Vendor Registration**

Twenty five booths are available for the "French Market," which is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Saturday, July 21, at Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.

The event has been held for more than 10 years. Artists and crafters, antique/collectable vendors, specialty food or farm-fresh produce vendors are invited. Booths cost \$15 and tables \$10. The registration deadline is July 1. Register by contacting Jeannine Totzke at (269) 921-1127 or tltjrt@gmail.com

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# Attention Back Pain and Sciatica Sufferers! Back By Request...

## Tuesday May 29 in LaPorte and Thursday May 31 in Valparaiso

## Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop Reveals How to Naturally Heal Back Pain and Sciatica For Good.

Do you suffer with back pain or leg pain when you stand or walk?

Do you have pain when you sit for long periods or drive?

Do you experience pain, numbness or tingling into your butt, groin or down your leg?

Does your back ever "go out" if you move the wrong way?

Are you afraid your pain will get worse if you don't do anything about it?

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions (or have a stubborn spouse who is in denial) - the Lower Back and Sciatica Workshop may be a life-changing event for you...

"I am now able to do things around the house I have not done in years: mop the floor, bend and pick up stuff off the floor, home repairs! I can also now sleep through the night, walk farther without pain, and sit for as long as I want. Most of all, I do not have to take pain medications like I used to!" -Elmer P., Porter, IN

Hello,

Back pain and sciatica can completely ruin your life...I've seen it many times.

- ✓ It can make you lean on the shopping cart when walking through the grocery store (how embarrassing)...
- ✓ It can take your focus away on enjoying your life…like spending time with your children or grandchildren…
- √ It can mess up your work or force you to do a job you don't want to do...
- √ It can ruin your travel plans...
- ✓ And it can take away your ability to live life...having to rely on others...or to wait for you to sit down for a minute.

And less movement and enjoying of life can lead to depression, increased stress and a sedentary lifestyle (mostly sitting...not moving much) which leads to <u>bigger health problems</u>...and life problems.

Here at the Sciatica and Lower Back Specialists at Orthopedic and Balance Therapy, we've helped 100's of people from right here in LaPorte and Valparaiso...and the rest of LaPorte, Porter and Lake County...who have suffered needlessly with lower back pain and sciatica...it's our specialty.

So by request, I'm hosting a Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop here at Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists on:

- Tuesday May 29 from 6-7 PM at my LaPorte office (1405 E. Lincolnway Suite Bacross Route 2 from Walmart).
- Thursday May 31 from 6:30-7:30 PM at my VALPARAISO office 3125 Calumet Ave. Ste 8 (next to the Valpo YMCA)

If you're confused about what to do and looking for answers, here's some of what you'll learn:

- ✓ The Single Biggest #1 Mistake back pain and sciatica sufferers make which actually stops them from healing...
- ✓ The 3 Most Common Causes of Lower Back Pain and Sciatica...
- ✓ A Sure-Fire Way to Pick the Right Treatment for the Cause of Your Pain (and save you a ton of time and money)
- √ How a problem in your back can cause pain, numbness or tingling in your leg...
- √ What successful treatment and permanent relief looks like without the side effects of medications, injections or surgery.

How Do I Register for the Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop? Call our office to register today at 219-380-0809 in La Porte or 219-386-4488 in Valparaiso

When you register, we will mail you The Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Worksheet which you will bring with you to the event.

We only have 20 seats available for the event…and this invitation will be also mailed to 4997 people in LaPorte.

So if you would like to attend, be sure to register now...Call 219-380-0809.

How Much Is It to Attend? Nothing! This workshop is absolutely FREE...but call 219-380-0809 or 219-386-4488 now to register as we are taking only 20 attendees.

As a special bonus, all 20 attendees for the Sciatica and Lower Back Pain Workshop will receive a Special Report: "The Top Ten Most Burning Questions For Sciatica."

Looking forward to seeing you there,

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DR. Arlan Alburo, PT, DPT, MTC

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PS - Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop on May 29 Tuesday from 6-7 PM in LaPorte and May 31 Thursday 6:30-7:30 PM in Valparaiso. Learn how to naturally heal back pain and sciatica for good!

<u>PPS - This event is limited to the first 20 people to register for so call 219-380-0809 or 219-386-4488 now to reserve your spot.</u>

<u>PPPS - When you register, you can bring a guest (we do this because many people request to bring their spouse or other family member).</u>

#### **Art Unfolds Downtown and in Beverly Shores**

by Linda Weigel

May 4 and First Friday bloomed beautifully along Franklin Street. Strolling among art galleries and artist studios, listening to street musicians, one had the sense that finally, spring had arrived, and indeed it had.

SFC Gallery is hosting Mary Ann Pals, a charcoal and pastel artist from Chesterton. She received her Bachelor of Arts in humanities, with a minor in visual arts, from Northwestern College, Iowa. She is an award-winning artist and member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society and Northern Indiana Pastel Society. Her SFC exhibit is filled with works based on nature and natural forms.



"Fiery Fringe," a pastel drawing by Mary Ann Pals.

"Fiery Fringe," for example, represents just one example of the superb technical craftsmanship in which this artist excels.

The show continues through May.

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FADA (Franklin Art District Artists) once again hosted open studios, and Rhonda Mullen's art space presents walls stacked and filled with inspiring



"Grace," photography on canvas by Rhonda Mullen.

photography in a variety of subject matter, several of which are nature-inspired. Mullen, an awardwinning photographer, specializes in life event photography. Her work is available for viewing by appointment only or during First Friday events.

Southern Shore Art Association is presenting "Spring Fling," which highlights varying artistic interpretations of the theme.



"Red Line," photography by Pauline Lutton.

Pauline Lutton's photo of tulips against a weathered fence provides a sparkling contrast between the varying textures and colors of flowers versus the fence. Lutton is a working student in community college, but if this photo is any indication, one hopes she will continue her photographic explorations well into the future.

"Spring Fling" continues through May 27

The Rising Phoenix Gallery presented "May The 4th Be With You," a sci-fi, fantasy and comic book art exhibit.



"Art To The Rescue," an acrylic painting by Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel.

Considering the popularity of comics and especially movies based on the Marvel cinematic universe, especially the re-"Avengers: Infinity War," the timing couldn't be better. The title, itself, is a "Star Wars" pun, but the works featuring seven regional artists is diverse

and interesting. The exhibit was intended to highlight these artists and coincide with the National Free Comic Book Day on May 5.

Kelly Tokoly-Rothermel likes to bill herself as the "Rock-n-Roll Art Goddess" to her students at Barker Middle School. Her work is executed "in a digital comic book style and each of her panels depicts moments from her personal history as The Rock-n-Roll Art Goddess."

The exhibit continues through May 27.

May 11 and Second Friday in Beverly Shores saw two fine exhibit openings at the Ellen Firme Gallery and The Depot, just a short walk between each site.



"Lakeview," an acrylic painting by Father Michael Enright.

The Ellen Firme Gallery is presenting works by Father Michael Enright of Chicago. This is not the first time the gallery has presented artworks by the talented Enright. The current exhibit space is filled with canvases featuring water and sky, or land and sky, executed in a contemplative and minimalistic style.

The exhibit continues through May 27.

The Depot presents its opening season exhibit with "5 x 5 At The Depot," which features art donated by 63 artists for a total of 155 original handmade art works. The variety is a clear indication of the exceptional talent in the region. Each piece is distinctive, unique and nearly jewel-like due to the minimal size.

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#### If You Go

- SFC Gallery, 607 Franklin St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Website: www.sfcgallery.com. Mary Ann Pals may be contacted at maryann.pals@gmail.com, or view her work at www.maryannpals.com
- FADA, 722 Franklin St. Rhonda Mullen is available by appointment at (219) 242-3706 or whisperedphotography@yahoo.com
- Southern Shore Art Association, 724 Franklin St. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Website: www.southernshore-artassociation.com
- The Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St. Hour are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Website: www.risingphxgallery.com
- The Ellen Firme Gallery, located within the Glenn L. Firme & Associates Building, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call (219) 874-4003 for details.
- The Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores. Website: www. thedepotmag.org



#### **Cause for Celebration**



More than 100 students from across LaPorte County were honored at Michigan City's Holdcraft Performing Arts Center on May 3 during the annual Career and Technical Education Awards program. Returning Technical Honor Society members received a tassel to wear at high school graduations, and new students were inducted. Several students were honored with scholarships and awards. Thirty seven students were inducted into the Society, representing six area high schools, including: LaCrosse High School, LaPorte High School, Michigan City High School, New Prairie High School, South Central High School and Westville High School. Pictured are the 2018 inductees to the Technical Honor Society.







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#### New Buffalo Streetscape Project

New Buffalo, in partnership with the New Buffalo Downtown Development Authority, is in the final phase of making improvements to the community's downtown area.

The work will replace water and sewer lines, and create a new streetscape.

As construction advances into the final weeks, most of the roadway within project limits will be closed to through traffic. Intermittent sidewalk closures will be necessary to construct the streetscape. Abonmarche will work with residents and businesses to the extent feasible to minimize disruptions.

New Buffalo DDA staff provided this information with answers to specific questions about the project:

**Question:** Why did the city install retaining walls and seat walls on Whittaker Street? Where will they be located?

**Answer:** Where grading did not allow at-grade finished floors and where it was feasible, short retaining walls were used to create the opportunity for Americans With Disabilities Act accessibility to building entrances. The walls create interest and the opportunity for additional seating.

In other locations, the retaining walls were installed for aesthetic grade breaks and seating. The retaining seat walls are located near Warner Tasting Room, David's Deli, Fresco and the northeast and southwest corners of Merchant and Whittaker streets.

#### Q: What are the plans for the landscape maintenance?

**A:** Eight zones of irrigation are being installed along North Whittaker Street. Natures Way Landscaping will maintain the first three seasons, including spring turn-on and fall shut-off of water, after winterizing.



## American Red Cross

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

- Kingsbury Elementary School, 802 W. County Road 400 South, LaPorte, 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 18. Students who recruit one presenting donor receive a Red Cross medal while supplies last.
- St. John Kanty, 7012 N. County Road 600 East, Rolling Prairie, 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 21. Those who donate receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card courtesy of Suburban Propane.

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

#### **Orchard Country Bicycle Tour**

Orchard Country Bicycle Tour, designed for those warming up for the bicycling season, is from 7 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 20, starting at LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

Biking options include:

- Touring scenic areas of the city and county for approximately 16 miles.
- An intermediate ride of 30 miles.
- Picking up the pace with a 55-mile route.
- A combination of any route.

All riders must be off routes by 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration costs \$20, or \$25 on race day. Call David Wolfe at (219) 362-4200 to register or more details.

#### **Native Plant Presentation/Sale**

The Berrien Conservation District, in conjunction with Bridgman (Mich.) Public Library, will host a Native Plant Presentation and Sale on Wednesday, May 23, at the library, 4460 Lake St.

The presentation starts at 2 p.m. EDT, with the sale and order pickup at 4 p.m. EDT. Vern Stephens from Designs By Nature Nursery will discuss native plant characteristics and care, and picking the right plant. Questions are welcome.

From 4 to 7 p.m. EDT, the Berrien Conservation District will sell Native Wildflowers and Grasses.

Visit www.berriencd.org for details.

#### School of American Music Recital

The School of American Music will present its sixth annual Spring Recital at 2 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 19, at Three Oaks Arts & Education Center. 14 Maple St.

The recital, which is free and open to the public, will feature performances by SAM students — children and adults — and by the school's instructors in guitar, ukulele, piano, voice, violin and flute.

The twice-yearly recitals aim to give students live performance experience, in addition to the musical training they receive in the classroom.

#### **Paderewski Bust Dedication**

The Polish Heritage Association of Michigan City will celebrate the legacy of Polish composer, politician and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

A dedication of a bronze bust of Paderewski — created by area artist Dora Natella — is planned in the Polish Garden, with a blessing by Father Steve Kosinski. A social hour with light refreshments follows.

The event is free. Seating is limited, and guests can take lawn chairs.





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#### **Yoga Classes at Community Center**

Two weekly yoga classes are offered at New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road.

"Yoga Basics," Monday evenings, is a beginners class, any level can participate. "Mindful Motion," Wednesdays, is a Vinyasa flow class. A basic understanding of yoga is helpful, but all levels are welcome.

The cost is \$10 per session. Both one-hour classes begin at 5:30 p.m. EDT. No advance registration is necessary. Students should arrive a few minutes early, wear comfortable clothing that allows for freedom of movement, and take a yoga mat if having one (a few mats are available to borrow).

A portion of class fees will benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit Friends of New Troy. A map is available at www.facebook. com/Friends-of-New-Troy. Call or text Lorraine at (269) 405-6857 for details.

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#### **Fencing Lab Coming to New Troy**

New Troy (Mich.) Community Center will offer an "Introduction to Fencing Lab" in June.

Coach Rebecca Schneider teaches students to fence in a full fitness and strategic way. After demonstrations and instruction, they will be led through practice moves using foam swords.

With 21 years of fencing experience, Schneider is certified by the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association and has served as head coach at Point Fencing Club and Culver Academies.

The three-session lab is from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. EDT June 21-23. The cost is \$50. Advance registration is recommended because space is limited to 12 students. After that, names will be placed on a waiting list for a second lab. All ages are welcome. Walkins are accepted if space is available. No equipment is necessary. Take water bottles and wear loose, athletic clothing (no jeans) and tennis shoes.

A portion of the lab fee will benefit the center, an all-volunteer facility run by the non-profit organization Friends of New Troy. The center is located at 13372 California Road. A map is available on www. facebook.com/Friends-of-New-Trov.

Email rebjane8@gmail.com or call Rebecca at (217) 352-0722 for more details.

#### **Historical Society of Ogden Dunes**

The Historical Society of Ogden Dunes will host a spring dunes hike to see native plants at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

Meet at the Krusa Tennis Courts at the town's west end. Leading the hike is Laura Thompson Brennan, an Ogden Dunes resident and national park ranger. Afterward, participants return to Hour Glass Museum, 8 Lupine Lane, for refreshments and to view plant photographs.

#### Memorial Celebration

A memorial celebration honoring veterans is at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at The Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 Broadway, Beverly Shores.

The event includes a 21-gun salute by American Legion Skwiat Post 451, a program by Michigan City Area Schools middle-schoolers led by Shirley Adams and refreshments.

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#### Renaissance Excels at Academic Bowl

Renaissance Academy competed in the 2018 State Academic Regional Super Bowl — Junior Division on April 28.

Top local schools competed in five categories: science, English, math, social studies and interdisciplinary, which covered World War I.

Renaissance placed second overall in the math division and third overall in social studies and interdisciplinary divisions.

Once all regional counts were tallied and compared, Renaissance ranked in the top 10 percent in Indiana for math and social studies.

Academic bowl participants were:



 Math: (Captain) Lauren Jaracz, William Lake, Jonny Buscher, Paolo Castillo and Gavin Goodman. Coach — Stephanie Ruszkowski.



- Social Studies: (Captain) Alex Bell, Ava Navarro, Paolo Castillo, Nolan Dailey and Sophie LaRocco. Coach — Geoff Cress.
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#### In the Area:

**May 17** — Sandcastle Writers program, 5:30-7 p.m., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org, (219) 874-4900

May 17 — Books That Make You Think Discussion Group, Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude," 6-7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 17-20 — Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana Dunes State Park. Info: indunesbirdingfestival.com

May 18 — Bookmarks: "Sing, Unburied, Sing," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**May 18** — "Sips, Suds and Songs: In the Garden at Barker Mansion," 6-9 p.m. Tickets: \$30. Registration: bbpnet.com/x18c

**May 18** — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

May 18-20 — "James and the Giant Peach," La-Porte Little Theatre, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat./2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$12/students. Reservations: laportelittletheatreclub.com

May 18-21 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "Lean on Pete." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also Showing*: "The Leisure Seeker." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

May 19 — The School of American Music sixth annual Spring Recital, 2 p.m. EDT, Three Oaks Arts &Education Center, 14 Maple St.

May 19 — Teen Movie: "Black Panther," 3 p.m., The Baugher Center, 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

May 19 — Visions of Santana!, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25. Info: www.acorntheater.org, (269) 756-3879.

**May 20** — Orchard Country Bicycle Tour, 7 a.m.-noon, LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2. Cost: \$20/advance, \$25/race day. Registration/info: (219) 362-4200.

May 20 — Polish Heritage Association, Ignacy Jan Paderewski celebration, 1 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12.

May 20 — United Way of LaPorte County gala, "Seeds of Impact," 1-4 p.m., Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 E. U.S. 12. Tickets: \$75. Reservations/info: unitedwaylpc.org/seedsofimpact.

**May 20** — Film excerpt screening, "The Voice That Rocked America," 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

May 22 — New Buffalo Library Community Forum, guided tour of Purdue University Northwest's sculpture collection, 10 a.m. EDT. Free. Reserva-

tions: (269) 469-2933, new.buffalo.fol@gmail.com

**May 23** — Sinai Temple Deli Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sinai Temple, 2800 Franklin St. Call-in orders: (219) 874-4477, (219)-877-7541.

**Saturdays** — St. Stanislaus of Michigan City farmers market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 27, parking lot next to tennis courts. Info: ssmcfarmer-smarket@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 26** — Photography exhibit, "The View As We See It," Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711.

**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 18 — Opening reception, "Dual Insights: Carole Stodder and Tom Brand — Paintings," 6-9 p.m., Marshall Gardner Art Center, 940 S. Lake St., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood.

May 18-20 — "I Hate Hamlet," Elkhart Civic Theatre @ Bristol (Ind.) Opera House, 210 E. Vistula St. Times (Eastern): 7:30 p.m. May 18-19, 3 p.m. May 20. Tickets: \$21/adults; \$19/students & seniors (62+). Reservations: elkhartcivictheatre.org

May 19 — Douglas Center Grand Reopening and National Kids to Parks Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 395-1882.

May 19 — River Valley Garden Club plant sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. EDT, Harbert Community Park, 13300 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert. Info: www. rivervalleygardenclub.org

May 19 — South Bend Comic Book Convention, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EDT, Comfort Suites, 52933 U.S. 933 (Cleveland and U.S. 31).Info: (309) 657-1599.

May 19 — "Spring Out To Sunset" festival, noon-5 p.m., Spring Hill Farm County Park, 775 Meridian Road, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 462-6104.

#### Support Groups

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

Mondays, Fridays — Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. Mon./Franciscan St. Anthony Health, 301 W. Homer St., 9 a.m. Fri./First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St. Info: https://oa.org, (219) 879-0300.

**Wednesdays** — Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group for Caregivers, 2 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, Rittenhouse Senior Living, 4300 Cleveland Ave. Info: (888) 303-0180.

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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.



## WEEK HISTORY



**On May 17, 1792,** the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

On May 17, 1875, in the first running of the Kentucky Derby, Astrides won by two lengths.

**On May 17, 1954**, the United States Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.

On May 17, 1973, a special Senate committee opened the Watergate hearings.

On May 17, 1998, Yankees pitcher David Wells became the 13th player in modern major league baseball history to throw a perfect game as he retired all 27 batters he faced in a 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

**On May 18, 1836,** the Sloop Clarisa, the first large ship built in Chicago, was launched.

On May 18, 1852, Massachusetts became the first state to make school attendance mandatory for children between 8 and 14.

**On May 18, 1910**, Halley's comet disappeared from earthly view as it moved across the face of the sun.

On May 18, 1953, American Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to travel faster than the speed of sound as she piloted a North American F-86 Canadair over Rogers Dry Lake, Calif.

On May 18, 1980, the biggest eruption in 123 years took place on Washington's Mount Helens. The blast took 1,300 feet off the top of the mountain, leaving at least 57 dead or missing. Ash from the explosion traveled completely around the world.

On May 19, 1780, in the early afternoon, much of New England, as well as parts of Canada, were enveloped in a sudden inexplicable darkness. What triggered this event has never been determined.

On May 19, 1906, the Federated Boys' Clubs, forerunner of the Boys' Clubs of America, was organized.

**On May 19, 1962,** during a Democratic fundraiser in New York actress Marilyn Monroe performed a sultry rendition of "Happy Birthday" for President John F. Kennedy.

**On May 19, 1993,** the Clinton White House set off a political storm by abruptly firing the entire travel office staff.

**On May 19, 1999**, the much anticipated movie prequel "Star Wars: Episode One – The Phantom Menace" opened.

**On May 20, 1830,** the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad published the first railway timetable.

On May 20, 1852, the first Illinois Central train ran from Randolph Street to the depot at 12th Street and Roosevelt Road.

On May 20, 1862, President Lincoln signed the "Homestead Act," opening up millions of acres of western land to settlement.

On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindberg, flying the Spirit of St. Louis, took off from New York's Long Island for his non-stop flight to Paris.

On May 20, 1942, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded ("I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo") at Victor Studios in Hollywood.

**On May 20, 1993,** 93 million people tuned in for the final first-run episode of the sitcom "Cheers" on NBC.

On May 21, 1852, the first train on the Michigan Central Railroad arrived in Chicago.

On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, also serving as its first president.

On May 21, 1959, the musical "Gypsy" opened on Broadway.

On May 21, 1999, Susan Lucci won a Daytime Emmy Award for Best Actress on her 19th try.

**On May 22, 1761**, the first life insurance policy in the United States was issued in Philadelphia.

**On May 22, 1819**, the Savannah, the first steam propelled vessel to cross the Atlantic, departed from Savannah, Ga.

**On May 22, 1868,** the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds in the Great Train Robbery near Seymour, Ind.

On May 22, 1947, the "Truman Doctrine" went into effect as Congress appropriated funds for military and economic aid to Greece and Turkey.

**On May 22, 1984,** the United States Supreme Court ruled that law firms may not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, or national origin in promoting lawyers to the status of partners.

**On May 22, 1992,** after a reign of nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson stepped down as host of NBC's "Tonight" show.

**On May 23, 1430**, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to England.

On May 23, 1618, the "Thirty Years War" was under way as Bohemian rebels attacked the regents in Prague's Hradcany Castle.

On May 23, 1911, President William Howard Taft dedicated the New York Public Library.

**On May 23, 1934**, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were killed as they drove into a police ambush on a Louisiana country road.

On May 23, 1984, United States Surgeon General Everett Koop said that "very solid evidence showed lung disease could result from nonsmokers' exposure to cigarette smoke."



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this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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LaPorte County's R.O.S.E. Award winners.

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- Employee of the Year: Kathy Gazdick, Best Western Plus LaPorte Hotel & Conference Center.
- Employee of the Year: Brandon McKeenan, Bistro on the Greens.
- Green Award: Michigan City Area Schools.
- Landmark Award: Phyllis Jones, LaPorte Sunflower Fair.
- LaPorte County Achievement Award: Falishia Pratt, Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.
- Lemonade Award: LaPorte Urban Enterprise Association.
- Outstanding Elected Official Award: Mayor Ron Meer.
- Quality of Life/Quality of Place Award: LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity.
- NITDC Breakfast Award: Jennie Rae's.
- Newcomer of the Year: Bartlett's Fish Camp.
- Professional Achievement: Karen Gazdick, Best Western Plus LaPorte Hotel & Conference Center.
- Putting LaPorte County on the Map: Mary Ellen Hatton, Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.
- Putting LaPorte County on the Map: Ric Federighi, WIMS-Radio 1420 AM.
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Seasonal jobs beginning the week of June 18 through Labor Day, Sept. 3

No experience required. Possibility of working from 5 to 25 hours a weekend.

Responsibilities/duties can include: cleaning, food prep, working with a dish machine, pot and pan washing and serving patrons in a dining room setting.

Email if interested: mmmdvorak@gmail.com

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#### Garden Club Plant Sale

The 11th annual River Valley Garden Club's plant sale is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT Saturday, May 19, at Harbert Community Park, 13300 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert.

Perennials, bushes, trees and native grasses will be available — all locally grown by members — as well as gardening books, magazines and homemade baked goods.

The sale is held rain or shine. There is a large shelter, so all the plants and baked goods are protected. Visit www.rivervalleygardenclub.org for more details.

#### **Family Fishing Days**

Family Fishing Days are from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, May 26, June 16 and July 21, at Gabis Arboretum, 71 N. County Road 500 West near Valparaiso.

The mornings of catch-and-release fishing are at the North Pond. A naturalist will have a few extra poles and bait for first-timers.

The event is free with admission and does not require a fishing license.

Email ekapitan@pnw.edu or call (219) 462-0025 to register or more details.

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#### La Porte County Parks



All registrations/questions go through the Red Mill County Park Administrative Office, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, La Porte. Call (219) 325-8315 or visit www.laportecountyparks.org for more details.

#### **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.
- Aug. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29.

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.

#### Parent & Child Discovery Days

The program includes arts and crafts, games and snacks. All activities are related to the topic. Programs are appropriate for children 3 to 8, with an adult required to participate. Times are from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Luhr County Park. The cost is \$5 per child/per program. Pre-registration and payment are required at least one week in advance or until full, whichever comes first.

The schedule is:

- June 13 Water, Water, Everywhere.
- June 20 Sweet as Honey.
- June 27— Creepy Crawlers.
- July 18 Snakes Alive.



#### Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Saint of Wolves and Butchers by Alex Grecian (hardcover, \$27 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook)

"He came up from South America by bus....He had nothing with him but his clothes and a small overnight bag...He had been born Rudolph Bormann, but the name on his passport was Rudy Goodman. Rudy. A solid American name."

It was 1951 and World War II ended only six years earlier. Stories of Nazis escaping Germany for

all parts of the world were a sad reality for the victims of their sadistic treatment and genocidal murders. Shouldn't they be caught and brought to justice?

Fast forward to today and northern Kansas where Dr. Travis Roan and his traveling companion, a giant of a dog he calls Bear, are searching...searching for a Nazi identified by a woman who said she would never forget his face. Travis is part of the Noah Roan Foundation in San Diego — his grandfather's organization — that vows to hunt down these missing Nazis. Not to kill them, but turn them in to the authorities for just punishment.

Travis is stopped by a Kansas State trooper as he lets Bear get some exercise at a rest stop. Skottie Foster is one of only three black state police officers. She is an observant woman, trusting her instincts about people and feeling there is no threat from Travis, but probably an interesting story. While she finds Travis not in violation of anything, she is not buying his story of hunting in the area.

Surmising that Skottie is someone worthy of his trust, Travis finally tells her who he works for, and that he is looking for Ruth Elder of Paradise Flats, Kan., a small town near the Nebraska border. She told the foundation she recognized Rudolph Bormann, an administrator at the Nazi camp where she was held in during World War II.

Travis tells Skottie someone else preceded him in this search, but no one has heard from him for several weeks — it is Travis' father. He was headed up to an area outside of Skottie's jurisdiction, so she told him she would contact the local sheriff to expect him — his name is Sheriff Kurt Goodman. Coincidence? I think not.

Alternating chapters do an excellent job of showing how Bormann, now Goodman, found friends in Kansas and settled into a life of ...well, fulfillment. Rudy had been struck by lightning, twice, and built up a reputation of someone touched by God. He started a church where he "healed" people and built

up a following of what I call "sheeples," people looking for a permanent home and someone to adore and do Rudy's bidding, never questioning what he asked of them. Maybe they should have been more curious about the locked door going to the church basement.

Rudy married and had two sons — Heinrich, who followed him blindly, running the church with him, and one who became a sheriff...

Meanwhile, in the present, Travis is hassled by the sheriff and warned to leave. Of course, he doesn't leave and finally finds Ruth Elder's home,

> only to discover from her daughter that she died just several weeks ago. Dead end? Maybe not.

> What follows is a hair-raising story of good vs. evil, every chapter leaving you on the edge of your seat thinking, No! They can't stop there! It's also a great character study, trying to find out who can be trusted and who can't, and what their true motivations are.

Travis still doesn't know Goodman is the taken name of Rudy Bormann, but he does wonder why the sheriff seems to hold such animosity against him. Scottie gets involved with Travis' investigation, having to keep that knowledge from

her boss at the State Police post...that is, until the night her house is broken into by three men. And, just maybe, all of the sheriff's deputies are not his loyal subjects...maybe help will come from an unexpected source.

The climax will knock your socks off! I was tensing up, my blood pressure moving up the chart... pouring rain, lightning, gun fire...but where is Rudy?

The title of the book may seem strange, but by the end it will become all too clear — coming out in black and white and blood. Two very enthusiastic thumbs up!

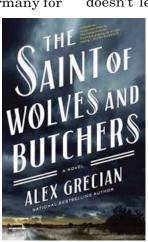
*Booklist* (starred review): "A breathtaking thriller with plenty of action and some very clever twists ...the grimly satisfying conclusion makes it worth it for both characters and readers."

Bestselling author Nora Roberts: "The Saint of Wolves and Butchers makes breathless, gripping, up-all-night reading."

Other bestselling books by Grecian include <u>The Yard</u>, <u>The Black Country</u>, <u>The Devil's Workshop</u>, <u>The Harvest Man</u> and <u>Lost and Gone Forever</u>. He is also the author of two graphic novels: <u>Proof</u> and <u>Rasputin</u>. He lives in Kansas.

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