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Donald Jozwiak, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9423 in Rolling Prairie, spends a moment at the grave of his father, Jerome George Jozwiak, in St. John Kanty Cemetery, just outside Rolling Prairie. Donald and other volunteers placed flags on the graves of veterans at the cemetery May 2. Donald followed in his father's footsteps by serving in the U.S. Air Force. Photo by Bob Wellinski

Dedicated and Determined

by Andrew Tallackson

Editor's note — This is the next in an ongoing series amid this year's Long Beach centennial anniversary highlighting history, individuals and organizations in the community.

Mark Swistek is one of the good guys. He's one of the good guys at a time when public confidence in law enforcement is mercilessly low. And he gets that. Understands why, amid everything that's transpired over the past few years, people demand more accountability. That distrust plagues

communities when it comes to those sworn to serve and protect them.

Swistek, however, refuses to give up. He is determined, now more than ever as Long Beach Police Department's new chief marshal, to remind people of all the good police do for their community.

"I'm 51 now, and guys of my tenure, in this profession, are walking away from law enforcement... who are retiring, saying, 'I can't do this anymore,'"



Mark Swistek is photographed by *The Beacher's* Andrew Tallackson in front of Long Beach Town Hall.

he said in an interview with *The Beacher*, seated in his office in Long Beach Town Hall. “I want to continue down this road, and stay focused in serving communities, and doing right for people and serving and protecting, even though the criticism is high and communities are expecting more from law enforcement than they ever, *ever* expected from law enforcement in the past. I can understand and accept that, and therefore, I’m willing to continue down this path of serving and protecting.”



Mark is sworn in as chief of Michigan City police in July 2010.

After serving nearly three decades with Michigan City Police Department, and having stepped down as its chief in 2019, Swistek became Long Beach’s chief marshal on Jan. 4. His predecessor and long-time friend, Bob Sulkowski, retired after 38 years with the department.

“I have to compliment Bob for his 38 years of service and for his friendship,” Swistek said. “We rode motorcycles together, did dignitary escorts for various presidents and vice presidents. My only goal in this role is to carry on the great things he did for this department and the community as well.

“I always did joke with Bob over the years,” Swistek continued, laughing. “I would say, ‘You’ve got my perfect retirement job.’ I would say how the Town of Long Beach is a beautiful community. And, well, here I am.”

All joking aside, Swistek does not take his new duties lightly, nor has the shift from Michigan City’s police force — an entity he says entails a \$9.3 million yearly budget and a staff of nearly 100 — to the smaller-scale particulars of Long Beach resulted in any “culture shock.” True, he says, it was somewhat bittersweet, leaving Michigan City after nearly three decades there.

“It’s hard to walk away from a lot of guys who you started this profession with, who are still there that are close friends, that I either worked in individual divisions with, within the patrol division or members of the administrative team I worked with,” he said.

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Long Beach Summer Camp
Applications available June 1, 2021!

Dates: June 21-July 30
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“Walking away from a dream of building that new facility (the new Michigan Boulevard complex unveiled in 2016), there were always conversations with previous administrations, as far back as I can remember with (former police chiefs) Gene Simmons and Ben Neitzel. Both were working toward getting the department a new facility. When Ben retired in July of 2010, I told him at the time, ‘You enjoy your retirement, I am going to carry on this dream to get this department, these men and women, the new facility they deserve.’ And that was certainly a highlight.”

The transition for Swistek from Michigan City to Long Beach also was fairly seamless. Back in November and December, he cross-trained with Sulkowski on his own time. In the process, he came up with a couple pages of questions he had about the position.

At the time of his retirement, Sulkowski was working with five full-time officers, nine part-time officers and six reserve officers. The latter are volunteers, but trained the same as paid staff.

Swistek noted common traits between the two police departments. Similar systems used by law enforcement countywide, for example, along with budgets and annual contracts with service providers. Sgt. James Schooley, Swistek praised, has been an immeasurable help.

“I see all the similarities that were at the Michigan City department: a dedicated group of men and women, not only to the department and the town, but its residents,” he said.

“I was very welcomed by the volunteer fire department here, which is an amazing group of men and women who go above and beyond the call of duty. The town here is very blessed to have the volunteer fire department it has because they are a very hard working group.”

When Swistek took over as marshal, communication with the community was an essential goal. He posted a letter, addressed “Dear Town of Long Beach Residents,” on the town’s website. In part, it stated, *“My personal mission and commitment to the Town is to provide professional police services, built on a foundation of essential partnerships with the Town government and the residents we serve. To achieve this, the Long Beach Police Department will strive to enhance ‘Community Policing Strategies’ by seeking input from the town’s residents to develop a unified strategy focused on crime prevention. To accomplish this, we will gather information from the community as we focus on community engagement through our community policing philosophy.”*

Swistek’s intentions were to reiterate his desire, always, for open communication. A lack of that, he stresses, is part of why nationwide support of law enforcement is so low.



Mark's desk in his office includes a tribute to his late father, John Swistek.

“I find that we, as law enforcement professionals, that we fail when we do not communicate well enough to those that we serve. If we just would had taken the time to explain things a little bit more, they would understand why sometimes we have to do the things we do,” he said.

“All too often, police officers respond so quickly, take action, but then don’t take the time to explain to others, this is what actually happened. If we were better communicators, we wouldn’t be criticized as often as we are sometimes. The vast majority of people support law enforcement, and know that they are a dedicated group of men and women who put their lives on the lines each and every day to protect the communities they serve.”

One resource for Swistek has been the town’s mass email distribution list to share information. An example he offers is incidents of what he calls “porch pirates,” in which people steal packages off porches. Swistek was able to prepare a press release, an “awareness campaign,” to residents through the mass emails.

Other goals have involved enhancing technology and training to make sure staff have the most up-to-date equipment. As part of community outreach, and through \$2,000 approved by Long Beach Park Department, the police department will pass out Frisbees, sunglasses, footballs and beach baskets to local children on the beach this summer.

“I really want to enhance the community outreach here at Long Beach Police, similar to what I was able to do in my previous role as chief of Michigan City police,” he said.

So from where did this openness, this embrace of being a public servant, originate? It reaches back to his parents, John and Rita. John served with Michigan City police from 1961 until his retirement in 1984. On his desk, Mark has a tribute to his father,



John Swistek served with Michigan City police from 1961 to 1984.

a framed collage with John's picture, his badge and identification. Right next to it, appropriately enough, is a small figurine of a police officer walking hand in hand with a small boy.

For many years, John "walked the beat" — he patrolled Franklin Square's merchant district by foot, emerging as a fixture among business owners.

"As a kid, I would ride my bike there in summer months looking for my dad," Swistek recalled. "I would find him in the old Colonial Bakery (owned, no less, by the Neitzel family), or John Chalikian at Chalikian Jewelers. What I would find is him talking to the merchants, tending to any concerns they had, checking the back doors before they opened in the morning, making sure none of the storefronts were broken into, things like that."

Mark was the oldest of three boys, each born a year apart from each other. Mark graduated from Elston High School in 1988. Then, always knowing he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, he graduated with honors from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Ind., in 1992. He joined the Michigan City Police Department on Feb.

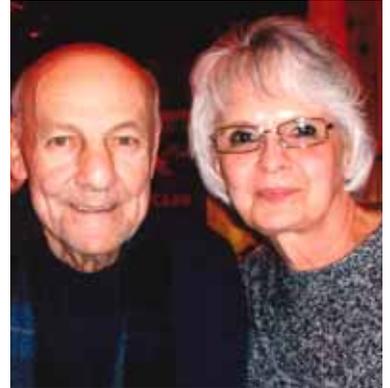
10, 1992.

What did Swistek, as a young officer, glean from his father's many years in law enforcement?

"His personality, his outgoing personality, his love to communicate with others," Mark said. "He wouldn't let anything stress him. Nothing would ever bother him."

Over the years, Mark Swistek rose through the ranks. He was named deputy chief in 2004, then became chief in July 2010 when Neitzel retired.

John Swistek passed away in 2017 after a seven-year battle with lung cancer. His mother, Rita, retired after 28 years with Michigan City police, serving as the executive assistant to four police chiefs — Mark included. She also served as payroll clerk.



Mark's father, John, pictured here with his mother, Rita, passed away in 2017 after a seven-year battle with lung cancer.

What was it like, working with his mother?

"It was enjoyable to see her every day at work and spend that amount of time with her," he said.

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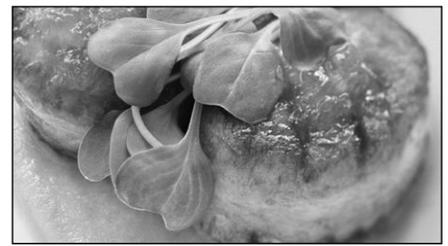
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“At times, it could be somewhat stressful because of the whole nepotism thing, where others would say, ‘I can’t believe you didn’t replace your mother and put somebody else in there.’ Well, you don’t replace somebody who is doing an exceptional job. She was an exceptional employee, a dedicated employee for all those years, so when I came in, I made the decision to continue having her as the executive assistant because she was so knowledgeable and such a hard worker.”

That, he stresses, is how he cultivated his own work ethic.

“To see my mother’s work ethic and to see mine was like looking in the mirror, because my work ethic was achieved through watching my parents throughout my lifetime, knowing that to succeed in life, you had to be a hard worker,” he said. “I’ve always said a true professional will seek out the knowledge. I didn’t get where I am today by sitting back on my heels waiting for somebody to bring the scripture to me to read on law enforcement trends and technology and all that. A true professional will seek out the knowledge, and that’s the way you’re going to advance in your profession.”



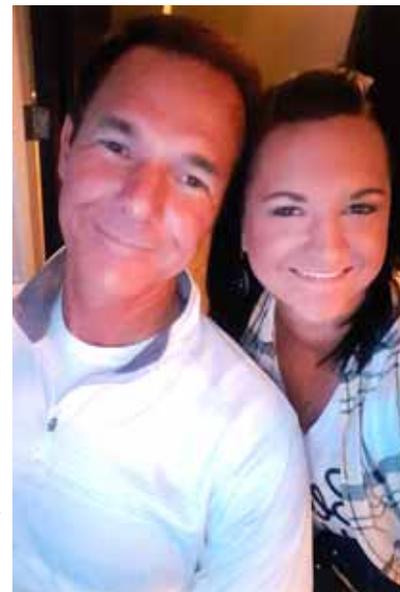
Mark and Rhonda Swistek with their daughter, Morgan, when she was 16 months old.

Work also became a family affair in ways Swistek did not foresee. His future wife, Rhonda, came on board as a 911 dispatcher in June 1992. She happened to be the daughter of retired captain Ken Drake. Today, they’ve been married 27 years. She now works as an administrator over the depart-

ment’s records division.

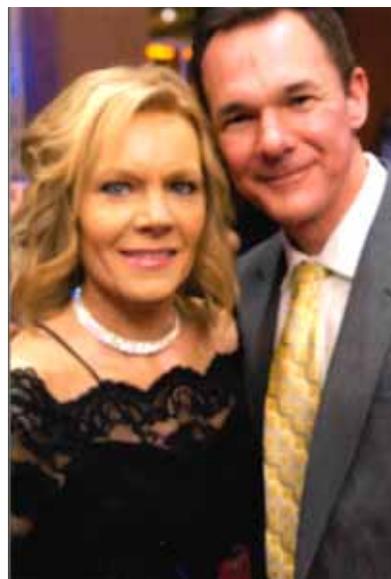
“Having a wife in law enforcement has made our marriage a success,” he said. “She understands public service. That made our marriage what it is today. She is a caring person in public service as well.”

The two have one daughter, Morgan, 26. As a child, she wanted to follow in her father’s footsteps, but heart issues forced her to shift gears. Today, she is a victim witness assistant for the U.S. Attorney’s Office Northern District of Indiana in Hammond. In her role, she provides courtroom advocacy, aiding victims of crimes through the court process. Mom and dad could not be more proud.



Mark with his daughter, Morgan.

And Mark, he’s enjoyed settling into his role as Long Beach’s chief marshal.



A recent photo of Mark and Rhonda.

with a lot of the residents who live here

“This town has a lot to offer,” he continued. “I understand the summer increases the population in town, but I dealt with that in Michigan City. This is a perfect fit for me, and I was honored the five members of the town council saw in me the faith of allowing me the opportunity to serve here.”

“I’ve had other opportunities that presented themselves since stepping down in 2019 as the police chief in Michigan City, but I’ve always wanted to stay in LaPorte County,” he said. “I was born and raised here, and when this opportunity presented itself here, it was a very easy decision to pass up those other opportunities, to stay here where I have friends who live in this community. I’m familiar

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Canterbury Summer Theatre Returns With 2021 Season

Canterbury Summer Theatre's 53rd season, with weekly performances June 16-Aug. 7, will draw on talent from around the country to present comedies, music and drama at Canterbury Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

Ray Scott Crawford returns as artistic director for his 36th season, dubbed "Season of Love!" He is the dean of performing arts and communication, and director of theatre, at Bossier Parish Community College in Louisiana. He will direct "8-Track: The Sounds of the 70s" and "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," which debuts at Canterbury before performances in Louisiana. Canterbury Associate Artistic Director David Graham will helm "Out of Love," while Canterbury veteran Lari Renee Leber will direct an updated version of the off-Broadway musical, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." She recently earned a Master of Fine Arts in acting and directing at Louisiana Tech University, and directed the 2019 production of "Vanities: The Musical" at Canterbury.

Canterbury newcomer Chapman Shields will stage the season's final musical, "Ordinary Days." Shields has extensive directing experience in the Oklahoma region, including stints at Theatre Tulsa and Oklahoma State University.

Guest artist Leah Mazur will create the scenic design for "Out of Love." The assistant professor of scenography and resident designer at St. Mary's College of Maryland, she has designed and directed for, and performed on, the Canterbury stage for 10 seasons, including playing the title role in "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline."

Health and safety remain a priority. Following CDC and state guidelines regarding COVID will be ongoing, with certain changes already planned. For example, Canterbury will institute a policy of general admission seating only, with patrons socially distanced; however, season ticketholders may reserve specific seating if the box office is notified in advance. Protective masks are recommended.

Performances are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets, as well as season discount cards, can be reserved by calling (219) 874-4269 or by email at

info@canterburytheatre.org. Reduced ticket prices are available for seniors, groups and students. Visit www.canterburytheatre.org for more details.

The lineup is:

- **"Out of Love" by Elinor Cook (June 16-19).** Lorna and Grace have been inseparable best



Kaitlin Feely (from left), Annie Barker and Ariya Hawkins star in the 2019 Canterbury Summer Theatre production of "The Queen Bees."

friends since childhood, sharing everything in their lives. Dreaming of escaping their dreary small town together, fate intervenes, sending them in different directions.

- **"8-Track: The Sounds of the 70s," conceived by Rick Seeber (June 23-July 3).**

The fast-paced musical includes the music of The Emotions, The Carpenters, LaBelle, Barry Manilow, Marvin Gaye, The Doobie Brothers, The Bee Gees, Helen Reddy and KC and the Sunshine Band.

- **"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (Updated Version)," book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro/music by Jimmy Roberts (July 7-17).**

The revised version of the longest running off-Broadway revue in history explores the truths and myths behind "the relationship."

- **"Ordinary Days," music and lyrics by Adam Gwon (July 21-31).**

The contemporary musical delves into making real connections in the "city that never sleeps."

- **"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher, from the novella by Robert Louis Stevenson (Aug. 5-7, no Wednesday show).**

The production is a new version of the classic tale set in Victorian-era London.

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LCA Summer Education Offerings

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., has announced its 2021 summer schedule, which includes classes for all ages and skill levels.

The offerings include “Abstract Painting,” “Mixed Media Explorations,” “Sandcastle Writers” (for adult students), “Painting for Young Artists,” “Spoken Word” and “Tinker Cardboard Build” workshops. All classes, camps and workshops follow COVID-19 protocols.

In addition to classes, LCA will offer workshops emphasizing artistic expression. The popular “Fused Glass” returns July 24, along with two new workshops: “Nature Sketching” and “Drawing and Painting Birds.” LCA also will offer a free “Neon Drawings” workshop for teens.

Summer camps for ages 8-13 are planned. Weekly camps run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. CDT with themes that include “Things That Fly,” “Ocean Deep” and “Myths, Tales and Lore.”

Campers will explore a range of media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, bookmaking and animation. Those interested can sign up for one week or all three.

Visit www.lubeznikcenter.org/learning to register or for more details, or check out Eventbrite under Lubeznik Center for the Arts.

Scholarships for all ages are available through support from the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County and LCA’s Dolly Fund. Also, the galleries are open six days a week and free of charge. Educational gallery tours are available for small groups, organizations, camps and programs.

Contact Education Director Hannah Hammond-Hagman at hhammond@lubeznikcenter.org to schedule a tour or learn about scholarship opportunities.

Young Artist Expo 2021

For the seventh year, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St., is partnering with the Lindsey O’Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation to present the annual Young Artists Expo.

The event showcases artists 18 and younger in all media from area schools, organizations and community partners, including Safe Harbor, Boys & Girls Clubs of LaPorte County and Bloomington, LCA’s Teen Arts Council and on-site classes. Works are chosen through portfolio reviews with participants.

Exhibit items are on display in the NIPSCO Education Studio on May 28-July 9. A virtual celebration is at 6 p.m. Friday, June 4, with registration required at www.lokwishingtree.org

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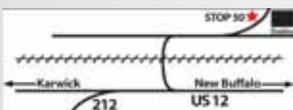
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Krasl Art Center Summer Classes

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Summer-education programs, which run at reduced capacity June-August, include:

- 12 week-long morning camps (ages 5-7 and 8-12).
- Six eight-week youth classes (ages 5-12).
- 11 multi-week teen/adult classes (13 and older).

Experienced clay artists also can apply for KAC's Clay Artist Guild. Visit www.krasl.org for information and to register before June 14.

Last year, KAC moved from in-person classes to online for most educational programs. This summer, it offers indoor studio classes (four students max) and new outdoor classes (six students max), all with safety in mind. The new outdoor studio is part of KAC's East Garden, dedicated in memory of Lupe Hopp. This year, KAC combined East Garden artist installations with the need for an outdoor summer studio, the result being "Prismatic Hope" by local artist Andy Sawyer. His design includes six student and one instructor work stations, all delineated, spaced and shielded to allow for safe artmaking. It includes a series of six connected and waterproof sail awnings, each a different color. Beneath each awning is a student workspace with a convertible workbench painted to match the sail. Each space is shielded from neighboring ones by a white sail with a clear strip down the middle. Instructors will teach from the center of the structure under a large, white awning. All students will be required to wear face masks while on site. There are no classes July 5-9.

Twelve youth camps will be taught in KAC's studios and from "Prismatic Hope." Running Monday-Friday, they cost \$160 (\$150 for members). Camps are designed for students ages 5-7 and 8-12.

For students (and guardians) searching for longer summer programs, KAC offers five eight-week classes and one single-day workshop for students ages 5-12. Students 13 and older can take classes at multiple skill levels and at varying lengths, including one class for teens 13-18.

The full list, and registration, are available at www.krasl.org/education/youth/camps/

Special classes also are in partnership with Sarett Nature Center. They include one taught on Saturday, July 17, led by LaPorte County's Jon Hook of Hook Pottery Paper. He will teach beginning students how to glaze pre-made flower pots (up to three per student), and assist with the process of raku firing. Students will leave with 1-3 finished flower pots.

Krasl Art Center is located at 707 Lake Blvd, St. Joseph, Mich. More information, and registration, are available by calling (269) 983-0271 or at www.krasl.org/education/adult/classes/



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Those who are sick are asked to stay home. Masks must be worn in the center unless actively eating or drinking. That requirement will last while the mask mandate remains in LaPorte County.

Temperatures will be checked at entry. Only the front door will be accessible for now. Because LaPorte County was in the "orange" at press time, building capacity is restricted to 25 percent, which is 75 people at a time. When at a table, sanitize it when leaving with spray bottles with sanitizer and paper towels available at a central location.

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The building will close if the county returns to the "red" zone.

Event Space for Rent

The Region of Three Oaks Museum has available its Heritage Hall, 8 E. Linden St., for rent to the public for meetings and events.

Built in 1866, the museum purchased the former Three Oaks Township Hall in spring 2020 to preserve for community use, as stipulated in the original land deed from the Warren family. Since then, TROTOM has painted and cleaned the building, and hung pictures honoring some of the area's founding families.

The 1,000-square-foot space has a 50-person capacity. Those interested in renting the space can email trotommuseum@gmail.com or call Julie Sittig at (269) 756-3547 for rates and other details.

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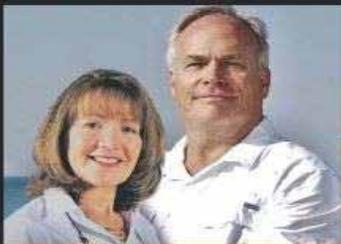
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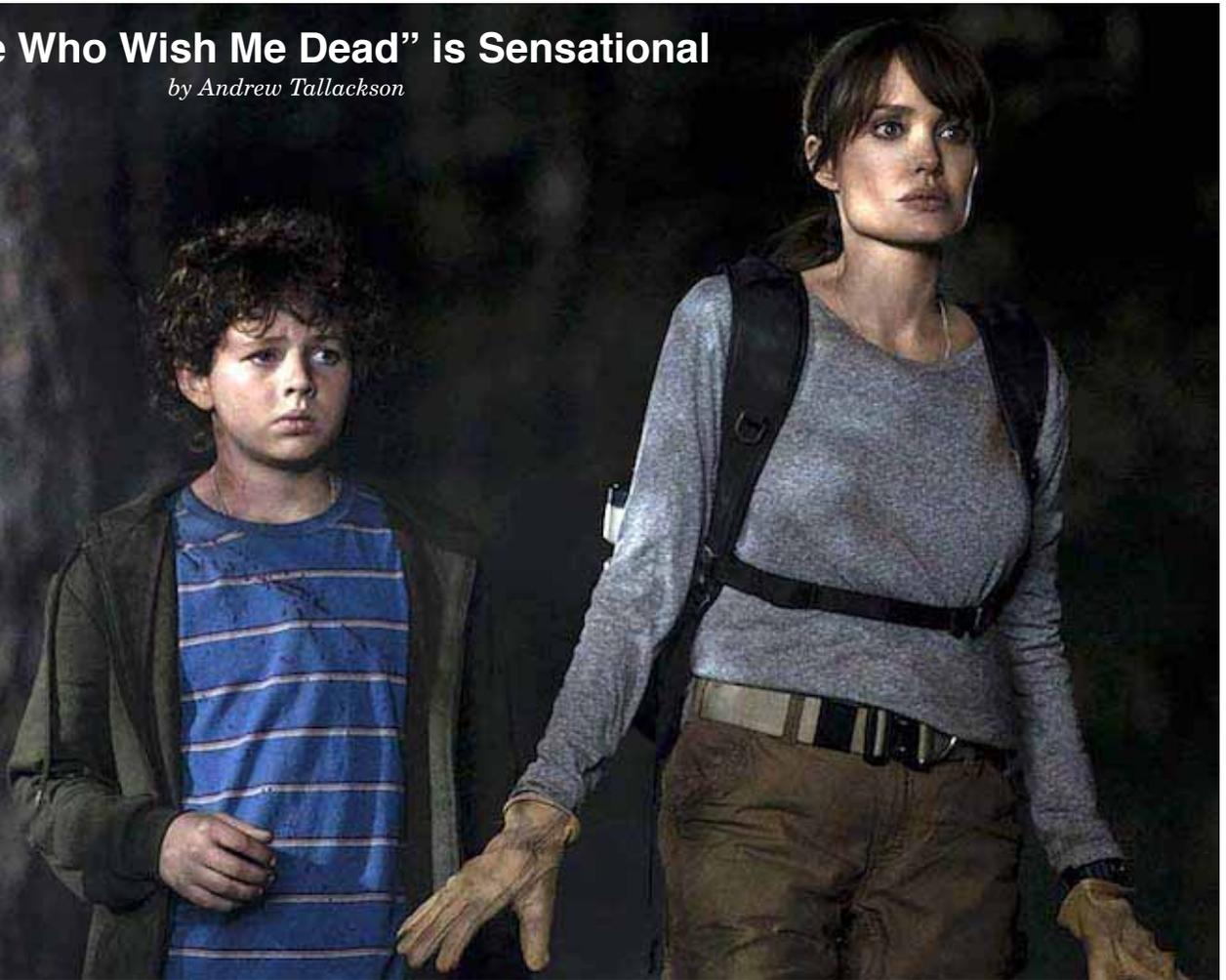
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“Those Who Wish Me Dead” is Sensational

by Andrew Tallackson

Angelina Jolie stars as a woman who comes to the aid of a teenage boy (Finn Little) pursued by hitmen in “Those Who Wish Me Dead.”



Everything Taylor Sheridan has achieved as a storyteller has led up to this.

“Those Who Wish Me Dead,” the latest from the actor (“Sons of Anarchy”) turned director (“Wind River,” “Hell or High Water”), does not reinvent the wheel. It is a special effects action movie. But, it’s a sensational one. Sheridan, who rethinks American frontier westerns in present-day settings, leaves you invigorated. Pumped up by the adrenaline rush of action, the breathtaking aerial shots of the Pacific Northwest and characters worth cheering. This is Sheridan’s biggest film in terms of scope and budget, but he hasn’t gone soft. The movie’s nail-biters, in fact, arrive less amid its elaborate forest fires and more from when good people are in danger.

You can tell “Those Who Wish Me Dead,” now in theaters and on HBO Max, is lifted from a book (Michael Koryta’s 2014 thriller). Literate in nature, it weaves together four distinct threads that converge by the midpoint. We have:

- Connor Casserly (Finn Little, exceptional), on the run with his father, Owen (Jake Weber, Zack Snyder’s “Dawn of the Dead” remake).
- Hannah Faber (Oscar-winner Angelina Jolie), a Montana smokejumper – she helps contain forest fires – still traumatized a year later after three boys perished in a blaze.



“Those Who Wish Me Dead”

Running time: 100 minutes. In theaters, HBO Max.

Rated R for strong violence and language throughout

- Montana survivalists Ethan and Allison Sawyer (Sheridan regular Jon Bernthal and Medina Seneghore, respectively).
- Hitmen brothers Jack and Patrick Blackwell (Aidan Gillen of “Game of Thrones” and Nicholas Hoult from “About a Boy”).

What I like about Sheridan is, he doesn’t spoon-feed you every little detail. He trusts you’re smart enough to fill in the gaps, or wait for the puzzle pieces to snap into place. We never learn, for instance, what Owen knows, the information that makes him a target. All we need, for the purposes of the action, is that killers want him dead.

Visually, Sheridan — on film and in the cable TV smash “Yellowstone” — is a man in love with the American landscape. He loves sweeping aerial shots. In “Those Who Wish Me Dead,” he outdoes himself with dazzling images from the forest lookout tower, his camera boldly gliding up and around the imposing structure. He also knows how

to stage action, one of the most exhilarating, if not exactly realistic, arriving as two characters bolt across a field amid a lightning strike. Later, when Connor lands in Hannah's care, amid a raging forest fire, Sheridan's use of live and computerized effects achieves the most aggressively intimidating blaze captured on film.

It is the characters, though, that drive the tension. Take the Blackwell brothers. They're the bad guys. Despicable men. Gillen and Hoult, however, play them like efficient, yet disgruntled office drones. They are good at what they do, but their conversations revolve around why they've been denied backup. And these two don't miss a thing. They scan for every detail. The film's giddiest element, however, is how these two underestimate the two survivalists. The Sawyers know how to stand their ground, the most agonizing and crowd-pleasing exchange arriving between the brothers and Allison Sawyer, who is six months pregnant, but no slouch.

Eventually, "Those Who Wish Me Dead" boils down to Connor and Hannah, with the Blackwells in close pursuit. Hannah, now a surrogate mother to Connor, has to confront her past and rally to the boy's defense. Little, as the boy, is extremely good in difficult scenes where he's trying not to cry, feebly holding it together. And Jolie, well, we know she can kick ass, but Sheridan does not transform Hannah into Wonder Woman. More, she's a flawed individ-



Medina Senghore and Jon Bernthal play a survivalist couple in "Those Who Wish Me Dead."

ual summoning strength buried by traumatic guilt. Every element of "Those Who Wish Me Dead" keeps you riveted. You can fault it for being a familiar story, but the old can feel new again through style, energy and heart.

"Those Who Wish Me Dead" succeeds on all those fronts.

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A Better Director Might Have Pulled Off “The Woman in the Window”

by Andrew Tallackson



Amy Adams stars as an agoraphobic woman who believes she witnessed a murder in “The Woman in the Window.”

“The Woman in the Window” is not the travesty people are making it out to be. It’s entertaining enough without actually being very good.

Strange, I know.

A.J. Finn’s Hitchcock-heavy yarn (2018) arrived in the wake of Paula Hawkins’ insanely popular “The Girl on the Train,” itself a riff on the Master of Suspense’s “Rear Window.” That book cemented the template for the “chick-lit thriller,” as it’s been labeled, where damaged, boozy women think they’ve witnessed a crime. Pretty quickly, though, you couldn’t tell these books apart, each sporting vague titles with incomplete sentences. “What She Knew.” “The Lies She Told.” “The Girl Before.”

(I kept hoping someone would offer a parody with a title like “The Wind She Broke.”)

What “The Woman in the Window” had going for it was Finn’s obvious affection for old movies. He was punch drunk on mysteries where an unlikely hero is tossed into a deadly game of cat and mouse. And, as a writer, he could spin a propulsively readable yarn.

This long-delayed movie adaptation, now streaming on Netflix, arrives with foul baggage. Lost in the shuffle of Disney’s 20th Century Fox acquisition. Reshoots after disastrous test screenings. Accusations of lies and plagiarism against Finn himself.

Thing is, the film is not *that* bad. It’s not ideal either, but the cast gives it its best shot.

The story, as they say, is pure Hitchcock. Child psychologist Anna Fox (Amy Adams) is agorapho-

★ ★ 1/2

“The Woman in the Window”

Running time: 100 minutes. Netflix.

Rated R for violence and language

bic, fearful of leaving her Manhattan brownstone for reasons gradually revealed. Drinking to unhinged extremes, she bides her time spying on neighbors. It is no coincidence we see an image of Jimmy Stewart’s wheelchair-bound protagonist from “Rear Window.” Anna is crippled by her own fears and past tragedies.

When a new family moves in across the street, she takes to watching them from behind closed curtains, at times grabbing her camera for a better look. When the mother stops by, making herself at home, Anna is struck by the potential for a new friendship. The mother is played by Julianne Moore, who has one scene to make an impression, and boy, does she ever. The Oscar winner breezes past Anna, random topics spilling out of her. But then one night, Anna sees what she believes is the mother being viciously slaughtered.

Who will believe her? The woman afraid to leave her home, whose mix of pills and alcohol could be producing hallucinations? Again, vintage Hitchcock, and a standard forged by “The Girl on the Train” of the unreliable narrator. Adams, like her unfairly maligned work in “Hillbilly Elegy,” is extremely effective, retreating under a blanket of fear

and distrust. And when the truth behind Anna's agoraphobia reveals itself – way earlier, by the way, than it did in the book – the physical and emotional collapse Adams achieves is heart-breaking.

Every character in the film, in fact, is perfectly cast: Wyatt Russell ("The Falcon and the Winter Soldier") as David, Anna's downstairs renter; Oscar-winner Gary Oldman, channeling Raymond Burr's gruff husband from "Rear Window"; and Brian Tyree Henry ("If Beale Street Could Talk"), understated as the detective who comes to Anna's aid.

Less convincing, though, is Fred Hechinger as Ethan Russell, the boy who lives across the street. Painfully introverted in the book, he's comes across as somewhat mentally challenged here. An actor's choice, or guidance from director Joe Wright?

Ultimately, the fault for why "The Woman in the Window" never grabs you rests with Wright. He was the wrong person for this. With smaller period pieces like "Pride and Prejudice," "Atonement" and "Darkest Hour," he's in his element. But here, he doesn't know how to pull off a thriller. The tension is almost non-existent. We get glossy shots of Anna's hoard(ish) home, and point-of-view shots from Anna's perspective that crib from "Rear Window"; otherwise, Wright isn't aggressive. His movie should have had more punch, the editing making our pulse race. The big scene where the wife is murdered across the street is unintentionally hilarious, complete with cartoonish blood splatters about one



Anna (Amy Adams, left) meets a woman who just moved in across the street, played by Julianne Moore.

notch away from the old Batman "POW" bubbles. The derivative score by the typically reliable Danny Elfman amps up at the wrong times. And Wright's big reveal of the actual killer, handled with chilling restraint in the book, is treated as like slasher-movie silliness, complete with ridiculously over-the-top violence. And at a slim 100 minutes, the movie appears to sacrifice character development in favor of racing toward the finish.

The bones of a good film are here. You admire what it gets right. What it doesn't, though, eh, too bad.

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Janisch is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars

Auxiliary Post 1130 in LaPorte. Her sister-in-law, Jean Chlupacek, assembled the lists before her. The mission is to ensure these individuals, and how they served their country, are not forgotten.

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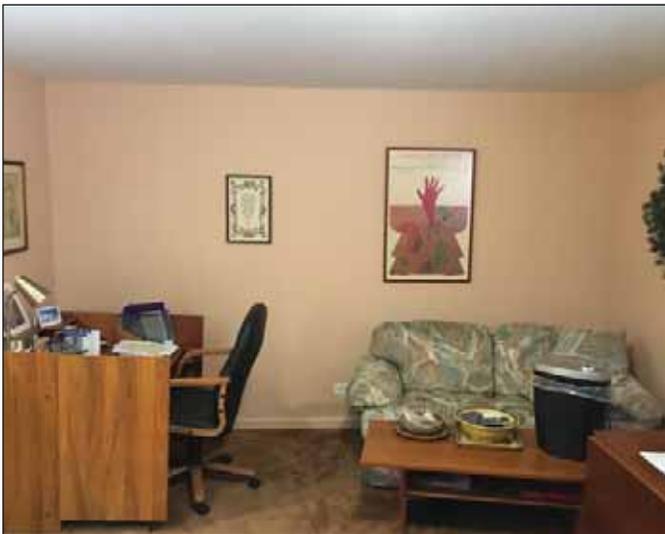
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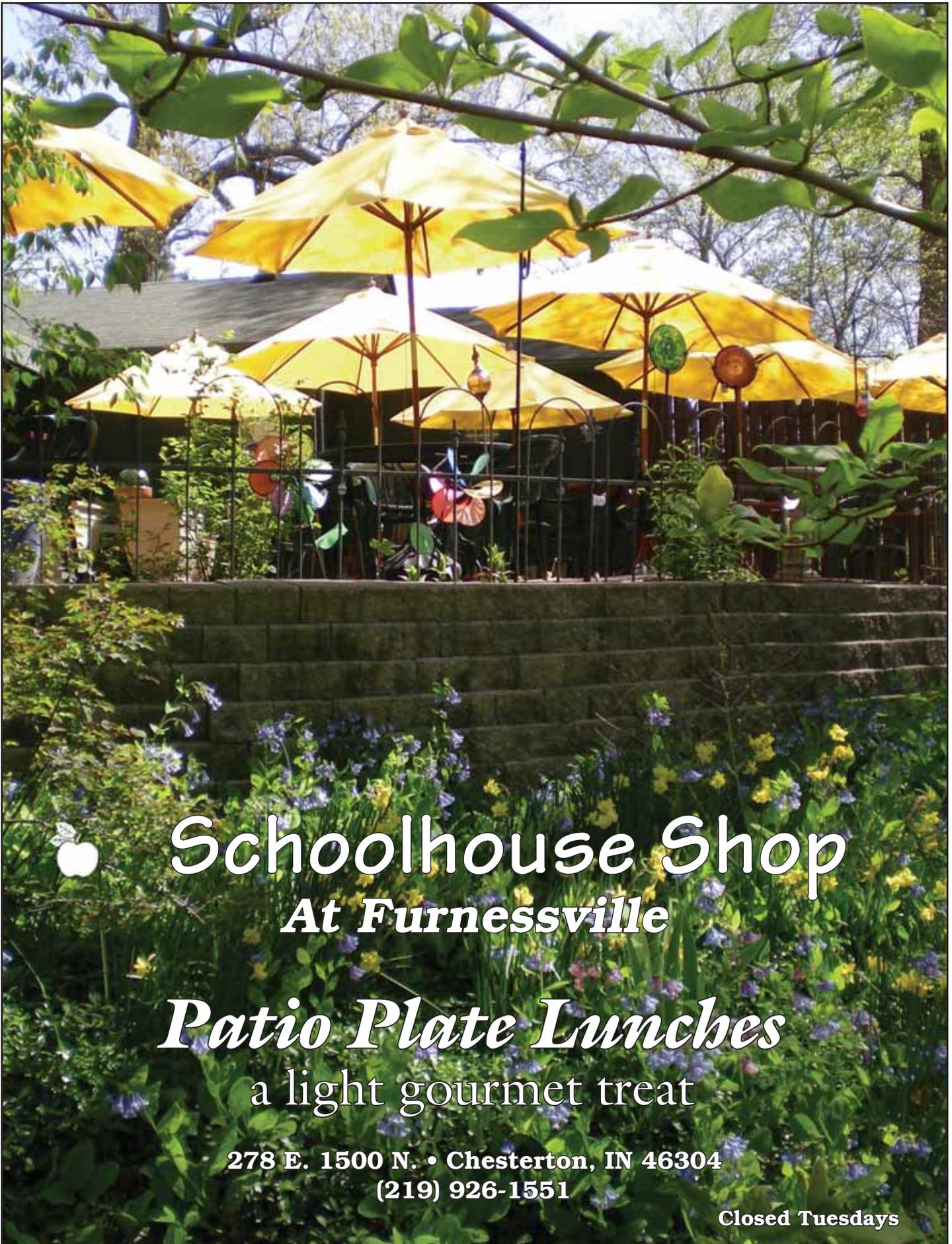
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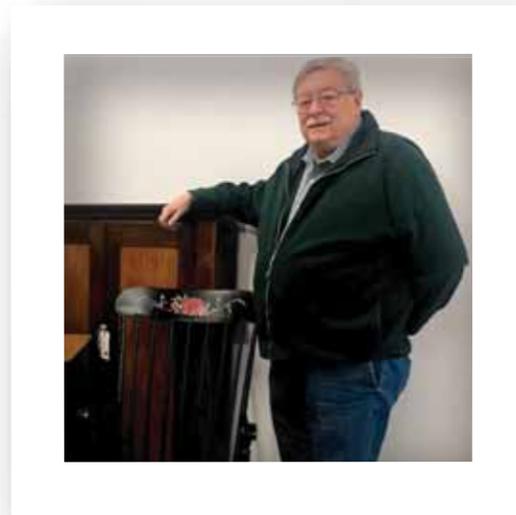
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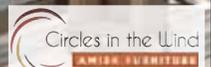
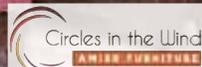


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A Visit to Newfields

by Linda Weigel

Ever wake up one day and say to yourself, “I really NEED to get away! Like today already!”

After hunkering down and self-isolating for more than a year, getting vaccinated strengthened my resolve to spread my wings and go for it. Be impulsive.

My destination: a day trip to Indianapolis Museum of Art-Newfields, 4000 N. Michigan Road. I hadn't visited there in years and kept hearing good things. And besides, it would combine two of my greatest joys: art and nature!

It takes about 2½ to 3 hours to get there depending on the traffic, especially with all the early season road construction, but the trip is definitely worth it. Since I would arrive around lunchtime, I chose to stop at one of my favorite Indy haunts. Massachusetts Avenue (a.k.a. Mass Ave) has a range of fine eating establishments. I chose The Garden Table and sat outside feeling very nearly “normal.” I kept my mask on until lunch was served, and the meal and service were great.



In the lobby: The iconic “Love” by Robert Indiana.

Afterward, I drove over to the Newfields campus, parking for free. And oh, by the way, you can't just walk up to the door and get a ticket. You have to book an advanced general admission ticket online because they limit the number of daily visitors. Lucky me! I was able to score one before leaving home.

In front of the museum's main entrance, you'll find Sutphin Mall & Fountain featuring “Five Brushstrokes”: five fabricated and painted aluminum sculptures by artist Roy Lichtenstein.

The works are expressive, colorful and impressive. It was an unexpected jolt of pure happiness.



Japanese design in the Design Gallery.



“Five Brushstrokes,” painted aluminum by Roy Lichtenstein.

Inside, I was rewarded with a number of fine paintings and sculptures. A fan of painting and sculpture since college, I was not disappointed. Along with prominent artists such as Renoir, Cezanne, Pissarro, Dufy, Degas and Picasso, I also discovered other artists whose work I enjoyed. Frederick Carl Frieseke's painting "Afternoon - Yellow Room" reminded me of Mary Cassatt's "Woman Reading" or "On a Balcony." "Dr. Kool," a 1973 oil on canvas by Barkley Henricks, was a monochromatic joy. Hugh M. Poe's 1924 oil on canvas, "Herman and



Indianapolis Art Museum-Newfields.

Verman," is a pensive, beautifully sensitive painting of two imaginary young men based on Booth Tarkington's trilogy of Penrod stories published between 1914 and 1929. Joseph Bernard's 1922 cast cement and pigmented wax sculpture, "Young Girl Arranging Her Hair," was a fine example of an early 20th century work, and one I first believed was bronze.

Leaving the American Art and European Art galleries, I discovered the Design Gallery on the third floor featuring early, mid-century and later 20th century design objects: chairs, lamps, furniture, teapots and more. This was a pleasant surprise, with some looking surprisingly contemporary.

Closed galleries were being prepared for the upcoming exhibit "Private Eye: The Imagist Impulse in Chicago Art" that runs through Dec. 5. This show, according to a statement, "is focused on works by artists who comprise the original Imagist exhibition groups along with independent artists who shared their iconoclastic sensibility."

As a reminder, Lubeznik Center for the Arts presented "The Chicago Imagists: Before & After" in 2019 (reviewed in the July 11, 2019, issue of *The*

Beacher). If you enjoyed the LCA show, you should make plans to travel to Indy to see this one. I know I am already booking my trip.

Unfortunately, I didn't have time to visit all of

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"Herman and Verman," an oil on canvas by Hugh M. Poe.



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the galleries, instead taking advantage of the great weather, exploring the outside gardens before the return trip home. Newfields encompasses more than the art museum. Lilly House is a National Historic Landmark built in 1913 for Hugh McKennan Landon and later purchased by J.K. Lilly Jr. The building is a good example of an early 20th century estate. The surrounding grounds are fantastic, with wonderful views. Pick your favorite from the formal garden, ravine garden, four-seasons garden, the orchard and more. My favorite was the ravine garden, and while walking among the blooming plants and flowers, I was struck by the immediate recall of several fine paintings I'd viewed in the museum. The link between art and nature was palpable.



"House in Provence," Paul Cezanne's oil on canvas.

There is so much more to the Newfields campus than mentioned here. Take comfortable shoes, and be prepared to spend a long time exploring that link

between art and nature. If you get thirsty, the café has cold drinks, but is operating in a limited capacity. Outside, you'll find the beer garden that offers brews as well as non-alcoholic lemonade and cold teas. Neither accept cash – credit card only.

I strongly recommend visiting. Book your tickets in advance and take a spin or two around the Newfields website to plan your visit priorities (www.discovernewfields.org). The museum is open (all times Eastern) 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, closed Monday and open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday.



"Jimson Weed," an oil on linen by Georgia O'Keeffe.

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May 29th, July 10th and September 5th

For more information visit: www.sheridanbeachhomeowners.com

Chesterton Art Center



Lake Michigan often will be the focus during the five weeks of summer camps.

Chesterton Art Center will offer five weeks of summer camp starting June 7, with options for Zoom instruction and in-person small classes.

Early registration is recommended because on-site class sizes will be small to allow for social distancing. Masks are still required for all on-site classes and events, and hand sanitizer will be available. The classroom will be cleaned and sanitized upon students' arrival. All students' parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must sign a waiver regarding COVID-19. There are no make-up days for missed classes due to the pandemic.

Each camp, aimed at children 5-8 and 8 and older, runs Monday through Thursday for one week. Campers will learn various art techniques while using multiple media. Each session includes painting and drawing, along with learning about a modern artist while working in the week's "theme."

The cost for each week is \$110, with members receiving a \$20 discount. The schedule is:

Week 1: June 7-10

• **"Our Lakeshore – Live Virtual Zoom Class" for children ages 5-8 is from 8:30-11 a.m. "Our Lakeshore — In Person Class" for children 8 and older is from noon-2:30 p.m.**

All materials are included and picked up the Friday before camp starts. Students create artwork expressing the beauty of Lake Michigan. Some focus is on local artist Frank Dudley — famous for creating work that inspired conservation. A special

dunes acrylic painting will be created.

Week 2: June 14-17

• **"Bob Ross Painters — In Person Class" for children 5-8 is from 8:30-11 a.m. "Bob Ross Painters — In Person Class" for 8 and older is from noon-2:30 p.m.**

The focus is Ross' techniques on landscape paintings in acrylics.

Week 3: June 21-24

• **"Printmaking — In Person Class" for ages 5-8 is from 8:30-11 a.m. "Printmaking — In Person Class" for 8 and older is from noon-2:30 p.m.**

Children explore various techniques in fine art printing, including traditional linoleum cuts and modern stencil work. Younger children will work in foam boards instead of linoleum.

Week 4: July 12-15

• **"Local Animals – Live Virtual Zoom Class" for ages 8-15 is from 8:30-11 a.m. "Local Animals — In Person Class" for ages 5-8 is from noon-2:30 p.m.**

All materials are included and picked up the Friday before camp starts. The week includes mixed-media projects inspired by native creatures that children may see during outdoor play. Drawing skills and watercolor techniques are a focus.

Week 5: July 19-22

• **"Indiana Dunes — In Person" for ages 5-8 is from 8:30-11 a.m. "Indiana Dunes — In Person Class" for 8 and older is from noon-2:30 p.m.**

Students will create paintings inspired by the dunes and local landscapes. They also will discuss the Indiana Impressionism Movement. Painting, drawing and crafting are the emphasis.

Chesterton Art Center is located at 115 S. Fourth St. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call the center at (219) 926-4711 or visit www.chestertonart.org for more details.



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Westchester Public Library

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While parked, call the library phone number posted on the numbered space sign, tell staff your library card number and he/she will check out the items and take them to a table at the parking space and walk away. Patrons then can step out of their vehicle to retrieve them. Curbside hours are Monday-Friday (1 to 6 p.m. at Thomas and Hageman) and Saturday (11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Thomas and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Hageman).

For patrons with materials checked out before COVID-19 restrictions were in place, return them to the building drop boxes. Do not return them in bags. Do not return board games; those can be returned at a future date. Return eReaders into the Audio/Visual drop.

Hageman Library (219-926-9080) is located at 100 Francis St., Porter. Thomas Library (219-926-7696) is located at 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton. Westchester Township History Museum (219-983-9715) is located at 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton. The Baugher Center is located at 100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.



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Michigan City Public Library

The library is open, but with restrictions in place.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. There is no public seating. The library also follows LaPorte County Health Department's Public Health Order Face Covering Mandate by requiring masks inside the building. Every individual must wear a face covering over his/her nose and mouth at indoor areas open to the public. The circulation and reference desks will have masks available for \$1.

The following services are temporarily suspended: public programs and meetings; literacy tutoring; MakerSpace/3-D printing; study rooms; homebound service; interlibrary loan; puppets; puzzles; blocks and children's AWE computers in Youth Services; Ellison die cut machine; public faxing; microfilm use; magazine/book sale; and accepting donations.

Access is limited to the computer lab: One session (up to one hour) per person per day is allowed. Due to social-distancing guidelines, only one person at a station at a time. Children are not allowed in the computer lab with parents/guardians.

One computer is reserved for genealogy research, with time limited to one hour per person per day. Four charging tables allow a limit of 30 minutes per use (no seating is available at these stations). WiFi is available throughout the building and exterior/parking lot.

Two new databases are available. Newspapers.com World Collection contains historical newspapers from the 1700s-2000s, including thousands of well-known regional, state and small local newspapers in the United States and other countries. Visit tinyurl.com/4f8kfo3v and log in with a library card number.

In addition, Fold3, a military records database powered by Ancestry.com, is available. It provides access to military records, including stories, photos and personal documents. Visitors can combine records found there with personal effects to create an online memorial for someone who served. Visit tinyurl.com/58cnu2vn and log in with a library card number.

The following virtual programming is scheduled:

- Online Graphic Novel Club for Teens. This month's focus is Ngozi Ukazu's Check, Please!: #Hockey. Registration is required for the Zoom meetup Thursday, May 28. Email Jonathan at YSONline@mclib.org at call (219) 873-3045.
- Grab & Go Craft for Kids. Crafts are available at the Youth Services desk while supplies last.
- Virtual Story Time. A new video will be posted to the website, Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Each video will be available for two weeks at www.mclib.org/parents/story-time/. Stop by Youth Services to receive the craft project for the week.

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- Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1237 E. Coolspring Ave., 3-7 p.m. Thursday, May 27.
- Northwest Health LaPorte, 1007 W. Lincolnway, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, May 28.
- First United Methodist Church, 121 E. Seventh St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 29.
- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, June 1.
- Sacred Heart Church, 201 Bach St., LaPorte, noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

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 www.redcrossblood.org for more details.

LCSO in the Spotlight



Jacob Keen.

Editor's note — This weekly spotlight, provided by Tim King, LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra executive director, highlights its talented musicians.

LCSO student apprentice Jacob Keen is a senior trumpet player at Knox High School, where he has been with the marching band for five years, as well as a member of the concert band and jazz band.

Keen served as a student apprentice with the LCSO during the 2020-2021 season, and was a soloist at the 2020 Holiday at the Pops concert.

Throughout high school, he has been selected three times as a member of the Indiana All-State Band, and earned gold medals at Indiana State School Music Association seven times. Keen also has performed with the LaPorte City Band.

In the fall, he will attend Valparaiso University with a major in music education, and continue his studies with LCSO Principal Trumpeter Chuck Steck. In his free time, he enjoys bowling with friends and spending time with family.



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Indiana Dunes National Park

The National Park service has resumed offering a limited number of ranger-led programs at Indiana Dunes National Park.

All programs are limited to 10 people and require advance reservations. Wearing a mask is required because it is not possible to maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times during the hikes.

A hike through Miller Woods is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Paul Douglas Center for Environmental Education. Explore a rare black oak savanna and see lupine blooming in May. Call the center at (219) 395-1824 to reserve a spot and confirm the program's time.

Upcoming programs include:

- May 28 — Mount Baldy Summit Hike.
- May 29 — Bailly/Chellberg History Hike.
- May 29 — Pinhook Bog Hike.
- May 30 — Miller Woods Hike.
- May 30 — Mount Baldy Summit Hike.
- June 5 — Bailly/Chellberg History Hike.
- June 5 — Pinhook Bog Hike.
- June 6 — Miller Woods Hike.
- June 6 — Mount Baldy Summit Hike.
- June 12 — Bailly/Chellberg History Hike.
- June 12 — Pinhook Bog Hike.
- June 13 — Miller Woods Hike.
- June 13 — Mount Baldy Summit Hike.

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Consistent with CDC recommendations, people who are not fully vaccinated must wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces. Masks are required for everyone on all forms of public transportation. Additional details are available at www.nps.gov/coronavirus. Before visiting, check the park website to determine its operating status.

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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 or visit www.nps.gov/indu for details.

Fall Arts & Crafts Show

Organizers for the seventh annual United Methodist Women Fall Arts & Crafts Show are accepting applications from vendors who specialize in original handcrafted arts and crafts.

The event is Sept. 25 in three buildings at LaPorte County Fairgrounds. More than 125 vendors have been featured in past years.

Contact Dee at ddev48@hotmail.com or (219) 393-4093 for an application. CDC and Board of Health guidelines will be followed. If the show is cancelled because of a COVID resurgence, vendors will receive a full refund of booth fees.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs will be offered:

- **Spider Sniffing Saunter at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 28.**

See different species at the Nature Center, and learn the technique for finding spiders' eyes at night along the trail.

- **Snakes Alive! at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29.**

Meet at the Nature Center to view snakes and learn more about them.

- **J.D. Marshall Shipwreck History Hike at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29.**

The one-mile flat accessible hike describes one of Lake Michigan's shipwreck stories.

- **Bat Bonanza at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29.**

The program dispels myths about bats while heading out to catch their nightly insect dinners. Meet at the campground shelter next to Site 116.

- **Terrific Turtles at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30.**

Meet at the Nature Center to see Dunes native turtles, and learn about survival adaptations in their habitats.

- **Dunes Ant Lion Safari at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30.**

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center for the short discovery walk.

- **Frog Frolic at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 30.**

Join a naturalist at the Nature Center to learn about the park's native frog species while taking an easy walk to listen to their nightly chorus.

- **Roving Naturalist at the Beach from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, May 31.**

Look for an interpretive naturalist east of the beach pavilion for stories and props related to the park's natural and cultural resources.

- **Memorial Day Photo Scavenger Hunt from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, May 31.**

Use a camera to spot different nature signs along the trail. Stop by the Nature Center for directions. The Friends of Indiana Dunes will provide prizes.

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- **COVID-19 program safety precautions.**

Pre-registration is required for all programs to properly meet gathering guidance restrictions. Social distancing must be practiced by staying at least 6 feet away from others. Masks or other face coverings of the nose and mouth are required.

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

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LaPorte County Public Library

LaPorte County Public Library has updated its curbside pickup service using meeScan.

New users can download the meeScan app through options such as Apple and Google Play. Then, place holds on items using a customer account. Once at the library, check in using the app and clicking Pickup from the bottom of the screen (or calling the library location). An appointment no longer is needed. Add the parking space on the app if picking up from the main location. Enter information in the instructions box if picking up holds placed on more than one account, or if needing additional assistance.

A staff member brings held items to the vehicle. Customers using the app receive updates as their requests are processed. Returns can be placed in book drops and be checked in within 24 to 72 hours. At this time, there is no limit to the number of items customers can reserve and pick up during curbside.

- Coolspring Branch: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Main Library: Tuesday/Thursday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

The following programs are planned:

- **Intro to Microsoft Word from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, in the main library Maker Lab.**

Registration is required for the class aimed at adults 18 and older.

- **STEAM Sandbox from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the Coolspring Branch.**

The focus is building real-world STEAM skills with self-paced challenges using the Mobile Maker cart. The targeted age is children through teens.

- **Registration is under way for the 2021 Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales."**

The eight-week program runs June 7-July 31. Children and teens are eligible for weekly prizes or drawings, depending on the age. Adults can participate as role models for others. Programs and events are on the website event calendar. Sign up at www.laportelibrary.org or at any library location.

LaPorte County Public Library is located at 904 Indiana Ave. The Coolspring Branch is located at 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.

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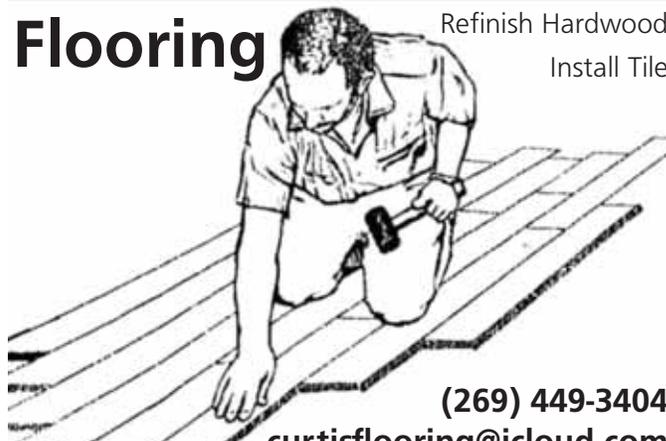
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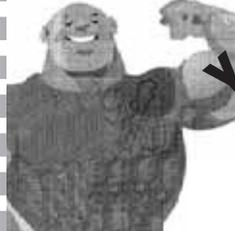
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Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival

The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will return to live performances for its 2021 season, presenting a new professional company staging of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Rivas

Directed by Tlaloc Rivas, the production runs Aug. 12-29 on the Irish Green outside the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at the University of Notre Dame. Rivas is an award-winning writer, director and co-founder of the Latinx Theatre Commons. He is a 2018-2019 Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow from Carnegie Mellon's School of Drama, with more than 25 years experience in civic engagement, social activism,

theatrical training and instruction.

The Notre Dame performance will be in a socially distanced setting, in accordance with campus, local and state health guidelines. Face masks will be required at every performance.

Tickets go on sale June 1 at www.shakespeare.nd.edu or call (574) 631-2800.

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- Low Putts — Kathy Daly

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- Low Gross — Nancy Thill
- Low Net — Nancy Thill
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Healthy Lifestyles

The free social club that emphasizes quality of life meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Luhr County Park Nature Center, 178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Programs focus on health trends, gardening, medical information and balancing active lifestyles. Call at least one week in advance to sign up (the maximum allowed is 30). The schedule is:

- June 9: "GERD — New Treatments for Relief of Heartburn & Acid Reflux," Dr. Conn.
- July 14: Nutrition, food groups and labeling, Stephanie Thomas.
- Aug. 4: Sleep disorders and their health effects, by Mindi Whittaker, Northwest Health LaPorte.
- Sept. 1 — Fall garden cleanup and separating plants, Gee-Burns.
- Oct. 6 — Pulmonary health, Patti Solona, Northwest Health LaPorte.

Kids Fishing Fun Day

Co-sponsored by Northwest Indiana Steelheaders, the free all-ages program is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at Luhr County Park.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Home Run Hot Dog Concessions will be present. No pre-registration is required.

Early Morning Stroll — Listening Walk

Meet with a naturalist at the Nature Center to begin the stroll around the park from 7:15-8 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Luhr County Park.

All ages are welcome. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

Meet a Bee Keeper

Learn about bees, and what it takes to be a beekeeper, from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Luhr County Park

Local beekeepers Bob and Sandy Palan will discuss how they monitor their hives and harvest honey. Space is limited, so call at least one week in advance to reserve a free spot. Masks are required.

Family Fishing Nights

The free, all-ages event is from 5-7:30 p.m. June 16, July 26 and Aug. 30 at Luhr County Park.

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May 29 — Bat Bonanza, 8:30 p.m., campground shelter @ Site 116, Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Registration: (219) 926-1390.

May 30 — Frog Frolic, 8 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Registration: (219) 926-1390.

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May 31 — Memorial Day Photo Scavenger Hunt, noon-4 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Registration: (219) 926-1390.

June 2 — STEAM Sandbox, 4-6 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library Coolspring Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Through June 5 — New exhibits, "Lost and Looking" & "Pipelines and Borderlines: The Art of Survival," Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

Through June 30 — "Organic Art," The Legacy Center Gallery @ Queen of All Saints Catholic Church campus, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Viewing hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Info: jessicar@qas.org

Wednesdays — Virtual Story Time, 10 a.m., through Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: www.mclib.org/parents/story-time/

Saturdays — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth and Washington streets (Uptown Arts District).

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In the Region

May 28-29 — Outdoor Yoga, noon-1:15 p.m. EDT, through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Registration: <https://spore-studios.com/yoga>

Through June 6 — New exhibits, "A Walk in the Woods: The Poetry of Landscape" & "Ralph Bower: Goshen Woodcarver," Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St., Elkhart. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri./1-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Admis-

sion: \$10/adults, \$8/college students & students 13-18, \$6/students 8-12. Info: www.midwestmuseum.us, (574) 293-6660.

Through June 6 — New exhibits, “Boom Bloom” & “The Undetectable Presence: A Selection of Sculpture,” Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.krasl.org

Tuesdays/Fridays — Open Studios for 18 and older, 1-4 p.m., Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso. Cost: \$5/day. Registration: tinyurl.com/8hmejvp9

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Ocean Prey by John Sanford (\$29, retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 419 pages)

Florida. Land of sunshine, oranges, Disney World and drugs. The U.S. marshal team of Virgil Flowers and Lucas Davenport has been the crime-fighting duo of 30 other “Prey” novels. Although based in Minnesota, this time they are on loan to the FBI and U.S. Coast Guard in Florida. I call this a “police procedural/thriller” because there are elements of both genres that fit neatly in a storyline that is logical, exciting and, sadly, too realistic.

It all comes down like this...

A U.S. coastguardsman, Barney Hall, and his family are out on the water taking a cruise when he spots a slick cabin cruiser, flying along, that suddenly slows down and stops. A diver pops up on the water’s surface — where did he come from? — and is quickly brought onboard, and the boat takes off. It all looks mighty suspicious to Barney since he knows drug smuggling is rampant in this part of the state. This vessel certainly needs to be checked out. He immediately contacts his post to send out a search team.

Barney waits to leave the area until the Coast Guard shows up. Satisfied his fellow mates will check out the men, Barney takes off, only to hear gunfire, then the suspicious boat speeding away. Three guardsmen shot and killed without a warning...

Barney takes chase and manages to shoot one man before their boat pulls away. The Coast Guard finds the boat later, now burned out and containing the body of the man Barney shot. The deceased is a minor criminal the local police know. No gang or Mafia affiliation, so nothing there to go on.

Because coastguardsmen are federal agents, the FBI is called to investigate. Days pass, and they are not making any progress when it’s decided to call Lucas Davenport, a U.S. federal marshal with many solved cases to his credit.

The FBI agents are joined by Coast Guard officials and local police. Davenport learns he will be there to “monitor and assist” the FBI, who are the big guys in charge. Of course, all of them get along just swell. *Not.*

The FBI agent in charge tells Davenport, “*Nothing else has worked. Might as well try some marshal stuff. I know about your record, so...glad to have you.*” Wow. Sounds more like an indictment than praise...

Since Davenport doesn’t think much of “monitor and assist,” he starts his own investigation. Where to begin? The saying is “follow the money.” That means he starts with who owned the boat, which leads to another person, which leads to a bartender who knows someone else, who...you get the picture. But sometimes, all this one-to-another person actually makes something pop up...like something the FBI didn’t consider.

The FBI’s sum total of information is that a large shipment of heroin, placed in watertight containers, was dropped off the coast of Fort Lauderdale. The diver Barney saw probably was trying to retrieve them. And the rumor mill says millions of dollars worth of the drug are still on the ocean floor.

As the investigation continues, Davenport’s partner, Bob, is killed in an ill-advised encounter, and now the chase becomes personal...

At this point, Davenport calls in a favor and gets Virgil Flowers, another U.S. marshal, on board with him. Virgil is someone he knows he can trust with his life. Some leads bring him to the fact that the smugglers tried to send down a diver to retrieve the heroin, but that person backed out for unknown reasons. Guess what? Flowers knows how to dive, and his blond hair, California-

surfer look is very convincing. Game on.

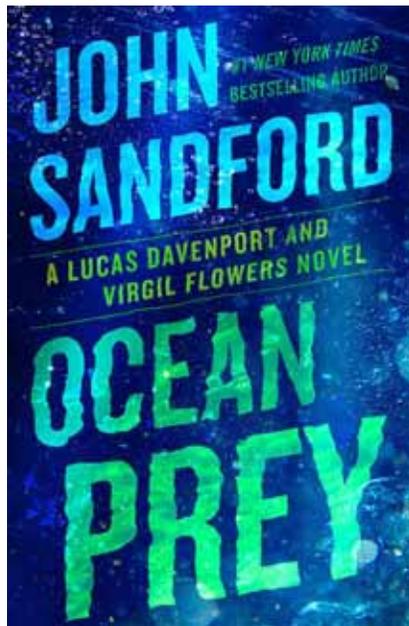
Getting Flowers and his partner, Rae, close to the crooks isn’t easy, but a lot of people have underestimated them in the past and paid for it.

The smugglers aren’t much in small talk, so Virgil and Rae have to bide their time and go along with the ruse that Flowers is a California diver who knows the business. After testing him out with a dive trainer, the smugglers are convinced the pair is on hard times and ready for some easy money.

Making the dives in 150-190 feet of ocean, dragging along bags full of pipes of heroin, are not for the faint of heart, and Sanford paints a realistic picture of the how’s, why’s and dangers of diving. But what will happen when the criminals get all the heroin from the ocean floor? Flowers can’t think about that right now...let’s just say, it’s a good thing he has Rae on his side.

Of course, as in love, nothing in crime goes smoothly, and there’s lots more for you to enjoy in this book that shows why Lucas and Virgil have been such a staying power in today’s literature.

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