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# **Bringing Hollywood Home**

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of why Meyer loves what he does. Rejection, disappointment — it comes with the territory.

And now, the 1985 Rogers High School graduate is bringing a bit of Hollywood back to his hometown. He has three projects brewing, including a movie he aims to shoot here based on his script that's been gestating for nearly 30 years. Called "Bulls,"

the buddy comedy tells the story of two friends who play on a pub's dart team, with no intention of making it big, but who have the opportunity to play in the world dart championship. Back in the mid-1990s, he crafted the script for himself, Shannon, Rudd, Adam Scott ("Severance") and Jon Hamm ("Mad Men"). A cast like that would cost a fortune today, but by bringing the project home, it could thrive as a low-budget indie.

Why Michigan City?

"When I was younger, you had to drag me back here," he says of Michigan City. "It was always around the holidays. I'd pop in for a few days, then back on a plane or train to whichever coast I was living on. But, as I've gotten older, I've grown to love it here.

"Both of the TV shows

I've written take place in or around the NYC area, but Michigan City is my home. Always will be," he continues. "My plan is to make 'Bulls' here and showcase the beauty of our community, the lakefront, Uptown Arts District, also the wonderful diversity in our town. All of the qualities that make this area special."

Meyer over the years has divided his time be-

tween Los Angeles, New York and Chicago. During COVID-19, however, he has largely remained in Michigan City. His mother, Sandy, now lives in Plymouth; his younger sister, Temple, lives in Indianapolis. Growing up, they lived in different places around town, including on County Road 400 North, down the road from his grandfather's property.

(Incidentally, the property Dan and his family lived on was owned by Maynard Grieger, the name that went to Michael Shannon's character in "Pot-

tersville.")

Meyer says he was a pretty normal kid, with an interest in sports and the arts. He even taught breakdancing classes while a student at Rogers. And while he never auditioned for school plays, he knew he wanted to be an actor. He read everything he could on acting. He briefly went to Indiana University.

His first audition was for an equity theater production of "Winterset." Another young actor trying out was a very young Michael Shannon, who told people he was 19, Meyer says, but in truth was only 16. It came down to Meyer and Shannon for the lead. Shannon got the part. Meyer scored a supporting role.

The two did not get along at first. But Meyer shares a story that Shannon told at the premiere

for "Revolutionary Road" (2008), which scored Shannon his first Oscar nomination, casting him alongside Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

"I became friends with another guy in the play ("Winterset"), and when the play closed, this guy and another friend, on closing night, we said, hey, let's jump in the car and go to Fairmount, see James Dean's grave. Mike and I hadn't gotten along at all,



Dan Meyer takes a selfie while goofing around recently in New York City with old friends Paul Rudd (left) and Michael Shannon.

but I said, 'Do you want to go?", and he said, 'Seriously?' So, we went and drove all night and when we got there, it was still dark out and we're running around in the cemetery, and the police came and they were like, 'James Dean's grave? You gotta wait 'till it gets light out. There's a 24-hour diner down the road. So, we ate there and went back in the morning and found it. We went to the James Dean Museum. Later on, this was at the premiere of 'Revolutionary Road,' and I was with Mike. Leonardo DiCaprio was there, there was a crowd there, and Mike put his arm around me and he told that story, and he was like, 'That was the best night of my life."



Dan Meyer's first headshot.

Meyer eventually met a casting director, who led him to a manager in Los Angeles. The manager. seeing potential in him, signed him on as a client, persuading him to move to L.A. She invited him to stay at her fiance's guest house. Her fiance was none other than Larry David, creator of

the long-running HBO hit "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and, of course, before then a driving force behind NBC's "Seinfeld."

Shannon and Meyer started a theater company together. Meyer also got cast in his first film, but it wasn't until he scored a role in the little-seen indie "The Locusts" that he met Vince Vaughn and Paul Rudd. The 1997 movie centered on a love triangle unfolding at a 1950s cattle ranch. The cast also included Ashley Judd and Kate Capshaw.

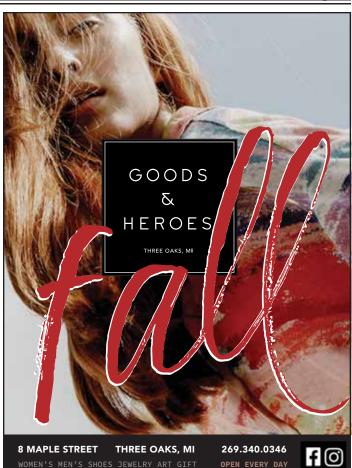
Vaughn and future Marvel heavyweight Jon Favreau ("Iron Man") would hit the big time with the low-budget comedy "Swingers" (1996). Meyer, "like every young actor in Hollywood at the time," he says, took a crack at his own screenplay.

"Bulls."

"I hadn't written a script before," he explains, "but I knew the experience was going to change my life. There's something to be said for not waiting for someone to give you permission and deciding to create your own future. To me, that was the difference between acting and writing. I didn't have to hope somebody would cast me in a role. I could go out and create it myself."

Over the years, different people have shown interest in "Bulls." For one reason or another, the prospects never came to fruition.

"Just last summer," Meyer says, "a producer Continued on Page 4

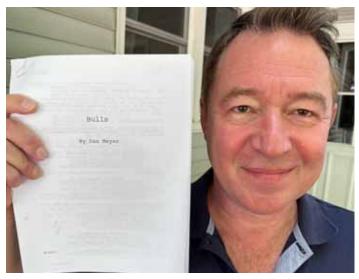




# **Bringing Hollywood Home**

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called me out of nowhere, she read the script, thought the time was ripe for a buddy comedy and said that if I got that cast (Shannon, Rudd, Hamm) back together, she could get me funding. I told her that if I could get that cast back together, I didn't need her or anybody else. I could take that movie anywhere and set it up. That ended the phone call."



Dan Meyer is photographed with his script for "Bulls," which he intends to shoot in Michigan City. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

Crafting scripts, whether it be for film or television, is no guarantee studio executives will come calling. Writing entails first drafts, rewrites, input from agents, more rewrites, shopping the project around studios, pitching it to production companies...then the wait game.

Meyer loves the earliest phase, the germ of an idea that gets the creative juices rolling.

"This is the fun part, putting all your thoughts together, working things out, then writing the script," he says. "I usually take long walks by myself as I mull it over, then I write the first draft by hand, and finally put it into the computer.

"This part of the process has ups and downs, excitement and setbacks, but you're creating something from nothing, and that's an incomparable thrill."

The wait game, though, is enough to drive one crazy.

Meyer shares one example in which weeks passed without a response from one industry executive who read his script. Finally, he called for an update. He says his heart was pounding.

The executive's response was, "I was just about to call you. That huge production company I sent it to read it and got back to me. They said they really wanted to love it, but they only liked it."

Stunned, Meyer asked, "So what does that mean?" The executive replied, "It means it's a soft pass."

What was Meyer's thoughts at the time?

"I'll let you in on something," he says. "A 'soft pass' is nonsense. A pass is a pass. I guess because they liked it but didn't love it somehow makes it a soft pass, but they don't want to produce the show and that's all that matters."

The studio executive did mention another production company might be interested in the script. That lead, after months without an answer, failed to yield desired results.

Every once in a while, though, a bit of good fortune comes your way. In 2017, Meyer saw his screenplay, "Pottersville," arrive as a film on Netflix. The off-beat comedy, which Meyer helped to reveal Shannon's lighter side — he often plays heavies, like in Brad Pitt's latest film, "Bullet Train" — centers on a small-town store owner (Shannon) who inadvertently spurs tourism in town after a drunken episode in a costume leads people to believe Bigfoot has been sighted.



Dan Meyer's script for "Pottersville" gave him a chance to showcase Michael Shannon's lighter side.

The comedy met with mixed reviews, with some critics calling it "good-hearted" and others dismissing it as contrived. What did Meyer take away from the reviews?

"I always tell people this. 'The Godfather' is at 98 percent on Rotten Tomatoes. That means 2 percent didn't care for it. It's not going to be for everyone. That's how life is, how the world works. Nothing is 100 percent."

Meyer also realizes that what exists on the page, and how it gets translated onto the screen, are two different things.

"I don't know that I'll watch it again," Meyer says of "Pottersville." "I do know there are people who love the movie, and that makes me happy. But when I see it, I see mostly what could have been. But it's also made me think, like with 'Bulls,' that I want to direct the next thing I do. I want to see that vision through from beginning to end."

And that is where Meyer is today. In the pre-production phase of "Bulls," and shopping around his other two projects. With "Bulls," he's rewritten the script to be set in Michigan City, among other changes. He's spoken with local businesses about shooting locations.

"So far, everybody has been very cooperative and excited," he says. "We're lining some investors up, but need more. We may have a party to launch the project."

Dan Meyer, hanging out in Chicago with friends

Dan Meyer, hanging out in Chicago with friends Michael Shannon (right) and Freddy Blair.

His other endeavors are designed for television: "Slim & None" and "Maplewood." "Slim & None" centers on two NYPD partners who start a private investigative firm, handling dull cases until they are summoned by a wealthy New York socialite whose son is missing. It sounds heavy, but Meyer says the show is a comedy, with the main characters venturing down "deep, dark rabbit holes of New York sub-

culture." "Maplewood" is a coming-of-age thriller, set in 1995, where a 20-year-old woman who has done everything right in her life switches gears, moving to New Jersey and becoming a nanny. The family that hires her is not what it appears to be.

Meyer met with a potential showrunner — the person with the most creative authority for a TV show — for "Slim & None." Meyer just finished a requested rewrite and sent it back for consideration. With "Maplewood,"

Meyer is prepping to pitch it to networks.

With "Bulls," Meyer is excited about returning to something he's written, something he's revisited, and bringing it to life. And, better yet, back in his hometown of Michigan City.

"I recently reread 'Bulls' and loved how these two best friends get a chance to do something seemingly

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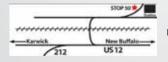
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impossible, and how their friends, family and community rally around them. How, being faced with their own fears and insecurities, the people surrounding them lift them up and give them the courage to face insurmountable odds," he says.

"And, I thought, why not make that movie now, in the spirit that it was written, on a low budget and with a bunch of unknowns, but really talented actors. You know, the next Paul Rudds and Jon Hamms of the world. And I thought, what a better place to do that than right here in my hometown of Michigan City."

Contact Andrew Tallackson at atallackson@gmail.com

### More about "Bulls"

Dan Meyer is looking to set "Bulls" in the lakefront area and Uptown Arts District, but is open to different sites. Locations include: a dive bar, a large bar for the championship match, a vintage or music store, the main character's apartment, office space that possibly could double as a production office, a recording studio and upscale bar or lounge.

Needed for the cast are performers of all ages and races. Diversity is highly encouraged. Meyer also looks to promote local musicians who'd like to have their music in the film.

The crew would include producers, a production manager, line producer, script supervisor, director of photography, hair/makeup, gaffer, grips, PAs, casting director, art department, assistant director, wardrobe, accountant and craft services.

Meyer can be reached by email at bullsmcin@gmail.com



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### **Boys & Girls Clubs to Host Blue Bash Gala**

Boys & Girls Clubs of LaPorte County will host its inaugural Blue Bash Gala, designed to support its free youth-development programming, on Friday, Nov. 11, at Blue Chip Casino, Hotel and Spa.

Following a significant expansion during the 2021-2022 school year, the organization now offers after-school clubs at five locations in Michigan City, Westville and Kingsford Heights, in addition to a full-day summer camp. Substantial additional growth is expected to start early next year in conjunction with BGCLPC's ongoing Great Futures Capital Campaign.

Blue Bash will feature blue décor, a buffet dinner, dancing and a cash bar. Emcee David Greer of D&G Entertainment, along with Michigan City DJ Wesley Scully (DJ Nightrain) will provide entertainment. Attendees can wear anything they like – jeans, sequins, ball gown – as long as it's blue. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www. bgclpc.org/bluebash/.

Boys & Girls Clubs of LaPorte County is a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, a nationwide affiliation of 4,100 autonomous club organizations. Contact BGCLPC Chief Executive Officer Michelle Shirk at mshirk@bgclubmc.org for more details.

A club member creates a Minecraft-inspired self-portrait during Arts & Crafts time.





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### **Lightning Bug Music Festival**

A two-day multi-stage music and camping festival that returns after a four-year hiatus is under the leadership of Long Beach native John Westbrook.

Lightning Bug Music Festival, which highlights

American Roots, bluegrass and improvisational fusion, is Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10, at Sunset Hill Farms, 775 Meridian Road, Valparaiso. The site is a 238-acre country park that includes a natural amphitheater with a capacity of 4,000, and with camping for 3,000.

The non-profit festival, according to it website, stresses "how important live music is for the mental well-being of fans and artists, which is why we



Westbrook

are a proud supporter of Backline, the mental health and wellness resources for the music industry."

Inspired by the Indiana Dunes area, live music and community, Westbrook enlisted his group of friends with Northwest Indiana roots, including industry pros and music lovers, to perform at the festival. This year's lineup includes: Railroad Earth, Ghost Light, The Lil Smokies, Lindsay Lou, Cedric Burnside, Duane Betts, Charlie Parr, Holly Bowling, Mikaela Davis & Southern Star, Cordovas, Marcus Rezak's Led is Dead, Old Pup, Pajamas, River Spell, Sicard Hollow

Doors open at 11 a.m. Different ticket and camping packages are available at www. lightningbugmusicfestival.com

### **Teddy Bear Tea Party**

St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave., will host a "Teddy Bear & Doll Tea Party" from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 10.

Children can take a friend for snacks, crafts and games. Parents and grandparents are welcome.

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The festival includes more than 50 events. Centered at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, it showcases activities such as hiking, paddling, biking, geocaching, photography, birding and yoga. Visit www. dunesoutdoorfestival.com for times and locations.

As part of the weekend, the Chellberg Farm Fun celebration is from noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 10-11. The event includes food venders, musical groups, live entertainment and demonstration booths showcasing skills farmers would have used in the early 1900s. Hayrides will be available for a suggested donation to the Friends of Indiana Dunes to help maintain the farm.

Other weekend festivities include Leon's Obstacle Course Race from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 11. Register at www.leonstriathlon.com. A 5K and 10K race are planned over obstacles placed throughout trails at West Beach. The Leon's American Race Series helps support U.S. military, veterans, injured veterans, first responders and law enforcement.

No entry fee is charged Sept. 10-11.

Indiana Dunes National Park volunteer Rob

Albrecht-Mallinger is the national recipient of the National Park Service's George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

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accessible to the public. In 2019, the park's volunteer office partnered with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association to create the River Restoration Crew. The volunteer effort does log jam removal, trash cleanup and new boat launches to offer paddlers more than 11 miles of scenic views through some of the park's most biodiverse habitats.

Visit tinyurl.com/2p83798v for more details on the NPS volunteer program.

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.

### Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs will be offered:

- Artists of the Dunes History Talk from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. The Indiana Dunes has inspired artists such as Frank Dudley, Earl H. Read, Arthur E. Anderson, Helge Hokanson and Hazel Hannell. Westchester Township History Museum Curator Serena Ard will discuss dunes artists whose works are housed at the museum, and the area's growth as a center for art and artists. Part of the History Comes Alive Weekend, the event is sponsored by Friends of Indiana Dunes.
- Full Moon Hike from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Meet at the Nature Center for a presentation about the moon, followed by a twomile moderate hike to Lake Michigan and back. The Friends of Indiana Dunes will provide treats.

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Growing up in Northwest Indiana, Melendez was surrounded by the contrasting scenery of industry versus natural landscape. As a child, he loved replicating his interests, drawing from novels, cartoons and comics books. After joining the Marine Corps, he trained classically at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in illustration.



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A strong advocate for representational art, he explores a variety of mediums, including graphite, watercolor, oil and digital painting. He enjoys painting scenes from nature, usually the Indiana Dunes. He captures his travels in photo references, as well as small sketches, to record the visual memory of a place.

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### **Zoo to Briefly Close**

Washington Park Zoo will close for five days, from Sept. 19-23, for minor repairs and maintenance in the Jungle Building.

Some tasks require removing animals from their viewing habitats and into holding areas. Construction to expand the African Lion and Bengal Tigers habitats will continue during the shutdown.

The zoo will be open the weekend of Sept. 17 with regular hours from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. before closing Sept. 19. Regular hours resume Saturday, Sept. 24.

Big Cat Canyon, the zoo's new African Lion and Bengal Tiger exhibits, opens to guests April 1, 2023. The renovated habitats will add around 3,000 square feet for the cats and bring guests up close with glass-viewing windows and rock-faced walls replacing the current wire mesh.

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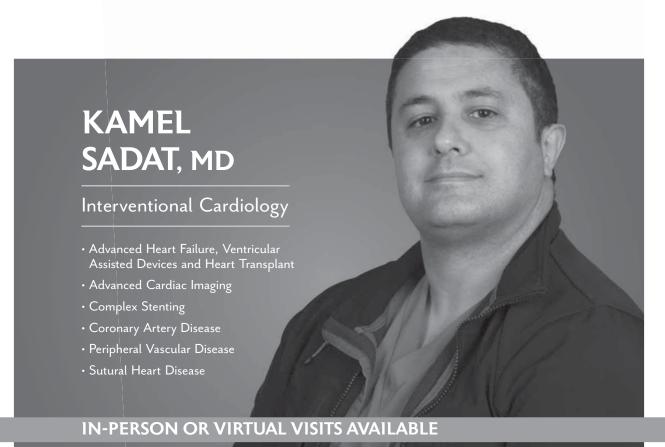


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The front doors are open. Public seating is available, and the computer lab is open. Hours are: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sundays.

The library has begun changing overhead lighting to LED fixtures. They will feature automatic ambient lighting, centralized controls for turning on and off and conservation in unoccupied public areas. A section above the front entrance will have specialized color lighting for seasonal themes. The expected completion date is Sept. 16. The library will remain open during all phases of the project, but reserves the right to close if necessary. Areas under the work zone will be closed. The goal is to minimize closure time to its collections and services. The meeting rooms will be closed while work is done in them.

The following programs are scheduled:

- Duneland Stamp Club at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. The club meets the second Thursday of each month. New members are invited.
- Author Talk: Joseph Pete at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. The program, "Secret Northwest Indiana: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure," is presented with the Michigan City Historical Society.
- Friends of the Library Giant 3-Day Book Sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 14-16, at LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4073 Franklin St. Hardback books cost \$1, paperback books 50 cents, children's books and magazines 25 cents and DVDs 50 cents. All proceeds support The Friends of the Michigan City Public Library and benefit the library. Donations will be accepted at the visitors bureau through Sept. 9. A collection contain-

er is inside the front doors, which are open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays in September. Membership to the group is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, crossstitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Also, the group has organized a local chapter of the Warm Up America Foundation. Volunteers are knitting and crocheting handmade squares (7x9 inch) that will be joined together to make full-size afghans.
- Makerspace: open lab hours from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in September. Youth ages 6-17 can create with LEGO WeDo, Micro Bits, paper circuits and Ozobots. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend with them.
- Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Check out previous story time videos through the library's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website.
- Pokemon Scavenger Hunt through Sept. 30. Children and teens can ask for a Pokedex at the Youth Services desk and look for the Pokemon. When finding them, write their names down and turn in the completed sheet for a prize.

Two new services are available:

- ComicsPlus offers unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga. Popular titles include <u>Avatar: The Last Airbender</u> & <u>The Legend of Korra, Big Nate, Bone, Disney</u> <u>Princesses, Geronimo Stilton, Stranger Things,</u> <u>Locke & Key and American Gods</u>. Patrons need a current library card and PIN.
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# "Only Murders in the Building" - Make It Your New Obsession

by Andrew Tallackson



Oliver Putnam (Martin Short, from left), Charles-Haden Savage (Steve Martin) and Mabel Mora (Selena Gomez) prepare fellow tenants to reveal a killer's identity in Season 2 of "Only Murders in the Building."

Can a show be hip *and* old school at the same time?

In just two seasons, "Only Murders in the Building" has become streaming's most endearing comedy, maybe more so than the lovable "Ted Lasso." The Hulu series taps into the trendiest of topics — true-crime podcasts — and populates it with enough kooks to pack three or four additional shows. And by rooting the investigations within NYC's affluent Upper West side, the show has its gimmick.

But the old school irony of "Only Murders in the Building" is that there is no gimmick. This is a return to character and dialogue. Where star power ropes you in, where, despite some salty dialogue, there is an innocence to the laughs. It isn't preoccupied with shocking or offending you. It wants you loving the characters and quoting the dialogue to others.

The setting is the fictional Arconia, a striking, architecturally imposing U-shaped apartment complex that hugs a lush center courtyard. The exterior shots actually are The Belnord, a 20th century landmark that spans a full block on 86th Street. The interiors, however, are filmed on studio sets.

The vulnerability of the characters stems from how they cling to former glories that no longer yield success or recognition. Charles-Haden Savage (Steve Martin, who created the series with John Hoffman) once had a hit detective TV show in the 1990s, but has floundered since then. Oliver Putnam (Martin Short) thrived as a theater director, but staged one too many flops, including — laugh out loud — a messy stage production of Ron Howard's mermaid comedy "Splash." Mabel Mora (Selena Gomez) is a young artist and designer refinishing her aunt's apartment.

Season One saw these unlikely friends investigate the death of a loutish tenant, Tim Kono (Julian Cihi), with ties to Mabel's past. It took a bit for the show to rev up, to find its comic footing, eventually doing so through the bond forged by Charles, Oliver and Mabel. With Charles and Oliver desperate to reclaim former glory, they create a true-crime podcast, the hitch being they only investigate murders in their own building.

By the end, the show had achieved comic gold.

The welcome surprise of Season 2 is that it's better for all the right reasons. In fact, it's darn near perfect. The laughs are bigger. The murder investigation is more compelling, every detour worth the trip. And the payoff is wildly satisfying.

Why is this series better than ever? Because Short, Martin and Gomez now own these characters. What's sweet about them is, they need each other. They've been cast away from lives they'd rather live. Now, as a crime-investigating team, they cannot live without each other. They validate each other's existence.

In the past, I was never a fan of Short. Found him rather irritating, actually. More hyper than funny. This, however, may be his first genuine performance. Where we see a real person with all his imperfections and insecurities.

Gomez, by comparison, grows on you. In Season 1, there was something detached about her where you couldn't decide if the performance was a sign of poor acting...or something else. What you realize with Season 2 is, that's who Mabel is. Someone whose true self has to be drawn out of her. And when Mabel gets into a boxing match with an antagonistic police of-

ficer (Michael Rappaport), Gomez comes alive, her eyes afire. The actress has been tricky all along in how we're supposed to approach Mabel.

The Arconia death that consumes Season 2 is livelier because it involves the apartment's crankiest fixture: Bunny Folger (Tony winner Jayne Houdyshell), the brash, longtime Arconia board president. Sure, Bunny rules with an arthritically iron first, and she's abrasive as all getout, with a mouth that could make a sailor blush. But her death, teased within the first season, brings all the show's eccentric characters out of the woodwork in Season 2. And in a stroke of genius, Bunny gets a standout episode detailing her final day. It humanizes her, serving as an important reminder that we never really know the people who irritate us. That episode is the heart of Season 2. For all of Bunny's quirks, she was a person with a life worth living, and we want to know the who and why behind her death.

And what a cast of characters. Tina Fey as the acidic, spiteful driving force behind a rival podcast. The great Shirley MacLaine as Bunny's mother...or is she? A hysterical Da'Vine Joy Randolph as a detective who is equal parts fascinated and annoyed by the "Only Murders" team. Nathan Lane, back from Season 1 as the ever-growing thorn in Oliver's side. Cat lover Howard Morris (Michael Cyril Creighton), who wants to be hip and sophisticated, but always seems one step behind everyone else.

As Charles, Oliver and Mabel become closer, a makeshift family emerging, "Only Murders" throws into the mix a famous painting gone missing, hidden passageways within the Arconia, outrageously



The latest death in the Arconia: its cantankerous board president, Bunny Folger (Jayne Houdyshell).

funny dialogue from Short, quietly affecting moments that humanize the apartment residents and a big finish that dishes out twist after twist.

"Only Murders in the Building," I suppose, falls into the cozy mystery category by celebrating amateur sleuths. Indeed, there is something cozy about the show. A world where misfits find purpose...and family. And everyone, it seems, wants to get in on the action. In addition to extended cameos from Sting in Season 1 and Amy Schumer in Season 2, the arrival of Paul Rudd lays the foundation for one whopper of a Season 3, which looks to reinvent itself by taking the crime to Broadway.

Martin, who is at his grounded best, has said that after "Only Murders in the Building," he plans to retire. That at 77, he's getting too old. Based on the success of "Only Murders," though, he may have to hold off on planning any retirement party. The show's popularity means its creators have no intentions of slowing down.

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"The Bear" may be the first TV series set in Chicago where all the characters really could be from Chicago.

It may be the first show to recreate the stress of a toxic work environment where you can feel your blood pressure spike while watching it.

It is also the year's most entertaining series. The episodes feel too short because you crave more time with these people. Fortunately, rabidly enthusiastic viewership and critical notices saw the FX on Hulu series renewed one month after its debut.

The premise could have been sitcom stupidity. The prodigal culinary son returns home to take over his late brother's restaurant, only to discover it's a mess, the staff rough around the edges. And while some of the laughs in "The Bear" stem from extreme behavior, the approach is ultra-realism.

The driving force is Christopher Storer, whose background is largely in television, with a few forays into film (the bracing teen dramedy "Eighth Grade," the so-so slasher flick "The Rental"). Here, he's the creator, frequent writer and director, and everything about his show rings with truth.

In a career-making performance, Jeremy Allen White is Carmen "Carmy" Berzatto, once the shining star of a top-tier restaurant, now running his late brother's River North restaurant. It's one of those Chicago joints where you forego the crappy

decor because the Italian beef is killer. We don't have the details at first, but piece by piece, we learn Carmy was under severe pressure at his former job, and his brother (Jon Bernthal, seen in flashbacks), who killed himself, was shady as heck.

Every employee at the restaurant has a strong personality. They're used to certain ways of doing things...and the result is chaos. The restaurant also is in constant disrepair, with a mountain of debts. Carmy just wants to create order within the kitchen before aiming higher with new dishes.

The beauty of "The Bear" is that we feel like we're watching real people, not actors. They have that Chicago grit. No pretense or social filters. You want the truth? They'll deliver it in spades.

The center of it all is White's performance as Carmy. With a wounded look to his eyes, his ability to show kindness, even after losing his temper, there is a slow-burn intensity, a raw charisma to his performance.

The same holds true for his co-stars. Carmy's "cousin" and fellow coworker, Richie, is a grating dope who can't shut his mouth for five seconds. A braggart, always antagonizing, yet achieving little. He is played by Ebon-Moss Bachrach, an actor I first noticed in the AMC thriller "NOS4A2." In that show, he reeked of small-town failure, and he's transitioned that energy to his character here. We un-



Ayo Edebiri stars as Sydney, the young, impatient sous-chef.

derstand the guy at the same time that he annoys everyone around him. And, he's just smart enough to realize he's a failure.

Every character in "The Bear" gets that special touch. Like the wonderful Ayo Edebiri as Sydney, the young sous-chef whose every action seems crafted to prove herself. And because the show is so attentive to character, we understand that drive. When Carmy tells Sydney her former bosses described her as promising, but impatient, we nod with agreement. We've observed those traits as well.

There also is the sweet performance by Lionel Boyce as Marcus, a kind soul who dreams of being a pastry chef. Even Liza Colón-Zayas as the prep cook, Tina, gets wonderful moments. We are prepared to dismiss her as abrasive, then the show reveals she is far more complex. Loyal to a fault, but also the oldest member of the crew. Sydney is a reminder she's not getting any younger. But, a brief act of kindness on Sydney's behalf, acknowledgement that Tina and her cooking are valued, does the trick. The camera holds on Colón-Zayas' face. The smile, the recognition on her face, is so quietly affecting, only the hardest of hearts could not be moved.

"Foodies" will go nuts over the shots of the many dishes Carmy's staff prepares, and there is an authenticity to the ebbs and flows of Carmy's work environment. And when things go wrong, and boy, do they go wrong, the show punches up the editing so we can feel the tension simmering, boiling and erupting...to nerve-shattering effect.

A sitcom would have everyone in "The Bear" quickly getting their acts together, but the show is too smart for that. It knows life is messy, that just when things are getting rolling, something else knocks everyone for a loop. But by the final scene of the last episode, we get the sense this insane group is headed in the right direction.

I want more of these characters. Now.

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Lubeznik Arts Festival celebrated its 40th year, complete with a live mural invitational, on Aug. 20-21 at Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. The event was expected to draw more than 3,000 visitors. With the mural project, LCA invited three regional artists — Chris Silva, Dredske and FLEX — to create murals live. They took three 8 feet by 8 feet blank surfaces and created three murals while festivalgoers watched. Spectators were encouraged to vote for their favorite.

All photos by Bob Wellinski



### Unity Foundation Awards Scholarships for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Unity Foundation of LaPorte County is awarding more than \$330,000 in scholarships to 200 students from 50 different scholarship funds for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Since 1992, Unity has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships to help area students advance their education. The recipients are attending 52 different colleges and universities across the United States and Canada.

Instead of an in-person gathering, a virtual scholarship presentation recognizing this year's recipients, and the donors who make the scholarships possible, is available on the Unity website, www. uflc.net, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Students may apply for scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year beginning in January 2023. High school seniors, non-traditional or returning students, as well as those pursuing certificates or undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees, are encouraged to visit www.uflc.net to learn more about the opportunities available.

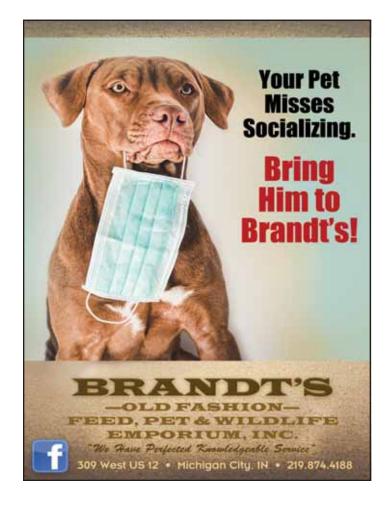
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# **Enchanted Backpack Makes Special Delivery at Marsh Elementary**

Rain couldn't dampen the excitement at Marsh Elementary School as Enchanted Backpack dropped off more than \$40,000 in much-needed supplies.

The company's delivery vans were greeted by Marsh students who lined Homer Street with signs and smiles.

"This means so much to us," Marsh Principal Moniqua Neal said in a press release. "Our teachers pour so much passion into what they do, making sure the needs of our students are met. Often, they end up making purchases out of their own pocket for supplies. This donation from Enchanted Backpack will help our school in so many ways, allowing us to continue educating students, while also meeting other needs."

Among the donated items from the Illinois-based non-profit were books, shirts, shoes, coats, hygiene products, classroom supplies and other items. Marsh social worker Megan Smith wrote the initial application to Enchanted Backpack, her goal being to receive a donation of coats for her students.

"It gets so cold in the winter months, and we see children coming to school with coats that are just not warm enough for this climate," she said in a press release. "We realize that some families struggle financially and can't afford new coats, so with this donation we will be able to provide those stu-



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dents with a warm coat and let them focus on learning rather than staying warm."

According to Enchanted Backpack representative Jackson Chandler, who helped deliver Marsh's gift, the organization serves schools where 50 percent or more of students qualify for free/reduced meals. and where students and staff are actively engaged in their communities.

Volunteers from the Michigan City Police Department, including eight new officers, helped unload the large donation.

Marty Corley, who serves as MCPD assistant chief, as well as Michigan City Area Schools board president, said in a press release he appreciated the donation to Marsh, but also the opportunity to teach young officers about serving their community.

"Being a police officer is more than just protecting our community," he said in a press release. "We also need to give back to our community, and this was a perfect opportunity for us.



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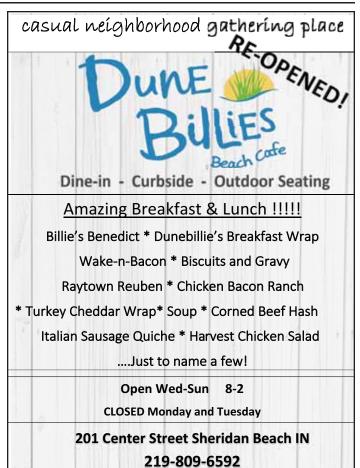
New users can download the meeScan app through options such as Apple and Google Play. Then, place holds on items using a customer account. Once at the library, check in using the app and clicking Pickup from the bottom of the screen (or calling the library location). An appointment no longer is needed. 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:
- Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Michele Borba (Adults 19+) from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. Borba is a child-development expert. Advanced registration is required at https://libraryc.org/laportelibrary/18040
- Stories & More from 10-10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Children ages 3-5 with their caregivers experience stories, songs, crafts and activities.
- Teen Anime Club from 4:30-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the main library. Meet other teen anime fans through the club. Register through the website.
- Page Turners Book Club from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the main library Meeting Room B. Refreshments will not be served, but guests can take coffee or tea.
- Finding Health Information on MedlinePlus (Adult 19+) from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the Main Library Meeting Room A. Learn how to identify accurate health information online using MedlinePlus, a free National Library of Medicine service.
- Genealogy Workshop (Adults 19+) from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the main library. Learn how to start family history research or find answers to questions about research.

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### **Community Center Library Renovation**

Friends of New Troy has launched a fundraiser to renovate the New Troy Community Center's library and meeting room.

While serving the community well for more than a decade, organizers say the library's offerings of donated computers and books have not kept pace with changing needs. The goal is programming and technology for all ages in a bright, updated space. The community then can use or borrow computers, check out books from a curated collection, play games, socialize and attend programs.

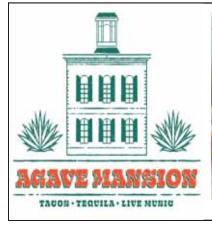
Age-appropriate areas at the center, 13372 California Road, are planned:

- A preschool play area with children's iPads, wall-mounted toys and early childhood Legos.
- A story hour/youth section with craft table and supplies.
- A youth to adult section with computer/gaming tables and multiple Chromebooks, a Macintosh computer for creative work, chess/checker table, Legos table and puzzle table.

Kindergarten-size toilets and a decrepit sink will be replaced with secure storage and an efficient staff station. New, movable units will replace mismatched, scavenged bookshelves. Aged carpeting and curtains will be replaced with cleanable surfaces in both rooms, and all remaining fluorescent lights will be replaced with LEDs.

The projected cost is \$43,500, including labor. FONT plans to fund the effort through events, grants and donations. To date, \$10,500 has been raised or committed. To contribute, visit www. friendsofnewtroy.org/donate and use the link, or mail a check to: Friends of New Troy, P.O. Box 125, New Troy, MI 49119. Specify the donation is for the Library Renovation Fund.

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### **Healthy Lifestyles**

The free social club 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:

- Sept. 14 Pairing Your Plants for Multi-Season Display, Sacha-Gee Burns, Solid Waste District of LaPorte County.
- Oct. 5: Medicare 2021 Overview, SHIP Supervisor Megan Rogers.
- Nov. 2: Managing Stress with Moria Cogwell, The Crossing wellness specialist.

### 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, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. 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:

- Sept. 14 Frog Fun.
- Sept. 28 Sounds of Nature.
- Oct. 12 Wiggly Workers.
- Oct. 26 Spider Sniffing.
- Nov. 2 What's Falling.
- Nov. 16 Snakes Alive.
- Dec. 7 Let it Snow.

### Halloween Decorating, Bingo and Prizes

The family event is from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Luhr County Park.

Decorate a Halloween craft, with all decorations provided. Bingo with prizes is planned. The cost is \$5 per child. Payment and registration are due at least one week in advance by calling (219) 325-8315. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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### **Odes to the Sycamore**

Award-winning local artist Pat Herman will present "Odes to the Sycamore," a new series of water-color and ink paintings, through Nov. 8 at the Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 U.S. 12, Beverly Shores.

An opening reception is from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

The series springs from Herman's lifelong fascination with sycamores, more than 50 years of making art and a year and a half of work. For her, it is all about the bark, colors, patterns and shapes.

Her work has received multiple awards in exhibits at The Art Barn School of Art, Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart, Chesterton Art Center and galleries in Fountain Hills, Ariz. She has been juried into the Michiana Annual Art Competition at The Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, Mich. She has shown her paintings at The Beverly Shores Depot Museum & Art Gallery, SFC Gallery and The Rising Phoenix Gallery in Michigan City, The Brauer Museum of Art in Valparaiso, The Legacy Center at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church and other northern Indiana venues.

Ellen Firme Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

### 12th Annual Trail of Scarecrows

Sept. 16 is the registration deadline for school groups, Scouts, businesses, families and other groups that want to create entries in Gabis Arboretum at PNW's Trail of Scarecrows.

This year's theme is "Famous Musicians." Photos of the scarecrows will be posted on social media, and guests can vote for favorites. Making an entry is free. Guests are charged regular arboretum admission to view the trail.

Entries must be delivered between Sept. 28-30. The exhibit runs Oct. 3-31.

Gabis Arboretum is located at 450 W. County Road 100 North, Valparaiso. Call (219) 462-002 for more details.

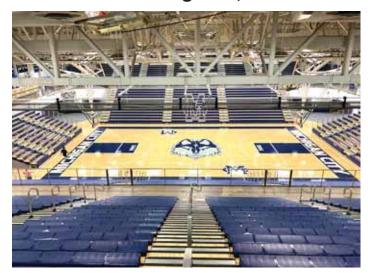
### **Pride Stride 5K**

Purdue University Northwest's Pride Stride 5K color run/walk returns Friday, Sept. 9, at the Westville campus, 1401 S. U.S. 421.

The public can participate in the event that features an approximately 3.1-mile course. Registrants don white T-shirts and are doused with color powder at the start of, and at select spots on, the course.

Free registration can be completed at www.pnw. edu/pride-stride. Check-in and pre-run activities begin at 4 p.m., and the 5K starts at 5 p.m. Registration helps secure a T-shirt, while supplies last, and confirms full participation in the 5K, as well as post-event food, games and entertainment.

### MCHS to Host Regional, Semi-State



Michigan City High School has been named a host site for regional and semi-state rounds of the 2022-2023 IHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament.

One of the oldest state championships in the country, this year's tournament is the 113th of its kind. With sectional rounds scheduled at schools throughout the state, Michigan City will host games that qualify the top 16, 8, 4 and 2 teams in Indiana.

The regional competition at MCHS is March 11, the semi-state March 18. The semi-state champion goes on to represent the northern half of the state in the IHSAA State Final for Boys Basketball on March 25 in Indianapolis.

MCHS has seen several improvements to its athletic facilities over the past two years. New bleachers and railings have been installed in the "Wolves Den" gymnasium, which seats more than 6,000. The gym floor was refinished and now features the Wolves logo. Additional improvements include a renovated weight room/fitness center, baseball and softball fields, track and new turf at Ames Field.

### JOIN US! at The Beverly Shores Depot for our Second Friday Art Opening "IN Dunes" by **Aaron Melendez** September 9, 5:00 - 7:00 pm









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### Women's Leadership Summit

The Leadership Institute and Society of Innovators at Purdue University Northwest on Sept. 15 will host the 2022 Northwest Indiana Women's Leadership and Innovation Summit.

The inaugural event will unite community and business leaders for a brunch summit featuring panel-style conversations, presentations and a hands-on keynote experience, with a focus on leadership, innovation, collaboration and personal empowerment.

The summit is especially suited to mid-level managers, star contributors and high potential employees who have been identified as outstanding prospects for increased leadership responsibilities.

The summit is at the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville. Doors open at 9 a.m. for networking, with programming beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. Brunch service is at 10:30 a.m., and the event concludes at approximately 2 p.m.

The keynote presentation is an interactive session with Late Nite Art, a collaborative learning experience involving live art and music that incorporates risk-taking, deep conversations and collaborative problem-solving.

Individual tickets are \$75, while tables of 10 cost \$600. A small business bundle of three tickets can be purchased for \$195, and sponsorships are available.

Visit www.pnw.edu/womens-summit or email Jason Williams at jawilliams@pnw.edu for details.

### **Westchester Public Library**

Westchester Public Library has curbside pickup at its Thomas and Hageman branches.

Use a library card or go online to place holds on up to 10 items, including DVDs and CDs. Once notified the items are available, park in specially-numbered spaces at each branch during pickup hours.

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).

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.

### **Dunebrook at the Gardens**

Dunebrook's signature fundraiser, "Dunebrook at the Gardens," returns from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Friendship Botanic Gardens to raise funds for its child-abuse prevention programs.

An evening highlight is the Lester Radke Community Service Award, which this year goes to retired Dunebrook Executive Director Jeanne Ann Cannon. The Spirit of the Child Award goes to Acme Communications for its years of commitment and assistance to Dunebrook.

The fundraiser includes casual dining with food trucks, Cheeseboard charcuterie, Social Que BBQ, Rolling Stonebaker Pizza and Red Cup café, as well as a cash bar from Patrick's Grille. Gluten-free and vegan options will be available. Silent and live auctions are planned, with bidding items including Notre Dame vs. Stanford football tickets.

Donors can email cathy@dunebrook.org. Additional recognition is available through sponsorships, which are offered at price points of \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$750 and \$300. Benefits include dinner, signage, e-news feature and pre/post-event publicity. Individual seats cost \$75.

The event's lead sponsors are Acme Communications, American Licorice, NLPH residential design and talk to ted, inc.

Friendship Botanic Gardens is located at 2055 E. U.S. 12. Visit www.dunebrook.org or follow Dunebrook on Facebook and twitter for more details.

## **Harbor Country Hikers**

Niki Schmutte, LaPorte County Parks chief naturalist, will lead Harbor Country Hikers through Luhr County Park, 178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte, at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 10.

The 94-acre park includes upland forest, wetlands, prairies, an observation tower and fishing pier. Many of the park's trails are paved, including a 3/4-mile Americans With Disabilities Act path. At the end of the hike, the park will loan fishing gear and bait to those wanting to try its stocked pond. No license is necessary.

Physical difficulty for the two-mile hike is rated easy to moderate. The group recommends long pants (preferably tucked in), a sun hat, sturdy shoes or boots, insect repellent and water.

Membership is preferred; however, the public is invited. The group follows Federal and state COVID guidelines, and face masks are optional. An all-terrain rollator — a wheeled walker with oversized tires for unpaved surfaces — is available on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing harborcountryhikes@gmail.com. Visit www. harborcountryhikers.com or Harbor Country Hikers on Facebook for more details.







### **Power of the Purse**

Women United of LaPorte County will host its Power of the Purse fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Uptown Social, 907 Franklin St.

The designer purse raffle supports the work done by Women United and United Way of LaPorte County. Visit tinyurl.com/2ezp48zk to register or for more details.

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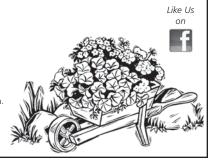
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# Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the 'Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in

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.



# LBCC Women's Golf Leagues 9-Hole League

Aug. 25, 2022

### **A FLIGHT**

Low Net — Vicki Hill.

Low Putts — Nancy Trainor.

Birdies — Cindy Levy (No. 1, No. 8).

Sunken Approaches – none.

#### **B FLIGHT**

Low Net — Jean Guerin.

Low Putts — Mary Weithers.

Birdies/Sunken Approaches – none.

### **C FLIGHT**

Low Putts — Sally Allen.

Birdies, Sunken Approaches – none.

### **D FLIGHT**

Low Net — Regina Bradley, Jackie Purcell.

Low Putts — Peg Carey.

Birdies — none.

Sunken Approaches – Peg Carey (No. 12), Marge White (No. 9).

2022 Awards LBCC 9 Hole Ladies Golf

### **Low Net Winners**

A Flight – Sue Smith.

B Flight – June Salmon.

C Flight - Jude Stahmer.

D Flight – Rosann Conroy.

### **Low Putt Winners**

A Flight – Jean Guerin.

B Flight – Nancy Trainor.

C Flight – Catherine Kelly.

D Flight - Jeanne St. Peter.

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Most Improved 9 Hole - Amanda Ferlmann

### P.E.O. Trunk/Garage Sale

The Michigan City Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter BA will host a trunk/garage sale from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Woodland North Office Complex parking lot, 1400 block of South Woodland Avenue.

The event is weather dependent. Look for signs out front.

P.E.O. has nearly 5,800 chapters in the U.S. and Canada. It was organized in 1869 and has helped more than 116,000 women pursue educational goals. The local chapter sponsors various fundraisers throughout the year.

### **Duneland Weavers Guild**

Duneland Weavers Guild meets from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 10, at Three Moons Fireworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton.

The program is show-and-tell summer projects by members. Meetings are open to the public.

### **Michigan City Municipal Golf Course**



North Course Monday League "Early Birdies" Aug. 29, 2022 Event: Most 1 Putts + 50/50

### **A Flight**

Low Gross: Phyllis Roach. Low Net: Phyllis Roach. Low Putts: Mary Beres. Event: Carol Tylisz.

**B** Flight

Low Gross: Sandra Provan. Low Net: Sandra Provan. Low Putts: Ev Cassin. Event: Ev Cassin.

C Flight

Low Gross: Pam Betcher, Tina Kintzele.

Low Net: Tina Kintzele. Low Putts: Kathy Nelson. Event: Kathy Nelson.

Chip-Ins: Kathy Nelson, Hole 9. Birdies: Carol Tylisz, Hole 6.

50/50: Carol Tylisz.



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

- A.K. Smith Career Center, 817 Lafayette St., 7:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.
- First Church of God, 2020 E. Lincolnway, La-Porte, noon-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.
- First United Methodist Church, 1225 Michigan Ave., LaPorte, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.
- St. John Kanty, 7012 N. County Road 600 East, Rolling Prairie, 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

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.





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### In the Area

**Sept. 8** — Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Michele Borba (Adults 19+), 1-2 p.m., through LaPorte County Public Library. Registration: www.laportelibrary.org

**Sept. 9** — Opening reception, watercolors/digital art by Aaron Melendez, 5-7 p.m., The Beverly Shores Depot Mueseum & Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway. Info: www.bsdepot.com

**Sept. 9** — Opening reception, "Odes to the Sycamore," 4-7 p.m., Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 U.S. 12, Beverly Shores.

**Sept. 10** — Michigan City Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter BA trunk/garage sale, 9 a.m.-noon, Woodland North Office Complex parking lot, 1400 block of South Woodland Avenue.

**Sept. 10** — Author Talk: Joseph Pete, 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Sept. 10** — "Teddy Bear & Doll Tea Party," 10 a.m.-noon, St. Luke United Lutheran Church, 2000 E. Coolspring Ave. Cost: \$5.

**Sept. 10** — Harbor Country Hikers, 10 a.m. EDT, Luhr County Park, 178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Info: harborcountryhikes@gmail.com, www.harborcountryhikers.com

**Sept. 12** — Teen Anime Club, 4:30-6 p.m., La-Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**Sept. 13** — Page Turners Book Club, noon-1 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library Meeting Room B, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**Sept. 14** — Genealogy Workshop (Adults 19+), 1-4 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**Sept. 14-16** — Friends of the Library Giant 3-Day Book Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 4073 Franklin St

Through Sept. 30 — Michigan City Art League, Queen of All Saints Catholic Church's Legacy Center, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Legacy Center hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: kd3627@hotmail.com

**Through Oct. 21** — "moniquemeloche presents...," Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.LubeznikCenter.org/Events

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Toastmasters Club, 6:30-8 p.m., Senior Health/Wellness Center (old hospital ER, Barker/Buffalo).

**Mondays in Michigan City** — Bingo, Moose Family Lodge 980, 2107 Welnetz Road. Doors open/8:30 a.m., early birds/9:30 a.m., regular Bingo/10 a.m.

**Thursdays in September** — Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Saturdays in Michigan City** — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Washington streets. Info: farmersmarketmichigancity@gmail.com

**Saturdays in LaPorte** — LaPorte Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Lincolnway parking lot next to Mucho Mas. Info: laportefarmermarket@gmail.com

**Sundays in Michigan City** — The Dockside Artisan Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Millennium Plaza. Free parking.

### In the Region

**Sept. 8** — Open Mic Night Featuring PlayHouse, 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Performer inquiries: OpenMic@ acornlive.org. Tickets: general/free, reserved/\$25. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

**Sept. 9** — The Common Concert Series, 7-9 p.m. EDT, Buchanan, Mich. Entertainment: Special Consensus. Info: The Common-Buchanan, MI (Facebook).

**Sept. 9** — Kashmir, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$30, reserved/\$55. Reservations: www. acornlive.org

**Sept. 9-10** — Lightning Bug Music Festival, Sunset Hill Farms, 775 Meridian Road, Valparaiso. Doors open @ 11 a.m. Tickets/info: www. lightningbugmusicfestival.com

**Sept. 9-11** — Outdoor Adventure Festival. Times, events: www.dunesoutdoorfestival.com

**Sept. 10** — Duneland Weavers Guild, 10 a.m.-noon, Three Moons Fireworks, 402 Broadway, Chesterton.

**Sept. 10** — Artists of the Dunes History Talk, 1-2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Sept. 10** — Full Moon Hike, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Sept. 10** — William Elliott Whitmore, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: general/\$25, reserved/\$50. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

**Sept. 10-11** — Chellberg Farm Fun, noon-4 p.m., Mineral Springs Road, between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/

**Sept. 11** — Leon's Obstacle Course Race, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., West Beach, off County Line Road, Portage. Registration: www.leonstriathlon.com

**Through Oct. 1** — "Journey Through Indiana:

The Photographs of Kay Westhues and John Bower," Elkhart's Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S. Main St. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri./1-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$6/ages 8-12, \$8/ages 13-18, \$8/college students with ID. Info: (574) 293-6660.

**Through Oct. 2** — "WIRED: The Rise (and Fall) of Electric Cars," The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$8.50/seniors 60+, \$6/youth ages 6-18. Info: www.studebakermuseum.org, (574) 235-9714.

Through Oct. 30 — "The Avanti: America's Most Advanced Automobile," The Studebaker National Museum, The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$10/adults, \$8.50/seniors 60+, \$6/youth ages 6-18. Info: www.studebakermuseum.org, (574) 235-9714.

Through Nov. 13 — New exhibits, "Family Dinner: The Deep Connection of American Lived Experience" & "FOOD for THOUGHT," Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Sept. 10: Afternoon of Art reception/11 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT. Info: (269) 983-0271, www.krasl.org

**Saturdays in Chesterton** — European Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Broadway & Third Street. Info: (219) 926-5513.

**Sundays in September** — Bailly/Chellberg History Hike, 2-4 p.m., Bailly/Chellberg parking lot off Mineral Springs Road, U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: www.nps.gov/indu, (219) 395-1882.

Vickers Theatre — Now Showing: "Bullet Train." Rated R. Times: 2:45 p.m. Sept. 9-11, 6 p.m. Sept. 12. Also: "The Good Boss." Not Rated. Times: 6 p.m. Sept. 9-11, 2:45 p.m. Sept. 12. All times Eastern. Theater address: 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.



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**On September 8, 1841**, Czech composer Antonin Dvorak, who introduced the concerto form into Czech music, was born near Prague.

On September 8, 1858, Abraham Lincoln, in a speech in Clinton, Ill., said: "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

On September 8, 1860, 287 people died when the Lady Elgin, a Lake Michigan excursion steamer, was rammed by the schooner Augusta, sinking off Waukegan.

On September 8, 1920, airmail service between New York and San Francisco was inaugurated.

On September 8, 1921, in Atlantic City, N.J., Margaret Gorman, Washington, D.C., was crowned the first "Miss America."

On September 9, 1776, the term "United States" became official when the Second Continental Congress ruled "...that in all Continental Commissions and other instruments, where heretofore the words United Colonies have been used, the style be altered, for the future, to the United States."

On September 9, 1830, Charles Durant made aviation history by flying in a balloon across the Hudson River from New York to Perth Amboy, N.J.

**On September 9, 1893**, Francis Cleveland, wife of President Grover Cleveland, gave birth to a girl, the first president's baby born in the White House.

On September 9, 1919, most of Boston's 1,500-strong police force went on strike.

On September 9, 1926, NBC (National Broadcasting Co.) was created by Radio Corporation of America.

On September 10, 1739, Irish scholar Thomas Sheridan was discussing the direction of the wind with a friend. He remarked, "Let the wind blow east, west, north or south, the immortal soul will take its flight to the destined point." He then leaned back in his chair and died.

On September 10, 1813, during the "War of 1812," an American Naval force, under the command of Commodore Oliver Perry, defeated the British in the "Battle of Lake Erie." Reporting on the victory, Perry sent this message: "We have met the enemy, and they are ours."

On September 10, 1924, in Chicago, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb were given life terms for the kidnap-murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks.

On September 10, 1993, "The X-Files" pre-

miered on Fox Television.

On September 11, 1677, Maine became the first American colony to pass a law against the public sale of liquor.

On September 11, 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first secretary of the treasury.

On September 11, 1841, all except one member of President John Tyler's Cabinet (Secretary of State Daniel Webster) resigned to protest the president's veto of a banking bill.

On September 11, 1847, at Andre's Eagle Ice Cream Saloon, in Pittsburg, the audience sang Stephen Foster's "Oh Susanna." This was reported to have been the first public performance of the song.

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed when terrorists hijacked four jetliners, crashing two into the 110-story twin towers of New York's World Trade Center. The two others crashed into the Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field.

On September 12, 1869, the National Prohibition Party was formed in Chicago.

On September 12, 1886, the opening of the New York stage show, "The Black Crook," marked the beginning of "girlie" shows in the United States.

On September 12, 1948, Maine's Republican Margaret Chase Smith was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to have served in both houses of Congress.

**On September 12, 1953**, in Newport, R.I., Massachusetts Sen. John Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier.

**On September 13, 1788**, the U.S. Constitutional Convention authorized the new nation's first national election to be held on "the first Wednesday in January next."

On September 13, 1978, in Elkhart, a grand jury indicted Ford Motor Co. on three counts of recklessness and one count of criminal negligence in the death of three women killed in a Pinto.

On September 13, 1989, Francis "Fay" Vincent was named Major League Baseball commissioner, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti.

On September 13, 1993, Israel's prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands on the lawn of the White House after signing an accord to work for peace.

On September 14, 1741, George Fredrick Handel, having worked without interruption for 23 days, finished his composition of "Messiah."

On September 14, 1778, Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first American minister to France.

**On September 14, 1814**, at the bombardment of Fort McHenry (in the War of 1812), Baltimore lawyer Francis Scott Key wrote the words to "The Star Spangled Banner."

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<u>Fox Creek</u> by William Kent Krueger (hard-cover, \$28 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook and an audiobook. 385 pages.)

"He's an old man, with more than a century of living behind him...The prospect of his own death isn't what troubles him. It is the sense that death will come to others, come far too early in their journey through this world...What the old man, this ancient soul, is trying to understand is this: Am I the one who stands between death and the others, or am I the one who leads death to them?"

To be perfectly clear, I have never found a William Kent Krueger book I didn't like. The clean, clear pace of his writing, the realistic characterizations and description of the land are not to be surpassed.

His obvious love of the northern Minnesota lakes and forests makes you smell the pine and fresh air as you follow Cork O'Connor, one of modern-day literature's most endearing characters. And his understanding and respect for Native Americans is evident in his handling of their lives and customs.

And now, a little bit on his latest book...

Cork O'Connor is a former Chicago cop and sheriff of Aurora, Minn., now retired and living there. He has two grown children: son Stephen and daughter Jennifer, who is married to Daniel. They have a grandson they call Waaboo.

Cork's first wife died tragically some years ago. Two years ago, he met Rainy, an Ojibwa native who is a nurse in the white man's world and a Mide, or healer in the Native-American world.

One day, a man comes to their house claiming to be Louis Morriseau, who is looking for his wife, Dolores. They argued and she left him a week ago to see Henry Meloux, also an Ojibwe healer. He says the two have been having an affair. ("Fifty years ago, maybe, Stephen says.") Will Cork help him find her?

This is a joke, right? Henry Meloux is 100 years old and not in the market for a woman. Henry also is Rainy's great-uncle. Cork knows that Rainy, right now, is helping Henry with a woman who came to him to take part in a sweat lodge, a Native way of cleansing your mind and soul. Cork goes out to see Henry and is surprised that the woman is, indeed, Dolores Morriseau. Cork shows her a picture he took of her husband. Delores says she doesn't know the man, he is definitely not Lou!

Why is this man looking for Delores? She has no idea. Her husband works in real estate, a lot of

### Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



the time in Canada. That's where he's supposed to be now. Will Cork help her find her real husband? Now, Cork is helping Dolores find the man who also wants him to find Delores. He takes off to see the new sheriff.

Something is certainly rotten in the state of Den-

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Each section follows one of the characters, showing how Cork and Stephen follow their instincts to learn more about Lou, while alternately showing how the hunted

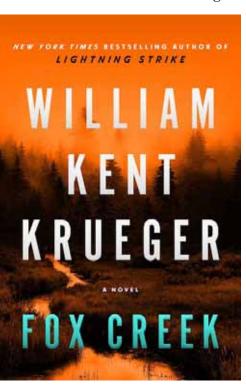
stay away from the hunters in the deep woods. The excitement is non-stop, and you begin to feel you are the one fleeing with Henry and the women. Putting together a clever storyline with intersecting timelines is Krueger's strong point. Just when you reach a crucial point in the story, it jumps to another character somewhere else.

This story is nothing but phenomenal. Native Americans, hired guns, government cover-ups, kidnapping, murder...you need more? How about racing through thick pine forests, over rivers and bogs to keep ahead of three men who want something so badly, they are willing to capture or kill for it.

Krueger's attention to Native culture, the beautiful land of northern Minnesota and characters who seem three-dimensional make for an exciting story and a need to read more of these fascinating people.

The final word: There are 20 more Cork O'Connor books. Just like my favorite pizza — can't put any of them down, even to go to the fridge for another Coke — you just gotta keep on till you reach the end.

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