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# A Passion for the Past

by William Halliar

**P**at Harris sits ensconced behind a large reference desk in Michigan City Public Library's Indiana Room. She is surrounded by reference material: history books, city directories, pamphlet files, newspaper directories, school yearbooks and volumes of genealogical listings. Many of them, she compiled or wrote herself.

For more than 25 years, Harris has volunteered at the library, 100 E. Fourth St., helping people discover their roots.

"I like to help people," she says in a quiet voice filled with a passion for what she regards as a personal calling.

Patricia Gruse was born Oct. 8, 1934, in Michigan City. She attended grade school and high school at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Michigan City, graduating in 1952. About this time, she began taking an interest in genealogy. A naturally curious person with an interest in local and personal history, she enjoyed collecting family stories. She discovered that, for her, "knowing your family roots brings joy."

Thus, a course for her lifetime was established.

She took a job while still a teen at Scholl Dairy in town, which she says at the time was a local hangout for teenagers. While working there, she met young William Harris, who also worked at the dairy. They were married in June of 1955.

With her family roots firmly established in Michigan City, Harris attended college at Purdue University, then located in Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. She also took a secretarial course at South Bend College of Commerce. During this time, she discovered she had a talent and great interest in research. She



Pat Harris is photographed by The Beacher's Andrew Tallackson in Michigan City Public Library's Indiana Room.

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also discovered a gift for writing. Add a passion for public service, and her lifetime course was set.

Famed TV personality and children's book author Joanna Gaines once wrote, "*The world needs who you were made to be,*" an aphorism that may give a person pause when considering life's direction. Harris found what she was "made to be early" in life, thereafter pursuing her goals and passions with great joy and enthusiasm.

When asked about a hobby, she replies, "Researching genealogy and history." Her vocation and avocation combine to make her happy and content with her life's accomplishments.

Her work brings her joy.

In the early 1970s, Harris and her husband joined other community and history-minded citizens here to form a committee designed to secure funds for saving and restoring our lakefront's lighthouse. The old structure was built in 1858, serving as a lighthouse until it was decommissioned in

the 1940s. It sat abandoned and deteriorating for almost 20 years. Politicians have a way of tearing historic structures down, rather than be bothered with maintenance or restoration. But not only did Harris, her husband and members of the small committee secure the necessary funding, but also with their own hands rebuilt it from the ruin it became after so many years of neglect. From the rubble, they helped create the wonderful Old Lighthouse Museum.

Bill Harris was an engineer at the old Pullman plant in Michigan City. In his spare time, he made drawings of the building, researching the original lighthouse that stood on the grounds in the early 1830s. Pat Harris researched and wrote papers to place Old Lighthouse Museum, and the Michigan City East Pierhead Lighthouse and tower with attached elevated walkway, on the National Register of Historic Places. Think, for a moment, how sad our lakefront would be today without the tireless efforts of these individuals to share Michigan City's history with us. Today, the old pierhead light is the unquestioned symbol of Michigan City.

Pat Harris began her work at the historical society as secretary. As such, she was put in charge of collecting and curating artifacts. She became fascinated with the stories behind all of the objects in the collection, her love of research coming into play, all while she honed her skills as a researcher and writer.

During her tenure at the lighthouse, Harris transcribed the logbooks and journals of famed lighthouse keeper Harriet Colfax. These now can be studied in the historical society archives and the reference room at Michigan City Public Library. Colfax was the keeper of our light for 43 years, from 1861-1904. During that time, she kept detailed accounts of each ship that entered and departed from our harbor in her neat, measured hand. Harris patiently went through each page, creating a digital file that is available for our study today. Without her work, this information would have been lost.

Harris is a lifetime member of Michigan City Historical Society. She and her



Pat Harris is photographed with descendants of L.D. Phillips during a 2010 book signing for the second edition of "Great Lakes First Submarine, L.D. Phillips' Fool Killer." Provided.



Michigan City Public Library's Indiana Room is where you'll often find Pat Harris, eager to help people. Provided.

husband — he passed away in 2015 — served as trustees for the society, Pat serving for more than 20 years. In January 1992, she retired as acting director of Old Lighthouse Museum and after 17 years as curator. Her work, though, was not finished. She continued fulfilling her lifetime purpose as a researcher and genealogist.

Harris also has served for more than 50 years at St. Mary's, the city's oldest Catholic church. There, she established an indexed archive of its history, and wrote three books on history and one on Catholic education in Michigan City.

Harris humbly opines that "perhaps there are more talented researchers," but, "I consider my ability to do genealogical and historical research a nice gift from God that I enjoy sharing with others."

She adds, "I have a gift to be used."

Use it she has.

Along with her work at the library, Harris is a member and recording secretary of the La Porte County Pioneer Cemetery Commission. This commission was established to "identify, protect, restore and maintain abandoned or neglected cemeteries throughout the county."

Harris is a founding member, past president, treasurer, genealogist and historian of La Porte County Genealogical Society. Her talent as a researcher is well-recognized, and she is a member of many local organizations, often serving in decision-making and founding roles, including groups such as Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana, St. Mary's School Hall of Fame and The World of Who's Who American Women.

Her list of published manuscripts is impressive. Many have to do with the history of Michigan City and La Porte County. Of particular interest is a well-researched book about L.D. Phillips, a Michi-

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Patricia Harris is photographed at a historical marker for St. Mary the Immaculate Conception. Provided.

gan City resident and inventor of the “Fool Killer,” one of the first submarines to exist anywhere.

In the early 1980s, a member of the Phillips family approached Harris, asking questions about a distant relative. She figured the result of the research might make a nice pamphlet for the museum gift shop. Little did she know her findings and resultant writing would become a book eventually recognized as a major resource on the subject, often quoted by other sources, including National Museum of the Great Lakes.

Her book, “Great Lakes First Submarine, L.D. Phillips’ Fool Killer,” was published in 1981. It was revised, updated and reprinted in a second edition in 2010 after her continued research uncovered

more information. When the submarine USS Indiana was christened on April 29, 2017, a copy of her book was given to each of the more than 130 sailors who crewed the ship.

Harris also wrote “The Treasures of St. Mary’s” and “Keepers of the Michigan City Light.” All of these required massive amounts of research, and a talent for telling a tale in a compelling manner.

Harris has four children, Susan, Keith (who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic), John and Kathleen, and two grandchildren, Zachery and Ethan. She enjoys collecting family stories for them, and has acted as family historian for many years.

Of her “hobby,” and continued work at the library, Harris says, “I enjoy doing research, and it is rewarding when I can help solve some family problems when they hit brick walls (in their family research). Many times, people don’t even know who their grandparents were, and they yearn to know their roots.”

Perhaps, more importantly, she often helps people seeking information about “hereditary health issues.” Some people, she says, just want to know where they came from.

After all of these years, and so much work in the field, Harris is still very excited to begin the next project when it presents itself. She is living her purpose, and for that, we are all better off.



Pat and Bill Harris are surrounded by family as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2005. Provided.

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## The Bite is Gone, but There is Plenty to Enjoy in “Prada 2”

by Andrew Tallackson



Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway are back in “The Devil Wears Prada 2.”

“The Devil Wears Prada 2” is not as good as the original. The characters are 20 years older — wiser, jaded a bit — so they’re no longer intimidated by Miranda Priestly. So by default, the movie, itself, is no longer intimidated by her. The bite is gone.

Having said that, Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Stanley Tucci and Emily Blunt clearly were chomping at the bit to reunite, and you can feel that energy. A bit of the old magic. And by tackling a relevant issue in print media, the movie is more than just long-delayed fan service.

The obvious question with any sequel is, why would investigative journalist Andy Sachs (Hathaway) head back to Runway after surviving boss-from-hell Miranda Priestly (Streep)? Turns out, Andy’s newspaper lays off the entire staff, the bombshell dropping seconds before she nabs an award for in-depth reporting. Runway, which is taking hits for an insensitive puff piece, lures her back as its new features editor, specifically to restore the magazine’s good faith with the public. When an unexpected death leads to threats of downsizing for Runway, the movie justifies its existence. Everyone is scrambling to save their skins in a world where “print” is a fossil consumed by a digital society.

The 2006 original emerged as a veritable quote machine thanks to uncredited script doctoring by Paul Rudnick (“Addams Family Values”), whose zingers transformed Aline Brosh McKenna’s OK script into a hilariously catty take on office politics. He’s not involved this time, which means the dialogue does not sting like it once did.

McKenna is back as screenwriter, and to her credit, she has fun with how the office climate has changed, the most welcome addition being Miran-



### “The Devil Wears Prada 2”

Running time: 119 minutes. In theaters. Rated PG-13 for strong language and some suggestive references.

da’s assistant Amari (“Bridgerton” regular Simone Ashley), who frequently silences her boss whenever her filters fail. And Blunt, whose Emily Charlton now works at Dior, can still spin a conversation back in her direction with flourish.

Back in 2006, Streep was a fascinating case study in devious intimidation. A simple nod of her head, pursed lips, could send others fleeing. This time, Miranda has gone a tad soft, painfully aware her days at Runway may be near an end. The character, like the movie, is now sentimental about the world she inhabits, and the people who inhabit it with her. Maybe that’s why certain stretches of the film drag. It doesn’t draw enough blood.

Having said that — and there’s that clarifier again — watching Streep, Hathaway, Blunt and Tucci play characters now more or less on equal footing, willing to give each other a chance, is a sign of welcome growth. Returning director David Frankel also gives Streep the option to find humanity in the character, particularly in a beautiful moment when Miranda realizes Tucci’s Nigel deserves to shine.

The movie hasn’t gone entirely easy on Miranda, though. That she is forced to take a business meeting in the Runway cafeteria, or succumbs to basic economy airline seats because of budget cuts, is proof snark is still alive and well in this world.



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Reservations are required by May 11. Limited tickets are available for the full buffet, performance and dessert. Tickets are \$100. Contact Judy Jacobi at (219) 873-4560 for ticket information,

Orbovich, who cofounded the festival, is a Grammy nominee and *Gramophone* magazine award winner. Arrigo, a graduate of Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, is teacher, performer and col-



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laborative pianist in the Chicago area. She also is on the faculty of Moraine Valley Community College in Illinois.

This year's chamber music festival celebrates its 25th year, with performances set for Aug. 8-16 at First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St.

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Inspired by her debut novel, participants explore connections to Michigan City's history, vintage inspirations and modern attractions featured in Divine Vintage. Barker Mansion, for instance, inspired

the novel's "Carver House."

The event features short walking segments with breaks, refreshments and hydration stops. The total distance covered is approximately 2 miles, while the entire experience lasts about 2.5 hours.

Space is limited, so register by May 6 at <https://shorturl.at/4l3mC>. The link also is on Young's website at <https://sandraymentauthor.com>

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Playwrights should be full- or part-time residents in Northwest Indiana or Southwest Michigan, or have strong ties to the communities. Plays can be any length, from 10-minute, one-act, dramatic monologues to portions of works in progress and full-length works. Any musical submissions should have cast sizes of five or fewer.

Submissions are limited to works that have not received full productions. Authors should submit no more than three entries. No portion of the script, plot, dialogue or lyrics may be AI-generated. Scripts must be primarily in English and prepared in standard script format. Authors will need to attest that the submissions are their own creative work (or appropriately credited).

The winning plays will have one rehearsal and performed as a concert reading in "Voices From the Heartland" New Plays Festival in September.

Send a script(s) in PDF or Word to LITERARY-DAF@gmail.com. Include a cover letter with a mailing address, a list of previous readings or workshops of the submitted work, a brief synopsis and character list, and contact information.

After the June 1 deadline, plays selected for the festival will be announced by the end of July.

## New Buffalo Township Library

- **Read and Ride.** The program is from 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Silver Beach Center, St. Joseph, Mich.

### Weekly programs

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- **Monday Musicales Concert from 4-5 p.m. Friday, May 8.** The theme is "Music is Our Constant Companion."
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## Family First

I was considering which restaurant to take my 93-year-old mother for Mother's Day when her voice popped into my head: "Family first." And just like that, I started reminiscing about a lifetime of her sayings — each one equal parts eye-roll-inducing and strangely wise.

My mom, known to her grandkids and great-grandkids as "Nonnie," didn't just hand out advice to my five siblings and me during our formative years. She dispensed it like fortune cookies. And no matter what chaos was swirling through our busy household, she always seemed to have an apt phrase at the ready.

In our house, "Family first" was like scripture. It explained nearly every tough choice Mom made, or one she insisted we follow ourselves. It wasn't unusual for my parents to decline an invite to a friend's dinner party so they could attend one of our school events. Likewise, Mom would insist my twin sister and me postpone a date with our own friends to help our math-challenged brother with his homework. To my mother, family first was not just something she said when it worked in her favor. It was her compass. And as we matured, my siblings and I have used that mantra to navigate our own lives.

She had other gems, too. "Just be yourself," "Be the better person," "What goes around comes around," to name a few. These sayings weren't just words. They were stitched into our daily life like the embroidery on her favorite kitchen apron.

When I was a preteen nursing hurt feelings over a friend's cutting remark or a social exclusion, Mom would sit me down at our tiny kitchen table with an iced tea and give me a steady, knowing look. After letting me vent my dramatic, world-ending woes, she'd simply say, "Be the better person." Which, when translated, meant, don't retaliate, let it go, offer some grace.

As a 12-year-old, I wasn't always thrilled with that game plan. My inclination was more in the vein of figuring out how to get even. But as an adult, I can confirm, my mom's sage advice was more effective. Her words taught me that giving folks the benefit of the doubt had more merit as a long-term strategy than one that was vengeful. Invoking silence, patience and forgiveness is not only good for relationship building, but also good for the soul.

And then there was the corollary to be the better person: "What goes around comes around." I can't say karma always showed up on schedule, but often enough it did, and I always thought, well, Mom called it. People we knew who were bullies, liars and thieves often got what was coming to them. Her calm faith that life would eventually even out gave her a quiet power that teenage me didn't always understand. But now, like her, I, too, take that longer view and try to be the better person.

## That Girl, This Life

Julie McGue



Of course, no list of Mom's classic phrases would be complete without the one my siblings and I all mocked mercilessly: "What will the neighbors think?" This one usually came out when my father, bless him, was in the throes of a DIY disaster: caulking the windows like a toddler squirting toothpaste. Or when we kids left our bikes strewn across the front yard. "Go clean that up," she'd bark. "What will the neighbors think?"

Back then, we kids grumbled and rolled our eyes. We didn't care what the neighbors thought, and I still don't let that perspective guide my actions. But decades later, I see the situation for what it was: Mom's sweet, slightly anxious rallying cry for order and respectability was probably due to the '60s- and '70s-era pressure to ascend into the middle class. Our sloppy, careless acts were jeopardizing those aspirations. My parents were dreamers, strivers, trying to show the world they had made it, even if Dad's caulking said otherwise.

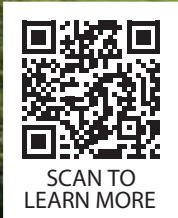
And finally, Mom's *pièce de résistance*: "Remember where you come from." She'd say it softly, often when we shared news of a big award, promotion or fancy new address. Translation: stay humble, stay grounded. Don't get so impressed with yourself that you forget the people who helped you get there, and don't gloss over the mistakes you made along the way. It's advice that has aged remarkably well.

These mom-isms have followed me throughout my life, showing up uninvited when I'm giving my own four kids advice. And more often than not, I catch myself thinking: Oh no... I've turned into Nonnie. But truthfully, from where I sit, that's not such a bad thing.

This Mother's Day, when we gather as four generations around the brunch table — my children, their spouses, a few of Mom's great-grandchildren — I'm hoping some of those old family phrases resurface. Maybe someone will roll their eyes; maybe someone will tuck the wisdom away for later. Either way, my mother's sayings are heirlooms now, passed down like fine china, only far more durable.

And yes, at some point during our Mother's Day celebrations, I'll probably hear Mom's voice again reminding me: "Family first." I'll smile, pour her another iced tea and thank her silently — for the advice, the humor and the love threaded through each of her pet phrases.

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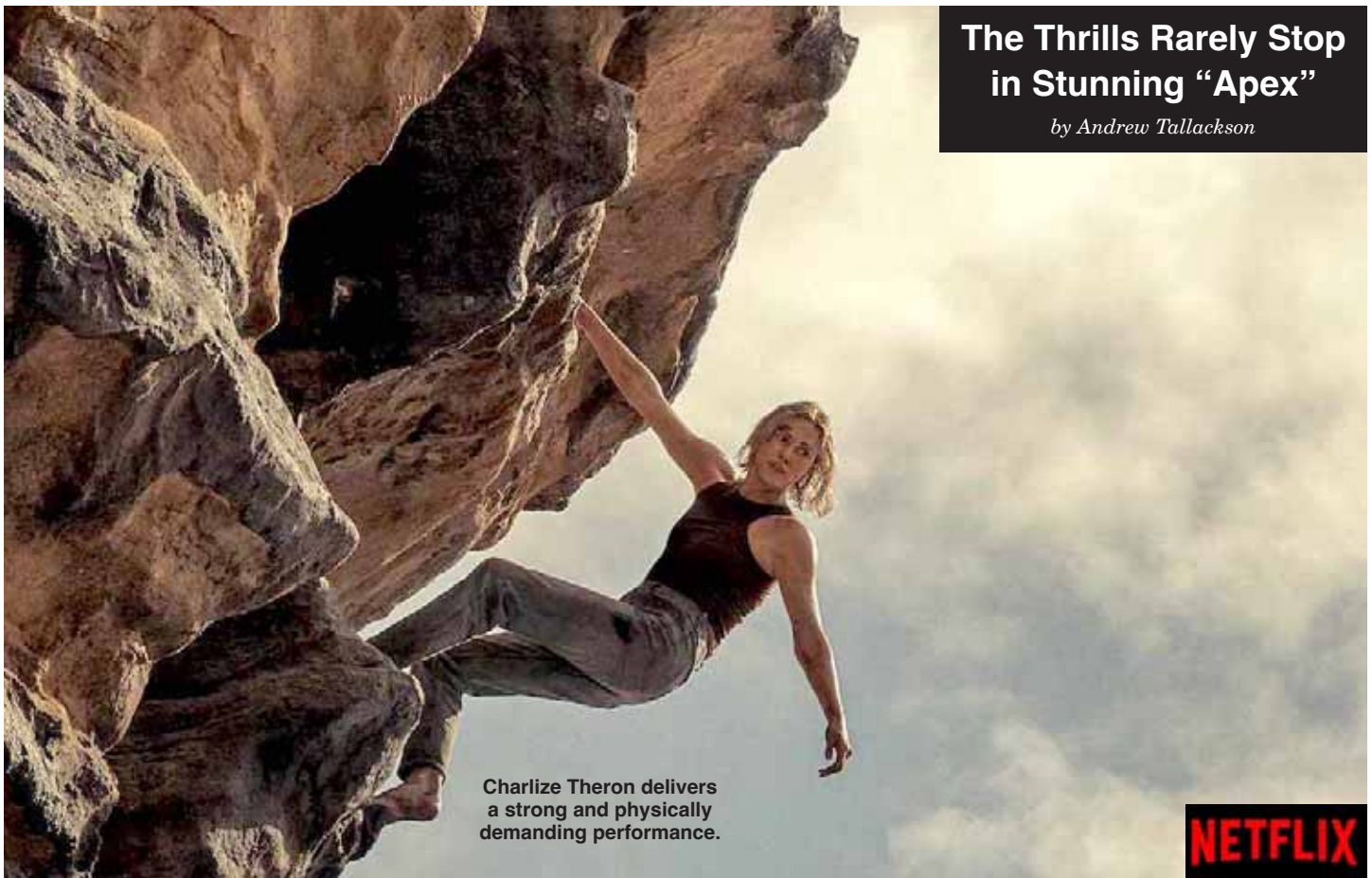
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## The Thrills Rarely Stop in Stunning “Apex”

by Andrew Tallackson

Charlize Theron delivers a strong and physically demanding performance.

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“Apex” makes a strong case for why certain movies belong on a big screen.

Don’t get me wrong, the Netflix thriller works fine at home. The back-to-basics B movie leans heavily on “Cliffhanger” and “The River Wild,” with Oscar-winner Charlize Theron (“The Old Guard,” “Atomic Blonde”) kicking alpha male ass like it’s nobody’s business. But it also is executed on a grander scale that cries out for the movie theater experience.

How so?

For starters, the director is Baltasar Kormákur. Not a household name, but he knows his way around an exotic setting. In 2015, he staged “Everest,” about the well-documented 1996 disaster, with relentlessly grim authenticity. Four years ago, the Idris Elba thriller “Beast” turned a South African game reserve into a carnival ride of chaos. Both films benefitted from the widest screens possible.

“Apex” is fashioned out of similar goods. Jeremy Robbins’ screenplay establishes right off the bat why Theron’s Sasha, an avid rock climber, finds herself in the Australian wilderness. We first meet her and husband Tommy (Eric Bana) attempting to scale Norway’s Troll Wall. At one point, Sasha peers out of their hanging tent, affixed to the mountainside, and the effect of Kormákur’s camera is dizzyingly akin to vertigo. The effects, Lawrence Sher’s dense cinematography, the physically impressive work by Theron and Bana, it’s why we go to the movies.

★ ★ ★ 1/2

### “Apex”

Running time: 95 minutes. Netflix. Rated R for some strong violence, grisly images, nudity and language.

No surprise, though, that Troll Wall ends in tragedy. Five months later, Sasha is alone, Tommy’s compass in hand, driving through Australia’s Wandarra National Park. Interesting, how Kormákur frames the landscape as inhospitable to women, crawling with toxic men. We still marvel at the beauty of the land, but Högni Egilsson’s score hints at danger.

Indeed, Kormákur is in awe of nature. At the purity of it. He treats us to Sasha kayaking through rapids with exhilarating, you-are-there camerawork. It is the best footage I’ve seen to recreate the giddy rush of the experience.

Then, Ben turns up. He seems nice, offering logical advice for staying safe. But because he’s played by the terrific Welsh actor Taron Egerton (“Kingsman,” Apple TV+’s “Black Bird” and “Smoke”), there is something uneasy about the guy. Overeager. A glint in his eye.

From there, “Apex” becomes a two-character tale of the hunter and the hunted. I was reminded of the slow-burn Cillian Murphy-Rachel McAdams suspense “Red Eye” (2005), where two intelligent people play a vicious game of cat and mouse. When



Taron Egerton is relentless as a serial killer based in Australia's Wandarra National Park.

Ben shows his true colors, the still-grieving Sasha has to pull it together fast to save her own skin.

"Apex" embraces the women-in-peril spirit that dominates much of today's pulp fiction. The main character is a strong female, but damaged by loss, forced to summon bruised courage amid impossible odds. And as Ben chases Sasha throughout the forest and rivers, we believe we have the movie figured out. At some point, Sasha will turn the tables on Ben, her rock-climbing past coming into play. To a certain extent, that's what "Apex" is. But the movie is more interested in how these two individuals feed off each other. As Egerton's eyes blaze with crazed menace, the actor fearlessly hurling himself into the character, the trauma allows Sasha to somehow heal. To come to terms with what happened in Norway and reshape how she survives in the present. Theron is too fine an actor to transform Sasha into a warrior of superhuman strength. Instead, she carefully replaces fear with strength. Relying on everything she's got to outwit her attacker.

A detour into Ben's "lair" slips into lurid imagery, a case where less might have been more. And the big climax ends right where we suspect, with Sasha and Ben dangling alongside a mountain wall. But then, something interesting happens. The story takes a more literate approach, allowing closure not only for Sasha, but for others whose lives were claimed by violence.

Forgive me if this makes "Apex" sound like more than it is. Kormákur intended his film simply as a good yarn. The equivalent of a page turner. He's achieved that...and then some.

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## Center for Creative Solutions Honors Creativity



STEM teacher Amy Hamann (from left) is photographed with Lucas Serrano, Melannie Aquino-Osorio, Azari Meyer, Mylo Orlando, Aiden Knight, Thomas White and Eliot Mehmeti, the Student Innovation Award winners from Barker Middle School.

The Center for Creative Solutions honored area students and organizations in April as part of World Creativity & Innovation Week, the 17th annual celebration in Northwest Indiana.

Michigan City Public Library's youth department received this year's CREO, which goes to a citizen or organization that encourages creativity. Youth librarians Lori Richardson and Dave Fink accepted the honor at the celebration's Community Kick-off Breakfast.

Center Board President Dale Cooper presented the Tej Ram Gupta scholarships to Ella Hefner, Mariana Ramos and Tessa Staley, high school seniors at the A.K. Smith Career Center, La Porte County Career & Technical Education. The scholarships, funded by Dr. Rakish and Bina Gupta and the B.R. Foundation of Michigan City, are named for Bina Gupta's father, Tej Ram Gupta, who emphasized the importance of education.

Center board member Keri Marrs-Barron pre-

sented Student Innovation Awards, funded by the Morgan Family Foundation.


The Center recognized Barker Middle School students for STEM projects. Student Innovation Award winners went to Dyllon Metcalf, Mylo Orlando, Josphphin Valdez, Azari Meyer, Hailey Regenold, Lucas Serrano, Melannie Aquino-Osorio, Aiden Knight, Thomas White and Eliot Mehmeti. On their behalf, teacher Amy Hamann accepted a monetary contribution to the STEM program.

Marrs-Barron also congratulated culinary students Imunique Bush, Michelle Hohalek, Wyatt Oberlie, Keith Marshall, Mylie Roberts, Alec Piliplak, Logan Recker, Ethan Sonneberg and Remere Duncan for their skills. For future school projects, A.K. Smith Career Center Café Chef Angie Nipple and Assistant Director Veroniqca Kozel accepted monetary contributions to the school's programs.

Community partners for the special week included: Art-on-the-Air, Lakeshore Public Media; Divine Vintage Story Walk; La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau; Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest Indiana; Michigan City Public Library; The Nest; Westville Public Library; WIMS Radio; Bethany Church Foundation of La Porte; B.R. Foundation; Family Express Corp.; Morgan Family Foundation; and Indiana Arts Commission.

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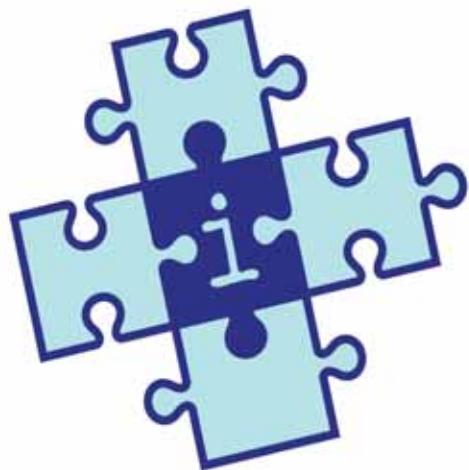
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The opening reception is from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 8.

One of The Depot’s major fundraisers, artists and aspiring artists donate a 5” x 5” work in any medium: original paintings, art using paper, metal, glass, wood, stones, shells and other organic materials. The finished works are sold for \$55 each.

Visit <https://bsdepot.org/> for more details.

**Art Barn School of Art**

Art Barn School of Art will host an “Art Within Reach” event from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso.

The program, which includes a presentation by artist Bonnie Zimmer and a Norma Armstrong exhibit, is in partnership with Porter County Community Foundation.

Call (219) 462-9009 or visit [www.artbarnschool.org](http://www.artbarnschool.org) for more details.

**Boating Safety Class**

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will host a boating safety class from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at B&E Marine Inc., 31 Lake Shore Drive.

Many insurers give discounts to boat owners who take the course. The cost is \$20. Register by contacting Bryan Runion of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at (765) 431-0314 or [brdr94@msn.com](mailto:brdr94@msn.com)

**HC Progressives Book Club**

Harbor Country Progressives Book Club meets at 11 a.m. EDT Saturday, May 9, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The focus is Injustice: How Politics and Fear Vanquished America’s Justice Department by Aaron C. Davis and Carol Leonnig.



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### In the Area

**May 7** — Crafternoon: Mother's Day Cards, noon-6 p.m., Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 7** — Around the World in Recipes, 3:30-4:30 p.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 7** — Virtual Author Talk with Marjan Kamali, 6-7 p.m., through La Porte County Public Library. Registration: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 7** — Zines 101, 6-7 p.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 8** — Divine Vintage Story Walk, 10 a.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Free. Registration: <https://shorturl.at/4l3mC>

**May 8** — Monday Musicale Concert, 4-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**May 8-10** — "Moon Over Buffalo," La Porte Little Theatre Club, 218 A St. Times: 7:30 p.m. May 8-9, 2 p.m. May 10. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$19/seniors 55 & older, \$16/students with ID & younger. Reservations: [www.laportelittletheatreclub.com](http://www.laportelittletheatreclub.com)

**May 8-June 7** — "5x5 Show and Sale," The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery, 525 S. Broadway. *Opening reception:* 5-7 p.m. May 8. Info: <https://bsdepot.org/>

**May 9** — 1966 Hiking Challenge: Hike Every Trail in the Park, 8-10 a.m., Great Marsh Trail trailhead, Broadway Avenue north of U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. Info: (219) 395-1882, [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)

**May 9** — Wild Edibles Hike, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**May 9** — Harbor Country Progressives Book Club, 11 a.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

**May 9** — Art in the National Park, 1 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info/registration: (219) 395-1882, [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)

**May 9** — Mother's Day Tea, 1-4 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Tickets: \$60. Info/reservations: [www.barkermansion.org](http://www.barkermansion.org)

**May 9** — Art Barn School of Art "Art Within Reach," 1-3 p.m., Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Info:

(219) 462-9009, [www.artbarnschool.org](http://www.artbarnschool.org)

**May 9** — Amazing Amphibians, 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**May 10** — **MOTHER'S DAY.**

**May 10** — Mother's Day Mushroom Meander, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**May 10** — Crafts with Mom, 1-2:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**May 10** — Mothers & Music: A Celebration of Mothers and Daughters Concert, 1-3 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Tickets: \$35. Info/reservations: [www.barkermansion.org](http://www.barkermansion.org)

**May 10** — Mother's Day Wildflower Hike, 1 p.m., Heron Rookery, County Road 600 East (east parking lot). Info: (219) 395-1882, [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu)

**May 11** — Family Storytime, 11-11:30 a.m., Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 11** — Choose Your Own Storytime, 4-4:30 p.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 11** — Maker Monday: Harry Potter Wands, 4-6 p.m., Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 12** — Page Turners Book Club, noon-1 p.m., La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 12** — Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Vivienne Ming, 1-2 p.m., through La Porte County Public Library. Registration: [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org)

**May 12** — Angels Among Us, 2-3 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 874-3754.

**May 12** — Board Game Night for Adults, 5-7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**May 13** — New Buffalo Service League, 6:30 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Yacht Club, 500 W. Water St. Info: (209) 409-2191, [pam\\_covert@yahoo.com](mailto:pam_covert@yahoo.com)

**May 13** — Adult Dungeons & Dragons, 5-7:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Through May 25** — "Reel Rides: Cars of TV & Film," Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$11/adults, \$9.50/seniors 60 & older, \$7/youth ages 6-18. Info: (888) 391-5600, [www.studebakermuseum.org](http://www.studebakermuseum.org)

**Through May 31** — "Rockne: Life & Legacy," South Bend's The History Museum, 808 W. Washington St. Info: [www.historymuseumSB.org](http://www.historymuseumSB.org), (574) 235-9664.

**Through June 14** — "Cosmic Connections," Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. *Family Day:* 1-3 p.m. May 30. Info: (219) 874-4900, [jsexton@LubeznikCenter.org](mailto:jsexton@LubeznikCenter.org)

**Through June** — Artist Betty Thomas, Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. 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 October** — The Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave. Hours: noon-5 p.m. EDT Fri.-Sun.

**Through Dec. 31** — “America A-Z” exhibit, La Porte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

**First and Third Mondays** — Singing Sands 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.

**Mondays in Michigan City** — Adult Children of Alcoholic and Family Dysfunction (ACA), 6 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin St. Info: (219) 801-1296.

**First Monday of the Month (February, April, June, August, October, December)** — Cancer Support Group, 5-6 p.m., Franciscan Health Woodland Cancer Center Community Room, 8955 W. County Road 400 North, Michigan City. Info/registration: (219) 861-5820.

**Mondays in La Porte** — Weekly line dance lessons, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1130, 181 W. McClung Road. Cost: \$5. Beginner lessons, 2-3 p.m. Improver lessons, 3-4 p.m. Info: (219) 363-8301.

**Tuesdays** — Genealogy Help with Pat Harris, 1-4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Tuesdays** — Creative Tech Activities (ages 6-17), 3:30-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Tuesdays** — Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), 4:30 p.m., Simeon Square, 1207 S. Woodland Ave. Info: marsha2529@comcast.net

**Tuesdays** — Bingo, St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 1506 Washington St. Doors open: 4 p.m. Bingo: 6 p.m. \$40 entrance fee (includes specials except Winner Takes All & Jackpot). Jackpot consolation \$300 guaranteed. Info: (219) 336-3099.

**Second Tuesday of the Month** — Stroke Support Group for Survivors and Caregivers, 2 p.m., Mother Maria Theresia Room, Franciscan Health Michigan City, 3500 Franciscan Way. Info: Kelly Wise at Kelly.wise@franciscanalliance.org

**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meeting for Friends/Family of Alcoholics, 6 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square. Enter at Sixth Street Barker Hall side. Info: Candy at (708) 927-5287.

**First Wednesday of Each Month** — Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group, 2-3 p.m., Bella Largo Senior Living, 1800 West Hi-Point Drive, La Porte. Reservations: (219) 878-1141.

**Thursdays** — Needle Arts Club, 5:30-7 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Fridays** — Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 a.m. Info: Jan at (219) 241-8757, Paula at (219) 588-3127, www.oa.org

**Saturday-Sunday through May 30** — Chellberg Farm Open House, 1-3 p.m., Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

**Sundays** — Free sewing classes, 5-7 p.m. EDT, Friends of New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road.

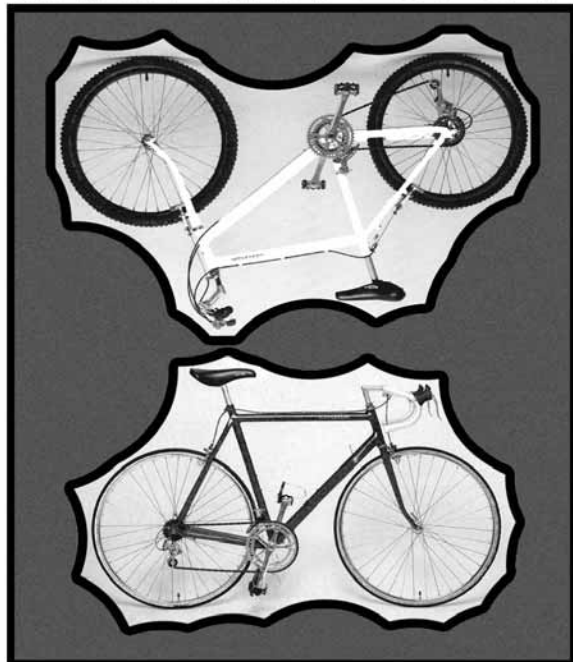
**Mondays** — Pickleball, 5:30 p.m. EST, New Troy (Mich.) Community Center, 13372 California Road. Free, donations welcome. Info: (269) 426-3909, friendsofnewtroy@yahoo.com

**Vickers Theatre** — *Now Showing*: “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.” Not Rated. Time: 7 p.m. May 7. *Also*: “The Christophers.” Rated R. Times: 4 & 7 p.m. May 8-9, 1 & 4 p.m. May 10, 7 p.m. May 12. All times Eastern. The theater is located at 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.

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- Marquette Catholic High School, 306 W. 10th St., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.
- La Porte County Career & Technical Education, 1001 U.S. 20, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

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### Nature's Tiny Tots

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The free program is from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, May 12 and 26, at Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, La Porte.

### A Brush with Madness

The all-ages program is from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Luhr County Park.

Participants follow easy painting directions, with all supplies provided. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$8 per person.

### Wandering Watercolors

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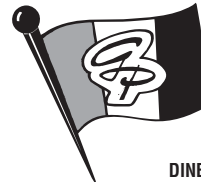
In recent years, Michigan City has become more intentional in how it manages trees, with year-round monitoring of health, growth and disease screening. A 2025 inventory on Michigan City property was used to develop an urban forestry management plan. The city continues to plant new trees throughout neighborhoods and green spaces, resulting in a net positive tree inventory, even as older trees must be removed for public safety concerns and development needs.

To receive the recognition, a city must meet four core standards, including maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, investing at least \$2 per capita in urban forestry, and participating in an Arbor Day observance.

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**I See You've Called in Dead by John Kenney**  
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"We learn science and chemistry and Shakespeare and history," he said. "But no intro to death. Isn't that strange?"

This is a novel with a very novel approach to death. For example, can you fire an employee who has just been declared dead? Actually, he isn't, but try telling the HR lady that...

Obviously, the title of this book caught my attention. The first chapter, alone, told me there is more to the story — a lot more. Meet Bud Stanley...

Bud writes obituaries for the United World Press New York. In his years with the news service, he has written 724 obituaries. That's actually a depressing stat. He's stumbling into middle age, both parents are deceased and his only brother is in banking somewhere in the Far East. No love lost there. He was married to the love of his life, until she had a miscarriage and something in her changed — she found a new man. Needless to say, she asked Bud for a divorce.

While Bud started out enjoying his job, lately he is not so happy and making some mistakes...well, a lot of mistakes. His boss, Howard, explains, "*One advantage for the dead is that they never have to read your writing.*" Ouch.

The list is impressive, if only in its breath and depth. Howard reminds him: Jean Carlson was a man, not a woman, as Bud reported; nine times, he gave the deceased's wrong age; wrong spouse and kid's names — 14 times; wrong affiliations, 21 times; wrong birthplace, 12 times; and, oops, writing wrong cause of death, four times. The list goes on, but it's just too sad to keep reminding him.

One night, Bud lets his depression get the best of him, taking to the whiskey bottle and computer. A bad combo, as you shall soon see. He starts making up his own obituary, going from the sublime to the ridiculous. Consider — "*Bud was one of the Pips for Gladys Knight, killed by the Pips*"; or, "*was born in Nepal, the Dalai Lama's younger twin brother*"; "*he formed the band Tears for Fears*"; and his *piece de resistance* — "*Stanley began his career in soft-core pornography as a script doctor.*" Excellent. You get the picture — except when he gets to that last one, photo included. Instead of deleting it, he pushes send and the obit is off to dozens of news agencies.

Which brings him to the question, can a company fire a dead man? Because there is no way How-

## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



ard can overlook this gigantic oops. So, the checks stopped coming and the company lawyers begin working on a solution that won't make the company look like idiots.

Bud lives in New York City with Tim Charvat in Tim's three-story, 200-year-old house. Tim is paralyzed from the waist down due to an accident that left him in a wheelchair. He does his best to help Bud, and their conversations are insightful, sometimes full of humorous quips.

At his ex-mother-in-law's funeral, Bud meets Clara. Oh boy. She visits wakes and sometimes funerals for anyone — people she doesn't know — trying to make penance for going to a meeting while her mother lay dying. Clara quit her job and tried golf at first, but didn't like it. Sad attempt at humor, Clara. Why do we inject humor when deep down inside, we picture ourselves as horrible people for irretrievable mistakes? Anyway, she talks Bud and Tim into meeting her for her next foray into observing funeral rites, and the people who adored or hated the deceased.

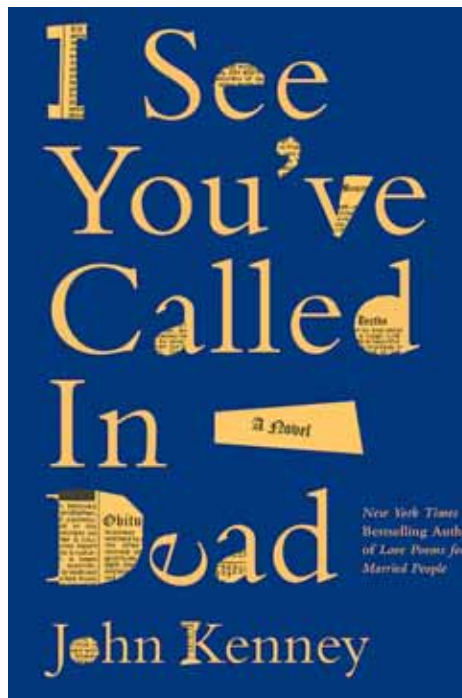
Bud is a flawed individual, of course, but one willing to explore possibilities, like even going to a therapist. As he attends more of these wakes and funerals, he realizes an obituary doesn't tell the whole story of the person — the funny times as well as the sad, the small victories and large ones. It bothers him that his own mother's obituary was only 74 words long. Did that show the woman she was to her family and friends? Of course not.

I found Bud to be a man to root for. I really wanted him to find peace and some kind of understanding. Bud, Clara and Tim all seek answers that just might not be there, or maybe we're just meant to make the best of this thing called life and quit hitting the "I have to know" button.

This story is certainly different: not a philosophy lesson, yet reflective. And the humor along the way lightens the mood and sneaks in some interesting thoughts.

*The final word:* This book was named one of NPR's Books We Love 2025, a Gotham Book Prize finalist, an Indie Next & LibraryReads Pick and more. It deserves them all.

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