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# In Pursuit of O'Keeffe

by Linda Weigel

"The meaning of a word – to me – is not as exact as the meaning of a color. Colors and shapes make a more definite statement than words."

Georgia O'Keeffe, 1976

ome folks have a favorite sports team they religiously follow. Others worship a band, singer or actor/actress.

Art junkies have their favorites, too. One of mine is Georgia O'Keeffe.

My fascination began while engaged to my husband, my future mother-in-law inviting me to join her at The Art Institute of Chicago. I had never been there and was excited to see what it was all about.

During the initial walk-through, my mind and heart were overwhelmed with the amount of art and the vast variety of it, almost to the point where I could barely process what I encountered. Regardless, my eye did latch on to O'Keeffe. By the time we left, I became determined to learn more about her and her artwork, a challenge that continues up to last month's pilgrimage to New Mexico to discover more about her and the land she loved.

What was it that captivated me over decades to pursue this particular artist? Initially, it was a purely visceral response to the work. Then, my curiosity sought answers to her artistic development. Furthermore, I couldn't stop thinking about her as a person, wondering how her art reached the point where it was collected internationally and revered by so many artists and non-artists alike.

My attraction to her work can be summed up in what was to become my classroom mantra over the course of a teaching career – The Four I's.

She was:

• Introspective (inward exploration

- of her own thoughts, feelings).
- Intuitive (knowing something without any conscious reasoning).
- Individualistic (led her life her own way).
- Innovative (able to devise new ways of interpreting information).

Additionally, I came to admire her brush technique, which was finely applied and blended various color values almost seamlessly. I was attracted

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A 1918 gelatin silver print of Georgia O'Keeffe by Alfred Stieglitz.



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to how she could reduce shapes and forms in nature to their more simple components, and do it with carefully thought out composition. I especially enjoyed her subject matter, intrigued by how she combined objects with interesting shapes and textures. For example, her work included with the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum collection, "Ram's Head, Blue Morning Glory," contrasts the hardness of the skull with the more fluid/softer petals of the flower.

Most of all, I related to a love of nature so prevalent in many of her works.

O'Keeffe was born Nov. 15, 1887, on a farm near Sun Prairie, Wis. The eldest in a family of seven children, she was named after her grandfather, George Totto. Living on a farm surrounded by nature and large open spaces left her free to explore and observe the world around her, thus ingraining within her a lifelong connection with the environment. In 1905, for a short time after high school, she attended The Art Institute of Chicago. Unfortunately, she became ill with typhoid and was unable to return. Later studies included classes at the Art Students League and Teachers College at Columbia University in

New York. She taught at Columbia College in South Carolina, followed by West Texas State Normal College in Canyon, Texas, before devoting herself full time to her art.

1914, In while teaching in South Carolina, her good friend, Ani-Pollitzer, ta was living in New York City. Georgia



"Black Diagonal," a 1919 charcoal on paper example of her early abstract drawings.

mailed her a tube of recent drawings, seeking her opinion. Anita was so impressed, she took them to Gallery 291 run by photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

> He owned that famous New York City gallery where he promoted contemporary French artists, American modern artists and photography. He was so impressed with her work, he exhibited her drawings without her permission, which made for a rocky start in their relationship. Eventually, he divorced his wife and married Georgia. After their 1921 joint exhibition at the Anderson Galleries, the trajectory of her career moved quickly.

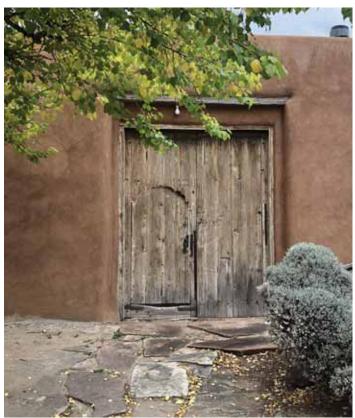
> By 1929, her love of open spaces called her to head west. She began by staying with Mabel Dodge Luhan in Taos, N.M. For a while, she traveled back and forth between New York and New Mexico before securing a small piece of property in 1940 from Arthur Pack, owner of Ghost Ranch outside Abiquiu, N.M. By 1945, she had acquired her sec-



"Yellow Hickory Leaves with Daisy," a 1928 oil on canvas, Art Institute of Chicago.

ond larger place in the village of Abiquiu, which today stands as her final home and studio.

The American Southwest's landscapes, flora, architecture and sun-bleached bones formed many of her signature works, all reflective of her love of open space and natural shapes. The window sill in her studio is filled with horns, bones and a ceramic bowl. She died on March 6, 1989, in Santa Fe, N.M.



It was this doorway in the inner courtyard that prompted O'Keeffe to buy the home in the village of Abiquiu. She just had to have it.

After enjoying her collected works at The Art Institute of Chicago for many years, I discovered a much closer connection: Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art, which holds one of her signature works in its permanent collection. "Rust Red Hills" is an exciting painting executed in 1930 and a fine example of her rendition of the nearby hills surrounding Abiquiu.

It was this particular painting that prompted last month's "pilgrimage." In mid-October, I traveled to New Mexico to visit the Santa Fe museum named for her, and to tour her village of Abiquiu home and studio. The home, itself, is constructed in the traditional adobe style, which means it is built from actual finely sifted dirt, straw and water. The outer appearance of such a structure is very organic, with rounded edges and thick walls. Her particular home/studio is sited on a hill, and the unusually large studio windows present a stunning vista of the valley below and distant mountains.

Today, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum houses many of the artist's finest works and also maintains

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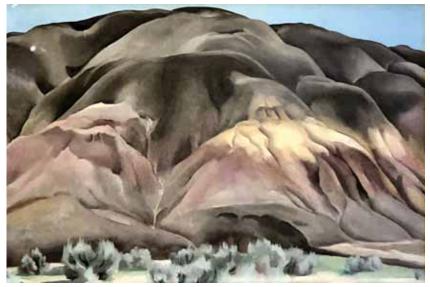
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her two homes: the one at Ghost Ranch and the other in the village of Abiquiu. Special tours of the surrounding Ghost Ranch landscape can be arranged. If you plan to visit her Abiquiu home/studio, you would need to make a special advance reservation.

I especially enjoyed exploring other areas surrounding Santa Fe, where traditional values and forms still exist much as O'Keeffe would have experienced. Despite vast urban growth in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, there are still pockets of earlier neighborhoods and wide open spaces with little commercial development, and outside of town those broad open vistas with incredible blue skies.

After visiting her home/studio and traveling/ walking among the towns and countryside she walked, I now feel as though I have a better sense of who Georgia O'Keeffe was as an artist. I realize, too, that I will never fully understand everything about her, and I am comfortable with that.

What I do comprehend is that the land and people who inhabit it are so uniquely and incredibly different from the region in which she grew up, and the East Coast she enjoyed in her early years. The wide open spaces are wondrous and visually inviting. I can see in her New Mexico landscapes true echoes of the natural formations and striations of geologic/organic forms found in those broad regions near her home. The light there, too, is exceptional and feels brighter and clearer somehow - cer-



"Grey Hill Forms," a 1936 oil on canvas, Museum of Art Santa Fe.



"Ram's Head, Blue Morning Glory," a 1938 oil on canvas, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.

tainly a strong attraction for a painter. O'Keeffe was not alone in her love of this land.

New Mexico has drawn multitudes of artists, writers, poets, painters, sculptors and filmmakers for many years, and continues to influence new generations. The physical atmosphere, the vistas, the cultural mixing of Anglo, Hispanic and Native American, along with particularly attractive organic architecture, provide a heady combination certain to attract a soulful seeker such as Georgia O'Keeffe.



"Ram's Horn 1," a 1949 charcoal on paper with sculpture models, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum.

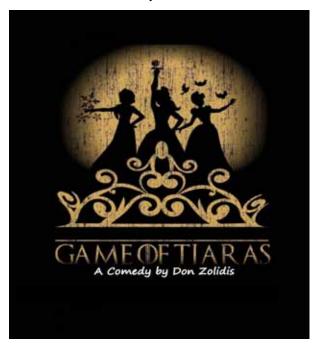
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#### "Creed II" Does the "Rocky" Saga Proud

by Andrew Tallackson



The relationship between Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan, left) and Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) deepens in "Creed II."

Go figure. Eight films into the "Rocky" series and "Creed II" may be the most emotionally rich yet.

My fear three years ago, after "Creed" reinvigorated the nearly 40-year-old franchise, was that a successful rebirth would breed instant familiarity. Indeed, "Creed II" structures itself like "Rocky II," and uses "Rocky IV" as the dramatic launching pad, but the characters are deeper, fuller. The script, co-written by Sylvester Stallone, is uncommonly thoughtful. The performances by Michael B. Jordan and Tessa Thompson are more persuasive. The film is as cathartic as it is rousing.

"Creed" shifted the focus from Stallone's Rocky Balboa to Apollo's son, Adonis (Jordan), who sought in Rocky not only a trainer, but a father figure.

Early in "Creed II," Adonis mentally preps for a fight, Rocky by his side. Adonis is intensely focused, yet slyly teases his mentor. In that single moment, the film tells us everything we need to know about these two: the history, the father-son bond. The film respects its audience, that we grasp the unspoken language between them.

At the same time, Ivan Drago (Dolph Lungren), the Soviet boxer who delivered the fatal blows to Apollo back in 1985, aims to use his son, Viktor (Florian Munteanu), to exact revenge. Rocky may have defeated Ivan, but by crushing Adonis in the ring, Viktor can restore dignity to the family name.

In "Rocky IV," Ivan Drago was a cartoonish baboon, Stallone's flimsy attempt to exploit strained U.S.-Soviet relations. Not so this time. Drago is a hollow shell, every subsequent failure in life dictated by what went down in 1985. This is the first "Rocky" picture where we see how defeat in the ring carves out a subsequent life of drastic failure.

The meat of the story, however, derives from the performances by Jordan as Adonis and Thompson

as Bianca, his girlfriend. These two are equals. She stands her ground, he listens. They become engaged, she becomes pregnant. When fears surface that the baby will be hearing impaired like Bianca, "Creed II" takes on a weight that will speak to any parent whose child battles with disabilities. And how the love between Adonis and Bianca plays out amid his entrance during the climactic match is killer.

You're also struck by something else. What a year for Jordan. First, "Black Panther," the third-highest grossing movie in U.S. history, and Marvel's most complex villain thanks to him. Now, a performance in "Creed II" that demands Oscar attention. Jordan allows Adonis to be vulnerable with Thompson, while a hospital-bed scene, where a battered and bruised Adonis lashes out at Rocky, is carefully controlled rage: the actor's finest work.

The revelation of "Creed" was how well Stallone handled the tougher moments, the result a well-earned Oscar nomination. No such revelatory moments in "Creed II," but the quiet way the actor gives Rocky a flawed humanity speaks to the character's enduring appeal.

Largely untested director Steven Caple Jr., showing impressive command, does something interesting with the climactic match. "Creed II" is as much about Ivan and Viktor as it is Rocky and Adonis. A surprisingly effective "Rocky IV" cameo drives home the tortured past between father and son that gives that thread prudent closure.

Character, indeed, drives "Creed II," with a cameo by another familiar franchise face bringing the story to a moving close.

Time will tell, but I gotta say, for now, "Creed II" is my favorite "Rocky" film.

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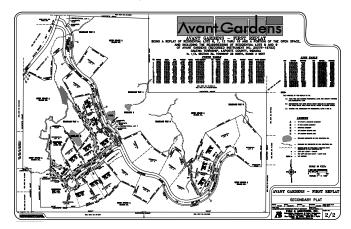




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#### **Trip of a Lifetime Awaits Joy Elementary Student**

by Edmund Lawler

Eight-year-old Amir Agemy had a sneaking suspicion something big was afoot.

An aide on the school bus he takes to Joy Elementary School mentioned a recent newspaper story about him. Amir asked his father, Samer Agemy, an Indiana Department of Transportation technician, if he had seen a story.

Fearing the cat was about to be let out of the bag,

Samer responded with a little white lie.

"I told Amir that I heard there was something about him in his school's newsletter. Nothing more than that," Samer said, noting his brief explanation seemed to allay his son's curiosity.

Still, Amir said he had his suspicions. But he wasn't the least bit suspicious Monday, Nov. 19—no school that day because of Thanksgiving break—when he was told by his parents that he and his 6-year-old brother, Mazin, were going to play bingo at the American Legion post.

That was, until he stepped into the post's dining room and onto a red strip where more than 100 supporters and well-

wishers shouted on cue: "You're going to Disneyworld!" Caught in the spotlight, Amir's face flushed, and he nervously twisted the sleeves of his dress shirt before a broad smile washed across his face.

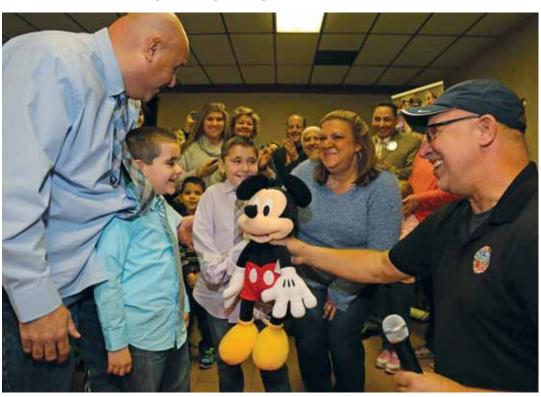
Amir, who has gamely struggled with a variety of medical problems throughout his young life, hit the jackpot. He and his mother, Kim, and his dad and brother are going to take an all-expense, week-long trip in June to Orlando thanks to the generosity of a New York-based organization called Baking Memories 4 Kids. Using volunteer labor, the organization bakes and sells containers of chocolate cookies to defray the cost of the trips of sick children.

Frank Squeo, founder of the organization and a cancer survivor, delivered the wonderful news, which he's done for 145 families across the country over the past six years. Amir is the first child from Indiana to win a trip to see the Mouse. Local support for Monday's event came in the form of free food and drinks from Olive Garden, Starbucks, Hacienda and J&J Pizza.

Holding a stuffed Mickey doll and kneeling to address Amir, Squeo explained how things will work once they get to Disneyworld.

"There will be no waiting in line," he said. "You'll go to the front of the line for every ride. And if you like the ride, you can stay on it as long as you like."

Amir richly deserves the royal treatment in the Magic Kingdom, his father said afterward.



Above: Frank Squeo (right) fills in the Agemy family about the Disney trip. Below: Amir is all smiles during the presentation. Both photos by Paul Kemiel

"He's had a rough life," he said.

Amir has worn hearing aids since he was 2 to help correct an 80-percent deficiency in one ear and a 30 percent deficiency in the other. At 5, he was diagnosed with Type 1 (Juvenile) Diabetes and must make frequent visits to medical facilities to stay ahead of the cruel disease.

But in the meantime, the trip of a life-

time awaits. Amir didn't hesitate to share the first thing he plans to do once he gets to Disneyworld.

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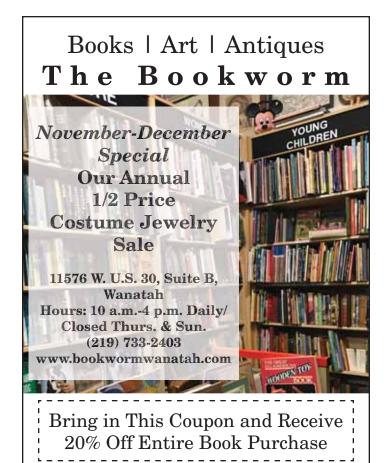


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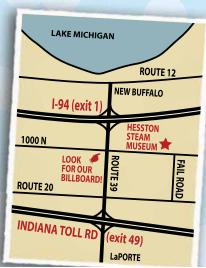
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An opening reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

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cago, Milwaukee, New York, New Jersey, Vermont and England, will be on display. Among the artists are Andrew Avara, Emily Christie, Richard Glass, Gregg Hertzlieb, Laurel Izard, David Ma, Laura Marmash, Rob Plater, Pete Railand, Linda Redmond, Valerie Taglieri, Tom Torluemke, Kristine Virsis, Melissa Washburn, Janet Zug and gallery owners Thaddeus and Laura Cutler.

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#### **Purdue Northwest Sinai Forum**

The Purdue University Northwest Sinai Forum concludes its 2018 season by featuring Lou Holtz, the college football coach who led the Notre Dame Fighting Irish to a national championship.

The program is at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities

Complex, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Holtz established himself as one of the most successful college football coaches of all time, with 26 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He is known for elevating football programs to the Top 20, most impressively at Notre Dame.

He speaks on overcoming impossible challenges by setting goals

and working to achieve them. He also has written three *New York Times* best-selling books. The Fighting Spirit chronicled Notre Dame's 1988 championship season, and Winning Everyday: A Game Plan for Success has been published in several languages. His last book, Wins, Losses and Lessons, is an autobiography of his life and the lessons he has learned.

Students showing a valid high school or university I.D. may attend for free. Visit www.pnw.edu/sinai-forum for details.

#### **Pioneer Land Christmas**

The annual Pioneer Land Christmas Open House is from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2, at LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

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#### Weekends with Santa

Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest will celebrate the holidays during "Weekends With Santa" on Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16.



The arboretum's Signature Train Tree.

Photos with Santa are from noon to 4 p.m. in the Railway Depot. Parents are encouraged to take cameras. Advance tickets are not required. While waiting for Santa, families can sample cups of cocoa, create a holiday craft and see handcrafted Christmas villages. At the center is the Signature Train Tree, with three miniature tracks and trains running along the branches.

Those interested in heading outdoors can sled, cross-country ski or rent snowshoes on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission is \$5 per carload. The arboretum is located at 71 N. County Road 500 West near Valparaiso. Call (219) 462-0025 for details.



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#### **Snowflake Parade, Festival of Lights**

The Snowflake Parade and Festival of Lights will help kick off the holidays Saturday, Dec. 1.

The parade begins at 4 p.m. at 10th Street and heads north to Fourth Street. Children also can stop by Santa's Chalet in the Uptown Arts District.

After the parade, the Festival of Lights commences in Washington Park, with more than 5 million individual bulbs creating the Midwest's largest free drive-through light exhibit.

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#### **Health Fair**

A Health, Wellness and Safety Fair is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at LaPorte County Family YMCA-Elston Branch, 1202 Spring St.

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We had, you see, searched high and low for the perfect venue to enjoy acoustically acceptable transmissions of live performances by New York's Metropolitan Opera Co., and after particularly frustrating afternoons at a local cinema, we asked friends in the know if they knew of, and I quote, "A standalone theater with a really good sound system."

Meaning, we were tired of hearing chase scenes and pyrotechnics from adjacent showrooms as we watched yet another soprano die tragically and prematurely from the wasting diseases of yesteryear.

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## **Grand Opera Under the Golden Dome**

We fell in love with the Browning Cinema and its seriously raked seating, wide screen and amazing sound system the first time we attended a Met broadcast a few years back.

At the time, we were continuing my late mother's Chicago Symphony Orchestra subscription, but found that to be a bit too much in terms of time, travel and legal tender.

So one day, not so long ago, Natalie suggested the following: "Hey, how about if we let the symphony subscription lapse and buy a Met series at the Browning instead?"

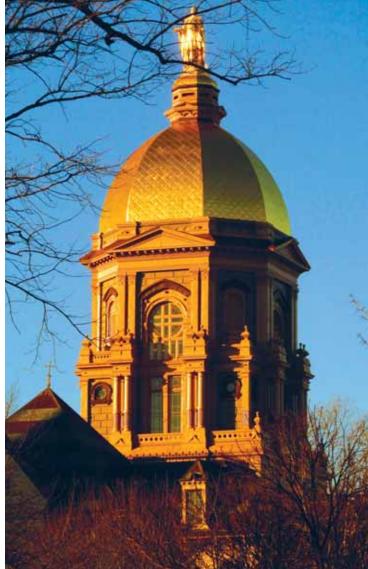
I was on board, and we have been ever since. We particularly enjoy the delightful drive from our home in Harbert, Mich., to the Notre Dame campus, taking as many back roads as possible. We even have braved the drive in dire winter conditions, knowing our snow tires and the plows of Michigan and Indiana will clear the way for us to finely presented broadcasts.

Yes, we went to a performance of Giacomo Puccini's "La Bohéme" at the Met years ago, but what we took away from that experience was that we had seen an opera in min-

iature because the only seats available were in what we called "the nosebleed section." Meaning, planes landing at La Guardia were **Travels** 

landing at La Guardia were brushing our heads as we gazed upon one of Puccini's masterpieces so very far below.

We don't sit in the nosebleeds at the Browning. And our seats



A golden moment under the Golden Dome after the opera.

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in the center of Row J are even better than where we sit at home when we browse through the opera video collection we inherited from our late friend, Julie Holmes. Speaking of Madam Holmes, she would certainly salute our decision to commit to the Browning because she was all about enjoying opera to the fullest. She was, you see, a secretary to ambassadors of various nations around the world, and wherever she was posted, she brought along her opera collection and hosted weekly opera nights for the diplomatic corps. Julie did the same here in

our community, and she truly set us on the road to the Browning Cinema, where this season we will see everything from Giuseppe Verdi's grandest opera, "Aida," to Francis Poulenc's chilling account of a group of nuns martyred during the French Revolution, "Dialogues des Carmélites." We are in for a sublime season of nine operas broadcast to a theater that understands the true value of high-definition projection, and we invite you to join us for opera and, of course, our delightful postopera perambulations around

opera perambulations around and about the Notre Dame campus. Speaking of which, we were taking just such a walk last sea-

son when we heard the skirl of bagpipes. We followed our ears and found ourselves following the Caledonia Kilty Pipe Band of Mishawaka as they led a wedding party across campus

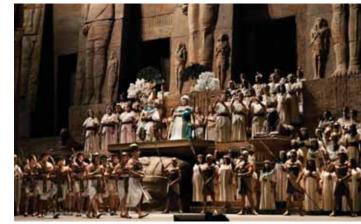


"La Boheme" at The Met.

from the ceremony to the reception. We heard the band's impromptu concert at the end of the wedding march, then caught up with one of the pipers, our old friend Leonard Sailor, who played the pipes at my mother's funeral in 2014.

Now, if all that's not grand opera at its grandest, I don't know what is, and it is all because we listened to the spirit of Julie Holmes and took our music appreciation to the Browning Cinema at the University of Notre Dame.

Again, we invite you to join us this season by contacting De Bartolo Performing Arts Center at www. performingarts.nd.edu.



"Aida" at The Met.







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Dear Fellow NW Indiana Resident,

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you surely know shoulder pain can be such a menace...

It can ruin a good nights sleep...and when you lack sleep, you get cranky.

It can change the way you put on your shirt...or for the ladies, your bra...because it's just too painful to do it the way you used to.

It can stop you from enjoying daily simple tasks...making you frustrated...forcing you to take more pain pills than you would care to admit.

And for golfers out there...it can ruin your game...getting scores you're too embarrassed to tell...your friends are probably wondering why you even care to play!

#### Is your rotator cuff the culprit?

The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles that run from our shoulder blade into the top end of our bone in our arm. They help keep the ball end of our arm bone centered in the shoulder socket.

When healthy, the rotator cuff allows us to reach in all directions smoothly and without pain.

If you experience pain, weakness or difficulty during the tests mentioned here, it is highly likely you are suffering from a rotator cuff tear.

- This first test is called the Drop Arm Test. With your arm relaxed by your side, turn your arm out so your thumb faces directly to the side. Slowly raise your arm to the side, then slowly lower the arm. Test is positive if the arm suddenly drops or you experience severe pain on the way up or down.
- 2. The Lateral Jobe Test. In this test for the right shoulder, raise your right arm out to the side by lifting your right elbow to 90 degrees, with your hand hanging down, fingers pointed to the

- ground, your thumb pointing to your tummy. With your left hand, push down on the right arm just above the elbow. Test is positive if you experience pain or weakness.
- 3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> test is called Lift-Off Test. The hand of the affected arm is placed on the lower back. Now try lifting the hand off the back without straightening your elbow. Test is positive if you're unable to lift the hand off.

Now you may be asking...can a rotator cuff tear heal and pain subside without medications, injections or surgery?

In most cases, yes...but it depends on, but not limited, to the following factors.

- What is the grade of the tear? There are 3 grades.
- Which of the 4 muscles of the rotator cuff is torn?
- How old is the tear?

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#### FREE Rotator Cuff And Shoulder Pain Workshop

Due to overwhelming requests from the NW Indiana community, Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists will host our Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Workshop on the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday 6 PM December 11, 2018, at our LaPorte office (1405 E. Lincolnway, Suite B)
- Thursday 6 PM December 13, 2018, at our Valparaiso office (3125 Calumet Ave., Suite 8)

Here's what you'll learn during the workshop:

- Know which rotator cuff muscle is affected and the grade of the tear
- Correct the cause of your pain and speed up the healing process
- Prevent your shoulder from getting worse, and avoid the single biggest mistake shoulder pain sufferers make

Due to the interactive nature of this workshop, there are only 20 spots available for each location. **To hold your spot, please call:** 

- (219) 380-0809 in LaPorte
- (219) 202-2500 in Valparaiso

Sincerely,

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**PS**-Call (219) 380-0809 in La Porte OR (219) 202-2500 in Valpo to hold your spot for the FREE Rotator Cuff and Shoulder Pain Workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 11, in La Porte, and Thursday, Dec. 13, in Valpo.

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1. Alley Katz	30	14
2. Gutter Gals	28.5	15.5
3. Lucky Lefties, Gutter Busters	28	16
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES		<b>SCORE</b>
1. Cindy Beck		189
2. Sue Labovitz		171
3. Margie Midkiff		169
4. Mary Lou McFadden		161
5. Pat Collado		158
6. Nancy Kubath		151
7. Peggy King (series)		419
SPLITS		
Lenore Hadaway	3-	10, 4-5
Nancy Klausner		2-7-8
Mary Lou McFadden		5-6
Pat Collado		4-5-10
Lisa Albers		3-10
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#### "Arte Cubano" Exhibit

Krasl Art Center will host "Arte Cubano," 25 Cuban artists reflecting on social and political realities, on Nov. 30 through Feb. 3, 2019.

The artists include Lidzie Alvisa, José Bedia, Los Carpinteros, Yoan Capote, Enrique Celaya, Roberto Fabelo, Diana Fonseca, Pedro Pablo Oliva, Kcho, Sandra Ramos and Esterio Segura. Each grew up in socialist Cuba, and many graduated from the *Instituto Superior de Arte*, Havana's San Alejandro Art Academy or the *Escuela Nacional de Arte*. Others graduated from local art schools.



One of the pieces included in the exhibit.

The island geography and political intensity inform the work in a way that often conceals coded, even subversive ideas, while simultaneously celebrating the richness of Cuba's cultural identity.

Mid-America Arts Alliance/ExhibitsUSA co-organized the exhibit with the Center for Cuban Studies to synthesize two private collections made available for the project.

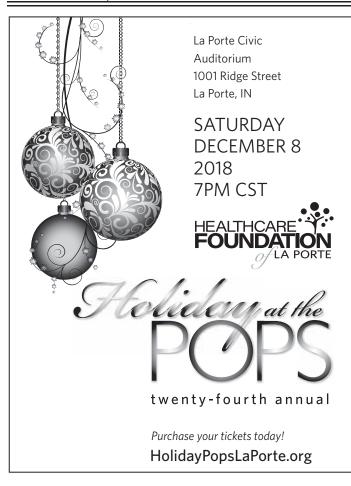
The opening party is from 6 to 8 p.m. EST Friday, Nov. 30. South Bend Latin Dance will lead a Salsa demonstration at 6:30 p.m. EST, followed by a mini dance lesson. Small bites and a cash bar also will be available.

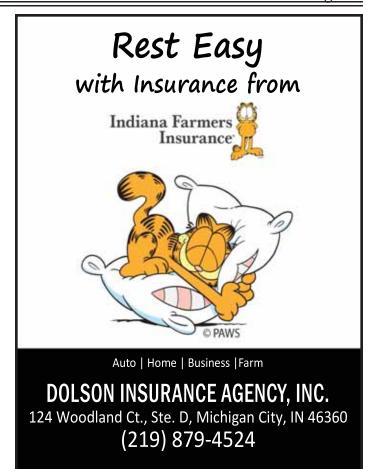
Prior to the opening party is a free lecture, "Political Generations in Cuba's Revolution and Exodus," by Silvia Pedraza from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. EST. She is a University of Michigan professor of sociology and American culture. Limited seating is available.

Further insights into the exhibit will be discussed during Coffee with the Curator at 9 a.m. EST Monday, Dec. 3. Tami Miller, KAC deputy director and curator, leads the program.

Krasl Art Center is located at 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Call (269) 983-0271 for details.

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#### **Historical Society Museum Curator's Report**

Keri Teller Jakubowski, the new LaPorte County Historical Society Museum director, has released the October curator's report.

The museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., saw 284 visitors from 11 counties and 16 states. Donations included:

- Maple Leaf Grill waitress uniform, Maple Leaf Grill menu, a plaque showing the owner, and a brush and comb set circa 1960, Sue Angelos.
- A doll cradle circa 1840-1880, a pieced blanket made at the Fox Woolen Mills, Shirley Cowham.
- World War II medals, Jim Schmitz.
- LaPorte Hospital Scrapbook 2016-2017, Barbara Backer.

The "Gingerbread Holiday" is the theme through Dec. 29. The following events are planned:

- Through Dec. 29: A Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt in the museum.
- The first Family Gingerbread House Competition. Stop by the museum to pick up the rules and entry form. Entries must be dropped off between Dec. 1-7.
- Dec. 1-12: A Gingerbread Man Coloring Contest for children Pre-K through fifth grade. Stop by the museum to pick up a gingerbread man coloring sheet. Sheets are due by Wednesday, Dec. 12.
- Dec. 8: Museum staff will participate in the 2018
   Downtown LaPorte Annual Cookie Walk from 10
   a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by the museum to pick up a gingerbread man cookie.
- Dec. 8: *The Beacher*'s Bill Halliar will play the pump organ from noon to 2 p.m.
- Dec. 8-29: The gingerbread houses from the competition will be on display.
- Dec. 15: A free Gingerbread Man "make and take"



craft event from 10 a.m. to noon.

- Dec. 15: Awards given for the coloring contest and house competition from noon to 1 p.m.
- Dec. 15: Halliar will play the pump organ from noon to 2 p.m.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and free for children 18 and younger. Call (219) 324-6767 or email info@laportecountyhistory. org for more details.



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#### "Game of Tiaras"

Young People's Theatre Co. will present Don Zolidas' "Game of Tiaras," a comedy inspired by Shake-

speare and "Game of Thrones," on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, at Holdcraft Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St.

When the aging king of a magical kingdom (England) decides to split his empire between his three daughters, Cinderella, Belle and the Snow Queen, tragedy ensues on many comic levels.



Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved at yptcinc.com, or purchased at the door the day of the performance.

#### **New Buffalo Public Library**

The following programs are at New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. (all times Eastern):

- Teen STEAM Series: November Tech Robotics at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29.
- Yoga at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.
- Friday Themed Story Time at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30
- Read with Newdle the therapy dog at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3.
- Lego Club from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.
- The Top 5 Environmental Issues in Southwest Michigan at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.
- Chef Night 3: Holiday Cookies with Milda's at Elsie Earl Studios at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 (with previous signup at \$35 per person).
- Lego Club from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.
- Stitches, Needles, Threads and More from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 5.

  Email nbtlcreate@gmail.com for details.

#### **Harbor Country Hikers**

Harbor Country Hikers will hear tales about Lake Michigan at 6 p.m. EST Tuesday, Dec. 4, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Known as the deadliest of the Great Lakes, Lake Michigan has a dark side, so three HCH members – Pat Fisher, Stacey LaRocco and Janet Schrader – will share their stories and statistics.

Membership is encouraged; however, events are open to the public and children accompanied by an adult. Membership costs \$20 for individuals or \$30 for families. Visit harborcountryhikers.com for more details.





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#### Fair Trade Holiday Bazaar

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Specific dates are noon to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8 and Dec. 14-15.



The bazaar offers handmade products from around the world. This year, it will offer items such as clothing and handbags from India and Pakistan, jewelry from Africa, Asia and Latin America, and food products such as coffee and chocolate. New items will arrive each week.

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#### **Westchester Public Library**

The following programs are available:

• Intro to the Ukulele from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 9 at the Thomas Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

Learn basic chords, rhythm and ukulele history. Ukuleles will be provided, although participants can take their own and should indicate so during registration. No experience is necessary, and space is limited. Register at the Thomas Branch Reference Department or by calling (219) 926-7696.

• Ugly Holiday Sweater Creation Station from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Thomas Bertha Wood Meeting Room.

Take a sweater or sweatshirt, with the library providing craft materials and ideas. Registration is required by calling the reference department at (219) 926-7696.

#### Michigan City Public Library

The following program is available at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.:

• Graphic Novel Club for Teens at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29.

This month, the new club for teens ages 13-18 will focus on "Joe the Barbarian."

Contact Robin Kohn at (219) 873-3049 for more information on library programming.

#### **Breakfast with St. Nicholas**

Breakfast with St. Nicholas is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church, U.S. 12 and Moore Road.

The family event includes food, activities and crafts for children 12 and younger.

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#### **Teddy Bear Tea**

For the 18th year in a row, Marina Grand Resort invites families to take their holiday best, and an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots, to the annual Teddy Bear Tea.

The event is at 1 p.m. EST Sunday, Dec. 2, at the resort, 600 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich. Entertainer Dave Rudolf will host his "Whacky World of Dave Rudolf" show. Holiday lights and treats round out the event.

Admission is \$10 per person with a donation of an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Call (269) 469-9900 for details. Visit www.toysfortots.org for additional information on Toys for Tots.

#### **Movable Art Feast**

The second Movable Art Feast Holiday PopUp starts at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

The galleries are:

- Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St., 10:30 a.m.
- Blink Contemporary Art, 1709 Franklin St., 11
   a.m. The gallery will feature paintings, sculpture, prints, photos, fiber art, pottery, books,
   cards, wood work and newly created/vintage jewelry from Blink artists.
- The Nest, 803 Franklin St., 11:30 a.m. Call (219) 262-5200 for details.

#### **Pet Photos With Santa**

Michiana Humane Society, 722 Indiana 212, will host pet photos with Santa from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

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#### **Patriot's Pen Essay Contest**

A Barker Middle School seventh-grader won \$25 in the "Patriot's Pen" contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2536.



Seventh-grader Kah'Lil Gipson is pictured with Barker Middle School Principal Fred Greene (left) and teacher Greg Olson (right).

Kah'Lil Gipson entered the contest with fellow seventh-graders in Greg Olson's English Language Arts & Reading classes. The theme was "Why I Honor the American Flag." Olson's classes researched and wrote about the theme as a class project.

Gipson's essay will advance to compete against other students in the region.

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#### **Night in Bethlehem**



First Presbyterian Church, 121 W. Ninth St., will host the family event "Night in Bethlehem" from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Children can visit shops, make an ornament, create a clay pot, make a treat at the bakery and visit the local "well" for water.

#### **Harbor Country Singers**

Harbor Country Singers will lead Christmas caroling at 6 p.m. EST Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. John's United Church of Christ, 10 Linden St. West, Three Oaks, Mich. Email mueller46108@gmail.com for details.



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#### **Pre-Theater Screening**

A pre-theater screening of the film "Sign of Contradiction" is at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Legacy Center at Queen of All Saints, 1719 E. Barker Ave.

Produced by the Ministry of the Wild Goose and 4PM Media, the documentary focuses on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. It is recommended for ages 13 to adult. A children's Advent film and craft activities are planned in a nearby room.

The viewing begins at 6 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5 per

person or \$8 per family will be accepted; fees cover the cost to license the film for the event. Guests are invited to take a potluck dish.

RSVP to Julie Wojcik at j.wojcik@comcast.net

#### **Christmas at Barker Mansion**

View three floors of decorations that immerse guests in the Barker family legacy during Christmas at Barker Mansion, which runs Dec. 1-30.

Guided and self-guided tours, musical performances, kids crafts and cookie decorating are scheduled throughout the month. View the full calendar at www.barkermansion.com

The mansion is closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday. Spur-of-the-moment outdoor activities in the courtyard are planned when it snows.

Admission is \$8 per adult and \$5 per youth or senior. The mansion is located at 631 Washington St.

#### **Lunch & Learn**

"Working Through Grief and Loss Around the Holidays" marks the next "Lunch & Learn" program from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Silver Birch of Michigan City, 4400 E. Michigan Blvd.

The program is sponsored by REAL Services Inc. and Alzheimer's & Dementia Services of Northern Indiana, a division of Real Services.

The program is free. A complimentary lunch is provided to all informal caregivers who call for reservations in advance at (800) 552-7928, Ext. 7132.

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

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

• Tell Your Toy Story — A History of Toys from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Guests can share stories of his/her favorite child-hood toy, and explore collections of toys and technology from the last 50 years.

Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details.



### American Red Cross

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

- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.
- South Central Junior-Senior High School, 9808
   S. County Road 600 West, Union Mills, 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4. At this drive, donors receive a Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last.

Donate blood or platelets through Dec. 19 and receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card by email. Donors must be in good general health and feeling well, at least 17 (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more details.

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

The top five environmental issues facing Southwest Michigan marks the next Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum at 6 p.m. EST Monday, Dec. 3, in the library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St.

Chikaming Open Lands Executive Director Ryan Postema will discuss how Harbor Country can address challenges such as water quality and invasive species, and conservation in land-use planning.

The next program is holiday caroling by Harbor Country Singers on Thursday, Dec. 13.

The series, now in its fifth year, is underwritten in part by The Pokagon Fund. Call the library at (269) 469-2933, follow the Facebook link at newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org or email new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com for details.

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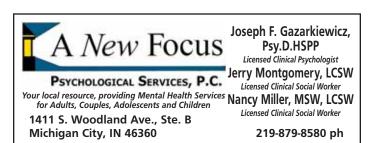
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#### **Activities to Explore**

#### In the Area:

**Nov. 29** — Health, Wellness and Safety Fair, 4-7 p.m., LaPorte County Family YMCA-Elston Branch, 1202 Spring St. Info: (219) 809-9094.

**Nov. 29** — Graphic Novel Club for Teens, 5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 29 — Teen STEAM Series: November Tech — Robotics, 4:30 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Public Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: nbtlcreate@gmail.com

**Nov. 30** — Ann Hampton Callaway — Diva Power, 8:30 p.m. EST, The Acorn Theater, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$45/general seating, \$125/show & VIP experience @ 6:30 p.m. EST. Info: www.acorntheater.org, (269) 756-3879.

**Nov. 30-Dec. 2** — Young People's Theatre Co., "Game of Tiaras," Holdcraft Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets: \$5. Reservations: yptcinc.com, @ door.

Nov. 30-Dec. 3 — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing*: "The Happy Prince." Rated R. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also*: "The Old Man & the Gun." Rated R. Times: 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. All times Eastern. Info: vickerstheatre.com

**Dec. 1** — Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 9-10:30 a.m., St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church, U.S. 12 & Moore Road.

**Dec. 1** – Pet photos with Santa, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Michiana Humane Society, 722 Indiana 212. Donations accepted. Info: www.michianahumanesociety. org, (219) 872-4499.

**Dec. 1** – Holiday Tea, noon-3 p.m., Bishop's Mansion @ Trinity Episcopal Church, 614 Franklin St. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$10/children 12 & younger, free/children 6 & younger.

**Dec. 1** — Snowflake Parade and Festival of Lights. Parade @ 4 p.m., Uptown Arts District (downtown Michigan City). Festival of Lights afterward, Washington Park.

**Dec. 1** — Opening reception, "Blue Christmas," 5-8 p.m., Thaddeus C. Gallery, 822 Lincolnway, La-Porte. Info: (219) 326-8626, info@thaddeusc.com

**Dec. 1** — Fundraiser concert, 6:30 p.m., P.A.R.C., 1713 Franklin St. 21+ only.

**Dec. 1-2** — Annual Pioneer Land Christmas Open House, 3-8 p.m., LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. Indiana 2.

**Dec. 1-2, 8-9** — Candy Cane Express, Hesston Steam Museum, 1201 E. County Road 1000 North, LaPorte. Trains: noon-5 p.m. Fares: \$5/adults, children 3-12/\$3, children 3 & younger/free. Visit: www. hesston.org, (219) 778- 2783.

**Dec. 2** — Movable Art Feast Holiday PopUp, 10:30 a.m., Rising Phoenix Gallery, 2803 Franklin St., Blink Contemporary Art, 1709 Franklin St., The Nest, 803 Franklin St. Info: (219) 262-5200.

**Dec. 2** — Annual Teddy Bear Tea, 1 p.m. EST,

Marina Grand Resort, 600 W. Water St., New Buffalo, Mich. Admission: \$10 with Toys for Tots donation. Info: (269) 469-9900.

**Dec. 2** — Christmas Cantata, "Joy! Unspeakable Joy!," St. John's Lutheran Church Jubilee Ensemble and Friends, 3 p.m., LaPorte Salvation Army, 3240 Monroe St. Free.

**Dec. 2** — Harbor Country Singers Christmas caroling, 6 p.m. EST, St. John's United Church of Christ, 10 Linden St. West, Three Oaks, Mich. Info: mueller46108@gmail.com

**Dec. 3** — Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum, 6 p.m., New Buffalo Public Library Pokagon Room, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

**Dec. 4** — Harbor Country Hikers, 6 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: harborcountryhikers.com

**Dec. 5** — Tell Your Toy Story — A History of Toys, 6-7 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

**Dec. 5** — Ugly Holiday Sweater Creation Station, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.

**Through Jan. 4** — Holiday Artisan Market, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St. Info: www.lubeznikcenter.org

#### In the Region

**Nov. 30** — Opening party, "Arte Cubano," 6-8 p.m. EST, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: (269) 983-0271.

**Dec. 1** — Unwrapped Concert Series, Diane Van Deurzen/Lisa Otey, 7 p.m. EST, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Tickets: \$10. Info/reservations: (269) 983-3688, info@boxfactoryforthearts.org, www.boxfactoryforthearts.org

**Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16** — "Weekends With Santa," Gabis Arboretum at Purdue Northwest, 71 N. County Road 500 West near Valparaiso. Photos with Santa/noon-4 p.m. Carload admission: \$5. Info: (219) 462-0025.

#### Support Groups

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

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

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

**Wednesdays** — Al-Anon meetings, 6-7 p.m., Franciscan Alliance-St. Anthony Health. Info: (708) 927-5287.

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On November 29, 1825, Rossini's "Barber of Seville," the first Italian opera to be performed in the United States, opened in New York City.

**On November 29, 1886**, Chicago's first fireboat, the \$39,000 "Geyser," was commissioned on the Chicago River.

On November 29, 1890, the first Army-Navy football game was held at West Point, N.Y. Navy won 24-0.

On November 29, 1929, Navy Lt. Commander Richard E. Byrd flew over the South Pole in his trimotored Fokker plane, becoming the only person to have flown over both the North and South Poles.

**On November 29, 1961**, a chimpanzee, Enos, was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited Earth twice before returning.

**On November 30, 1887**, the first reported game of softball, a game invented by George Hancock, was played at Chicago's Farragut Boat Club.

**On November 30, 1993**, President Bill Clinton signed into law the Brady Bill, which requires a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and background checks of prospective buyers.

**On November 30, 1995**, President Clinton became the first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland.

**On November 30, 2004**, "Jeopardy!" fans got to see Ken Jennings end his 74 game winning streak as he lost to real estate agent Nancy Zerg.

On December 1, 1880, the first telephone was installed in the White House.

**On December 1, 1909**, the first Christmas Club payment was made to the Carlisle (PA) Trust Co.

On December 1, 1913, in Pittsburg, the Gulf Refining Co. opened the world's first drive-in gasoline station. Motorists, up until that time, were accustomed to buying gas in garages and livery stables.

**On December 1, 1917**, the Rev. Edward Flanagan founded "Boys Town" in an area just outside the Nebraska city of Omaha,

On December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., black seamstress Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give a white man her seat on a city bus. As a result of her arrest, the law requiring blacks to sit in the back of buses was eventually struck down by the United States Supreme Court.

On December 2, 1816, the first savings bank to op-

erate in the United States opened for business under the name "Philadelphia Savings Fund Society."

**On December 2, 1834,** the Chicago Lyceum, the forerunner of Chicago's library system, was formed by a group of book intellectuals.

On December 2, 1942, below the football stadium at the University of Chicago, a group of scientists, led by Enrico Fermi, for the first time demonstrated a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction.

On December 2, 1982, 61-year-old Barney Clark became the world's first person to receive a permanent artificial heart.

On December 3, 1833, Ohio's Oberlin College opened, becoming the first coeducational college in the United States.

**On December 3, 1925**, in New York's Carnegie Hall, George Gershwin performed as a soloist, playing his "Concerto in F." It was the first public performance of a jazz concerto for piano in musical history.

**On December 3, 1947**, Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

On December 3, 1973, Pioneer 10 passed within 81,000 miles of Jupiter for man's first "close-up" look at the giant planet.

On December 4, 1839, Harrisburg, Pa., was the host city for the first national convention held by the Whig Party. Ohio's William Henry Harrison was nominated for president, with John Tyler as his running mate.

On December 4, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson sailed for France to attend a peace conference at Versailles, becoming the first sitting United States president to visit Europe.

On December 4, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

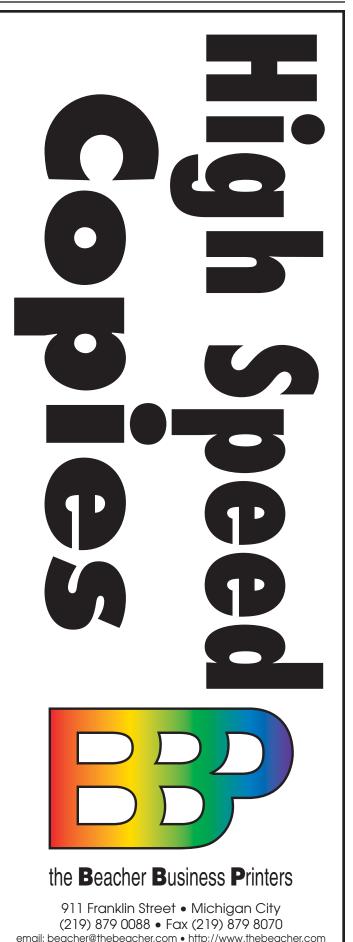
**On December 4, 1979**, City Supervisor Diane Feinstein became the first female mayor of San Francisco, replacing the assassinated Mayor George Moscone.

**On December 5, 1776,** 50 men at Virginia's "College of William and Mary" organized Phi Beta Kappa, the first scholastic fraternity in America.

**On December 5, 1848**, the 1849 Gold Rush was triggered when President James Polk confirmed that gold had been discovered in California.

On December 5, 1929, the "American League of Physical Culture," the first nudist organization in America, was established. While December would not seem the best time of year to go around without clothes, the enterprise appears to have flourished.

On December 5, 1978, Pioneer Venus 1 began beaming back its first information and pictures of Venus.



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#### Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The White Darkness by David Grann (hard-cover, \$20 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 142 pages)

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From the author of <u>Killers of the Flower Moon</u> comes this story of Henry Worsley. He was a British husband, father, career military man and Arctic adventurer. By all accounts, he also was a man with a strong moral compass, and respected by all who knew him or served under him.

From boyhood on, Worsley was drawn to the exploits of South Pole explorer Ernest Shackleton ever since he read a copy of Shackleton's book, The Heart of Antarctic. In 1908, Shackleton came within 97 miles of the South Pole, but turned back. Conditions at the time told him he would either go on and perish at the Pole, or he could turn back safely and live. He wasn't about to risk the lives of himself and

his two companions, so he turned back. The title of first to the South Pole later was captured by Roald Amundsen in 1911.

Worsley had been a career Army man, and was retired when he made the acquaintance of Alexandra Shackleton in 2004. She is the granddaughter of Ernest Shackleton. She and Will Gow, great-nephew of Shackleton, wanted to mount an expedition to the South Pole to mark the 100th anniversary of Shackleton's Nimrod expedition. Another descendent of the original crew was Henry Adams, whose greatgrandfather was the second in command aboard the Nimrod. Worsley had a distant relative, Frank Worsley, who was a member of the original expedition. They would name the expedition the "Matrix Shackleton Centenary Expedition." Worsley was immediately onboard.

Instead of stopping 97 miles from the Pole, this expedition hoped to make it all the way. Worsley was in excellent physical shape, but knew the conditions would be grueling at the Pole, so all the men started on a regimen of hard exercise. The training described in the book would make most men groan, no matter how fit they are!

The expedition began in November 2008, south of New Zealand on Ross Island, same place Shackleton and Amundsen did. McMurdo Station is there now, set up by the U.S. for scientific research, but the amazing thing for Worsley was the hut, high on a hill above the island and built by Shackleton in 1908, now cared for by a group of preservationists. The dream was about to begin...

The group took no animals, instead attaching their sleds to themselves with rope. That's a lot of

weight to pull! Starting out, the weather seemed to cooperate, but soon the unpredictable weather kept them in their tents for several days at a time. Unbelievable winds and temps dipped far below zero. Crevasses were a constant danger — one slip, and it would all be over.

The whole expedition was one that had my teeth on edge, wondering what would happen next. There were harrowing moments along the way, but on Jan. 18, 2009, the trio made it to the South Pole after 66 days.

Of course, that wasn't the end of Worsley's adventures. In 2012, he arranged another expedition to commemorate the race between Scott and Amundsen to the

South Pole. One team followed Amundsen's route, and Worsley led the one followed by Shackleton. Worsley won the 900-mile contest, which raised almost \$300,000 for wounded soldiers in the U.K.

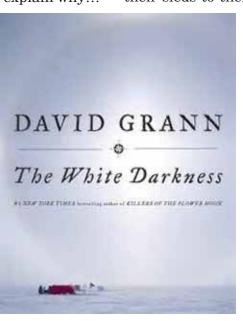
Worsley would become the first person to trace the two classic routes to the South Pole and author a book, <u>In Shackleton's Footsteps</u>.

Was that the end of Worsley's arctic adventures? Of course not. He would make one more trip to the South Pole, this one by himself, following the trans-Antarctic crossing Shackleton had planned. I couldn't help but wonder — was it a mistake for Worsley to make this attempt alone?

This was not an easy trip. Worsley was in great condition, but now 55. This trip becomes a personal read about a man and his innermost thoughts. However — at what point does heroism become foolishness? Does pushing on despite overwhelming odds make you a hero or a fool?

Whatever you take from this story, it's fascinating, it's mind-bending and a personal look at a place that still captures the imagination of hardy explorers from all over the world.

Till next time, happy reading!









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