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# The Bonds of Brotherhood

by William Halliar



Pictured at the 150th celebration are (from left) Thomas O'Brien, Edward Davis and Larry Swiger.

For the past 150 years, Acme Masonic Lodge 83 of Michigan City has forged a brotherhood dedicated to making good men better. A lifelong journey of self-improvement, members pride themselves in being part of something dedicated to mankind's moral uplift.

Those who petition to become members do not have to be any particular religion, but believe in a supreme being. Members have no political or business motivation, or any other motive beyond personal, intellectual and moral development.

Freemasonry, as some would like to believe, is not a secret society. Its members are active participants in Michigan City's social and political life. Membership today stands at 150. Its new location, dedicat-

ed in 2000, stands proudly at 8700 W. Pabs Road. Anyone interested is welcome to inquire about inclusion. But, lodge historian Thomas O'Brien says, "It is a society with secrets," where allegories help illustrate tenets of the fraternity.

Members recently held a special 150th anniversary/lodge rededication, attended by members, family and friends. During a solemn ceremony, the corners, walls and floor of the lodge were ceremonially checked for trueness, alluding to the trueness of heart that must be the goal of each brother in creating a personal spiritual building.

Corn, wine and oil were poured out during the dedication ceremony, their meaning explained to

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those unfamiliar with the ritual. Corn symbolizes nourishment as lodge brothers support and uplift each other. Wine symbolizes refreshment, as the hall is dedicated to virtue. Oil symbolizes joy as the lodge hall is dedicated to universal benevolence.

O'Brien, a longtime member steeped in Masonic history, gave a brief talk relating the history of Freemasonry in Michigan City, which had its beginnings in 1848, but of course, the traditions and symbolism of the Masonic brotherhood have their roots in the far mists of time.

According to the booklet Welcome to Freemasonry published in 2000 by the Grand Lodge Free Accepted Masons of Indiana, Freemasons "seek to improve the community." This is accomplished by impressing upon members the principles of "personal righteousness and personal responsibility." The booklet further states, "By enlightening the mind and promoting peace, understanding and the basic tenets

*of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth we improve our lives and hopefully the lives of our families."*

Freemasonry, thus, is a fraternity or brotherhood that teaches a "system of morality, veiled in allegory (which can be defined as a story, play or poem in which events and characters are used as symbols in order to express a moral, religious or political idea. An example might be the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 5 of the Bible)." The secrets of the Masons rest in these allegories that illustrate tenets of the fraternity.

The Indiana Grand Lodge booklet further defines Freemasonry as "an organized society of men symbolically applying the principles of operative masonry (the practices of stone masons of old) and architecture to the science and art of character building."

An important part of the knowledge each individual member must possess is a basic history of the Masonic Brotherhood. This is taught at each meeting and is an interesting study in the progress of western civilization.



Acme Lodge officers at the 100th anniversary celebration in 1969. They are (front row, from left), Tom Dieckilman, Edward Hedstrom, Manny Dieckilman, Stanley Ellison Jr. and John Lemons. The back row is (from left) Robert Blank, Paul Jones, Quintus McDonald Jr. and Arthur Upatel.

According to Indiana’s Grand Lodge, Freemasonry can trace its origins back to the 10th century B.C., when builders and stone masons were employed to construct the temple of King Solomon. In fact, the Biblical record of Solomon’s temple serves as the basis of the Masonic Master Mason Degree.

These craftsmen were highly skilled and respected in their community, considered indispensable to the welfare of church and state. By the middle ages, craftsmen of various skills and trades began organizing themselves into guilds. Most of these craftsmen were under bond to the lord of the land on which they worked, restricted as to where they could live and ply their trade.

Stone masons, however, because of their importance to building large cathedrals of the day, were free to travel anywhere in Europe that required their talent and skills. Thus, they were dubbed “Free Masons,” or later in history “Freemasons.” Those who worked in the stone mason’s craft were called “Operative Masons.”

Before the 17th century, only those who actually performed the stone-mason trade were allowed in these guilds, or lodges, as they came to be known. But during the 17th century, lodges became open to accepting members who were not of the trade, or “Operative Masons.”



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It is posited that perhaps men were drawn to the mason’s guilds, or lodges, to become part of a fraternity motivated by high moral standards. Perhaps they were drawn by the intellectual and spiritual instruction highly valued at the time. Becoming a member of such as brotherhood imparted upon the individual a certain status in the community.

The practice of Freemasonry spread across Europe and came to America as members of European lodges made their ways across the Atlantic. Soon, Masonic lodges formed in American colonies. The first documented Masonic lodge in America was in Philadelphia in 1730. Many of our founding fathers were members of Masonic lodges, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock.

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In 1790, Washington wrote, *“Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.”*

As pioneers spread across the Appellation Mountains and into Indian territory of the west across the great prairies, Masonic philosophy and practices came along with them. When Indiana achieved statehood in 1816, discussions arose among Masons here of the possibility of forming a Grand Lodge of Indiana, and on Jan. 12, 1818, the Grand Lodge of Indiana was constituted.

In Michigan City, the first Masonic lodge was dedicated in 1848, and members included many prominent men of the community. The American Civil War began on April 12, 1861, with the firing on Fort Sumter, S.C. It is estimated 2.75 million Americans fought for four long years, including 2,750 volunteers from LaPorte County.



The completed Acme Lodge on Pahs Road, finished in 2000.

Masonic lodges were formed in the field among Union and Confederate forces. During the Civil War, Freemasonry was the only institution that did not split over issues of the war. Even churches split over the issue of slavery during the war and the years leading up to it.

There are many stories and legends of Masons during the struggle: soldiers from opposing sides supported each other even though separated by political strife. It is said the Freemasons' greatest Civil War influence was ameliorating the harshness of fighting and acting as healers of society.



Members attend the 150th anniversary celebration.

It is strange, then, that as soldiers who were members of field lodges came back to Michigan City, they were not readily accepted into the lodge formed here in 1848. Discussion and debate continued as to whether these soldiers should be considered lodge members. There was much controversy and finally, because of that, it was decided to dissolve the Michigan City Masonic Lodge in 1868.

Not to be discouraged, the brotherhood continued to organize and petitioned the Grand Lodge of Indiana to re-establish a Michigan City lodge. Finally, on May 29, 1869, Acme Lodge 83 in Michigan City received its charter. Acme represents the highest point, the summit, and this lodge on the shore of Lake Michigan is the northern most lodge in all of Indiana. Lodge 83 has proudly born its name for 150 years.

One hundred and fifty years of brotherhood, of character building and charity for all. Many members of Michigan City's Acme Lodge 83 have been loyal supporters for many years.

Bill Franks, for instance, speaks of his 68 years as a Mason and declares that, *“We are brothers all.”*

Larry Swiger has been a member of the Michigan City lodge since 1981. What it means to each member is different, he says, and he's asked himself that question many times.

*“Masonry and our lodge have given me lasting friendships through the years, responsibility, understanding, patience, commitment, tolerance and peace,”* he said. *“I'm sure my fellow members share these feelings. I hope I carry these forward into my daily living.”*

*“Our fraternity states, ‘It takes good men and makes them better.’ I try to be better in my personal life, work life and in our community, as do all of our brothers.”*



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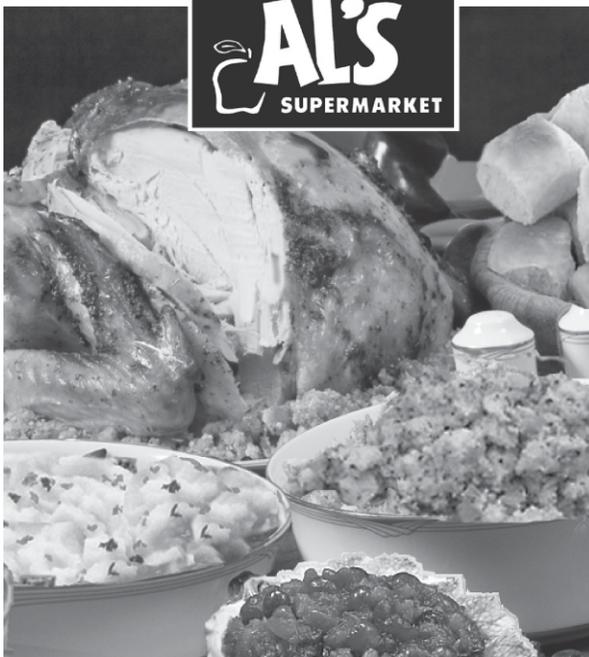
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## “Doctor Sleep” Succeeds by Honoring King and Kubrick

by Andrew Tallackson

Mention “The Shining,” and Stanley Kubrick’s 1980 masterpiece instantly comes to mind. Jack Nicholson. An ax. That creepy, isolated hotel, its rooms crawling with secrets.

Scary stuff.

The only one who wasn’t impressed was Stephen King, whose 1977 novel loosely inspired it. The author, you see, was mighty displeased with how Kubrick discarded the bulk of his tale for what he called an “arty” take on madness and creative impotence. So in 2013, King crafted “Doctor Sleep” as a direct sequel to his book, *not* the film.

How daunting, then, it must have been for Mike Flanagan to adapt “Doctor Sleep” for the big screen. How do you reconcile King’s new novel with everyone’s memory of the Kubrick film? Flanagan’s answer: Stay faithful to King’s work, but honor the mythic relevance of all things Kubrick. And you know what? He succeeds.

Then again, Flanagan knows his way around a haunted house or two. Last year, he delivered a tantalizing spin on Shirley Jackson’s “The Haunting of Hill House” for Netflix. The year before, it should be noted, he achieved the impossible by carefully rethinking King’s unfilmable “Gerald’s Game,” also for Netflix.

“Doctor Sleep,” both on the page and the screen, exists on two levels. One is a contemplative look at addiction. Danny Torrance, the young boy from “The Shining,” is now 45 and, like his father, a violent alcoholic. Then again, how could he not be, after what he witnessed in that hall of horrors known as The Overlook Hotel? Danny is played by Ewan McGregor (“Big Fish,” “Moulin Rouge!”) in a career best: wounded, emotionally scarred and, grappling with sobriety, deeply empathetic.

Wandering listlessly, Danny ends up in a small East Coast town where Billy Freeman (Cliff Curtis) finds work and housing for him. One of his part-time jobs is as an orderly at a hospice facility where, because of his psychic abilities, he knows when residents are on the brink of death. His ability to calm them amid those final moments lends him the nickname “Doctor Sleep.”

The horror element of King’s tale involves a cult known as the “True Knot”: psychic vampires of sorts that feed off the “shine” of those like Danny. That is how Danny links up with a young girl named Abra (lively newcomer Kyliegh Curran), whose abilities are equal to, if not more powerful than, Danny’s.

The leader of True Knot, Rose the Hat, is played by Rebecca Ferguson in a performance that could give Pennywise a run for his money. We haven’t had a villain in some time as complex as Rose, and thanks to Ferguson, she’s the real deal. Mostly window dressing in pictures like “The Greatest Show-



Ewan McGregor stars as an adult Danny Torrance in “Doctor Sleep.”

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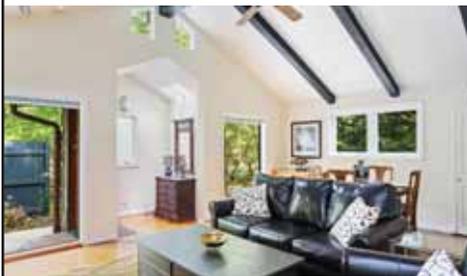
### “Doctor Sleep”

Running time: 151 minutes. Rated R for disturbing and violent content, some bloody images, language, nudity and drug

man,” the actress is fascinating *and* terrifying. Her voice is a seductive purr. She strolls with the predatory gait of an animal stalking its next meal. In fact, a scene lifted directly from the book in which the True Knot “feeds” off a Little Leaguer (“Wonder” star Jacob Tremblay) is horrifying to extremes rarely depicted on film. Rose the Hat is a legitimate threat to Danny and Abra, and the alliance those two forge to stand against her gives the second half of “Doctor Sleep” its giddy thrills.

The end of King’s book, to me at least, is incredibly moving: a quiet reverie of hope and closure, but I suppose it might not have been cathartic enough on screen. It is here Flanagan departs from the novel to pay affectionate lip service to Kubrick *and* the original ending of King’s 1977 novel. The showdown between Rose, Danny and Abra now unfolds within the abandoned halls of The Overlook, painstakingly recreated, right down to how the camera tracks the action. That big finish is one gigantic Easter egg for “Shining” nerds, but it also tweaks the fates of King’s characters. That created a disconnect for me, as someone who admired how the author chose to close his tale. The more I think about it, though, the more what Flanagan suggests works, albeit on a different level from the novel.

Indeed, Flanagan saddled himself with one mighty juggling act, and he succeeded. Splendidly. Contact Andrew Tallackson at [drew@thebeacher.com](mailto:drew@thebeacher.com)



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## Garden Restoration in Long Beach Under Way

Thanks to united efforts, the Beach Garden Club is restoring the shade garden next to the tennis courts in Long Beach's center park.

The restoration involved several steps based on recommendations by Master Gardener Donna Pouzar of the Garden Tender in LaPorte. In mid-October, unwanted/invasive plants were removed from the garden and the remaining trees and shrubs, including hydrangeas and holly bushes, were trimmed to optimize their health. Cardenas Landscaping performed the work.

Then, azaleas, rhododendrons and Japanese weeping grass were purchased from Beachside Gardens to fill in some of the now empty spaces. Beachside General Manager Laura Bolton was instrumental in this part of the plan. She and her crew also planted hellebores and ferns donated by Dee (Ed) Caufield, a Long Beach resident and Beach Garden Club member. Hellebores, also known as Lenten Roses, are among spring's earliest flowers and sometimes bloom while snow is on the ground.

Conscientious Home and Garden, owned by Dawn Raspanti, installed the new shrubs. The ground and planting sites were carefully prepared so the new plants get a head start. Raspanti also contributed hostas and ligularias (tall perennials).

In late October, club volunteers planted more than 300 bulbs. They are all deer and rodent resistant, including several unusual varieties. Many were placed among the newly planted perennials so the growing perennials will hide the bulbs' fading flowers and leaves. The bulb pattern was inspired by Jacqueline van der Kloet, who designed the bulb plantings at Chi-



Beach Garden Club volunteer bulb planters include (from left) Beverly Gallagher, Vicki Sparks, Rima Binder, Sue Keenan and Mary Beth Rebedeau Warden.

cago's Lurie Garden.

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A scene from Danny Boyle's "Yesterday."

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**Community Concert Association**

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Each member of the group is a "double threat" on two instruments: Kornel Wolak (clarinet/piano) and Michael Bridge (accordions/piano). Both are classically trained international soloists who embrace comedy in their acts, and who have toured in Europe, South America and across Canada. Their concerts feature original arrangements of classical showpieces, jazz ballads and folk music.

The program includes "Hungarian Dance No. 5" by Brahms, "Summer" from "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi and original works such as "Rock Bach" and "Boogie Wonders."

The concert is part of the 2019-2020 season. The public may buy tickets at the door. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for students through high school. Use Door 18 on the building's west side. Call (219) 362-8262 for details.

**River Valley Garden Club**

The River Valley Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 19, at River Valley Senior Center, 13321 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich.

Eric Rank, Chikaming Country Club golf course superintendent, will present the program "Managing and Caring for a Golf Course." He will address the challenges of keeping a perfect lawn, as well as addressing environmental issues.

The meeting starts with social hour and the business portion, followed by the speaker at 2 p.m. EST. Guests are welcome.

Contact Elizabeth Palulis at [evpalulis@yahoo.com](mailto:evpalulis@yahoo.com) or [www.rivervalleygardenclub.org](http://www.rivervalleygardenclub.org) for details.

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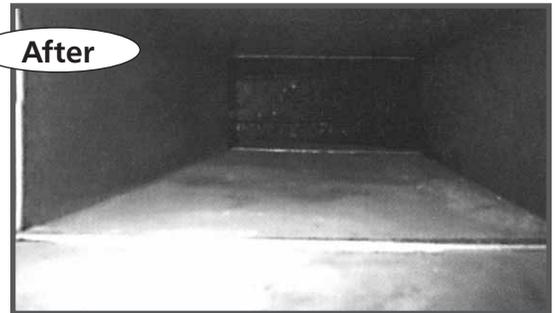
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## Salvation Army Kettle Kickoff

The Salvation Army of Michigan City kicks off its annual Red Kettle season, the Christmas theme being "Fight for Good," from 7 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at McDonald's, 3507 Franklin St.

Last year, The Salvation Army served more than 600 families at Christmas time, providing toys for needy families with young children and food to those struggling to make ends meet. The corps expects to serve about the same number of local families this year, adding that this year's goal is to raise \$200,000 through the Christmas campaign. Funds will help with Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance, and year-round services.



The Michigan City fire and police departments will ring bells at McDonald's during the event, while choirs from Pine Elementary and St. Stanislaus Catholic schools will sing Christmas carols.

A short program is at 8 a.m. to formally introduce this year's Christmas campaign co-chairs, Chuck and Rita Oberlie and Tim and Sandy Cipares. Sponsors of this year's campaign will be recognized.

Serving as celebrity coffee pourers are Kyle Kazmierczak of the Michigan City Fire Department, Chef Erik Tannehill, State Rep. Pat Boy, Jeanne Ann Cannon of Dunebrook, Katie Eaton of the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, Ron Heeg with the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office, Abby May of Safe Harbor and Dave Sisk of the United Way of LaPorte County.

As is tradition, the Lubeznik family will donate all coffee sales from Michigan City McDonald's restaurants through 11 a.m. to The Salvation Army.

## LaPour Brew & Wine Fest

LaPour Brew & Wine Fest is from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St.

Vendors include: 10-56 Brewing Co.; Back Road Brewery; Black Acre Brewing Co.; Burn 'Em Brewing; Byway Brewing Co.; The Chesterton Brewery; Dark Horse Brewing Co.; The Devil's Trumpet Brewing Co.; Dogfish Head; Evil Czech Brewery and Public House; Greenbush Brewing Co.; Journeyman Distillery; Lagunitas Brewing Co. Chicago; Off Square Brewing; Plat 35; Round Barn Brewery & Public House; Round Barn Winery; Revolution Brewing; St. Julian Winery; Shoreline Brewery; Sun King Brewery; Upland Brewing Co.; and Vandermill Cider.

Music and food also are planned. Tickets range from \$15 to \$60. Visit [www.events.ontaptickets.com](http://www.events.ontaptickets.com) for reservations.

## YSB Comedy Night

Youth Service Bureau of LaPorte County will host Comedy Night 2019, featuring comedian John DaCosse, from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Silver Palace, 1719 State St., LaPorte.

The 18-and-older event features a cash bar. Tickets cost \$25. All proceeds benefit the Youth Service Bureau.

Make reservations at [www.secure.qgiv.com/for/unitedwaylpc/event/794888/](http://www.secure.qgiv.com/for/unitedwaylpc/event/794888/)

## Wine Tasting Event

The Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City will host its fifth annual Wine Tasting Event from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Shady Creek Winery, 2030 Tryon Road.

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## Belle Gunness Program

The LaPorte County Historical Society will host "The Man Who Killed Belle Gunness (Part 1)" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Historical Society museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte.

The speaker at the free program is Judge William Boklund, a Historical Society board member.

Often, when Gunness' story is told, it ends abruptly after the discovery of her crimes. Did she die in the fire, or did she get away? Was she murdered by Ray Lamphere, or did she poison another woman and place her corpse in the cellar?

Boklund will examine the sweeping madness that spread through the country after the Gunness crimes, and what made the criminal investigation and jury selection almost impossible. He also will take a closer look at the testimony of four doctors who autopsied the bodies recovered from the cellar. Their testimony was the only evidence the prosecutor had that could have proven the adult body in the cellar was Gunness, and that she died as a result of the fire.

Call (219) 324-6767 for details.

## Historical Society/Museum Meeting

The Michigan City Historical Society/Old Lighthouse Museum will hold its annual meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

The featured speaker is Historical Society board member Larry Swiger. His miniature wooden models will be on display, and he will discuss their construction and history while demonstrating several working models.

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# The Benefits of Dry Needling

Why a newer treatment method is gaining attention—and getting results

Dear Fellow NW Indiana Resident,

Despite its scary-sounding name, “dry needling” is a safe, effective treatment involving needles that are the same size as those used in acupuncture.

A practitioner will insert a needle along a client’s trigger points — the tight bands of tissue within a muscle — to promote the body’s own healing mechanisms.

The technique has long been used in Europe, but it is only in the past 30 years that it’s risen in popularity in the United States. *But look for it to catch on widely, because when it comes to benefits, dry needling boasts plenty.*

Dry needling can loosen stiff muscles, ease joint pain, improve blood flow and oxygen circulation within the body. That brings results for those who are trying to optimize daily performance, recover faster from injury or prevent issues from becoming chronic.

Here are three facts that can help you consider whether dry needling might be a treatment option to pursue:

## WHEN YOU ADDRESS TRIGGER POINTS, YOU CAN IMPROVE PHYSICAL FUNCTION

There are two types of trigger points.

1. Active ones are painful to the touch, and cause the body to compensate with other muscles, which may increase injury.
2. Latent trigger points may not be causing pain yet, but could be on their way to becoming a problem.

Dry needling treatments first address the active points, and needles are strategically placed to alleviate them. When a needle hits a trigger point, metabolic waste chemicals, including lactic acid that has built up inside the tissue, are released.

Once this block is removed, the body increases blood flow and oxygen circulation to the area, and the body’s natural healing capabilities come into play. In general, *trigger points cause tightness in the muscles that block blood flow and oxygen; dry needling removes that block.*

## DRY NEEDLING IS PRECISE IN TRIGGER POINT TARGETING

A trained dry needling practitioner doesn’t figure out where your points are by literally poking around. Instead, he/she creates a map of trigger points by first doing a comprehensive assessment of your muscles and tight spots within them.

Once these points are found, a therapist will target the most painful ones first, then work to alleviate the others.

Unlike acupuncture sessions, which can involve dozens of needles in several areas of the body, dry needling often utilizes just a few needles that are strategically placed along affected muscles.

## DRY NEEDLING IS PART OF A LARGER TREATMENT PLAN

Another way dry needling differs from acupuncture is that it's not considered curative on its own. It's often part of a multi-technique physical therapy plan that also may include movement analysis, hands-on manual therapy, targeted exercises, Deep Tissue Laser Therapy and other interventions.

In the past, trigger-point release was done mainly through therapeutic massage. While that's still fairly effective, manual trigger point release therapy struggles to achieve the depth, precision and complete release of trigger points that the needles are capable of.

*Hands can't be as precise and targeted as one of the tiny needles used in dry needling.*

## THE DRY NEEDLING OPEN HOUSE EVENT Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, from 1-5 P.M.

To help our fellow NW Indiana residents determine if dry needling would benefit them, we are hosting The Dry Needling Open House Event at all four of our NW Indiana locations.

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Suppose Hollywood spent \$185 million on a movie and nobody cared.

Oh wait. That just happened.

Six studios — count 'em, six — cobbled together that dollar amount to reinvigorate the “Terminator” franchise. That price tag does not factor in marketing to juice up audiences. All told, the film needs to amass \$450 million in worldwide box office to break even.

Subtitled “Dark Fate,” the movie hit theaters Nov. 1. Solid reviews touted the return of producer James Cameron and leading lady Linda Hamilton. It secured the top box-office perch, but with a feeble \$29 million. Even with global receipts, the film stands to lose \$100 million.



Linda Hamilton's return as Sarah Connor in “Terminator: Dark Fate” failed to lure audiences back to theaters.

Hollywood is quaking in its boots. How did a sure thing flatline so quickly?

Industry pundits blame DC's “Joker” — the word-of-mouth smash no one saw coming — as siphoning off overall ticket sales.

Maybe.

I remain convinced the problem rests with my generation. Generation X. We're the ones crafting most of today's popcorn movies, and we can't let go of the past. We crave the same movies that invigorated our youth, retold today with better technology. However, we remain blind to the fact that audiences, for the most part, have moved on.

Take, for starters, the 35-year-old “Terminator” franchise.

When writer-director James Cameron released “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” in 1991, it was the beginning *and* the end. A fresh start in terms of what marvels computers could achieve, but closure in that Cameron had nothing more to say. He was finished. Kaput. Ready to move on to “True Lies.” In fact, the original “T2” ending — you can view it on YouTube — shows an older Sarah Connor in an idyllic future, fawning over grandchildren in a world that knew no nuclear Holocaust. The studio, however, forced Cameron to axe it, fearful of biting the cash

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for success: establish a studio

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And that's what studios did. “Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines” (2003). “Terminator: Salvation” (2009). “Terminator: Genisys” (2015). Each one lazier than the one before it. And audiences stayed away. In droves.

I like “Terminator: Dark Fate.” A lot, actually. Director Tim Miller (“Deadpool”) rekindles the kinetic thrills of the franchise, especially by bringing Hamilton back as Sarah Connor. But I get why audiences stopped caring. The series is 35 years old. The original stars are considerably older. “Avengers: Endgame” provided an epic finale *no* action franchise may top.

It appears, though, that Hollywood refuses to lick its wounds. “Ghostbusters 3” is right around the corner, despite the fact that the 1984 original is a perfect gem that stands on its own. Another “Die Hard” reboot is in the works, hardly cause for celebration after 2013's “A Good Day to Die Hard” was one notch away from a Nicolas Cage straight-to-DVD dud. “Little Shop of Horrors” is getting a facelift, apparently to stay true to the play's ending, but also to serve up “better special effects,” the studio says. Give the 1986 musical a rewatch: Those puppeteers achieved marvelous spectacles.



“Little Shop of Horrors” (1986) is getting a remake, reportedly to offer “better special effects.”

I've subscribed to the belief that if studios insist on remakes or reboots, fix what once was broken. Take something bad and make it good.

Here are two extreme examples.

The first is Stephen King's “It.” Even when the miniseries aired in 1990, it was a chunk of moldy

cheese. Yes,

Tim Curry's leering

take on Pennywise the Clown

was memorable, but the lazy acting, sketchy production values and TV-censored limitations resulted in something dated upon release.



“It” (2017) is a rare case where Hollywood improved on its first attempt to tell the same story.

Andy Muschietti (“Mama”), however, is a daring storyteller. Retelling “It” for the big screen was his dream job. And here is a case where time *was* on his side. Technology could tell the story more efficiently, better approximate the look and tone of King's novel. The cast delved deeper into the characters, amping up the emotion. And with R-rated films like “Deadpool” and “The Hangover” scoring at the box office, Muschietti could explore the darker aspects of King's vision, splitting the action into two chapters.

The result for Chapter One in 2017? The highest grossing horror film of all time, and the most successful King adaptation to date.

Past sins now atoned for.

The same could be said about that saga set in a galaxy far, far away.

When George Lucas returned to the “Star Wars” franchise that made him a household name, fans rejoiced. That jubilation quickly turned into cinematic acid reflux with “The Phantom Menace” in 1999, followed by “Attack of the Clones” (2002) and “Revenge of the Sith” (2005). Whatever magic existed in Lucas' original trilogy was long gone. With all of technology's advances, Lucas had forgotten how to tell these stories, make us care.

The franchise sat dormant for a decade...until Disney sent Lucas packing, buying Lucasfilm and

praying “Star Trek” rebooter J.J. Abrams could give fans a rousing, gee-whiz throwback to their youth.

Abrams succeeded. “The Force

Awakens,” still the overall U.S. box-office

champ, expertly recaptured the spirit of “A New Hope” while advancing the saga's family elements into uncharted territories.

As a child of the '70s who grew up on a steady diet of Lucas and Spielberg, the thrill admittedly exists when seeing the Lucasfilm logo splash across the screen. In fact, a good friend seated next to me during 2018's “Solo” chuckled before it began, observing, “Can you believe it? At this age, we're still going to the theater, seeing ‘Star Wars’ movies?”

I smiled, acknowledging, too, that our children now sat beside us.



Advance ticket sales for “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” are lagging behind previous films. Has the excitement dimmed for audiences?

We've had four “Star Wars” films since “The Force Awakens.” Some argue that is *too* much of a good thing. “Solo” underperformed at the box office. “Rogue One” (2016), however, stands tall with the best in the franchise.

Industry pundits note advance ticket sales for “The Rise of Skywalker,” arriving in theaters in December, lag behind its predecessors, although the marketing blitz through TV and social media amps up in the coming weeks.

Have audiences had their “Star Wars” fill? Again, are we having trouble letting go?

Maybe.

And maybe the industry should look closer at the box-office returns for movies that opened Nov. 1. Scan down to fourth place. “Harriet.” The story of the former slave turned abolitionist. Made for a paltry \$17 million, it nabbed nearly \$12 million at the box office. Audiences through Cinemascore gave it an A+. It's a good film, propelled by Cynthia Erivo's Oscar-bound performance.

And, it is a wake-up call.

“Harriet.”

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## NB Library Community Forum

The Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum continues with a look at New Buffalo's early days at 6 p.m. EST Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The speaker is Nick Bogert, a former network TV news producer and Region of Three Oaks Museum board member. The evening begins with the tale of Great Lakes skipper Wessel Whitaker, who ran his ship aground near what is now Grand Beach in an 1834 storm, then went on to found New Buffalo. His dream of creating a major Lake Michigan seaport never materialized. In fact, the town almost disappeared after his death before developing into the resort community it is today.



Bogert

Upcoming FOL programs include: "Unique and Rare Ecosystems to Southwest Michigan" on Tuesday, Dec. 3; and "The World War I Christmas Truce" on Monday, Dec. 9. Follow the Facebook link at [newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org](http://newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org) or email [new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com](mailto:new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com) for more details.

## Harbor Country Hikers

Harbor County Hikers will visit Grand Mere State Park near Stevensville, Mich., at 10 a.m. EST Saturday, Nov. 16.

With nearly 1,000 acres of undeveloped wetlands, woods, sand dunes and beach, Grand Mere has been designated a National Wild Landscape. The program will explore the natural history of the Grand Mere embayment and its wetlands during a one-mile round-trip option on a paved, wheelchair accessible path, or the full three-mile round-trip hike that includes a non-paved trail. Views of Lake Michigan are possible after climbing the dune.

Hikers should wear sturdy shoes, and take water and cold-weather gear, including bright orange or yellow items due to hunting season. The parking lot entrance is on Thornton Drive, which runs parallel to Interstate 94 and can be accessed from Red Arrow Highway by going west on John Beers/Grand Mere Road.

HCH events are open to adults and children accompanied by an adult. Membership costs \$20 for individuals or \$30 for families.

Visit [harborcountryhikers.com](http://harborcountryhikers.com) for details.

## Holiday Cookie Sale

A holiday cookie sale fundraiser is from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Michigan City Senior Center in Washington Park.

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## An Evening of One Acts

Marquette Catholic High School's Drama Department will present "An Evening of One Acts," produced by Amy Crane and directed by students, on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 15-17, at the school's Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, available at the door, are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

The first show, "Whodunit?," is directed by Zoe Olesker (Class of 2020) and written by Anne Coulter Martens.

The cast is:

- Announcer — Jacob Zientarski.
- Thursday — Ava Zientarski.
- Mr. South — Joey Henrich.
- Mrs. South — Quinn Larkin.
- Miss Fancy Blue — Marissa Delgado.
- Junior — Molly Neary.
- Alice — Mary Cate Neary.
- Grandma — Kenzie Losinski.
- Malcolm — Wil Crane.
- Harriet — Nina Kaplan.
- Featherstone — Michael Bim-Merle.
- Jake — Adam Pierzakowski.
- Uncle Eben — Aaron White.
- A Nurse — Madalyn Weiler.
- Wheelchair Bearer — Bob Johnson.
- Young Girl — Maria Hoang.

The crew includes:

- Stage Manager — Beth Wadle.
- Production Manager — Luke Trinks.

The second play, "Who Am I This Time?," is based on an episode from Kurt Vonnegut Jr.'s "Welcome to the Monkey House." Directed by Caitie Gately (Class of 2020), it is written by Christopher Sergej.

The cast includes:

- Harry Nash — Wil Crane.
- Miss Sawyer — Natalia Ruiz.
- Mary — Leah Lawson.
- Newt — Paolo Castillo.
- Helene — Grace Murphy.
- George — Bob Johnson.
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### Fernwood Botanical Garden

The following programs are through Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich.:

• **“Propagating Native Plants from Seed” from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 17.**

Learn about the cycle of perennial plant production from seed to garden, along with tips to successfully grow old favorites. Register by Nov. 15. The cost is \$12, or \$10 for members.

• **“Take a Hike!” from 2:30 to 4 p.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 17.**

The event, held along Fernwood trails, marks Sunday as National Take a Hike Day. Class size is limited, so register in advance. The cost is \$5, while members and children 10 and younger are free.

• **Wine and Wreaths from 3 to 5 or 6 to 8 p.m. EST Wednesday, Nov. 20.**

Participants create a custom 20-inch round wreath with help from Fernwood instructors. Wine and appetizers are included. Reservations can be made for block parties of six or more. The cost is \$48 per person

Call (269) 695-6491 or visit [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org) for more information and to confirm the status of classes.

### Ruth Sabin Community Fund

The Ruth Sabin Home Board of Trustees has made a \$100,000 gift to start the Ruth Sabin Community Fund through Unity Foundation of LaPorte County.

The new fund will provide flexible grants to benefit LaPorte and the county, attracting a \$2 for \$1 match from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc.

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**Service Above Self Awards**



Pictured during the "Service Above Self" awards are (from left) Francisco Rodriguez, Dwayne Brown, Declan Rice and Michelle Sickles.

The Rotary Club of Michigan City on Oct. 31 presented four "Service Above Self" awards.

"Service Above Self" is the national Rotary motto. Those recognized during the program were:

**Teacher of the Year:  
Michelle Sickles**

Sickles has served in many capacities at Edgewood Elementary School, volunteering her time and persuading her husband to help.

This year, she and her teammate started Kindness Academy, now attended each Friday by more than 60 students. They began by sending notes and sweets to the staff to let them know someone cares. Then, they donated winter clothing, shoes and coats to families of Stepping Stone Shelter. They partnered with Operation Fill the Foxhole in Indianapolis to send boxes to those in military deployed overseas. They now are collecting supplies to help

the LaPorte County Animal Shelter.

**Michigan City High School JROTC  
Student of the Year: Declan Rice**

Rice was born in China, moved to the U.S. as an infant and graduated from Renaissance Academy. He has been an active member of JROTC, being on the drill team, participating in numerous parades and ceremonies, earning the highest grade point average and boasting 90 hours of community service.

**Firefighter of the Year: Dwayne Brown**

In addition to performing his job, he provides unsolicited support and service to new recruits and existing staff members. He not only attends training during his off hours, but during training sessions, he quickly discerns the individual needs of colleagues and moves efficiently to provide key information, recommendations and/or direction. His colleagues praise his positive attitude.

Brown also serves as a pastor and volunteer for his church.

**Police Officer of the Year:  
Francisco Rodriguez**

Cpl. Rodriguez is a 14-year veteran of the Michigan City Police Department, currently assigned as an investigator/ supervisor with the LaPorte County Drug Task Force.

Over the past year, he has focused not only on riding the community of illegal drugs, but also those individuals who illegally possess firearms.

This year, he has been key to directing a successful drug unit, directed training for rookie officers and presented training courses to help the continuing education of officers and investigators.

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## Indiana Dunes National Park

The following programs are planned:

- **The Save the Tunes Council performs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.**

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

- **Drop-In Volunteer Program from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16.**

Projects focus on preserving the park's natural and cultural resources. Dress for the weather, and be prepared to walk off trail. All equipment and protective gear, including gloves and eye protection, will be provided. Meet at The Park Connection volunteer office, which is adjacent to the main Chellberg Farm parking lot.

- **Playdate in the Nature Play Zone from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at The Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.**

Explore Miller Woods, build a fort, climb a tree, create nature art and feed the resident fish, turtles, snakes, toads and frogs. Dress for the weather.

- **Miller Woods Hike from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 24 at Paul H. Douglas Center.**

The ranger-led stroll explores a rare black oak savanna, with views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 for more information.

## Indiana Dunes State Park

The following programs are offered:

- **Bird Buffet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.**

Help the naturalist fill the feeders at the nature center, and learn how to attract birds to a backyard.

- **Edible Fall Mushrooms from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.**

State-certified mushroom expert David "Chris" Christensen leads the program that meets at the nature center, followed by a moderate hike to look for fungi.

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

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## Pledging Their Support



Homeward Bound Inc. presented a \$25,000 check to Interfaith Community PADS during an event to raise awareness of the capital fund drive. The money will help renovate Sacred Heart Church into a permanent emergency shelter, with separate levels for men and women. Homeward Bound Board President Kathleen Kelly and Treasurer John VanderWagen presented the check to Director Harrison Holtkamp, Treasurer Andy Sperling and Director Ed Merrion.

## Preview PNW

Purdue University Northwest will host a free Preview PNW event so high school students and their families can learn more about the university.

The event is at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, with check-in at 8 a.m., at the James B. Dworkin Student Services and Activities Complex, 1401 U.S. 421.

Attendees tour the campus and learn about: undergraduate programs; campus life; the admissions process, financial aid and available scholarships; NCAA Division II athletics; PNW's Honors College; and study abroad opportunities.

Registration is encouraged at [www.pnw.edu/preview](http://www.pnw.edu/preview).



### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail.)

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

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

## Westchester Public Library

The following programs are available:

- **NorthShore Health Center free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 14, at Hageman Library, 100 Francis St., Porter.**

Interested patrons also can receive help calculating Body Mass Index.

- **Inquiring Minds: Living Your Best Life with Type 2 Diabetes from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Hageman Library.**

Leading the program is Marjie Laciak, who has been a community pharmacist for more than 17 years and the education director at DiabetesMark, a diabetes-education platform. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-9080.

- **Music at the Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Westchester Township Museum, 700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton.**

The Flashbacks will perform. Members are: Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders and fiddle; Julietta Raby, playing fiddle, mandolin and guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukulele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer and guitar.

- **Bouquet Gardening: Growing and Arranging Garden Flowers from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Thomas Branch Bertha Wood Meeting Room, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton.**

Advanced Master Gardener Jill Kilhefner sheds light on growing a cutting garden, conditioning flowers to prolong their beauty in arrangements and the basics of flower arranging. Registration is required by calling (219) 926-7696.

- **Saturday Crafternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 16, at Hageman Library.**

Children ages 2-5 can make a seasonal craft with Miss Ronnie.

- **Knitting Together from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Westchester Township museum.**

Area knitters, and those who crochet or do needlework, are invited.

- **Maker Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, in the Thomas Library upstairs IT classroom.**

Local software engineer Adam Johnson will lead a hands-on program, appropriate for patrons 12 and older, about Arduino circuit devices.

- **Minecraft Meet-up at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Thomas Library.**

Registration is required in person. The WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct must be signed upon registration as well. Parents are welcome to attend, but required for youth 10 and younger.

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## Chesterton Art Center

The following programs are through Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St.:



An example of what children will make during Cookies and Canvas.

• **The November Cookies and Canvas on Friday, Nov. 15.**

Children ages 3-7 can attend from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and ages 8 and older from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program includes an 8x10 fox-themed stretched canvas painting, as well as cookies and juice.

The cost is \$10 per child, or \$5 for members. All interested students must register and pay no later than Thursday, Nov. 14.

• **Leona Jurincie's four-week Beginning-to-Advanced Watercolor Class from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 15.**

Jurincie will lead students through watercolor techniques and styles. The cost is \$95, with members receiving a \$20 discount. Supplies are not included. Jurincie will discuss them with all beginners to start the class.

• **Two Leona Jurincie sessions of a Holiday Mini Ink & Watercolor Workshop.**

The first is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16, then the same time Tuesday, Nov. 19. Students will create small holiday paintings using watercolor, and pen and ink. The finished project can be inserted into a miniature frame. A supply list will be provided (frames are not included). The cost is \$55, with members receiving a \$20 discount.

• **Holiday Jewelry Open Studio with Caroline Hatch from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.**

The event is open to adults and children 8 and older (children must be accompanied by an adult). Participants can buy a kit to create a bracelet or necklace in adult or child-appropriate lengths.

Register prior to class. The cost is \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members. Additional costs include: child bracelet, \$6; adult bracelet, \$8; child necklace, \$8; and adult necklace, \$10.

The average item will take fewer than 30 minutes to create. Students can drop in any time between noon and 2 p.m.

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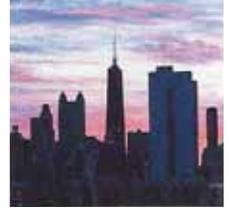
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## American Red Cross

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

- Conservation Club House, 1 Mill Pond Road, Union Mills, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.
- St. John Kanty, 7012 N. County Road 600 East, Rolling Prairie, 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19.
- Blue Chip Casino, 777 Blue Chip Drive, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19.
- A.K. Smith Career Center, 817 Lafayette St., 7:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19.

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](http://redcrossblood.org) for more details.

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### Gilded Age Program

A program on "Old Japan and the American Gilded Age" is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St.

Americans were fascinated with Japan in the late 19th century. Numerous wealthy Americans traveled there beginning in the 1870s, collecting art and artifacts, and learning about Japanese culture. Many Americans saw Japanese culture as a solution to the excesses and problems of the American Gilded Age. As a result, Japanese art and culture had a strong influence on upper-class American culture.

That influence also is found in the Barker family's extensive collection of Japanese art and artifacts, much of which has never been seen by the public. That includes looking through the same photographs and books on Japan the Barkers collected in the 1890s. Also, learn about the Japanese garden the Barkers commissioned for the mansion in 1909.

The program consists of a lecture and partial tour. The cost is \$2. Reservations are not necessary; however, tickets can be purchased at the door or through Eventbrite.

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## Plastic Bag Exchange

Solid Waste District of LaPorte County will host a plastic bag exchange from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Al's, 3535 Franklin St.

Take plastic bags, shrink wrap, newspaper bags or case wrapping from water bottles to exchange for a reusable bag. Plastic films/bags can be recycled year-round at the SWD office, 2857 W. Indiana 2, LaPorte.

## Early Aviation in Indiana Dunes

Historical Society of Ogden Dunes will host an open house and program, "Early Aviation in Indiana Dunes," on Sunday, Nov. 17, at Hour Glass Museum, 8 Lupine Lane.

The open house is at 2 p.m., followed by the program at 4 p.m. Simine Short will provide the introduction, followed by Paul Nelson's program.

Visit [www.odhistory.org](http://www.odhistory.org) for details.

## Harbor Country Book Club

Harbor Country Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. EST Thursday, Nov. 21, at New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

The selection is Lisa Wingate's "Before We Were Yours." The club does not meet December through March.

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## Activities to Explore

### In the Area:

**Nov. 14** — Holiday cookie sale fundraiser, 4-6:30 p.m., Michigan City Senior Center, Washington Park. Cost: \$5/dozen.

**Nov. 14-18** — Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. *Now showing:* “Give Me Liberty.” Not Rated. In English and Russian with subtitles. Times: 6 p.m. Fri.-Mon. *Also:* “Pain and Glory.” Rated R. In Spanish with subtitles. Times: 7 p.m. Thur., 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sat.-Sun. *Also:* “Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice.” Rated PG-13. Time: 3 p.m. Thur. All times Eastern. Info: [www.vickerstheatre.com](http://www.vickerstheatre.com), (269) 756-3522.

**Nov. 15** — “Old Japan and the American Gilded Age,” 6-8 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$2. Tickets: @ door, Eventbrite. Info: [www.barkermansion.com](http://www.barkermansion.com)

**Nov. 15** — Boys & Girls Club Wine Tasting Event, 6-9 p.m., Shady Creek Winery, 2030 Tryon Road. Tickets: \$50. Reservations: [www.bgclubmc.org](http://www.bgclubmc.org).

**Nov. 15** — LaPorte Community Concert Association, Double-Double Duo, 7 p.m., Kesling Middle School Auditorium, 306 E. 18th St., LaPorte. Tickets @ door: \$15/adults, \$5/students. Info: (219) 362-8262.

**Nov. 15** — Save the Tunes Council, 7:30-9 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882.

**Nov. 15** — Youth Service Bureau Comedy Night 2019, 8-10 p.m., Silver Palace, 1719 State St., LaPorte. Tickets: \$25. Reservations: [www.secure.qgiv.com/for/unitedwaylpc/event/794888/](http://www.secure.qgiv.com/for/unitedwaylpc/event/794888/)

**Nov. 15** — The Furious Bongos Play Zappa, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn, 107 Generation Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Cost: \$20. Reservations: [www.acornlive.org](http://www.acornlive.org)

**Nov. 15-17** — Marquette Catholic High School Drama Department, “An Evening of One Acts,” MQT Rudy Hart Theatre, 306 W. 10th St. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets @ door: \$8/adults, \$4/students & seniors. Info: (219) 873-1325.

**Nov. 15-17** — Michigan City High School Theater Department, “Ghost the Musical,” high school auditorium, 8466 Pahl Road. Times: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets @ door.

**Nov. 16** — Harbor County Hikers, 10 a.m. EST, Grand Mere State Park near Stevensville, Mich. Info: [www.harborcountryhikers.com](http://www.harborcountryhikers.com)

**Nov. 16** — Bird Buffet, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Nov. 16** — Pokemon Go Community Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Nov. 16** — LaPour Brew & Wine Fest, 2-6 p.m., LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Tickets: \$15-\$60. Reservations: [www.events.ontaptickets.com](http://www.events.ontaptickets.com)

**Nov. 17** — Edible Fall Mushrooms, 10:30 a.m.-

12:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

**Nov. 17** — Films on DVD Series: “Yesterday,” 2 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

**Nov. 19** — “The Man Who Killed Belle Gunness (Part 1),” 7 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Free. Info: (219) 324-6767.

**Nov. 19** — Friends of New Buffalo Library Community Forum (New Buffalo’s early days), 6 p.m. EST, library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: new.buffalo.FOL@gmail.com

### In the Region

**Nov. 17** — “Propagating Native Plants from Seed,” 1-2:30 p.m. EST, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Mich. Cost: \$12, \$10/members. Registration: (269) 695-6491, [www.fernwoodbotanical.org](http://www.fernwoodbotanical.org)

**Nov. 17** — Meet-the-artist reception, oils by Jeffrey Baumgartner, 1:30 p.m., The Village Gallery @ Pine Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso. Info: (219) 465-1591.

**Nov. 17** — Historical Society of Ogden Dunes open house/program, “Early Aviation in Indiana Dunes,” 2 p.m., Hour Glass Museum, 8 Lupine Lane. Info: [www.odhistory.org](http://www.odhistory.org)

**Nov. 17** — Open Mic Night (host: Twin City String Band), 7-9 p.m. EST, The Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Donations accepted. Performer signup: [nikki@boxfactoryforthearts.org](mailto:nikki@boxfactoryforthearts.org)

**Nov. 19** — River Valley Garden Club, 1 p.m. EST, River Valley Senior Center, 13321 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Info: [www.rivervalleygardenclub.org](http://www.rivervalleygardenclub.org)

### Support Groups

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

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

**Thursdays** — Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families, 6:15 p.m., Franciscan Health Michigan City, Maria Theresia Conference Room C, 3500 Franciscan Way. Info: (219) 801-1296.

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

**On November 14, 1832**, the world's first street-car — called the “John Mason” — made its debut in New York. Thirty people could be accommodated in the three compartments of each car, which was drawn by two horses, and traveled on tracks laid on Fourth Avenue.

**On November 14, 1851**, *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville was first published in the United States.

**On November 14, 1889**, *New York World* reporter Nellie Bly began her attempt to top the fictitious voyage of Jules Verne's Philas Fogg by traveling around the world in less than 80 days. She completed the journey in 72 days.

**On November 14, 1968**, Yale University announced it was going co-educational.

**On November 14, 1996**, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin died in Chicago of cancer; he was 68.

**On November 15, 1887**, artist Georgia O'Keeffe was born near Sun Prairie, Wis.

**On November 15, 1926**, The National Broadcasting Co. went on the air with 24 radio stations. The first broadcast, from the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf Astoria, featured opera stars Mary Garden and Tito Ruffa, the New York Symphony Orchestra, Will Rogers, Weber and Fields, and many others.

**On November 15, 1958**, while filming a movie in Spain, 44-year-old actor Tyrone Power died of a heart attack.

**On November 15, 1966**, Gemini 12 astronauts James Lovell and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

**On November 16, 1864**, the army of Union Civil War Gen. William Sherman began its destructive “march to the sea.”

**On November 16, 1901**, in a race on Brooklyn's Ocean Parkway, a car driven by A.C. Bostwick became the first automobile to exceed the speed of a mile a minute.

**On November 16, 1908**, conductor Arturo Toscanini made his U.S. debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera House.

**On November 16, 1959**, “The Sound of Music” opened on Broadway.

**On November 17, 1800**, Congress convened for its first session in Washington, meeting in the partially completed Capitol building.

**On November 17, 1869**, with great pomp and cir-

cumstances, the Suez Canal, linking the Mediterranean and Red Seas, was formerly opened. Aboard the first ship to traverse the channel was the Emperor Franz Josef of Austria-Hungary, the Empress Eugenie of France, and the Khedive of Egypt.

**On November 17, 1926**, the Chicago Blackhawks played their first hockey game, beating Toronto 4-0.

**On November 17, 1968**, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the end of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin a TV special, "Heidi," on schedule. The Raiders beat the Jets, 43-32.

**On November 18, 1805**, in Wiscasset, Maine, 30 women gathered at the home of Mrs. Silas Lee to organize the Female Charitable Society, supposed to have been the first women's club in America.

**On November 18, 1865**, author Samuel Clemens, using the pen name "Mark Twain," published his famous story, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, in New York's *Saturday Press*.

**On November 18, 1883**, in an effort to eliminate a plethora of local time regions across the continent, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time Zones.

**On November 18, 1928**, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," the first animated-cartoon talking picture, appeared on the screen of New York City's Colony Theatre. This was the show that marked the debut of Mickey Mouse.

**On November 19, 1874**, William Marcy Tweed, the political "boss" of New York's Tammany Hall, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for defrauding the city of \$6 million.

**On November 19, 1893**, *The New York World* became the first newspaper to issue a color supplement: four pages printed in five colors.

**On November 19, 1954**, the New Jersey Toll Road Authority installed the first automatic toll collector.

**On November 19, 1959**, Ford Motor Co. announced a halt to production of the "Edsel," a medium priced car proven to be a marketing disaster.

**On November 19, 1976**, a federal judge in San Francisco released newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst on \$1.5 million bail while she appealed her bank robbery conviction.

**On November 20, 1620**, Peregrine White became the first child born to English parents in the New World. He was born aboard the Mayflower, the day after it arrived off Cape Cod.

**On November 20, 1914**, a regulation requiring photographs on passports took effect.

**On November 20, 1947**, England's Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten were married in London's Westminster Abbey.

**On November 20, 1967**, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.




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The two local dropoff sites are:

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- Calvary Chapel New Buffalo, 1615 E. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, Mich. Hours are (all times Eastern): Nov. 18-19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Nov. 20, noon-2 p.m.; Nov. 21, 5-7 p.m.; Nov. 22, 5-8 p.m.; Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Nov. 24, noon-2:30 p.m.; and Nov. 25, 9-11 a.m.

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

**The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes** (hardcover, \$28 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook. 387 pages)

*“The WPA’s Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky program ran from 1935 to 1943. At its height it brought books to more than a hundred thousand rural inhabitants. No program like it has ever been set up since.”*

Jojo Moyes, author of the bestselling Me Before You, has entered the realm of historical fiction that takes us to eastern Kentucky in the late 1930s: a place of great beauty and great sadness. The people are dirt poor, most depending on the coal mines for jobs, others on the moonshine they make and sell. It’s no wonder they are fearful of strangers — and Alice has that clipped British accent...

Her name is Alice Van Cleve, nee Wright, originally from England, now living with her husband, Bennett, and his father in rural Kentucky. Not exactly what she expected after the handsome Bennett swept into her life and offered her marriage, and a chance to get away from her stuffy life in Essex, England.

Alice is in for a surprise.

Although the Van Cleves are mine owners, their home is in a small town called Baileyville. Not the social life and amenities of, say, Louisville. And, there is another problem for the newlyweds...no honeymoon. Nothing. Nada. No physical contact at all. And the Van Cleves are gone every day to the mine office, so it doesn’t take Alice long to see how subservient Bennett is to his father. It is as if her husband loses his speech and looks at his shoes in his father’s presence.

Alice, on the other hand, had nothing to do: the maid, Annie, resents her. She can’t touch anything that belongs to the elder Van Cleve’s dead wife, and can’t enter the kitchen to do any cooking. Alice also learns social rank means nothing to the fact that women are totally under the control of their “men-folk.” Time for revolt.

One night, a community meeting is held to discuss Eleanor Roosevelt’s “packhorse libraries” to get books and magazines to people in the far reaches of the county. There are objections to women on horses all hours of the day: some angry comments, some funny:

*“I ain’t letting my lady ride up in no mountain...”*

*“You just afraid she won’t come back again, Henry Porteous?”*

*“You can have mine. I’d be more’n happy if she rode off and never come home!”*

What does she have to lose? Alice signs up, as

well as several other women. It is a start — both for the library and for Alice in particular.

Her first friend is Margery O’Hare, a free-thinking, stubborn, totally self-sufficient woman who teaches Alice about life in Kentucky and, well, life.

Joining the librarians are Izzy, Beth and a black woman, Sophia, who worked in Louisville in the “colored library.” These women form a bond no man can break. They laugh and cry together, helping each other when the need arises. Fred Guisler gives the library an old building behind his house, and the library gets weekly boxes from the WPA; some books have loose binding that need sewing, or ripped pages from magazines where someone wanted to keep a recipe.

The Van Cleves, the old man particularly, is livid his daughter-in-law rides all over the hills and valleys of the county delivering books to poor families. But after a physical altercation, she leaves the house, with no objection from Bennett...

Riding the hills, Alice falls in love with the beautiful countryside, and eventually gets people to warm to her and her English accent.

Things go along fairly well, until someone finds out a “little blue book” is being passed among the women. It is

written by a doctor about the physicalities of being married, but some men find it godless and a reason to shut down the library.

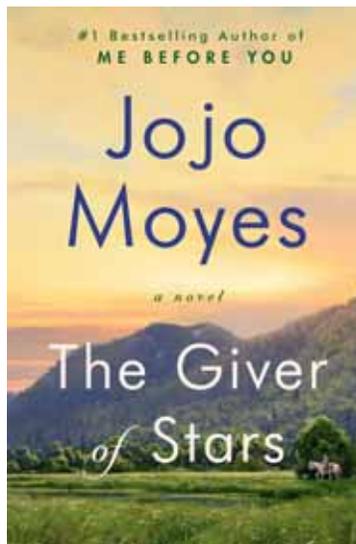
But then the rain comes — and comes — and the river rises — people and their houses are in danger of being swept away. The librarians save their books and many families from drowning. I was biting my fingernails reading of the fury of the rising river and the heroic efforts of the women.

Moyes explains in shocking detail how the mine owners take full advantage of the Kentucky people, buying up mineral rights on their land, then giving them jobs with a paycheck they can only spend at company stores.

This was a time when blood feuds ran deep, prejudices still very evident, and introducing new ideas is akin to civil war. Ummm...did I forget to mention a murder?

Moyes does a tremendous job of laying out the mores and social structure of the time and place without demeaning the people. She gives a vivid mental picture of how they were shaped by the land they so loved. It’s educational and heartwarming, a story to savor over and over again, and it’s a perfect read to start the holiday season.

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