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Leaving a Legacy in Local Radio

by Andrew Tallackson

Shortly before WEFM goes live with “Fun in Michiana,” the show’s hosts are in a playful mood.

The Saturday morning staple on the Michigan City radio station (95.9 FM) is on location, everyone camped out at Three Sheets Bar & Grill, 227 W. Barker Ave. The tavern is fairly crowded. It hums with a cacophony of laughter and conversation.

Station Manager Ron Miller rattles off a series of jokes he’s found on popsicle sticks, eliciting mostly groans from those by him. That includes “Fun in Michiana” cohosts Dave Dabagia and Lou Weber.

Or “Uncle Lou,” as he is so affectionately known. The two flank the individual they’ll interview in between musical selections piped in from the station. The guest is a key office holder seeking re-election in Michigan City. Weber loves talking politics, so the person seated before him is right up his alley.

Minutes before receiving the cue to commence with the show, Lou is asked by *The Beacher* how he earned his nickname of “Uncle Lou.” He pauses, mulls it over a bit, then offers a confession.

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Lou Weber interviews a political candidate seeking re-election during a recent “Fun in Michiana” program. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

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“You know,” he says reluctantly, “I don’t know.”

Miller pipes in — “You were ‘Uncle Lou’ when you joined us at WEFM” — followed by Dabagia, who adds, “He’s always been ‘Uncle Lou’.”

Now, it’s time to get serious. Weber, microphone firm in his grip, kicks off the program, welcoming listeners and introducing his guest. The conversation is off to a strong start. Any noises or distractions within Three Sheets Bar & Grill don’t phase Weber. His attention is firmly placed on the person before him.

Dabagia’s take on Weber’s nickname speaks volumes. Some people, over time, become such fixtures in a community, their status, any terms of endearment attached to them, simply become accepted without question.

And now, the 89-year-old Weber is nearing the end of his journey with WEFM. Retirement from local radio, after about 35 years in the field, has come calling. Saturday, Nov. 4, will mark his last “Fun in

Michiana” show, the program set to feature another political guest, this time at Galveston Steakhouse, 10 Commerce Square.

He’s going to miss it, of course, but some of the traveling required of the program has become difficult for him, especially in winter.

So how did Weber, a retired Indiana State Police trooper who, along with fellow officer Edward Burke, was key to establishing the State Police Intelligence Section, come to forge a career in local radio?

The answer, as the Beatles tune goes, was a long and winding road.

The South Bend native of proud Polish heritage was an only child to parents who worked, so he spent much of his formative years with his grandparents in a Polish neighborhood of South Bend. His grandparents were, by definition, “colorful” folk. His grandmother, for instance, kept a watchful on him when he was just 6 or 7. Not because of any issues or troubles with neighborhood children, but because his grandfather would send him out to a nearby tavern, bucket in hand, to have tavern staff fill it with beer for him.

He attended Holy Cross Catholic School in South Bend and later South Bend Central Catholic High School. After graduation, many of his buddies attended The University of Notre Dame. He applied, but lacked strong grades to be admitted. So, he embarked on a two-year program at South Bend College of Commerce, where he studied accounting. It was where he met his future wife, Janet, also of Polish ancestry. They married in 1956 at Saint Hedwig Catholic Church in South Bend. He was drafted in military service amid the Korean War, and after basic training remained for two years, serving as an instructor on using howitzer guns. Upon returning home, he



Dave Dabagia, seen here with Lou Weber, will continue “Fun in Michiana” after Weber retires.

entered the Army Reserves.

The trend at the time for people like him, he says, was to begin a career with state police, and that's precisely what he did. After going through Indiana State Police Academy, he was stationed at the Dunes Park Post headquarters in Chesterton before it moved to Lowell. And it was through state police that his path crossed with Burke. His investigations ranged from those involved with gambling to narcotics and other drugs.

After a 30-year career with Indiana State Police, he officially retired on July 31, 1989. He then briefly opened Weber and Associates Inc., a private detective agency, but the work, Weber says, wasn't worth it, adding with a laugh that it was mostly chasing "philandering husbands."



Lou Weber, photographed as an Indiana State Police trooper in the early 1960s.

So how did someone like Weber, with a long, storied career in law enforcement, shift gears to become a local radio personality? Well, about two years or so before retiring from Indiana State Police, Weber met Roger Juby, who at the time was with WIMS Radio. They met, in fact, through the Michigan City Exchange Club. The two discovered they shared a love of classic Big Band music. Weber's own appreciation of the music stemmed from hearing it often as a child, his father tending bar at a South Bend social club where Big Band favorites thrived.

When Juby invited Weber to join him on his Saturday morning show, he accepted the offer.

"We'd talk (on air) about all kinds of stuff: accidents, politics, new laws," he said, "and we'd play music. We loved Big Band music."

The radio show eventually morphed into "Fun in Michiana" and switched stations from WIMS to WEFM. Taking the program on the road became a cornerstone of its programming, its schedule of stops booked solid throughout the year, and not only taverns, but also at groups like Michiana Humane Society, events like Hesston Steam Show and the boat show in Washington Park, and businesses like Brandt's Old Fashion Emporium. Local Realtor Jane "The Hat Lady" Cooley was a frequent guest. Anywhere Juby and Weber could kick back, interview community members and, of course, play some great old tunes.

Juby had hosted his radio show for 30 years when he retired. He passed away at age 81 on June 23, 2007.

Weber kept "Fun in Michiana" going after Juby

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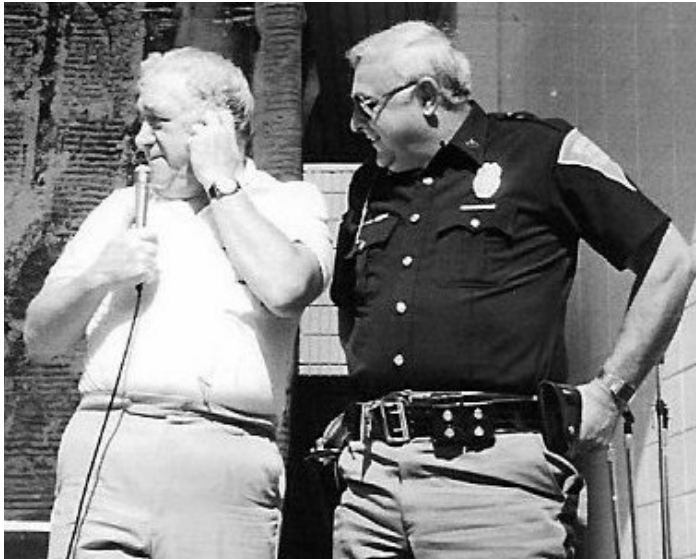
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retired. Eventually, Dabagia came on board as his cohost.

What has Dabagia admired about Weber?

“His spirit, and his positive outlook on life and everything,” he replied. “We’ve become really good friends over the years.”

Miller has nothing but praise for what Weber has brought to “Fun in Michiana” over the years.



Roger Juby, seen here over the years with Lou Weber, was instrumental in bringing him on the radio show.

“When Roger (Juby) retired, he was the logical person to step in,” Miller said of Weber. “He’s really easygoing. He gets along with everyone. He’s well-known in the community, and he brought a certain stability to the show. Once Roger retired, people thought the show would die, but it just continued through him.”

And with Weber retiring, the legacy of “Fun in Michiana” continues through Dabagia, who will remain with it, a new cohost yet to be announced. It is a testament to everything Juby, Weber and Dabagia achieved with the program that, according to Miller, it already has half its shows booked for 2024.



Lou met his wife, Janet, while attending South Bend College of Commerce.

“It’s a local show, and that’s why it has endured for so long,” Miller said. “It has been part of the community for so long that people feel it’s part of their Saturday morning routine, to find out what’s going on in their community.”

Don’t count Weber completely out, by the way. He may pop up at a show from time to time, especially if someone approaches him about it, summer shows especially.

(He lives in Michigan City’s Village Green neighborhood, before then having lived in The Pines. His wife passed away from cancer in 2000. Their daughter, Luann, is a Rogers High School graduate.)

Weber will always have those memories of the people he met, the stories they shared, while doing the “Fun in Michiana” show.

“I *will* miss doing it,” he says. “I loved doing political shows, and I loved meeting people. I made so many friends. So many people over the years.”

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WEFM Station Manager Ron Miller is photographed with Lou Weber shortly before “Fun in Michiana” begins. Photo by Andrew Tallackson

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Positivity Prevails in the Face of the Unexpected

by Kim Nowatzke



Valerie Wallace poses with her new Little Free Library in front of her Valentine Court home. Photo by Kim Nowatzke.

When Valerie Wallace's good for the community took an unexpected turn, she demonstrated forgiveness and forged ahead with an inspiring positive attitude.

Her first custom-designed Little Free Library was taken from the front yard of her Michigan City home, but she refused to yield to negativity and replaced the book-sharing box with another just as original and charming.

Wallace had known about Little Free Libraries for a long time when she and her husband, Marc Monaghan, moved here from Chicago about three years ago.

"It seemed like a natural extension" to add one to the front yard of their home at 110 Valentine Court, she told *The Beacher* in an October 2022 interview.

According to www.littlefreelibrary.org, Little Free Libraries began in 2009 when Todd Bol of Hudson, Wis., built a model of a schoolhouse, filled it with free books and placed it on a post in his front yard. It was a tribute to his mother — a teacher who loved reading — and an instant hit with his neighbors and friends. Now, there are more than 150,000 registered Little Free Libraries in more than 120 countries. More than 300 million books have been registered through Little Free Libraries, whose simple mission is, "Take a Book. Share a Book."

Our community is fortunate enough to house several Little Free Libraries, thanks to not only homeowners like Wallace and Monaghan, but also non-profits and businesses committed to the philanthropic effort. Locations of registered sites can be found on the website and mobile app.

There also are building kits available through the Little Free Library website, but Wallace was looking for something more out of the ordinary. Responding to a search for "cabinets" on Facebook Marketplace, she discovered an antique Victor Victrola cabinet the seller bought at an auction. Already in good shape, she mostly needed to just add a back panel.

Next, she added about seven layers of waterproofing materials, including linseed oil and polyurethane to weatherproof it.

Because of its unusual design, the library could accommodate magazines and larger books in its lower record slots, while the smaller compartments were perfect for smaller reading materials.

She introduced the new library to the community on Oct. 9, 2022, through the "Michigan City, Indiana" Facebook page with the message, "Bring a book/take a book at my Little Free Library on Valentine near Franklin. Yes, this is a Victrola cabinet! Some gems here already!"

The positive reception included comments from

those looking forward to filling it up with books, and how others could now appreciate the beautiful and now useful antique. Some thanked Wallace for her “beautiful heart” and gift to the community.

Michigan City resident Tia Marsh commented on the page, “Thank you for your poise and generosity. Our community is blessed to have you as a member.” She told *The Beacher*, “I love when I see people simply loving out loud. I love to affirm those moments.”

The Victrola cabinet also was featured on the “littlefreelibrary Instagram page (tinyurl.com/8eck3nfn), with the message, “For the RECORD, we think this Victrola cabinet turned Little Free Library book-sharing box is pretty cool.” It garnered 3,616 likes.

After the post, Wallace noted she saw an increase in the number of people visiting her library to drop off and take books in what she considers her “walking neighborhood.”

Then, it happened.

On Nov. 3, she discovered her Little Free Library was stolen the night before.

“I was sort of shocked when it was gone one morning, but realized someone must have needed an old Victrola cabinet more than me,” Wallace shared. “The back of it was plywood, and the whole thing was covered in several coats of deck and boat varnish, so probably not so attractive in the light of day when they got it home. I hope they enjoyed some of the books that were inside!”

And, the community rallied around her.

“My neighbors and friends were so empathetic, and people online were as well,” she said. “A few people offered to help me find another cabinet, and someone else offered to help secure the next one, which was lovely.”

Wallace’s idea of a refurbished rabbit hutch turned out just as original and ingenious as the first.

“The idea came when I saw the rabbit hutch for sale on Facebook Marketplace. I’d been on the hunt for some kind of sturdy and interesting piece for this purpose,” she explained. “The two things I like best about it are that the roof is slanted, and it has four doors to open, so visitors can have a kind of ‘cabinet of curiosities’ experience.”

Wallace said the family that sold it no longer needed it because they decided to bring their rabbits inside their home.

“While I refurbished it,” she added, “I decided to

keep some of the rabbit-chewed areas, which you can see on the doors.”

Inspired by a dog-leash hook offered on the Little Free Library website, Wallace fashioned her own on the side of her library with supplies from a hardware store.

On Aug. 22, 2023, she debuted her new library to the “Michigan City, Indiana” Facebook page with the message: “My new Little Free Library is bigger

and better! And hopefully un-kidnappable. This refurbished rabbit hutch has new cement feet, a dog leash hook and four doors of books for everyone! Come take a book, leave a book! (Or more).”

Amy Bowman, who is a neighbor of Wallace’s, replied how happy she was to see the replacement. The owner of Good News Vintage in Michigan City, she helped fill it with a stack of vintage children’s books.

Asked why she decided to install a Little

Free Library, Wallace previously told *The Beacher*, “I love to read, and I think they are cool.”

Explaining that there’s something for everyone in her library, she continued, “Books expand your world. They do it from internally out. I love being a part of keeping that going.”

Today, her passion for Little Free Libraries, reading and impacting her corner of her world in a wonderful way hasn’t changed.

“I’m all for anything that supports a positive pause in someone’s day,” she said, “and the sense of community and sharing books with each other that Little Free Libraries promotes makes me happy, and is a win-win for everyone.”



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Unity Foundation Announces 2024 Lilly Scholarship Finalists



The students are (top row) Vanessa DeWitt (from left), Amelia Jaracz, Megan Lambert, Stephanie Leon and Tatiana Miller. The bottom row is (from left) Alivia Rocke, Olivia Ruiz, Brayden Sobecki, Ashley Sparks and Miranda Wozniak.

Unity Foundation of LaPorte County has revealed the 10 local high-school seniors named as LaPorte County finalists for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

Two finalists will be selected as 2024 scholars. They each receive a full-tuition scholarship to pursue a baccalaureate degree at any accredited public or private Indiana college or university, and an annual

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The finalists are:

- Vanessa DeWitt, South Central High School.
- Amelia Jaracz, La Lumiere School.
- Megan Lambert, LaPorte High School.
- Stephanie Leon, LaPorte High School.
- Tatiana Miller, Michigan City High School.
- Alivia Rocke, South Central High School.
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- Brayden Sobecki, LaPorte High School.
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- Miranda Wozniak, Tri-Township High School.

A committee of local volunteers reviewed the applications in a blind process. Finalists were selected based on academic achievement, service to others, extracurricular activities and, to a lesser extent, financial need. The committee then interviewed each finalist. Nominees and alternate names will be submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc., the program's statewide administrator, for the final selection, which will be announced in December.



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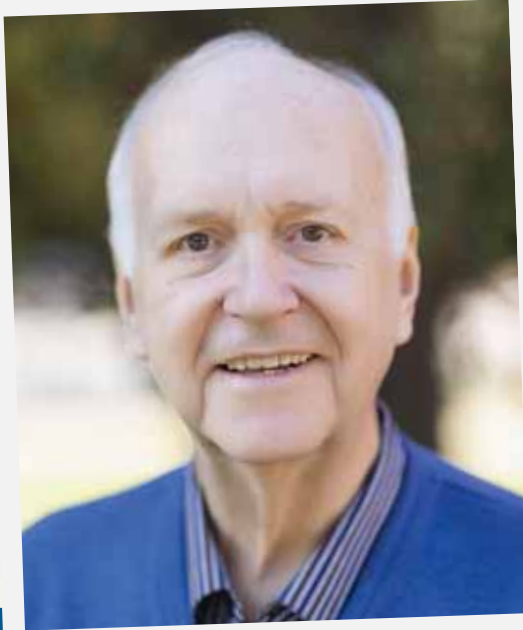
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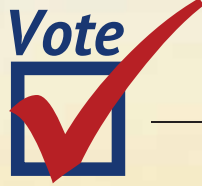
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Studebaker Special to be Displayed at South Bend Museum

The Studebaker National Museum has acquired the No. 34 Studebaker Special, one of five Studebaker factory-built Indianapolis 500 race cars that competed in the 1932 and 1933 Indianapolis 500s.

Studebaker five-car entry in the 1932 Indianapolis 500 was one of the race's largest factory-backed efforts. The cars were powered by Studebaker's 337 cubic-inch President inline eight-cylinder engine, and featured other chassis components sourced from Studebaker's parts bins. The Studebaker team's top finisher took third place, with the rest of the team placing 6th, 13th, 15th and 16th.

The Studebaker team returned for the 1933 race with new streamlined bodies designed with the aid of a wind tunnel. The No. 34 car finished a team-best 7th, and took home \$1,300 in prize money.

The No. 34 Studebaker Special is the only surviving factory car with its streamlined 1933 coachwork. After its racing career was over, the car passed



through several owners before being acquired by industrial designer Brooks Stevens in 1957. He gave the car an extensive restoration and placed it in his private museum in Mequon, Wis. In 1996, August Grasis of Kansas City, Mo., purchased the car after Stevens' death. The Grasis family has campaigned the car in numerous vintage racing events since then, most recently competing in the 2021 Weathertech International Challenge at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis.

Acquiring a Studebaker Indy Car has been a top priority of the Studebaker National Museum for several decades. The museum will showcase it in a special exhibit in summer 2024.

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A Time in Your Life

Before my friends and I scatter to warm places for the winter, it's our habit to get together for one last Girls Night Out.

Sometimes, we hit a favorite restaurant, but the preferred location is in someone's cozy living room or sunporch. As often happens when friends with shared history gather, once we've caught up on health issues, children, grandkids and upcoming travel, we reminisce. "Remember when...?" turns into reliving hilarious anecdotes, embarrassing moments and poignant memories.

After all of us have settled in with our drinks and snacks, one of the women, Nancy, is known to challenge us with a thought-provoking probe. Such as, if you were given a chance to alter the outcome of an event in your life, what would that be?

Usually, we are good sports about these conversation starters because it leads to compelling dialogue, but sometimes the query is met with groans and eye rolls. Not every monthly outing needs to be a panel discussion; sometimes, all that is desired is a glass of wine and comfortable camaraderie.

But during our October coming together, when Nancy clinked her glass and commanded everyone's attention, she posed a question that caused the room to grow as still as a confessional.

"If you could return to a time in your life and re-

That Girl, This Life

Julie McGue



live it, what would that be. And why?"

Heads bowed and eyes glazed over as our collective minds hit rewind. The hostess for the evening stood and wagged her finger.

"Before we dive in, Nancy, I'm opening another bottle of wine."

I, for one, needed the liquid diversion, not to loosen my tongue, but to buy more time. I had come up with a few scenarios, but the "why" was tricking me up.

"All right, then," Nancy said. "While you pour, I'll start us off since I've had more time to reflect on the question."

Many of us in the room had shared a decades-long friendship with Nancy. We were privy to the struggles in her marriage and as a parent. Relieved it wasn't me getting the discussion under way, I sat back and sipped my wine as Nancy cleared her throat.

"I've thought about this a lot," she paused, smiling at those of us who had known her since we were naïve, leggy teens. "I would return to my college years. Back then, life was uncomplicated. Sure, we were striving, figuring out our majors, boys, careers, all that. But our parents were healthy and alive. We had dreams. We were having fun. And our hopes for the future were bright and shiny."

Nancy held her glass high. "To hopes and dreams! Who's next?"

Ann popped out of the chair next to me, her face a thousand smiles. She nodded at Nancy.

"Well done, my friend. At first, your question baffled me. I'm very content with my life. My husband Dave is healthy. We've traveled everywhere I ever wanted to go. And I have plenty of grandkids I see on a regular basis. But, if I had to pick a time to relive, I'd go back to the day I first met Dave," Ann paused, giggling. "He didn't know he was going to marry me, but I did. Falling in love and being in love is a marvelous thing." She giggled again. "Better even than a really, good glass of wine. Cheers!"

"I'll go next," Susan said as she strode in from the kitchen, placing a tray of sugar cookies on the coffee table. "When I graduated college, I landed a job as a production assistant in a downtown advertising agency. The hours were long, and the job was tedious. But I loved the creative process."

Susan rolled her eyes and laughed to herself. "And I adored dressing up to go to the office each

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day. I was living with my best friend, and we went everywhere together. It was exhilarating to be out from under my folks' roof, living and working in the city. That sense of total independence, would be fun to relive."

Nancy clapped her hands. "Bravo. So, we have hope, simpler times, love, independence." Nancy's blue eyes scanned the room, "What else? Anyone?"

"I'll go," I said. "When I was a new mother, I still worked part time. Before my first daughter, I managed a ComputerLand store in the city. After I had my second child, we relocated with my husband's job. He encouraged me to start my own business using my computer knowledge. I founded Computers for Kid in Michigan City. I taught my children and their classmates about science and computers. For me, that time in my life was deeply satisfying."

I hesitated, then added, "Self-actualizing is the word I'm looking for."

Roseanne slipped from her seat near the fireplace. She set down her glass of sparkling water and clasped her hands together in front of her.

"Well, unlike the rest of you, I don't want to go back in time."

She dabbed at the corners of her soulful brown eyes.

"To me, these years with my grown children married and finally living close by are the best years. After COVID, I love being near my family. Seeing them thrive. If I could, I'd relive this stage of my life, over, and over again."

Several more ladies rose to Nancy's challenge, sharing similar sentiments to what had already been stated, but the major touchpoints had been hit. Simpler times, love, independence, self-actualization and the importance of family. As we closed out the evening, Nancy offered an idea that inspired this month's column.

Nancy's eyes gleamed. "Wouldn't my question be an interesting exercise for Thanksgiving? Instead of the dinner conversation centering on charged topics like politics, economics and war?"

Nancy chuckled.

"Think about what the young people would learn about their aunts, uncles and grandparents? Heck, we might even learn something about our own husbands and kids?"

Roseanne chimed in after Nancy finished.

"I think it's a nice twist on the old standby: Let's go around and say what we're grateful for."

I love Nancy's suggestion. I plan to do just as she proposed. Some time after everyone is seated, before Aunt Helen spills her wine, and Grandpa pours all the gravy in the gravy boat onto his plate, I'll do what Nancy had done: Clink my wine glass, pose the query and offer to go first.

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“Lupin” is Still as Addictive as Ever”

by Andrew Tallackson



Omar Sy returns as the “gentleman burglar” in Netflix’s “Lupin.”

The thrill, the addictive delight, of the new season of “Lupin” is that, by again making things personal, it shows no signs of slowing down.

Going into what Netflix has promoted as “Part III” of the ongoing story, my fear was that, with gentleman burglar Assane Diop (Omar Sy) having placed Pellegrini behind bars, avenging his father’s death, the series would have nowhere to go from here. Honor the spirit of Maurice Leblanc’s crafty character by propelling him through episodic misadventures, but with no weight to the chase.

Thankfully, creators George Kay and François Uzan, who just scored another hit with the Apple TV+ thriller “Hijack,” keep family at the forefront. And because you care so deeply for them, you don’t want anything bad to happen.

Part III picks up a year after Assane’s triumph over Pellegrini. He’s living incognito, still at the top of France’s most wanted list. His wife, Claire (Ludivine Sagnier, absolutely wonderful), son, Raoul (Etan Simon), and longtime best friend, antique dealer Ben Freel (Antoine Gouy), are being harassed by the media as to his whereabouts.

Rather than have the supporting characters flounder, the show introduces a new threat: thugs who abducted Lupin’s long-lost mother from Sen-

egal, Mariama Diop (Naky Sy Savané). If Assane doesn’t do what they want, they’ll kill her *and* his wife and son.

The wicked twist of bringing Mariama into the fray sheds even greater light on Assane. The apple, apparently, fell at the base of the tree. She’s just as crafty. Always thinking, plotting, giving her abductors a run for the money. Ditto Claire who, in this season’s most triumphant moment, makes a brilliant move to save her and her son when an attacker breaks into their apartment.

By writing these characters smart, it makes your investment in the series all the more potent. Each episode contains that a-ha moment in which Assane yanks the rug out from beneath his pursuers. True, some getaways are based in the fantasy of the Lupin character itself, but more often, it’s because Assane and his family are the sharpest people in the room. Many times, you find yourself laughing out loud at the ingenuity of Assane’s breathless escapes.

The series also cleverly introduces flashbacks of Assane, Claire and Ben as teens in the late 1990s — each young actor astonishingly close in appearance and mannerisms — that not only reveal more about the characters, but also draw parallels to action in the present.

Paris looks gorgeous in “Lupin,” the directors finding every possible way to make the city shimmer at night. And by the exhaustive final episode, it sets up the latest threat to Assane’s existence.

The joy of Sy’s performance is in watching a character in total command. Assane can’t imagine anything but a life of crime because he’s so darn good at it. He loves thinking through challenges, ways to outsmart foes. “Lupin,” indeed, champions brains over brawn. Assane rarely engages in fist fights or other combat. He’s all about weaving in and out of people’s lives, sometimes theatrically with elaborate makeup and costumes. The frequent smile on Sy’s face, the charge he gets from outsmarting his opponents, is full star power. An actor who knows how to charm the pants off everyone.

Netflix has not announced any renewal for another season; then again, how could it not? The series is one of the most watched non-English Netflix shows ever. Tourists are flocking to locales highlighted in



The new season ends with another cliffhanger.

episodes. A whole new generation of readers is discovering Leblanc’s books. The cultural impact is obvious. Now, it’s just a matter of time before we see how things turn out for Assane and company. And those revelations can’t arrive soon enough.

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Bolt for the Heart is an Indiana-based nonprofit that raises funds through sponsorships, donations and runs/walks to buy AEDs for first responders. Pierre Twer, the president and founder, is a Long Beach native. The goal, Twer told *The Beacher*, was to place the final 26 AEDs, and this year's event met that goal.

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“Blue Heron Fragments,” Diane Grams’ fresco maquette on wood panel.

The exhibit marks the start of a year of fresco-making by Diane Grams, funded in part by an Indiana Arts Commission grant. The theme, “Dancing on the Shoulders of Giants,” is a metaphor of celebration and thankfulness, according to a press release. The exhibit features meditative goddesses, fanciful birds, dancing creatures, playful figures and sunken treasure in drawings, paintings, maquettes and portable frescos on wood or ceramic panels.

Fresco is the ancient process of painting on a fresh lime putty wall that dries to a permanent crystalline surface. As the pigment is suspended in water, fresco painting is akin to watercolor; however, its distinction is in the layering process, which enables “fresco magic,” often referred to as “the golden hour,” when rich concentrations of pigment are absorbed into the lime mortar, then crystallize with the lime as they dry.

Grams first learned fresco painting at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in 1980, when she was chosen as one of two artists from Indiana University Bloomington for the summer residency.

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Conducting the orchestra is LCSO's music director, Dr. Carolyn Watson, who spent a portion of her career studying and performing in Hungary.

The program will feature two guest soloists: violinist Dr. Salley Koo and cimbalom artist Chester Englander. A graduate of Harvard and Yale, Koo has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall and the Kimmel Center. Englander has performed on the cimbalom with orchestras across the United States.

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LaPorte County Public Library

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

New users can download the meeScan app through options such as Apple and Google Play. Then, place holds on items using a customer account. Once at the library, check in using the app and clicking Pickup from the bottom of the screen (or calling the library location). An appointment no longer is needed. Add the parking space on the app if picking up from the main location. Enter information in the instructions box if picking up holds placed on more than one account, or if needing additional assistance. A staff member brings held items to the vehicle. Customers using the app receive updates as their requests are processed. Returns can be placed in book drops and be checked in within 24 to 72 hours. At this time, there is no limit to the number of items customers can reserve and pick up during curbside.

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

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Patrons are no longer charged daily overdue fines. Customers only will be charged for items they damage, lose or never return.

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The following programs are planned:

- **Stories & More from 10-10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the main library.** Children ages 3-5 with their caregivers experience stories, songs, crafts and activities.
- **Learn It! Leaves of 3-D from 4-5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Coolspring branch.** Registration through the website is required for the program where youth identify and analyze the characteristics of leaves.
- **Elephant and Piggy Party from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the main library multi-purpose room.** Celebrate Mo Willems' characters by reading an "Elephant and Piggy" story, making Piggy's favorite toy, playing a "Bird on your Head" game, creating an Elephant or Piggy slime jar and taking photos with Elephant and Piggy in a photo booth.
- **Hoosiers in Sports from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Coolspring branch meeting room.** County Historian Bruce Johnson will share stories and facts about athletic Hoosiers past and present.
- **Canva for the Holidays from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in the main library study cafe.** Participant will use Canva, a web- or app-based graphic design tool. Those having laptops should take them because a limited number are available.
- **Getting to Know Your Apple Device (adults 19+) from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the Coolspring Branch Meeting Room.** The focus is iPhones and iPads.
- **Medicare 101 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the main library.** The educational presentation is free.

LaPorte County Public Library is located at 904 Indiana Ave. The Coolspring Branch is located at 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Visit www.laportelibrary.org for more details, including programming through the Exchange building.



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Michigan City Public Library


Michigan City Public Library's circulation/front lobby area is open to the public. Public seating is available, and the computer lab is open. Hours are: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday and closed Sundays.

The following programs are scheduled:

- **Scratch Club (ages 7-17) from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.** Learn to code with Scratch — a platform to create stories, games and animations — by working through projects and sharing ideas. Call Dave at (219) 873-3045 for details.
- **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 2 and 9.** Membership is open to anyone interested in needle arts such as crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, crewel, tatting and other hand stitching. All skill levels and ages are welcome. Also, the group has organized a local chapter of the Warm Up America Foundation. Volunteers are knitting and crocheting handmade squares (7x9 inch) that will be joined together to make full-size afghans
- **Creative Tech Activities (ages 6-17) from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays in November.** Create with LEGO WeDo, Micro:bits, paper circuits, Ozobots and 3-D pens. Children 12 and younger must have a parent or guardian attend with them.
- **Story Time at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.** Children birth to age 5 and adults will enjoy stories, songs and crafts. Check out previous story time videos through the library's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website.



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- **Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstration from 7-10 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 2-4, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** The Indiana Audubon will shed light on Indiana's smallest owl. See them banded following hourly net checks. The program is weather dependent and cancelled during rain or high winds. Space is limited. A donation is required. Registration is required at www.indianaaudubon.org/events
- **Owl Banding: Behind the Scenes from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 3-5, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Indiana Audubon experts will perform hourly checks to capture Saw-whet owls with nets as they migrate through the area. Participants will see owls removed from the nets and banded at the field station. A minimum of three checks each night are planned. The program is weather dependent and canceled during rain or high winds. Canceled nights are rescheduled. Space is limited. A donation is required to participate. Registration is required at www.indianaaudubon.org/events. Owl adoption is available.
- **Shifting Sands presentation and movie screening from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Regional historian and *Shifting Sands* author Ken Schoon

will discuss the Indiana Dunes, and the fight to become a national park.

- **Gales of November Shipwreck Program from 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Indiana Dunes Visitor Center.** Learn about the treacherous side of the Great Lakes in a program that focuses on storms and shipwrecks of the past
- **Chellberg Farm Open House from 1-3 p.m. Sundays in November.** Rangers and volunteers will share the area's history as visitors tour the farmhouse and garden and visit the animals. Passes are required. The parking lot is off Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12 and 20 in Porter.

The Visitor Center is at 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. The Paul H. Douglas Center is at 100 N. Lake St. in Gary's Miller Beach neighborhood. Call (219) 395-1882 or visit www.nps.gov/indu for details.

Indiana Dunes State Park

The following program will be offered:

- **Natural Basket Weaving from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.** The Friends of Indiana Dunes will host the event led by instructor Renell Roebuck. Since 2007, she has been teaching basketweaving classes as a naturalist for Geauga Park District in northeast Ohio. Participants will create a storage bin basket with leather handles and color accents. A \$75 registration fee covers materials and instruction. Friends of Indiana Dunes members pay \$60. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required by calling the Nature Center at (219) 926-1390.

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

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New Buffalo Township Library

- **Harbor Country Hikers program, "A Stroll on the Inca Trail."** The program is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.
- **The public can create and donate a wreath for a silent auction to support library needs.** The library encourages wreaths for all themes, seasons and occasions. They should be appropriate and suitable to display and auction. Those that are noticeably old, worn or damaged cannot be accepted. Wreaths may be submitted anytime after Nov. 1 during library business hours. The wreaths will be displayed Nov. 17-18 in the Pokagon Room. Open bidding is planned at this time, ending at 3 p.m. Nov. 18.

Weekly programs:

- Craft Time from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays while supplies last.
- Chess Club from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.
- Read to a Dog Sessions for all ages from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesday.
- Lego Club from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturdays.
- Story time at 10 a.m. Mondays.

All times are Eastern. New Buffalo Township Library is located at 33 N. Thompson St. Call (269) 469-2933 for more details.

Long Beach Holiday Market

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"Visions of Reality" showcases a spectrum of image making, from abstract compositions to realistic street photography. In the spotlight are 18 emerging and established photographers, including: Michael Alvarado, Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Lorelei Brown, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Carol Estes, Paul Ewing, Dina Heijselaar, Des Kashyap, Connie Kassal, George Kassal, Sharon Kerner, Gretchen Maguire, Suzan Perry, John Roquet, Norman Turner and Wayne Wodrich.

The photography club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Sunset Hill Farm County Park Horton Family Education Center. Email DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com or visit the club on Facebook for more details.


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

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- St. John's United Church of Christ, 101 St. John Road, noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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Dig the Dunes Artisan Market

The first Dig the Dunes Artisan Market is Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Uptown Social, 907 Franklin St. Market hours are 5-9 p.m. Nov. 3 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 4.

Dig the Dunes has teamed with Treasures by the Tide, a mother-daughter duo that creates beach glass and driftwood pieces, for the event, which includes a curated selection of handcrafted goods from local artisans and makers.

Food trucks are planned both days, with live music by Andre Detti on Friday night. Also planned is the "Lost Treasures Photo Exhibit." During the last few months, Dig the Dunes has been accepting photos of lost toys on the beach. A select number will be exhibited and sold. All profits go to the Hilltop House Be Like Keegan Toy Drive.

Tickets purchased online include entry both days. That cost is \$5. Also, the first 50 tickets sold get a free reusable cotton tote. Totes also will be sold.

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Nov. 2, 9 — Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night, 5:30-7 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Nov. 3 — Learn It! Leaves of 3-D, 4-5:30 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Nov. 3-4 — Dig the Dunes Artisan Market, Uptown Social, 907 Franklin St. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Nov. 3/11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 4. Advance tickets: \$5. Reservations/info: www.eventbrite.com

Nov. 3-26 — “Dancing on the Shoulders of Giants: Fresco Painting by Diane Grams,” Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Second St.

Nov. 4 — Long Beach Holiday Market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Long Beach Community Center, 2501 Oriole Trail.

Nov. 4 — Elephant and Piggy Party, 10-11 a.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Nov. 4 — Hoosiers in Sports, 1-2 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Nov. 4 — LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra season-opener, 7 p.m., LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St. Balcony ticket: \$25/adult, \$22/seniors, free/students with ID. Tickets: <https://lcsos.net>

Nov. 5 — **Daylight Savings Time ends.**

Nov. 6 — Canva for the Holidays, 5:30-7 p.m., Coolspring Library Branch, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Nov. 7 — **Election Day.**

Through Nov. 5 — “Glass: An Exhibition,” The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 W. U.S. 12, Beverly Shores. Regular gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays/Saturdays.

Through Nov. 22 — “Pets of LaPorte County” exhibit, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave., Suite 1. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Through Dec. 31 — Work by Michigan City Art League, The Legacy Center Gallery at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Reception: after 10:30 a.m. Nov. 5 Mass. Legacy Center hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-

Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: kd3627@hotmail.com

First and Third Mondays — Singing Sands Toastmasters Club, 6:30-8 p.m., Senior Health/Wellness Center (old hospital ER, Barker/Buffalo).

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

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Tuesdays — Bingo, St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 109 Ann St. Doors open: 3:30 p.m. Bingo: 6 p.m. \$45 entrance fee (includes all cards). Info: (219) 336-3099.

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

Tuesdays though mid-November — Dave Littell improv classes, 5-6:30 p.m., Long Beach Community Center gym, 2501 Oriole Trail. Recommendation donation to center. Info: (203) 219-5700.

Thursdays in October — Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night, 5:30-7 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

In the Region

Nov. 2-4 — Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstration, 7-10 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Registration: www.indianaaudubon.org/events

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Nov. 3 — The Erly Album Release Show with Kelly Hoppenjans, 8 p.m. EST, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25 + \$4.50 convenience fee, \$50 + \$4.50 convenience fee (reserved).

Nov. 4 — Natural Basket Weaving, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Cost: \$75, \$60/Friends of Indiana Dunes members. Registration: (219) 926-1390.

Nov. 4 — Shifting Sands presentation & movie screening, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Nov. 4 — 2023 Spectacular Tournament of Playwrights, 7 p.m. EST, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25 + \$4.50 convenience fee, \$50 + \$4.50 convenience fee (reserved).

Nov. 4 — Elaine Dame Duo, 7-9 p.m. EST, Box

Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph, Mich. Advance tickets: \$12/general admission, \$15/cabaret seating. Reservations: ticketstripe.com/elainedame. Tickets at door: \$15, free/children 12 & younger.

Nov. 5 — Gales of November Shipwreck Program, 1-2 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Nov. 6 — Harbor Country Hikers program (Laura & Fred Jolly hike of Inca Trail), 6:30 p.m. EST, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St.

Through Nov. 3 — Diversified Art Visionaries (Dave), Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso. Info: www.artbarnschool.org/exhibitions

Through Nov. 5 — “Portraits by Lapidus,” Marshall J. Gardner Center, 540 S. Lake St., Gary’s Miller Beach neighborhood. Info: (219) 885-9114, www.millerbeacharts.com

Through Nov. 30 — Artist David Gray, The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On November 2, 1783, near the New Jersey town of Rocky Hill, Gen. George Washington delivered his farewell address to the Continental Army.

On November 2, 1889, North Dakota became the 39th state. On this same date, South Dakota became the 40th state.

On November 2, 1920, Pittsburg's station KDKA began the nation's first regular radio broadcasts, reporting the Harding-Cox election returns.

On November 2, 1947, Howard Hughes' massive wooden airplane, the "Spruce Goose," made its first (and only) flight. The 200-ton aircraft, which is now a major exhibit at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore., flew for about one minute over Long Beach Harbor.

On November 2, 1959, Charles Van Doren admitted he'd been given the answers in advance before his appearance on the popular NBC-TV game show "Twenty One."

On November 3, 1837, Illinois housewives were up in arms over the cost of living. A pound of butter cost 8 cents, eggs were 6 cents a dozen, beef was 3 cents a pound, pork was 2 cents, coffee was 20 cents a pound and sugar was 10 cents a pound.

On November 3, 1900, the nation's first automobile show opened in New York's Madison Square Garden.

On November 3, 1936, Richard J. Daley, running as a Republican, won a seat in the Illinois House.

On November 3, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the Sputnik 2 satellite. On board was a dog named Laika, who was sacrificed in the experiment.

On November 3, 1983, the Rev. Jesse Jackson declared his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. He became the first black candidate to mount a full-scale campaign.

On November 4, 1775, the Continental Congress directed that each American soldier receive 1 pint of milk and 1 quart of beer or cider each day.

November 4, 1825, the first boat reached New York City via the Erie Canal, nine days after leaving the Great Lakes port of Buffalo.

On November 4, 1842, Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd were united in marriage.

On November 4, 1880, James and John Ritty, of Dayton, Ohio, received the world's first patent for a workable cash register.

On November 4, 1989, nearly a million East Germans filled the streets of East Berlin for a pro-democracy rally.

On November 5, 1605, the “Gunpowder Plot,” designed to blow up England’s House of Parliament, failed. The day is celebrated as “Guy Fawkes Day,” named for the leader of the botched effort.

On November 5, 1733, publisher John Peter Zenger began printing *The New York Weekly*, the colony’s first political newspaper.

On November 5, 1857, McVicker’s Theater, built for \$85,000, opened on Chicago’s Madison Street.

On November 5, 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the presidential election. She adamantly refused to pay the fine.

On November 5, 1911, cowboy film star and singer Roy Rogers was born in Cincinnati.

On November 6, 1833, with Chicago’s population at 150, the Board of Trustees extended the town’s boundaries to Jackson Street on the south, Jefferson and Cook Streets on the west and Ohio Street on the north.

On November 6, 1860, Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the office of U.S. president.

On November 6, 1869, in the first official intercollegiate football game played in the United States, Rutgers defeated Princeton by a score of 6-4.

On November 6, 1917, a popular referendum granted women in New York the right to vote.

On November 7, 1805, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first sighted the Pacific Ocean while standing at the mouth of Oregon’s Columbia River.

On November 7, 1871, Joseph Medill, running on the Union Fire-Proof ticket, was elected mayor of Chicago.

On November 7, 1874, in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast, which was published in *Harper’s Weekly*, the elephant was used for the first time as the symbol for the Republican Party.

On November 7, 1893, Colorado granted women the right to vote.

On November 7, 1929, the Museum of Modern Art in New York opened.

On November 8, 1793, the “Louvre” in Paris was first opened to the public.

On November 8, 1837, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, America’s first college for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass.

On November 8, 1910, William Frost, of Spokane, Wash., patented a gadget to electrocute insects.

On November 8, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt, by executive order, created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than four million unemployed Americans.

On November 8, 1950, the world’s first all-jet battle took place when North Korean MIGs engaged United States fighter planes.

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Dead Mountain by Preston & Child (*hardcover, \$30 retail in bookstores and online; also available as an eBook and an audiobook. 386 pages.*)

Adrenaline-pumping adventure readers, your attention please! The latest thriller — that's with a capital T — by the superb writing team of Preston & Child hits all the buttons in this mystery novel that includes murder, archeology, Native-American history, science and government secrets.

The story centers around nine university campers who disappeared some 15 years ago in New Mexico's Manzano Mountain range. However, the action starts in the present to get the cold case reopened.

One snowy night, two drunk and stoned frat boys crash their car and head off to find shelter for the night. They stumble onto a cave, build a fire and see drawings on the cave walls that turn out to be Pueblo Indian hieroglyphics. They also stumble, literally, onto two bodies that look recently passed due to their clothing, and further into the cave two more bodies that look like older Indian remains, much older, and buried in a shallow grave.

Too stoned, they think they are tripping. The next day, they contact authorities. FBI agents Corrie Swanson and Clay Sharp are sent to investigate. They think they know who the two newer bodies belong to, but for the Indian remains, they call on Nora Kelly, chief of archaeology at the Santa Fe Archaeological Institute, for her input.

The remains should be turned over to the local Indian reservation, but also on the scene is Sheriff Hawley, who likes to play the "I'm in charge" game. He will prove to be a handful, and not in a good way.

The first two bodies turn out to be missing campers from that 2008 expedition. A group of nine university students went into the mountains and never came home. They simply disappeared. Search parties were sent out, but were only partly successful, as they found the tent the party was staying in — empty. The front flap was open, but the side of the tent was ripped to shreds as though something was after them and they had to flee — clothes and equipment left behind. Three campers were found a mile or so away, hardly any clothes on, with burns on face, hands and feet. Soon, three others were found further on, their path due north of their campsite.

Like all news stories, this one was splattered all over newspapers and TV in 2008, until interest slowly waned and the only ones pushing the government for answers were the relatives of the missing.

Here's a look at what the county sheriff, the FBI and the Air Force can't figure out and how they get re-involved years later...

Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



The more recent bodies in the cave have stab wounds. One has defensive wounds, the other a knife sticking out of his chest with both hands wrapped around it. What could have happened? Murder and suicide? That means eight campers now accounted for — one more to be found.

Sharp and Swanson are not particularly happy

to be the ones to reopen this case, but they must make an effort. As Sharp says: "... something appeared in the door of the tent — something so terrifying that, rather than face it, they cut their way out and fled in panic to certain death."

And just what could that be? Conspiracy theorists call in with their ideas of a bear attack, a Yeti, aliens, Russian spies...all kinds of possibilities.

There's also an Air Force facility in the mountains. Funny thing is, the path the missing campers took that fateful night led right to the military base. The colonel in charge of Kirtland AFB is not happy to speak with the FBI, not saying much. Did I mention most of the bodies of the campers had radioactive contamination? But they

never made it to the base, so how did they come by it?

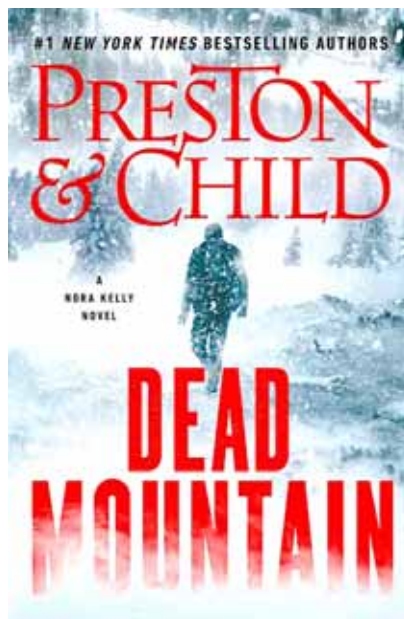
Then, just as Sharp and Swanson make progress, they are told to back off, make up some kind of press release, wrap it up and move on. This comes straight from the FBI director in Washington, D.C. Now, you understand there's more going on than meets the eye. Just who's zooming who?

Swanson, however, isn't the type to give up quite so easily. A shaky plan involves heading up the mountain to follow a hunch that certain people don't want uncovered.

Character-driven and a solid storyline make this smooth reading and top entertainment. You want Sharp and Swanson to succeed where others have failed, and no, there is no sexual chemistry between them, just a lot of respect. That's what's needed here.

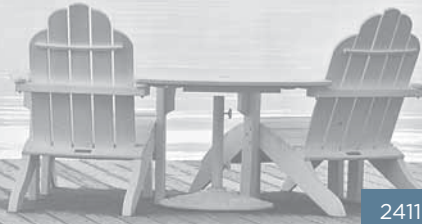
The final word: The Manzano Mountains are center stage here. Their beauty and dangers are realistically described; it's the perfect setting for mystery and mayhem. Meanwhile, Corrie, Clay and Nora are strong characters with a purpose and drive — they will not let their agencies dictate giving up before grieving families can get closure.

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Meghan Maddox

With a family background in real estate, I have grown to love the real estate business and have successfully oriented my practice to cater to the specific needs of my clientele. Through my experience with several local home builders, my unique perspective of home building has given me great knowledge of the home building and buying process. I pride myself on my responsiveness and attention to detail. With years of experience in social work, it was important to have good listening and communication skills. I use those skills now to give guidance to clients/customers in order that they find the home/property of their dreams and a transaction experience that is stress free.



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A Few of Meghan's listings.....



Vacant Land

Birchwood Trail

- ★ Two parcels (1x1 acre lot & 1x8.2 acre)
- ★ Walking distance to the beach
- ★ Deeded beach rights
- ★ Soil samples already complete

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Grand Beach, MI

50211 Hicks Ave.

- ★ 3 Bedroom,
- ★ 2.5 Bathroom,
- ★ 3,098 sq feet
- ★ .69 acres

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