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Saving a Historic Space

by Edmund Lawler



Three Oaks Township Trustee Chris Mitchell led the drive to save and restore the historic Spring Creek School. Photo by Bryan Lawler.

A 19th century one-room brick schoolhouse in Three Oaks, Mich., on the brink of condemnation six years ago, is now a vibrant, historic event space.

A groundswell of support from local and former residents from across the Midwest helped spare

Spring Creek School from the wrecking ball.

The recent \$300,000 restoration of the schoolhouse erected in 1886, during the first U.S. presidency of Grover Cleveland, pays homage to the children who attended the school over the course of

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nearly 60 years, and celebrates the community's agricultural and commercial heritage.

Chris Mitchell, a Three Oaks Township trustee who led the campaign to preserve the 1,000 square-foot building, says more than 80 percent of the money raised came from the pockets of generous residents or former residents. The rest came from grants: The Pokagon Fund, Fred Upton Foundation, AEP/Cook Foundation, Berrien County Community Foundation, Michiana Arts Foundation, William Deputy Foundation and the Lynn and Allen Turner family. Framed certificates on a wall in the former classroom recognize the contributions of the project's major funders.

"The stones of the school's foundation were crumbling. There were holes in the roof, bricks were falling from the exterior walls and a family of raccoons had moved in," Mitchell said while seated in the well-polished space of the restored schoolhouse

featuring a 15-foot ceiling and two dramatic arched alcoves.

Built by farmers, merchants and loggers to educate their children, the schoolhouse either was empty or seriously underutilized since about World War II up to the point of restoration late last year.

The contributions and grants paid for a new roof, new electrical wiring, fresh interior paint, an ADA-compliant ramp and second entrance. The original maple floor, blackened from decades of footprints and coal dust, was sanded and restored to its original sheen. In the small annex at the back of the schoolhouse, a new HVAC unit and ventilation system was installed, a restroom was created, as well as a tiny kitchen designed for catered events.

Since its restoration, the schoolhouse has played host to a township board meeting, board meetings of nonprofit organizations and wedding receptions. It also can be the site of recitals, reunions or graduation parties. Those interested in renting the space (four-hour minimum) should contact the township office at (269) 756-2209 or contact@threeoakstownship.org

Back in the day, the annex stored coal and wood to fuel the schoolhouse's boiler.

"The children would put coal in a bucket and bring it to the boiler," Mitchell says while providing a chef's tour of the annex. The children were hardy, often walking miles to and from the schoolhouse, regardless of harsh Michigan winters.



A gut rehab of the original classroom brought it back to life.
Photo courtesy of Chris Mitchell.



The interior of the one-room schoolhouse was meticulously restored.
Photo by Bryan Lawler.

The coal and woodpile are long gone, but vestiges of the past remain. Several old wooden desks and chairs still grace the classroom. There's a vintage school bell and a chalkboard. The soaring original windows have been restored. Framed photos of long-ago classes of students stare back at 21st century visitors.

Outside, on the edge of a cornfield, is a no-longer-in-service two-seater brick outhouse and a small parking lot topped with fresh gravel. The schoolhouse is owned and maintained by Three Oaks Township.



A two-seater outhouse at Spring Creek School.
Photo by Bryan Lawler

Left intentionally unrestored is the well-worn stone step at the original front door of the schoolhouse. The threshold slightly sags from the decades of students stepping across it enroute to their reading, writing and 'rithmetic lessons inside.

"What you won't find here is a teacher's lounge," Mitchell joked.

One-room schoolhouses are increasingly rare in Michigan and throughout the country.

"This is one of the few in the state that still exists on its original site," Mitchell said. "Some one-room schoolhouses have been moved to museums, some have been repurposed as private homes and others have been converted into retail space."

In one-room schoolhouses, a single teacher typically taught academic basics to several grades of elementary-aged children, and in some cases, all the way up to high school-aged students.

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Born in the early 1950s, Mitchell came along too late to attend Spring Creek School. But he was always curious about the weathered 19th century relic at the intersection of Three Oaks and Donner roads in Three Oaks Township, south of the historic downtown.

“I’d peek through the windows of the empty, old school when I was a kid,” says Mitchell, who grew up on a nearby dairy farm.

Little did he know he’d be peeking through the same windows more than a half century later, eagerly watching the progress of the building’s multi-year restoration conducted by Triton Construction Services LLC, Watervliet, Mich. McCullom Architects, Union Pier, Mich., designed the project.

It all got under way quite by happenstance in 2018, explains Mitchell, who’s seeking his fourth term in November as a township trustee.



An old student chair recalls the bygone days of the 19th century schoolhouse. Photo by Bryan Lawler.

“I was having coffee at Froehlich’s one morning, and I was greeted by my neighbor, Allen Turner,” he said. Turner, a longtime resident and major benefactor to the community, asked him what he planned to do about the old schoolhouse.

“I told Al that it doesn’t look good, and it looks like it’s going to get torn down,” Mitchell recalled. “He said, ‘I’d hate to see it gone. See what you can do, and let’s get together and do something about it.’”

At about that time, a handful of local residents, concerned about the schoolhouse’s fate, were advocating to save it. A small group of them attended the July 2018 township board meeting, making the case that the trustees should save the schoolhouse because of its historical and sentimental value to the community.

In its day, the schoolhouse was more than just

a classroom. It was the center of community life among Three Oaks’ early settlers. Well-attended parties, spelling bees, mass political meetings, debates and church services were held at the schoolhouse.

Although sympathetic to the residents’ concerns, the trustees explained there was little or no money in the township budget to finance an expensive renovation of a long-neglected, more than 130-year-old one-room schoolhouse.

Fundraising and grant writing were the only answers. Mitchell got busy writing grant applications. Turner stepped up by pledging a five-figure donation and the use of his barn for a 2019 fundraiser on his Spring Creek Farm atop a hill that overlooks the old schoolhouse to the west.

“We printed out some pamphlets and set up a Facebook page to get the fundraising going,” says Mitchell, who wrote – and successfully landed – a series of grants to defray some of the project’s costs. The initial phase of construction got under way.

Then, the COVID-19 pandemic came to town. Everything came to a halt. The momentum was lost. But by late 2021, the fundraising campaign and construction resumed. And the dream of a special community gathering and learning place with so much historic resonance now has been realized.

What lies ahead for the meticulously restored one-room schoolhouse?

“Hopefully, it will be here another 100 years,” Mitchell muses. “It is for the people of this community to showcase a one-room schoolhouse and to share the stories with their children and grandchildren about the schoolhouse and what it meant to the people of Three Oaks.”



A vintage school bell hangs in the restored classroom. Photo by Bryan Lawler.



An undated photo of students at the Spring Creek schoolhouse. Photo courtesy of Chris Mitchell.

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Rotary Club to Raise Awareness with World Polio Day Event

by William Tallackson

The Rotary Club of Michigan City will host a World Polio Day event, designed to raise awareness through public discussion and participation, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Krueger Memorial Hall on Liberty Trail.

The event, open to the public, encourages people to join the fight to eradicate polio. The theme, "Attitude Awareness and Responsibility," emphasizes the importance of vaccinations in combating this disease, which still threatens children worldwide today.

Tickets are \$25 per person. The event will feature a variety of appetizers and desserts complemented by a cocktail bar. Also planned is a silent auction, with all proceeds supporting Rotary International's mission of combating the disease through global awareness and outreach.

"Rotary has raised over \$50 million each year in supporting the eradication of polio and, with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has increased that amount to \$150 million, resulting in an overall total of \$2.7 billion," Rotary Club Member Scott Howat said.

Howat is a childhood polio survivor, having contracted the disease at age 2. Growing up in Hammond, he needed several operations on his arms and legs, almost requiring amputations. Doctors told Howat he would never walk again, but he defied their expectations.

"I was able to walk later in life," he said. "I was able to play golf. I was able to bowl. I played ping-pong. I play pool with the best. I could never imagine doing any of those things today."

In the Rotary Club, Howat had the opportunity to meet the Rev. Dennis Carroll, who also suffered from childhood polio. Their initial connection over a shared love for music and poetry grew into a deep

and meaningful bond. During one of their conversations, Howat shared a vision he had

"I had this vision that perhaps we do something special on World Polio Day," Howat said. "Pastor Dennis has been a great member of the Rotary Club, having raised awareness about polio at a camp in South Bend. He had learned so much from that experience, and it would be a great idea to do the same at our Rotary club."

Howat and Carroll were passionate about raising awareness about polio, so they brought it to the attention of Rotary Club President Matt Kubik. Over several months, they dedicated themselves to organizing the event, which involved numerous rehearsals, meetings and in-depth research.

At the Oct. 24 event, Howat and Carroll will share testimonials about their childhood polio experiences, shedding light on the disease's impact. Additionally, they will perform a series of original songs and poems dedicated to commemorating those who lost their lives to polio. Their main goal is to raise awareness about the critical importance of vaccinations in preventing diseases like polio.

"Vaccinations are the No. 1 cure for eradicating polio," Howat said. "We are saving millions of young children from this inhibiting disease. If everyone would get vaccinated, young children wouldn't have to go through the challenges I had to go through as a child."

Visit <https://mcr Rotary.org/> for more information, or <https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund> if wishing to make a donation.



Rotary Club Member Scott Howat, seen here playing the harmonica, is a polio survivor. Provided photo.



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Friendship Botanic Gardens has rededicated its Persian Rose Garden as the Dr. Richard and Jeanne Houck Rose Garden for their more than 50 years of service to the local attraction.

The rose garden, which graces the “Celebration Side” of the grounds, originally was donated by the King of Persia, who sent roses and a royal gardener to develop the landscaping plan.

More than 50 years ago, the Houcks volunteered to help Gardens founder Clarence Stauffer manage and maintain the 105 acres. Thanks to Jeanne’s efforts, the site earned its 501(c)(3) non-profit status. She also created an additional heart-shaped rose plot near the main entrance, which was dubbed the Peace Garden in honor of World War II veterans. She subsequently earned the nickname “Lady of the Gardens” from Stauffer because of her dedication.

Unfortunately, time was not favorable to the Peace Garden, which eventually had to be removed.

In honor of their efforts, the Gardens board unanimously voted in 2023 to rename the Persian Rose Garden in the Houcks’ honor. An official rededication ceremony recently was held and attended by many of the Houcks’ family and friends, as well as longtime volunteers Dave and Pat Potempa, Barry Criswell and Jude Rakowski.

Gardens Board President Dr. Rima Binder introduced the Houcks and their many efforts in building and sustaining the gardens. She also introduced several longtime volunteers, such as Debbie Drze-



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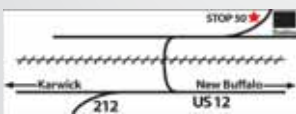
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“Saturday Night” is an Exhilarating Look at Show’s Chaotic Debut

by Andrew Tallackson



The cast poses for a quick photo before the show airs in “Saturday Night”

“Saturday Night” is beautifully orchestrated chaos, a deliriously entertaining recreation of the insane 90 minutes leading up to the first episode of “Saturday Night Live” back in 1975.

Jason Reitman (“Juno,” “Up in the Air”), the director and co-writer, is not so much concerned with making you laugh, but appreciating how the show was dragged kicking and screaming into reality.

Reitman envisions creativity as a kinetic force. His camera weaving through the action, Jon Batiste’s jazzy score achieving antsy tension, the film approximates the do-or-die rush of a deadline.

Reitman and Gil Kenan, his co-writer, interviewed surviving cast members for their stories, and we get the sense everyone had a vague notion of what the show could be, but the ideas had no shape. No identity. Instead, the onslaught of egos and personality clashes, intimidating studio heads and on-set mishaps nearly consumed the production.

We get flashes of cast personalities. Matt Wood, in particular, is fascinating as John Belushi. There’s something dangerous and unstable about his prolonged silences, where we’re not sure what might erupt out of him. Lamorne Morris has quietly reflective moments, and a few explosive ones, as Garrett Morris. Nicholas Braun sneaks up on you in *two* roles, both spot-on impressions of comic Andy Kaufman and Muppet mastermind Jim Henson.

Tommy Dewey, as writer Michael O’Donoghue, has some choice dry humor, while Cory Michael



“Saturday Night”

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Smith, as Chevy Chase, hints at the conceit that would plague his reputation.

The revelation is Gabriel LaBelle (“The Fabelmans”) as “SNL” guru Lorne Michaels. There is a mature calm to the performance that’s like watching someone who has something to say, but it’s trapped on the tip of his tongue. LaBelle is smart and sly, especially in scenes with the exciting Rachel Sennott as his wife/show writer Rosie Shuster. She coaxes rational behavior out of the cast and, when they finally deliver, her reactions reminded me of Rachel Brosnahan in “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.” It’s pure joy in witnessing genuine talent finally reveal itself.

By the film’s big finish, the Billy Preston Band getting the live audience pumped up, we’re jacked up, too. Reitman, in his most immediate, vibrant stint behind the camera, has taken us through this journey with no apologies for being wild and profane. He storms through the madness, and the destination is quite the thrill.

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by Andrew Tallackson

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Writing a review of “Caddo Lake” is darn near impossible. Trip over specific details, and you run the risk of allowing spoilers to slip.

You have to wonder if Celine Held and Logan George, the duo behind this twisty new mystery, were inspired by “Dark” (2017-2020), that clever, often bonkers German Netflix series. “Caddo Lake” is its American kindred spirit. And like “Dark,” not all the puzzle pieces lock into place, but the mystery, itself, is a good one. Compelling, moving, and in a setting that lends itself exceedingly well to covering up dark secrets.

That would be the title lake, found on the border between Texas and Louisiana. The tributaries stretch into bayous and murky patches that, even in daylight, appear wildly inhospitable.

Held and George, who wrote and directed the film, alternate between two seemingly unconnected individuals. One is Paris (Dylan O’Brien, strong), who’s still mourning the death of his mother from a crash where their vehicle careened off a bridge. He tried to rescue her once submerged in Caddo Lake, but her seat belt wouldn’t give.

The other, the one who galvanizes the story, is Ellie, a teen at constant odds with her family. She is played by Eliza Scanlen, a fantastic young Australian actress of tremendous range. She was dangerous and terrifying in HBO’s adaptation of Gillian Flynn’s “Sharp Objects” (2018), and appropriately tender as Beth in Greta Gerwig’s 2019 adaptation of “Little Women.” Here, she’s furiously defiant and determined, exceptionally bright and perceptive. When her 8-year-old stepsister, Anna (Caroline

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“Caddo Lake”

Running time: 104 minutes. MAX. Rated PG-13 for disturbing/bloody images, thematic elements and brief strong language.

Falk), goes missing, a manhunt ensues. Ellie, however, is the only one with the fortitude to explore where others do not.

It should be noted that M. Night Shyamalan is the movie’s producer, and because of that, you prep for some otherworldly twist. Held and George, however, do not limit the story as such. Instead, they frame it as a Gothic character story like Kasi Lemmons’ unforgettable “Eve’s Bayou” (1997). The characters here are weighed down by hurt and resentment. Crippled by the past, they can’t connect with others on any levels.

When the big secret of “Caddo Lake” reveals itself, and your head subsequently spins trying to keep track of it all, the beauty of it is that Held and George avoid cheap thrill tactics. More and more of the story clicks into place. All that bile and anger, it’s linked to the mystery of the lake, itself. We understand the whereabouts of Paris and, heartbreakingly so, why Ellie’s family is in such disarray.

The final scene, in fact, is less about pulling the rug out from beneath you and more about the weight of the loss Ellie and her family have experienced.

I was surprised by how much “Caddo Lake” affected me. It’s meatier than you might expect.

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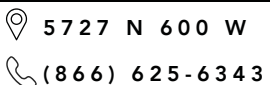
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Author Neil Gaiman once said, "The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before."

In the case of new murals in Michigan City and LaPorte, I resoundingly agree. The latest contributions are spectacular, vibrant, engaging, inspiring and memorable. They reflect the dedication and commitment to public art by multiple individuals and businesses. They are transformative for the neighborhoods, the people living or traveling through them, and they speak to a celebration of the soul of a town, region and its citizens.

Even beyond the vibrancy and beauty, there are deeper benefits for public art. For one, it is egalitarian, allowing anyone to embrace the work freely. Next, it helps instill pride in the community and lifts morale. It supports local and regional artists. It boosts the economy through increased property values and tourism.

Art, indeed, provides memorable experiences, especially when shared. The health benefits of decreased stress, increased serotonin levels and better blood flow to the brain have been well-researched and documented.

"The Bridge to Tomorrow" mural was formally unveiled Sunday, Sept. 29, at the first West Fest at H.O.P.E. Community Center, 222 McClelland Ave. Lubeznik Center for the Arts facilitated the mural, and it is the second installed at H.O.P.E. featuring lead artist Bernard Williams. The subject speaks to possibilities for the future of the city's West Side in a narrative, electric way.

The event was a wonderful celebration of hope: high on energy and enthusiastic responses, with yard games, crafts, food, art contests with cash prizes, poetry readings and performances by Just Unleashing More Positivity (J.U.M.P.) and The Soul Steppers.

Remarks began with Eze Redwood, Economic Re-

covery Fellow for Gary and Michigan City, followed by LCA Executive Director Janet Bloch, Marie Grinston of J.U.M.P., Williams, educator-poet Gerri Lucas, Vanessa Nixon, Positive Image Positive Impact founder, and Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch.

Williams spoke on years of painting murals in Chicago, adding, "It's really great to bring some of that activity to a different city."

He continued thanking supporters, saying, "It really does take a lot of hands and a lot of other people to bring projects like this together. I feel grateful to be a part of it."

The execution of this particular work was, indeed, a matter of many hands coming together, with a result that not only enlivens the building, but also enriches the neighborhood.

A Brighter World



Bernard Williams, the lead artist for "The Bridge to Tomorrow."



Janet Bloch, Lubeznik Center for the Arts executive director, speaks at the H.O.P.E. dedication.

Money for painting the mural came from multiple sources, including the American Rescue Plan and Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. This is the third large mural for Michigan City's West Side, and hopefully not the last public artwork in the area.

"Art is something that makes you breathe with a different kind of happiness." — Anni Albers

Happiness and bright smiles abounded during the dedication of "La Portal" on Friday, Oct. 4, in the small reading garden at LaPorte County Public Library. The mural, itself, is located on the south side of LPCPL Exchange, 807 Indiana Ave., and was easily viewable a block away.

The dedication featured LPCPL Director Fonda Owens, Bloch, artist Alex Ann Allen, Eric DeWald, Health Foundation of LaPorte president-CEO, and LaPorte Mayor Tom Dermody.

Allen thanked everyone involved in the process, saying she was honored to be selected for the job. This was the second time she's created a mural for LaPorte. Her first was for The Drift on Pine Lake Avenue.

The LPCPL Exchange work is huge and one of her highest and largest to date.

The Inquisitive Artist

Linda Weigel



"Throughout the whole week, I was just shown so much love and also welcomed here," she said.

I especially enjoyed Allen's Q&A about the process. She begins by priming the wall, except in this case, that was already done with grey paint. She uses aerosol paints, and certain colors and mediums,

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"La Portal," the new mural at LPCPL Exchange.



"The Bridge to Tomorrow" mural at H.O.P.E. Community Center. Photo provided by Lubeznik Center for the Arts

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LPCPL Director Fonda Owens speaks at the Oct. 4 dedication.



Artist Alex Ann Allen.

that are best for the elements, followed by several clear coats to protect the work. Every project is different depending on the size, surface and weather. Even equipment breakdown can affect how quickly

she completes the work. All told, "La Portal" took about a week and a half to complete.

HFL provided monetary support for the Exchange mural. DeWald talked about his youthful, personal interactions with murals, the importance of supporting public art and the benefits to individuals and community.

Later, I learned that after completing the Exchange work, Allen immediately began a third La-Porte mural. It is very different from the Exchange building: organic with flowers, leaves and butterflies instead of geometric designs. I stopped by while she worked one day to say hello and watch her paint. The work now has been completed and can be found on the west side of Mucho Mas, 609 Lincolnway. I'll be looking forward to the next mural dedication.



If you want to up your happiness quotient, make the effort to visit these new public art locations. Marvel at the ingenuity of the artist, the color saturation, the vibe and remember, you can always come back any time for a refresh.

How lucky is that!

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Alex Ann Allen works on new mural at Mucho Mas.



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Harbour Trust Team Named Salvation Army Christmas Campaign Chairs



Members of the Harbour Trust & Investment Management Co. team.

The Salvation Army of Michigan City announced Mike Hackett and the Harbour Trust & Investment Management Co. team will serve as 2024 Christmas campaign chairs.

Hackett, a Michigan City native, believes serving as Christmas campaign chair is a natural fit because The Salvation Army’s mission closely aligns with Harbour Trust’s values.

“The founders of Harbour Trust & Investment Management Co., Bob Rose and Leon Dargis, shared an affinity for The Salvation Army and ‘doing the most good,’ and that belief has been passed down to everyone in our senior management team,” Hackett said in a press release. “We’ve always had an employee serving on the board of The Salvation Army, we’ve always sponsored a kettle and provided volunteers – this is just a natural fit for us.”

The Harbour Trust team includes about 30 employees, including Dayna Lemon (who serves on The Salvation Army’s advisory board), Stephanie Oberlie (past

board member) and Hackett, who has volunteered with The Salvation Army for many years through the Rotary Club of Michigan City, and is credited with co-founding the annual Donut Eating Contest.

As campaign chairs, Hackett and his team will assist The Salvation Army in raising funds to provide food and toys to more than 600 local families this Christmas. With a goal to raise \$235,000, funds will support additional programs, including a food pantry, utility assistance, weekend backpack feeding program, summer camp, clothing closet and case management.

Hackett and his team will be recognized as this year’s campaign chair during the annual Red Kettle Kick Off from 7-10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at McDonald’s, 3507 Franklin St.

Those interested in volunteering as a red kettle bellringer can sign up at www.RegisterToRing.com, or contact The Salvation Army at (219) 874-6885 Ext. 1003, for more details.

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LaPorte County Pop-Up Exhibit



LaCrosse is the focus of the latest "Towns of LaPorte County Pop-Up Exhibit" through Oct. 31 at LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Highlights include items from LaCrosse School, influential residents and local businesses. Call (219) 324-6767 for details.

Trick-or-Treat Hours, Safety Tips

Confirmed trick-or-treat hours in Michigan City, LaPorte, Trail Creek are from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

Long Beach will have trunk or treat from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at the new Public Safety Building, 2400 Town Court.

In a press release, Michigan City Police Chief Marty Corley offered the following tips:

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries.
- Always trick-or-treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.
- Follow the designated hours.
- Respect people who do not want to participate.
- Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.
- Walk. No running.
- Don't trample through flower beds and gardens.
- Watch out for open flames in pumpkins.
- Walk with your head up and be aware of surroundings.
- Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter any houses unless knowing the people who live there.
- Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.
- Don't cut through yards, and stay out of backyards.
- Follow traffic signals, and don't jaywalk.
- Always watch for cars backing up or turning.
- Review the "stop, drop and roll" procedure in case a costume catches fire.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Be polite and say "thank you."
- Don't eat candy until it's been inspected by your parents.
- Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories if they look authentic. Make sure they are flexible and cannot harm anyone.
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Potawatomi Audubon Society

Spencer Cortwright, Indiana University Northwest professor of biology, will speak at the next Potawatomi Audubon Society meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

Cortwright's program is "The Mighty Stature and Ecology of Oaks: Their Future Doesn't Look Bright, But We Can Help!" A brief meeting and some sharing time are afterward.

Dunebrook Celebrates 35 Years with Premiere, Proclamation Event

Dunebrook celebrated its 35th anniversary with a documentary premiere Oct. 5 at The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center and a community celebration recognizing Oct. 11 as Dunebrook Day.

The premiere featured a documentary chronicling Dunebrook’s journey from its origins in the mid-1980s, when community leaders formed the Child Abuse Advisory Team. The grassroots effort helped raise awareness of child abuse and neglect in Northwest Indiana.

Ted Perzanowski, Dunebrook board member emeritus, presented the Lester Radke Community Service Award to Glenn and Kathy Lubeznik. The award honors those who embody selflessness and dedication to improving the lives of others. Glenn, an early board member, played a crucial role in establishing Dunebrook, while he and Kathy have supported the arts and social services in LaPorte County.

Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch honored Dunebrook with a proclamation recognizing its contributions to



Dr. Tammy Gierke Button (left), Dunebrook’s executive director, receives the proclamation of Dunebrook Day from Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch. Provided photo.

Michigan City, naming Oct. 11 as “Dunebrook Day.”

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The following programs are scheduled:

- **Needle Arts Club to Warm Up America Joining Night from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays in October.** 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.
- **Spooky Bracelet Spectacular (all ages) at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.** All supplies are provided, with no registration needed.
- **Ultimate Werewolf (ages 10-17) at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28.** Play the game with a large group. No prior game knowledge is necessary.
- **Any Book Book Club (adults only) from 5-6 p.m. Mondays.** Participants can discuss any books they are reading. Meetings are the second Monday of the month. Light refreshments will be served.

- **Genealogy Help with Pat Harris from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays in October.** Harris can offer tips and advice on how to research a family tree or find genealogical record
- **Creative Tech Activities (ages 6-17) from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays.** 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.
- **Story Time Costume Parade (birth to age 5) at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30.** The program includes stories, then a parade through the library to collect treats. Wear a favorite costume and take a bag for collecting. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Zombie Art Bots (all ages) at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30.** Call Youth Services at (219) 873-3045 and ask for Dave for more details.
- **Reading Scavenger Hunt in October** Find the pictures hiding in Youth Services and receive a prize. The Halloween theme is "Four Spooky Creatures."
- **Learning Center volunteers needed for children and adults.** Areas include reading, math, high school equivalency and English as a Second Language. All supplies and training are provided. Volunteers are needed two hours a week. Contact Jessica Hoffmaster at (219) 873-3043 or stop by the Learning Center for more details.

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- **Story Time with Dot Siuda.** The program is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.
- **Technology 201 for Seniors Workshop: Internet Safety.** The program is at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Registration is required.
- **Halloween Story Time.** The program is at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28.
- **What is That? Sea Glass, Fossils and Other Beach Treasures.** The program is at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28.
- **NBTL Book Club, Mark Sullivan's The Last Green Valley.** The program is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Weekly programs:

- Story Time at 10 a.m. Mondays.
- Read to a Dog Sessions for all ages from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesday.
- Pajama Story Time at 6 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Craft Time from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays while supplies last.
- Teen Maker Space from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.
- Chess Club from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays.
- Spanish Story Time at 10 a.m. Fridays.
- Essentrics Exercise for Seniors at 10 a.m. Fridays.
- Lego Club from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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

Bowman Cemetery Tour

South Bend's The History Museum will host a twilight tour of Bowman Cemetery at 6:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, Oct. 24.

Led by Travis Childs, the museum's archivist and St. Joseph County historian, participants can view historic gravesites. Attendees should meet at the cemetery's entrance, 1630 Miami St. The tour is open to all ages.

The cost is \$2, or free for members. Participants should be prepared to walk on uneven terrain. No food or pets are allowed. The event is canceled if the weather is poor. Reservations are not required.

Visit www.historymuseumSB.org or call (574) 235-9664, Ext. 6256, for more details.

Museum Trick-or-Treat

Families can trick-or-treat from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave.

The museum opens earlier, from 1-1:45 p.m., for children with disabilities, or those who prefer a quieter environment. Only the main level will be open; the upstairs and basement will be closed to visitors.

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The next Monday Musicale program is at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, in the Simeon Square meeting room, 1207 S. Woodland Ave.

Program chair Sue Cassler will host a musical tour of Canada, highlighting composers and performers from Newfoundland to Ontario, from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. The program will include performances by pianists Bev Griffith and Anthony Holt, vocalists Candace Archer, Howard Brenneman and Deb Campanella, and Trilogy vocal trio featuring Archer, Cassler and Joe Stewart. New this month, the "Student Spotlight" will feature high school junior Younha Seppyes, a soprano.

Program selections are to include the Canadian national anthem, an early French-Canadian folk tune, an Olympic fanfare and a number from the Broadway musical "Come From Away." Songs written by Sarah McLachlan, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen and others will be presented.

After the meeting, Marcia Markle's hosting committee will serve refreshments. Guests are welcome. There is no admission charge; however, donations to the club's scholarship fund are appreciated. Contact Cassler at (219) 362-1421 or Holt at (219) 928-6964 for more details.

PACE Open House

Franciscan Health will host a free Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly open house from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Franciscan Health Senior Health & Wellness, 301 W. Homer St.

The goal is to assist seniors, their families and caregivers in learning how the program can help enhance quality of life.

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In the Area

Oct. 24 — Homeschool History Hangout, 10-11 a.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$5/ per child with adult. Info: www.barkermansion.org

Oct. 24 — Halloween Glow in the Dark Night Hike, 4:30-7 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Info: (219) 325-8315, www.laportecountyparks.org

Oct. 24 — Potawatomi Audubon Society, 5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St.

Oct. 24 — LaPorte Community Concert Association, Jason Coleman, 7 p.m., LaPorte High School's PAC, 602 F St. Info: (219) 362-5292.

Oct. 25 — Spooky Bracelet Spectacular (all ages), 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 25 — Candlelight Mystery at The Mansion, 6-8 p.m., Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St. Cost: \$25. Info: www.barkermansion.org

Oct. 25-27 — The Holdcraft Players, "Agnes of God," The Holdcraft Performing Arts Center, 1200 Spring St. Times: 7 p.m. Oct. 25-26, 3 p.m. Oct. 27. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/students. Reservations: www.yptcinc.com/tickets. Tickets also available at door.

Oct. 26 — Your Ghost Did What?, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Oct. 26 — Trick-or-treat, 2-4 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Oct. 28 — Ultimate Werewolf (ages 10-17), 4 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 28 — Family Storytime, 6-6:30 p.m., LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Oct. 28 — Monday Musicale, 7 p.m., Simeon Square meeting room, 1207 S. Woodland Ave. Info: (219) 362-1421, (219) 928-6964.

Oct. 29 — Nature's Tiny Tots, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Info: (219) 325-8315, www.laportecountyparks.org

Oct. 29 — Readers Corner-Book Club, 5-6 p.m., Coolspring Branch Library, 6925 W. County Road 400 North. Info: www.laportelibrary.org

Oct. 30 — Story Time Costume Parade (birth-

age 5), 10 a.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Oct. 30 — Zombie Art Bots (all ages), 3:30 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3045/ask for Dave.

Oct. 30 — All About: Bats!, 5-7 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. Info: (219) 325-8315, www.laportecountyparks.org

Through Nov. 2 — "Illuminations: Glass Artists of Chesterton Art Center," The Ellen Firme Gallery, 92 U.S. 12, Beverly Shores.

Through Nov. 7 — Traveling exhibit, "Lost Landmarks of Indianapolis," LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Through Nov. 20 — Yoga (chair assisted), 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, A Mindful Place, 2626 N. Indiana 39, Suite 4, LaPorte. Costs/info: (219) 363-4756.

Through Nov. 27 — "Lost Cemeteries of LaPorte County" exhibit, LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

Through December — Michigan City Art League, The Legacy Center Gallery at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church, 1719 E. Barker Ave. Legacy Center hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Thur., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. Info: lucia@qas.org

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

Mondays in October — Any Book Book Club (adults only), 4-5 p.m., Michigan City Public Library, 100 E. Fourth St. Info: (219) 873-3049.

Mondays in October/November — Walk With Friends, 2-3 p.m., Luhr County Park, 3178 S. County Road 150 West, LaPorte. No Nov. 11 program. Info: (219) 325-8315, www.laportecountyparks.org

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

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

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

Tuesdays — Bingo, St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 1506 Washington St. Doors open: 3:30 p.m. Bingo: 6 p.m. \$30 entrance fee (includes specials except Winner Takes All & Jackpot). Info: (219) 336-3099.

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

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

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

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.

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

Saturdays through Oct. 26 in Michigan City — Michigan City Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, Eighth & Franklin streets. Info: tinyurl.com/bdd5mxxr

Saturdays in LaPorte — Guided tours, 2-3 p.m., LaPorte County Historical Society Museum, 2405 Indiana Ave. Info: (219) 324-6767.

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

In the Region

Oct. 24 — Story Time with Dot Siuda, 6 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Oct. 24 — Twilight tour, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Bowman Cemetery, 1630 Miami St., South Bend. Cost: \$2, free/members. Info: www.historymuseumSB.org, (574) 235-9664, Ext. 6256.

Oct. 24-27 — Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstration, 7-10 p.m., Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. Indiana 49, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Oct. 25 — Bird Bingo, 9:30 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 25 — Campfire Stories and Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 25 — Boo Ball — A Fundraiser to Benefit The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts with Expo '76 & Total Pro Horns, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$55/general, \$200/VIP. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

Oct. 26 — Spooktacular Spiders, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 26 — Shirley Heinze Land Trust Health & Harvest Fest, 10 a.m.-noon, Meadowbrook Nature Preserve, 109 W. County Road 700 North, Valparaiso. Info: www.heinzetrust.org/events, (219) 242-8558.

Oct. 26 — Pumpkin Decorating, noon, Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 26 — Hay Rides, 1-3 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 26 — Owl Prowl, 7 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 26 — Mississippi Heat, 8 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Tickets: \$25 + \$4.50 convenience fee, \$50 (reserved) + \$4.50 convenience fee. Reservations: www.acornlive.org

Oct. 27 — Campfire Donuts and Craft, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 27 — Look! It's a Snake!, 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 27 — School of American Music's free family concert, Cindy Shelhart, 3 p.m. EDT, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, Mich. Request: food-item donation for non-profit Neighbor by Neighbor. Info: (269) 409-1191, https://schoolofamericanmusic.com

Oct. 28 — Meet the Beavers, 10 a.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Oct. 28 — Halloween Story Time, 10 a.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Oct. 28 — What is That? Sea Glass, Fossils and Other Beach Treasures, 6 p.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Oct. 29 — NBTL Book Club, Mark Sullivan's The Last Green Valley, 10 a.m. EDT, New Buffalo Township Library, 33 N. Thompson St. Info: (269) 469-2933.

Oct. 29 — Art at The Acorn: Artist Reception for Julie Schwarz ("A Symphony of Polaroids"), 7 p.m. EDT, The Acorn, 107 Generations Drive, Three Oaks, Mich. Free. Info: www.acornlive.org

Oct. 30 — The J.D. Marshall History Hike, 2 p.m., Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N. County Road 25 East, Chesterton. Info: (219) 926-1390.

Through Oct. 30 — "Of Giants and Warriors" (local artists Diane Grams/Tim Lace), Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St. Info: (219) 926-4711, www.chestertonart.org

Through Nov. 1 — Julia Holmaas' "Worldviews," The Art Barn School of Art, 695 N. County Road 400 East, Valparaiso. Info: www.artbarnschool.org, (219) 462-9009.

Through Nov. 2 — Izard + Shelton exhibit, Roti Roti Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan, Mich.

Through Nov. 10 — "Language as Form: Calligraphy & Sculpture by Gwen Yen Chiu"/Nick Col-lard's "Forest," Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. Info: www.krasl.org

Through Dec. 12 — Goshen artist Jason Keiser, The Village Gallery at Pines Village Retirement Communities, 3303 Pines Village Circle, Valparaiso.

Through April 6, 2025 — "From the Speedway

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Comes Their Stamina: Studebaker Racing & Record-Breakers,” The Studebaker National Museum, 201 Chapin St., South Bend. Hours (Eastern): 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat., noon-5 p.m. Sun. Admission: \$11/adults, \$9.50/seniors 60+, \$7/youth ages 6-18. Info: (574) 235-9714, (888) 391-5600, www.studebakermuseum.org

Through April 19, 2025 — “The V&N: Porter County’s Electric Interurban Rail Line,” Porter County Museum, 20 Indiana Ave., Valparaiso. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue.-Sun. Info: www.pocomuse.org

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

Saturdays in Chesterton through Oct. 28 — Chesterton European Market, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 220 Broadway, Chesterton. Info: tinyurl.com/3wvav7pw

Saturdays in October — Nature Play Date, 1-3 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Miller Beach. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Sundays in October — Chellberg Farm Open House, 1-3 p.m., Mineral Springs Road between U.S. 12/20, Porter. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Sundays in October — Miller Woods Hike, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Miller Beach. Info: (219) 395-1882, www.nps.gov/indu

Vickers Theatre — *Now Showing*: “Little Shop of Horrors.” PG-13. Time: 7 p.m. Oct. 24. *Also*: “White Bird.” Rated PG-13. Times: 4 & 7 p.m. Oct. 25 & 27. *Also*: Comedy Night (Mo Good, Dan Strittmatter, Avril Granato, Ramiro Lynch, Megan McMurty, Jay Brown). Time: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26. All times Eastern. Theater address: 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, Mich. Info: www.vickerstheatre.com, (269) 756-3522.



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The free family event emphasizes interactive activities that promote healthy living while celebrating fall. Activities include “donut-bobbing,” face painting, nature-based crafts and guided walks. Visitors can dress up in costume. Also planned are s’mores, coffee, cider and spooky stories around a campfire.

Families and individuals can sign up for an all-ages, nature-inspired yoga session by Rich Gardner of Maroon Village. RSVPs are required, and participants should take a yoga mat.

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The Hitchcock Hotel by Stephanie Wrobel
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“They deserve what’s coming...After this weekend, interest in the hotel will peak. There might be a lull at first, shock over what transpired...but then a Reddit thread here, a podcast episode there, and the ghouls will descend in no time.”

Welcome to the Hitchcock Hotel, homage to the late, great master of twisted and suspenseful movies we all watched with jaw-dropping disbelief.

Love, obsession, betrayal, revenge. Not the way love is supposed to progress, but in a hotel named the Hitchcock, anything goes, and usually when you least expect it. Oh, I almost forgot, also murder. There must be a murder, right?

First, we meet Alfred Smettle, owner and manager of the Hitchcock Hotel. He saw this three-story, empty house on the side of a hill, and it reminded him of the house in “Psycho.” No one knows more about the movies, the stories behind them and the stars who made Hitchcock movies come alive than Alfred Smettle. Yes, his mother was a huge fan and named her son Alfred in honor of Hitch, himself. Instead of family photos hanging on the living room walls, she put up photos of Hitchcock’s leading ladies. Weird, huh?

It’s been one year since the hotel opened, and Smettle invites his five best friends from college for a weekend of celebration a la Hitchcock. He has filled the hotel with all things from Hitchcock movies, even has a screening room that shows movies 24/7. Yes, every film Hitchcock made. There’s even an aviary filled with black crows. I love that the birds are not canaries or parrots, because a group of crows is called a “murder.” Perhaps a sign of things to come?

Alfred and his five friends — Grace, Samira, Zoe, Julius and TJ — met in an elective class in college about film appreciation: Hitchcock, in particular. Alfred narrates his own chapters, while the others are told in third person. Important because something happened in college to Alfred, and it seems maybe he is out for revenge. It seems his hidden agenda is something the reader should tuck away for future reference.

Not only names and jobs are revealed here, but also a lot about the friends’ personalities and their lives since college. They are an interesting bunch.

Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter



TJ was a weakling, but now buff and a security guard. Samira is married and has a successful business selling sex toys. Julius is the rich kid, need I say more? Zoe is a chef with a drinking problem — it’s likely to get worse over this weekend. Grace, the beauty and unspoken leader of the group in college, is a hedge fund manager. Aside: Alfred always was in love with her.

As Alfred says, *“For four years we were family. They cheered me on...They accepted me. Right up until they didn’t.”*

Alfred has a housekeeper named Danny, who behaves more like a mother to him than an employee. What does she know about Alfred? She silently moves around the hotel, creeping out the guests.

As the pages turn, we learn more of the background of the “friends.” It becomes more and more obvious that helping Alfred with celebrating his first year in business is not the main reason he arranged this weekend. The evening meal on Friday turns to a discussion on how to pull off the perfect crime. Great conversation for a meeting between friends who haven’t seen each other for some years.

You can’t help but wait for the other shoe to drop. Soon, there simply must be a body showing

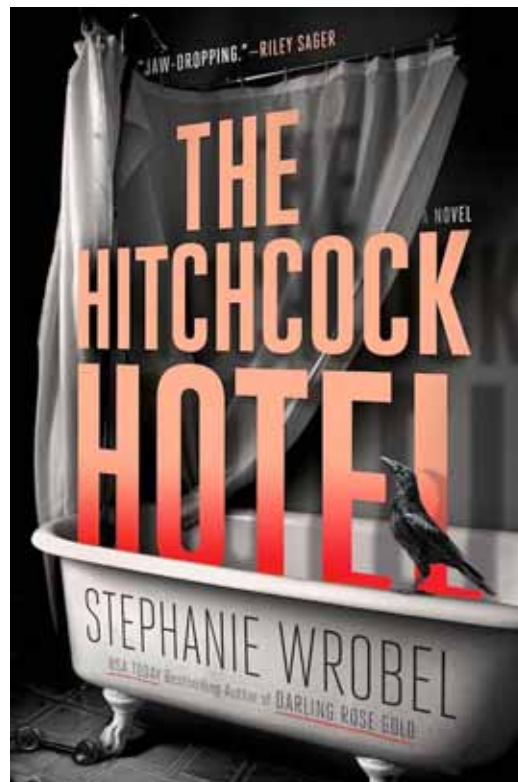
up unexpectedly. Everything points to revenge by Alfred. But to whom? And why? The suspense is definitely here, and it certainly is Hitchcockian in depth. And it becomes crystal clear everyone has something to hide.

As Danny tells Alfred, *“There are things they’ve done that they’re not telling you.”*

The final word: What a clever story! Moving at a good pace, keeping you changing your mind about the characters and trying to guess Alfred’s final “act.” Not to mention clandestine meetings, something floating in the pond and a host as creepy as his idol, Alfred Hitchcock.

If you like movies (especially Hitchcock) and a twisty, diabolical plot, you will tell your friends about this book. Wrobel also wrote the bestselling [Darling Rose Gold](#) and [This Might Hurt](#), both worthy of your attention.

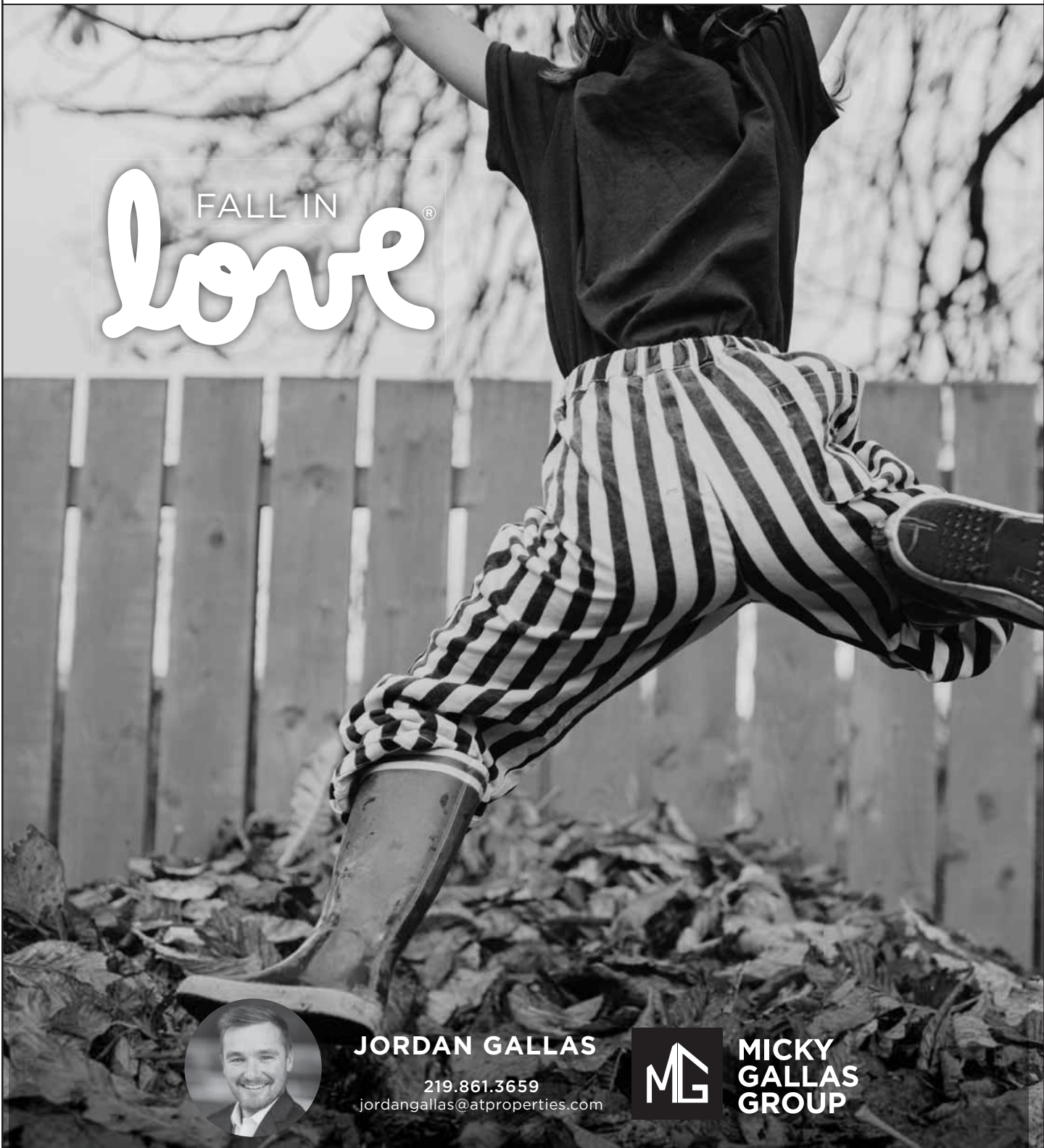
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