



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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Hours:

Monday 10 – 5

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 5

Thursday 10 – 8
(ending Aug. 31)

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday closed

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Library Closings:

Sept. 5 & 7, 2026



GAMES

Winter will be here before we know it. ❄️

🀄️🎲 Let's Get Our Game On! 🎲🀄️

Would anyone be interested in joining a Mah Jong Club at the library? 🀄️😊
Whether you're an experienced player or simply looking for a fun way to connect with others, we'd love to hear from you! 🎲

If there's enough interest, we'll work on getting a group started at the library. 🎲❤️

🀄️ Prefer a different game? Maybe Euchre?
If there is enough interest, we could also have a Euchre club.

Or perhaps another favorite? We'd love to hear your ideas! 🀄️♠️❤️

Come play, learn, laugh, and make new friends at the library! 🀄️🎲



Back to School!

It's time to head back to school! 🍎
While you're getting ready for a new year of learning, be sure to stop by the library and check out our **River Valley history display!** 📖 📄

Discover fascinating stories, interesting facts, and a little local history from right here in our community. 📖 ✨ Come take a look and see what you can learn!

A Change to Our Thursday Evening Hours

We have an update to share with our library community!
Beginning **May 7, 2026**, the library expanded its Thursday hours and remained open until **8:00 p.m.** We hoped these extended evening hours would provide greater convenience for our community and encourage more patrons to visit the library after the traditional workday.

Unfortunately, the response has been much smaller than we had hoped. 💙 During the extended Thursday evening hours, attendance has been almost nonexistent, with **fewer than five patrons visiting during those hours for the entire summer.**

As responsible stewards of our library funding, we want to make sure our resources—including staffing hours—are being used where they can have the greatest impact for our community. After reviewing the attendance, we have made the decision to **end the extended Thursday evening hours effective August 31, 2026.**

But that doesn't mean the library building has to go dark in the evenings! 💡 ✨ We absolutely want our community to use and enjoy this space. If you have a meeting, gathering, or special event that you would like to hold in our **Community Room outside of regular library hours**, please reach out to us. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. 🏛️ ❤️

In fact, we've even had a couple of **weddings** here! 💍 🎉

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us make thoughtful decisions about how we use our library resources. And, as always, **we'd love to hear from you about the programs, events, and services you'd like to see at your library!** 📖 ❤️

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with Microsoft Office

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Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan
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reserve items, or make
requests at our online
[catalog](#):

Library Catalog
Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!
<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

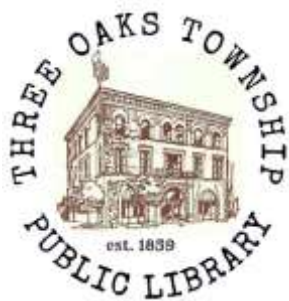
Upcoming Events at the Library:

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color-Me Happy-Hour, 1:00 – 2:00. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Bedazzle a Book, 4:00 – 6:00. Bring your favorite book or get one from our book sale. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Thursday, August 27, Friends of the Library Meeting, 6:00. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.
at the Checkout Desk every day.

Follow us on (<http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary>) and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org for all the latest information and events.





Local History Room Policy

We love helping you explore our community's history! 😊

 **Appointments are preferred** to ensure staff are available to assist you and provide access to the collection.

 **Walk-in use may be available** if staff are available at the time of your visit.

 Looking for historical newspapers? A **public computer with access to digitized local newspapers** is available for use **outside of the Local History Room** during regular library hours.

 Many visitors find that local history research involves more guidance than they initially expect. Scheduling an appointment helps ensure staff have the time to assist with navigating collections, answering questions, and locating the most helpful resources.

 As a **very small library in a very small town**, our staff wear many hats each day. Appointments help us balance daily library operations while providing each local history visitor with the time and attention their research deserves.

 Because some unique local history items have unfortunately gone missing over the years, access to this collection is supervised to help preserve these irreplaceable materials for everyone.

 We understand that everyone's time is valuable, and we appreciate your patience. We are honored to serve as **stewards of our community's history**. These materials have been entrusted to our care, and we are doing our best to preserve and protect this collection so it remains available for future generations to discover and enjoy.

♥ Thank you for your understanding and for helping us safeguard our shared history!

No borrows? No problem! Titles in Hoopla's Bonus Borrows program don't count against your limit, and they're available the last seven days of each month. Enjoy Hoopla all month long!

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/30266>



💎📖 Bedazzle a Book! 💎

Give your favorite read a little **extra sparkle!** ✨

Join us for a fun, hands-on craft where you can transform a book cover with **rhinestones, gems, and plenty of creativity.** 💎📖

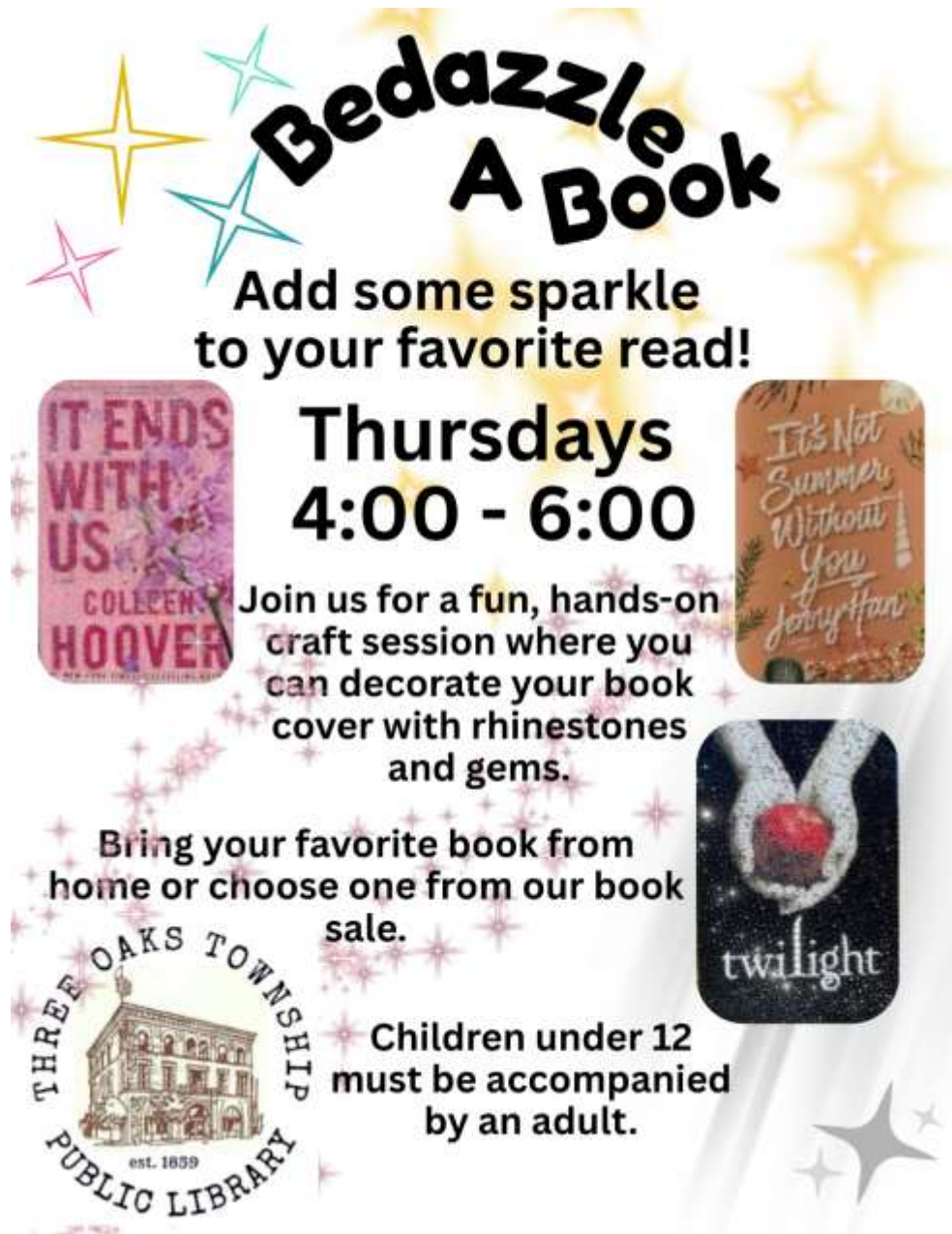
Bring your favorite book from home or choose one from our **Book Sale Room!** 📖🛒

📅 **Thursdays | 4–6 PM**

💰 **Free!**

👨👩 **Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Come get crafty, get creative, and **bedazzle a book!** ✨💎📖



Bedazzle A Book

Add some sparkle to your favorite read!

Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00

Join us for a fun, hands-on craft session where you can decorate your book cover with rhinestones and gems.

Bring your favorite book from home or choose one from our book sale.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY est. 1859

Book covers shown: IT ENDS WITH US by Colleen Hoover, It's Not Summer Without You by Jenny Han, and Twilight.

⚡🔍 **New in Our Library of Things: EMF & Dirty Electricity Test Kit!**



Curious about **electromagnetic fields (EMFs)** and "dirty electricity"? Our **Library of Things** now has a **Dirty Electricity & Electromagnetic Field Test Kit** available to borrow!

📖 Inside the kit, you'll find the book **EMF Practical Guide**, which explores what EMFs are, explains the science behind dirty electricity, and shares practical tips for reducing everyday exposure.



🧰 The kit also includes:

- 📖 An **Erickhill EMF Tester** with an instruction manual
- ⚡ A **Stetzerizer Microsurge Meter** with an instruction manual
- 🔌 **Four Stetzerizer Filters**

Whether you're interested in learning more about your home environment or simply exploring a new topic, this kit is a great way to investigate and discover at your own pace.

♥ Check it out from our **Library of Things** and start exploring today!





THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED CATALOG

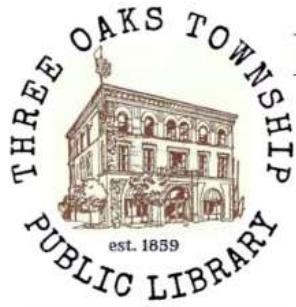
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Discover our Free Seed Catalog and
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How It Works:
Browse our seed catalog and choose the
seeds you'd like to grow.
"Check out" your seeds—completely
free!

Plant, nurture, and enjoy your harvest.
At the end of the season, "return" seeds
by saving and donating
from your plants.

Help us keep the cycle growing for
everyone in the community.

Happy planting!



LIBRARY OF THINGS

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PLAY WITH CAR
CHARGER



CD PLAYER



MOBILE HOT SPOT



ELECTRIC
BALLOON PUMP



EMF & DIRTY
ELECTRICITY TEST
KIT



BISSELL LITTLE
GREEN STEAM
CLEANER



STAY SHARP
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TONIES

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[HTTPS://THREEOAKS.BIBLIONIX.COM/CATALOG/?LOT=1](https://threeoaks.bibliunix.com/catalog/?lot=1)

📚 ✨ Have You Explored Our Library of Things Lately? ✨ 🔧

If you haven't checked out our **Library of Things** recently, now's the perfect time! 🎉 We've added some fantastic new items to our collection, and you might be surprised by what you can borrow. From practical tools to fun gadgets, there's something for everyone!

Take a look and see what's new:

<https://threeoaks.bibliunix.com/catalog/?lot=1>

💡 Borrow more than just books—discover your next favorite thing at the library!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Meeting



**Thursday,
August 27,
6:00 p.m.**



Everyone is invited



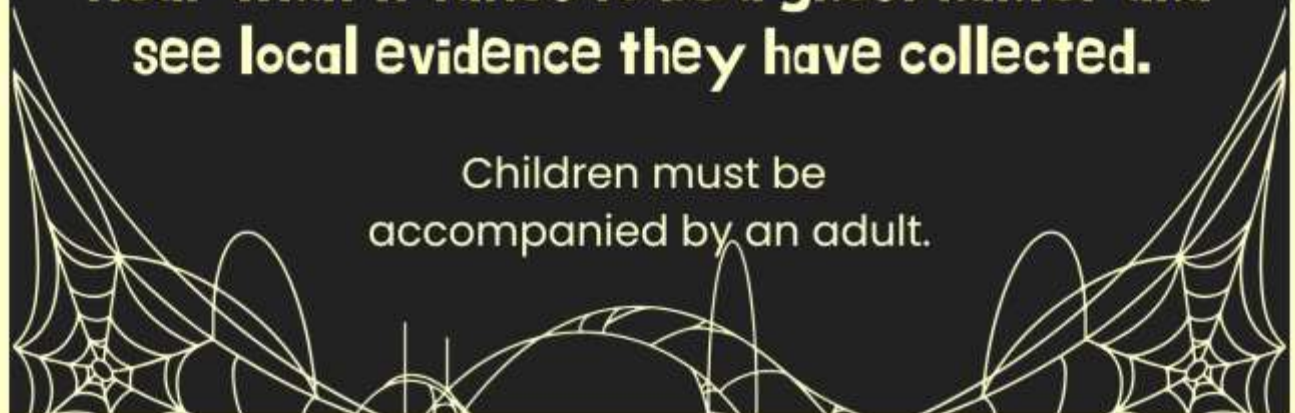
**A Presentation by
The Michiana
Paranormal Society**

**at
Three Oaks Township
Public Library**

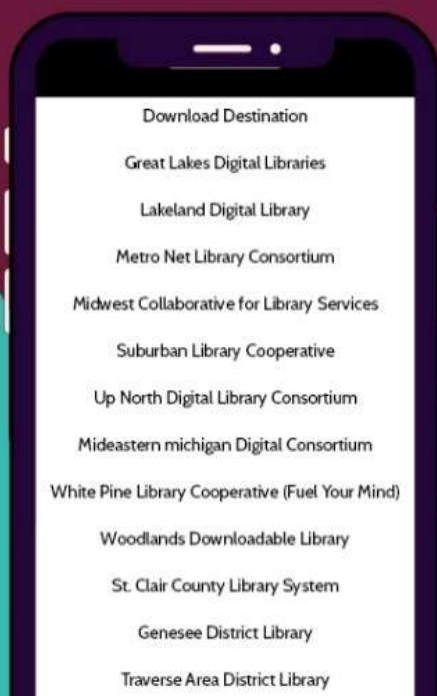
**Friday, October 30,
7:00 pm**

**Hear what it takes to be a ghost hunter and
see local evidence they have collected.**

Children must be
accompanied by an adult.



BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!

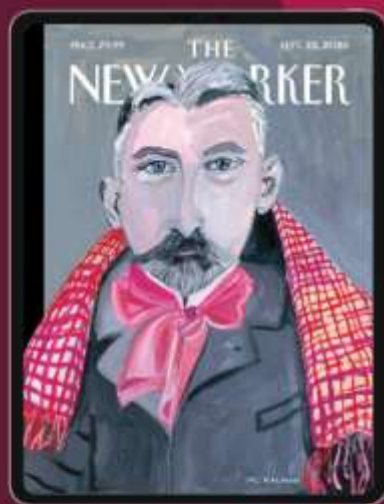


Get more access with your
Southwest Michigan Digital Library
Member Library Card!
You can borrow titles from any
of these collections!



To add your card for a partner library you must
select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to MENU > ADD LIBRARY
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap SIGN IN WITH MY CARD
- 4) Under PARTNER LIBRARIES, choose your home library from the list and sign in.



From big headlines to niche hobbies.

Borrow magazines for free with Libby.



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Book Donation Guidelines



Thank you for thinking of the library!
Donations to our Book Sale Room help support library programs and services for our entire community.

To keep our sale room fresh and inviting:



We CAN Accept:

- Books published within the last **five years**
- Books in **excellent, clean condition**
- Magazines published within the last **five years**
- All items must be free of damage, stains, and odors



We CANNOT Accept:

- Books more than five years old
- Magazines more than five years old
- Dusty or dirty books or magazines
- Moldy books or magazines
- Books or magazines with yellowed pages
- Books or magazines that smell like basements, garages, smoke, or mildew
- Worn, heavily used, or damaged books or magazines
- Text books

We understand it can be difficult to part with beloved family favorites — we love books too! However, outdated or poor-condition books and magazines simply do not sell, and we often must discard them at the library's expense. We are not equipped to store or preserve older materials that do not have a specific tie to the greater Three Oaks area, and we are not designed to be a book museum.

If you believe a book may be rare or valuable, we encourage you to research it online or consult a professional appraiser.

Thank you for helping us keep our Book Sale Room clean, current, and welcoming for everyone!

All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to attend Free History Hounds® online lectures through the Historical Society of Michigan™ (HSM).

All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

To register, visit www.hsmichigan.org, select the "Programs" tab, and choose the History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library along with your name, address, and email. HSM will email your Zoom link the day before each program.

In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



Free History Hounds® lectures for members of your historical organization!

You can attend the Historical Society of Michigan's (HSM) weekly History Hounds® Lecture Series free of charge as a benefit of your membership with your historical organization. All programs are remote, via Zoom, so you can participate on your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Register for the programs on HSM's website at www.hsmichigan.org. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter the name of your organization. Select the programs you wish to attend. HSM will email you the Zoom link the day before each program. Free admission is courtesy of your historical organization's membership with HSM.



Upcoming Lectures:

August 4 @ noon

Sanilac Petroglyphs: Ezhibiigaadek Asin (Knowledge Written on Stone) with Stacy Tchorzynski, Jeff Chivis, Marcella Hadden

August 12 @ 7 pm

Trotters & Tribulations: Harness Racing in 19th-century Lexington & Kalamazoo with Christian Krueger

August 18 @ noon

A Literary Legacy: Michigan's Carnegie Libraries with Adam Oster

August 26 @ 7 pm

REWIND - Andersonville Prison & Michigan with Erika McDowell

September 1 @ noon

Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan with Barb Barton

And More!

Note: All lecture times are scheduled in the Eastern time zone.

Did you know? Household members of the Historical Society of Michigan can access recordings of past History Hounds on the HSM website! Members must be logged in with an active membership to view past lectures on demand. To learn more about memberships, visit www.hsmichigan.org/join.

Community Notes



Music in the Park

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED SCHEDULE BELOW

Summer is winding down, kids are almost back to school and there are two more opportunities to enjoy Music in the Park - Harbert Community Park that is.

Saturday - August 22

5:30 - Livia Gazzolo (Sandburg Pavilion)

7:00 - Martha Cares Jazz Ensemble (Main Stage)

Friday - August 28

8:00 - P.S. Dump Your Boyfriend

Food trucks and beverages will be available for refreshment purchase. Concert free to the public. Pack a dinner, bring a blanket, enjoy the end of summer with neighbors and friends. See you there.

The Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite you to attend the **Dedication of the Hickory St Bridge** in Three Oaks, honoring longtime community member **John Kramer**.

This special ribbon cutting will recognize John's many contributions to our community and celebrate the renaming of the bridge in his honor.

Event Details



Thursday, September 3

🕒 12:00 p.m. EST

📍 Hickory St Bridge, Three Oaks, Michigan

Your presence would help make this dedication even more special for John, his family, and the community.

We hope you can attend and show your support for a truly deserving individual.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce.

SOUTH ELM STREET ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE



PROJECT STARTS MONDAY, JULY 6

(weather permitting)

Rieth-Riley Construction will begin work on South Elm Street on **Monday, July 6**.



FULL CLOSURE

South Elm Street will be **FULLY CLOSED** from US-12 to the Village Limits.

This full closure—rather than closing one lane at a time—will allow the contractor and their subcontractors to complete the project more efficiently.



DETOUR ROUTE

Traffic in **BOTH** directions will be detoured using:

- ✓ US-12
- ✓ Schwark Road
- ✓ Stickles Road



PLEASE REMEMBER

- Follow all posted detour signs.
- Use caution when traveling through the area.
- Expect delays and plan ahead.



Project start date is anticipated to be **Monday, July 6**, subject to final approval and weather conditions.

DETOUR MAP



Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these important improvements to our community.

VILLAGE OF
THREE OAKS

US-12 SHOULDER CLOSURE

CMAQ PROJECT

MDOT will be maintaining two-way traffic on US-12 by shifting to the west (center) lane. The **eastbound (EB) shoulder** will be closed during construction.

PROJECT INCLUDES: 0.25 mi of hot mix asphalt shared-used path, curb, gutter, and ramps, culvert installation, and pavement markings along south side of US-12 from Three Oaks Estates Mobile Home Park to Nells Drive.



STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE.



Please slow down and use caution in work zones.



Expect possible delays. Plan ahead!



Thank you for your patience as we improve our roads!



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Two-way traffic will be maintained on US-12 by shifting to the west (center) lane
- The eastbound (EB) shoulder will be closed
- Work area may vary
- Motorists should use caution and follow all posted signage
- Reduced speeds in work zone
- Watch for construction activity



PROJECT DATES

Project duration:

JULY 6 – SEPTEMBER 18

Shoulder closure begins:

JULY 6

Open to traffic (shoulder closure ends):

AUGUST 21

Dates are subject to change due to weather or conditions.



DRIVE SAFELY



Slow down



Watch for workers and equipment



Buckle up & stay alert



QUESTIONS?

Contact the Village Office



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It's time to order your Mega Mums!

Harbor Country Rotary Club's Annual Fundraiser



Order Today

Order deadline is Aug. 29th



Pick up Sept. 11th

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Carver Park | Three Oaks

All proceeds support Harbor Country Rotary Club's service projects

Rotary
Harbor Country Rotary Foundation



Music in the park 2026

June 13 **THE SOUTHSORE CONCERT BAND**

Traditional American Big Band (90 minutes)

June 20 **ANNE HARRIS**

Blues, Rock, Folk Blends

June 27 **EDGAR WILLBURY EXPERIENCE**

Rock Covers

July 4 **MARTHA CARES**

Blending Jazz, Cabaret, pop, Traditional,
Bossa Nova (75 minutes)

July 11 **BOBBY HUNT & THE DAY DRINKERS**

Blues

July 18 **PT AND THE CRUISERS**

Rock

July 25 **QUITE FRANK LEE BAND**

Folk

Aug 1 **THE ANDREW FISHER QUARTET**

Neo-Soul Jazz (90 minutes)
Celebration of life in memory of Tom Folliard

Aug 8 **THE SCAMP BAND**

Country Rock

Aug 15 **SARASWATHI RANGANATHAN**

World Music

Aug 22 **CHICKEN DOLPHIN BAND**

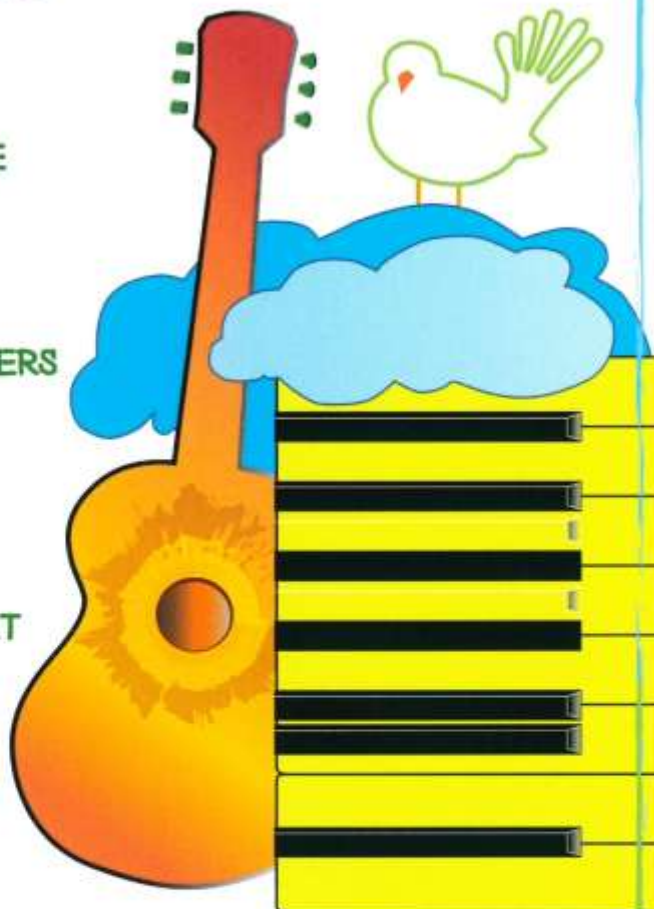
Blues, Reggae

Aug 29 **KENNEDY'S KITCHEN**

Pub Music, Sing-Alongs

Sept 5 **NEWPORT BLUES PROJECT BAND**

Rock, Blues, Soul (90 minutes)



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1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



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Saturday, August 1, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 - 3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - 4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman

Monday, August 10, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs

Monday, August 10, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor

Friday, August 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 3:00 PM - Cass County (Drive Thru), Hope Community Church, 2390 Lake St., Niles

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville

Thursday, August 20, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor

Friday, August 21, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Buffalo American Legion, 19139 US Hwy 12, New Buffalo

Monday, August 24, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third Street, Baroda

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma

Thursday, August 27, 2026 - 12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph

Friday, August 28, 2026 - 3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles

Monday, August 31, 2026 - 4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, Post #344, 402 N. Main Street, Galien