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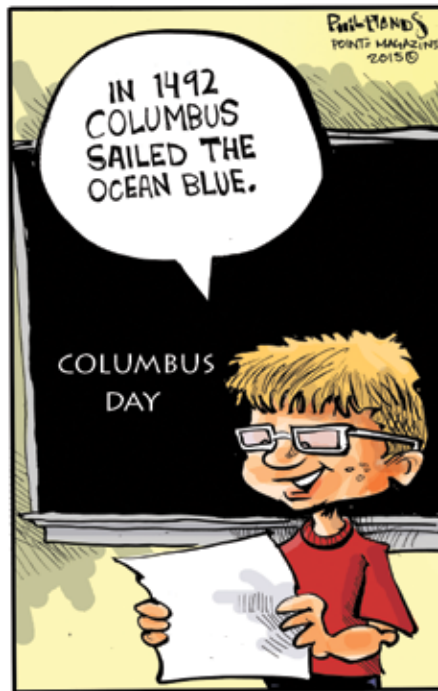
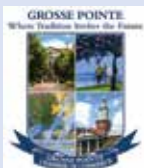
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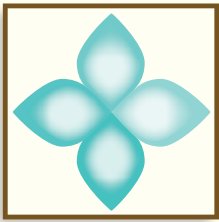
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Columbus Day at Lochmoor!

Golfers and sponsors are signing up for our first annual Lochmoor Club-Pointe Magazine Columbus Day Charity Golf Outing to benefit Special Kids Inc., an outstanding nonprofit run by Jeanne Lizza of Grosse Pointe Woods.

But before I get into that, I want to explain what happened to the paper inside our last issue of *Pointe Magazine*.

We are regularly complimented on the quality of paper we use on the cover and inside the magazine. That is by design. We knew from the start that if we were to be successful in Grosse Pointe, we needed to be a quality publication. And your ongoing compliments confirm that belief.

However, as some readers and advertisers noticed the paper quality was not up to standard in our July-August issue of *Pointe Magazine*. The problem arose at the printing plant, where the printer picked up the specs for another of our more “newsy” publications, *On Pointe*.

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I know there are a lot of charity golf outings out there, but this one is a special one for Special Kids.

”

We did not learn of the switch ourselves until we picked up our advance copies at our box at the UPS Store on Mack. By then, of course, it was too late. The nearly 20,000 copies were en route!

Some may have thought we were intentionally trying to cut costs, that maybe things were not doing as well at *Pointe Magazine*. Perish the thought! It was simply a mistake by the printer. *Pointe Magazine* is doing just fine, thank you! And, hopefully as I write this prior to going to press, this issue is back to the usual quality you demand and expect!

With that out of the way, let’s talk golf! I have to say I am excited at the chance to play at Lochmoor again. It has been years since I played it. Unfortunately, I still have my occasional slice and push, and being a right-hander, that doesn’t bode well for Lochmoor. But, hey, that’s golf!

As the golf outing’s name implies, it will be held on Columbus Day, Oct. 12. The shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. It will be a scramble format, which I always find great fun. You don’t have to be a great golfer in a scramble format. Just contribute a good chip or putt for the team, and you’re golden.

If you’re a serious golfer, there are the usual “skins” challenges: longest drive, sponsored by The Pepler Agency; closest to the pin; hole-in-one; lowest team score, etc. So there is something for everyone — the big hitters and the duffers like me!

We encourage golfers to get there early to hit free range balls and practice on Lochmoor’s great short-game area.

Before heading out to your starting hole, be sure to grab a couple of coney dogs supplied by our lunch sponsor, National

Coney Island. I have relatives from outside metro Detroit, and they try to tell me their coney dogs are better, but we know better, don’t we?!

During the round, enjoy on-course libations and a great time with friends and colleagues.


After the round, the fun is not over, not by a long shot.

Lochmoor is generously putting on a gourmet buffet, complete with carving station and open bar. (Dinner-only tickets are just \$50, so have your spouse or sweetheart meet you at Lochmoor after the round!)

There will also be many great offerings to bid on in the tin-can raffle, as well as skins prizes and awarding the winning foursome.

I know there are a lot of charity golf outings out there, but this one is a special one for Special Kids. The nonprofit helps some 75 children and young adults with cognitive, emotional and physical impairments each year. Therapy that would typically cost \$150 per hour, costs just \$15 through Special Kids. Some programs, art and yoga therapies for example, are just \$10 per hour. Through donations and fundraising, Special Kids is able to keep costs incredibly low.

To keep up its good works, Special Kids needs people like us to step up so Jeanne and her staff can help other families with special needs. Call me at (313) 682-7048 or go online at www.grossepointemagazine.com or specialkids.com to sign up!

Hope to see you out there... Fore! 

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With three hip replacement surgeries and four infections, Robert says that he has had his share of bad experiences. When he first came to Heartland Health Care Center - Grosse Pointe Woods he was naturally apprehensive.

"Then I met Tammy," said Robert. He says his nurse, Tammy, always had on a smile when she walked in his door. "Between God, my wife, and Tammy; they saved my life," said Robert with a smile.

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Meet Weston



Name: **Weston Waldmeir** Age: **4** School: **St. Paul's Catholic School**

Parents: **Christopher & Rebecca Waldmeir** City: **Grosse Pointe**

Interests: **Karate, soccer, swimming, gymnastics and playing with Iron Man and Hot Wheels toys**

Favorites

Book

Uncle Bigfoot and Revenge of the Dinotrux

Family Activity

Bike rides to TCBY

Vacation

Visiting the beach at Isle of Palms, S.C.

Outdoor Activity

Going on the swings

School Subject

Story time

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Stormtrooper

Game

Tag

Who do you look up to and why?

"Momma and Daddy because I love you guys."

About Weston

Weston is an energetic, outgoing and compassionate four-year-old who loves playing with his little sister, cousins and friends. He has an endless imagination and prefers to be outside in the yard, swinging, climbing or just plain exploring as often as possible. Wes really enjoys school because he loves meeting new people and making new friends.

Meet Blakelyn

Name:

Blakelyn Waldmeir

City:

Grosse Pointe

Birthdate & time:

Jan. 17, 2014 at 9:04 a.m.

First words:

Mama and Dada

Favorite toy or game:

Duck duck goose, bunny, baby doll and playing outside on the swing

Parents:

Christopher & Rebecca Waldmeir

Cute habit:

She enjoys singing "Tomorrow" from *Annie* with her dad and "Rain, Rain, Go Away." She loves to greet her mom at the door by shouting "Hi, how are you?" She also loves her baby doll and tries to feed her. When she can't find her doll, she walks around the house calling, "Baby doll, where are you?"

About Blakelyn *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

"Blake is an adventurous little girl who is always ready to share a hug or kiss. She greets her family, especially her big brother Wes, with enormous excitement every morning, as if she hadn't seen him in days. She's a very sweet little girl with a sassy side that always seems to amuse others at the park or while out shopping with her mom."



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Multi-age Class Multiplies Learning

By Beth Newhart

Mary O'Meara's first, second and third grade students celebrate the end of the school year with the class's annual picnic in Trombly School's butterfly garden. There's lots of fun with food, sprinklers and a slip-and-slide, but this isn't the typical class farewell party. When Trombly's bell rings to start the new school year, these first and second graders will be back with their beloved Ms. O'Meara.

In 1994, O'Meara piloted the Grosse Pointe Public Schools' only multi-age program, a class that combines first, second and third graders in the same class and keeps them together for three years. With multi-age instruction, she builds a community of learners that continues to work together from year to year. Housed at Trombly, it is open to all students in the district.

"The kids are watching each other, and they learn from each other," she says. "As kids work on more complex tasks, the others are motivated to do the same."

The class follows the GPPSS curriculum for all subjects, but O'Meara uses a more holistic approach to learning and emphasizes community. She doesn't see the program fitting a particular student profile, however, she does say it's somewhat less structured than the typical class.

"This is for somebody who is interested in their student developing their creativity, their ability to communicate and collaborate and develop an awareness as a citizen of this classroom, this school and the world," she says.

Kristina and Boch Suson's son Sage is an incoming second grader, and they appreciated not only the academics in his first year, but the idea of Sage interacting with older classmates and mentoring younger ones.

"Her teaching, philosophy and emphasis on critical thinking mesh well with my thoughts about education," Kristina says. "We also want to foster independent

learning."

Colin McComb and Robin Moulder had similar ideas for their children, Caroline and Lachlan. Graduates of the multi-age class, the couple chose to move their children to Trombly because the differentiated education taught their children how to work with students outside their own ages.



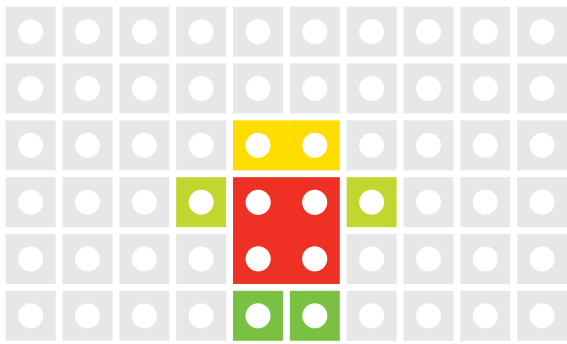
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"We believed it was crucial for our kids to learn to be both students and mentors in their own classrooms," McComb says.

Things have changed over the years. There's less chalk dust and more iPad time thanks to a grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. But the values remain the same.

"What you learn here, you're meant to take out into the world," O'Meara says.

For more information on this program, contact Walter Fitzpatrick at walter.fitzpatrick@gpschools.org or Mary O'Meara at mary.omeara@gpschools.org. [P](#)



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Meet Tommy



Name Thomas Thams (Tommy)

Age 14

City Grosse Pointe Farms

School Grosse Pointe South

Parents Eric and Lisa Thams

Tommy's Favorites

Music Artist
Sam Smith

Music Genre
Alternative

TV Show
Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern

Movie
The original Airplane movie

Actor
Johnny Depp

School Subject
Music/Fine arts

Vacation
St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands

Food
Seafood pasta

Book
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Teacher
Mr. Pfeuffer (4th grade at Kerby Elementary)

Extracurricular Activity
Choir

What interesting skill do you possess and what would you like to learn?

I can Crow pose (balance my body with knees on elbows). I would love to learn to do a standing back flip just as a party trick.

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

I share songs with my family so there is some Justin Bieber and One Direction.

If you could have three wishes granted what would they be?

1. Perfect luck
2. Contentment
3. Mastery at any trade

Where do you see yourself in five years?

College of my dreams

What did you want to be as a child and what do you want to be now?

When I was young I had my mind set on being a LEGO engineer or a professional snowboarder but now I can see myself in the music world or the more practical engineering field.

About Tommy

Tommy's interests include computer mechanics, aviation, remote control aircraft, photography and music.

He labels himself a "young entrepreneur" with crazy ideas. His latest idea being drone photography where he blended his love for aviation with a newfound love for photography.

Tommy has three siblings, Ellie, 20, Frankie, 18 and Giovanni, 9.

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Restoring the Past to Grow the Future

By Beth Newhart

In 1990, NASA brought back 12.5 million tomato seeds from a satellite orbiting the earth and offered them to schools throughout the country. Steve Buckman, a young second grade teacher at Trombly School, requested 50 seeds. Twenty-five students gathered in the school's greenhouse to plant those seeds and charted their growth against a control group. Over the next two years, more students planted second and third generations of seeds to continue the experiment.

"It was really cool," Buckman, who still teaches at Trombly, recalls. "Diane

Goodwin [the school's secretary] helped out and so did my wife-to-be. It really had a wide range of people."

Most people think of classrooms as the main place of learning in a school, but at Trombly, the greenhouse is just as important. Third graders grow seeds as part of their science curriculum. Outside of lessons, the school's Green Squad, led by Goodwin, grows seedlings for non-profits like Buckets of Rain in Detroit and the Full Circle Foundation. The students are excited to give back to the community and help others.

Built in 1927, the greenhouse is original to the school and has seen better days. A "No Parking" sign is a substitute for a missing pane of glass. Squirrels have found their way in through more broken panes. Very soon, it won't be safe to have the children in it. The Trombly PTO sees the dire need, and this

fall, it is launching a campaign to raise \$70,000 to restore the greenhouse.

"As parents, we can't turn and look the other way any longer," says PTO president Michele Lindsay. "Trombly is our second home, and we want to see it maintained as anyone would a home they love."

The effort is off to a good start. Last spring, the PTO pledged \$10,000 to the cause, and another \$5,500 was secured over the summer. As the campaign launches in September, they hope to have the remainder raised by March of next year.

"It was designed into the original plans," Buckman says of the greenhouse. "It was thought to be important enough for the students, and it provides an opportunity for growth and exploration that other schools don't have." With the help of the community, it will continue to be a part of Trombly's future as well.


An open house to kick off the fundraising campaign will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information or to learn how to help, contact Michele Lindsay at (313) 473-8040 or terrierPTO@gmail.com. 



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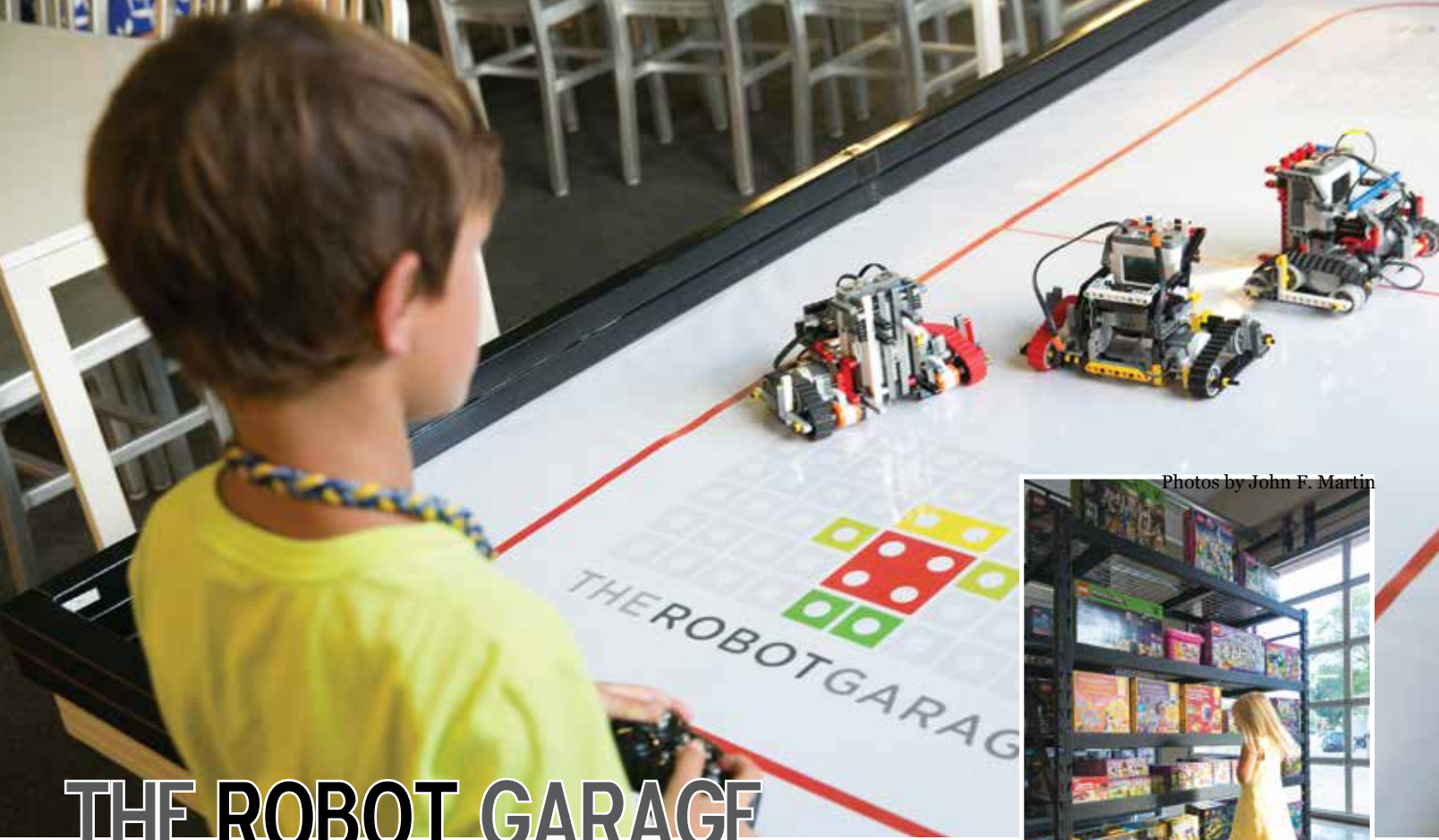
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THE ROBOT GARAGE

By Matthew Wentworth

Building, tinkering and innovating: that's what one of Grosse Pointe Park's newest businesses is all about. The Robot Garage provides one-of-a-kind, hands-on learning, allowing curious and creative children the chance to turn imaginations and fascinations into reality.


"We want this to be a place where a kid will take their parents," says Sarah Jacobs, who recently opened The Robot Garage on Kercheval, with her husband, Jonathan. "Our goal was to create a brick-and-mortar place for kids to tinker and build together." This is the couple's third location, along with stores in Birmingham and Rochester Hills.

The Jacobs' passion for LEGOs provided some of the building blocks for the idea behind their business. "We noticed there were no options like this for kids, outside of school robotics competitions, which are three months out of the year," says Jacobs. While attending the robotics state championships one year with their daughter, the family had an idea. "It was like discovering this parallel universe, where children love

to tinker and program. There was yelling and cheering. It was like being at a U-of-M football game."

The Robot Garage takes learning and fun and fuses them together in the form of a LEGO fan's paradise. Visitors find tables filled with the tiny blocks in the Drop-In Room, giving children the chance to let their creativity run wild. Shelves are packed with LEGO figures to build. The Drop-In Room is for children of all ages (\$8 for two hours, or free, with a membership). There are tables with Duplo blocks and trains, as well as smaller pieces for more advanced minds. Remote-controlled robots offer children the opportunity to operate the pulleys, wheels and gears of these more complex machines.

The Robot Garage offers classes, summer camps, field trips and more. It also hosts birthday parties and private group events. The annual family membership is \$99.

For more information, visit www.therobotgarage.com. 



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Park Councilman Jim Robson, left, takes a hands-on approach.

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STATE OF THE ART SPORTS FIELDS AT UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

By Sarah Stahl

University Liggett School has been busy customizing its new athletic grounds to meet all its current and future needs.

With much diligence, Liggett has successfully completed the first phase of a two-phase athletic and classroom facilities construction project, thanks to the generosity of many alumni and friends of the school.

Liggett's goal is to elevate the campus sporting experience for students and to balance the needs for physical education, club sports and competitive team sports.

Design sessions involved students, parents, coaches and donors, forming a consensus that would provide the most value for Liggett's athletic program.

The first phase included one of the nation's largest single installation of synthetic turf athletic fields to support football, baseball, softball, soccer,

lacrosse and field hockey.

The fields were completely realigned and rebuilt. The project involved installing a substructure and drainage system to address drainage and water runoff — something that has helped solve longtime flooding issues.


Since Liggett's middle school moved from the Briarcliff to the Cook Road campus a few years ago, the school has had a greater need for more gym and field space.

The second phase of the project involves building a campus center adjacent to McCann Ice Arena.

The state-of-the-art John A. and Marlene Boll Campus Center will be 46,000 square feet. It will include a welcome center, classrooms, a new gymnasium consisting of two full-size basketball courts, a fitness and training facility, squash courts, multi-purpose event and meeting space, locker

rooms, athletic offices and an outdoor plaza.

The fields/campus center is one of the four priorities of Liggett's Sure Foundations campaign. A plan to break ground for the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Campus Center could happen as early as 2016.

"Nationally, Liggett is recognized as an educational leader for its academics, arts and athletics," says Michelle Franzen Martin, director of marketing and communications. "We are committed to the Grosse Pointes and to our region, and our investment in the fields and Boll Campus Center through our Sure Foundations campaign underscores how strongly we are committed to giving our students and members of the Liggett community an opportunity to have access to the finest athletic fields, facilities and classroom space." 

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On stage at Purple Rose



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By Lauren McGregor

The Purple Rose Theatre Company, the Chelsea, Mich. based non-profit professional theater company founded by Jeff Daniels, boasted one Grosse Pointe talent this summer. Nina White, whose age is rarely seen on the Purple Rose stage, wowed audiences in her role as Kristina in *2AZ*.

The post-apocalyptic survival story of a mismatched band of humans battling zombies on their trek to safety was written by Michael Brian Ogden and made its world premiere at the Purple Rose this June.

Singing, dancing, acting, White can do it all. She's been dancing since the age of 3 and her singing abilities won her a national musical theater competition in Boston and the opportunity to sing the national anthem at Comerica Park in 2012. But it was all thanks to a poster at Grosse Pointe Dance Center that advertised a "triple threat" workshop for those who would like to sing, dance and act, that White fell in love with theater. She was eleven years old and never looked back.

Her involvement in the University Liggett School ULS theater program landed White the prized role as Kristina. Each year the Purple Rose leads a two-day workshop at ULS. Guy Sanville and Michelle Mountain represented the Purple Rose during White's freshman year at the school. On day two of the workshop, Sanville approached White about a role in a play that would someday see the Purple Rose stage. She accepted on the spot. "I'm grateful to Dr. Moss [of ULS] for giving everyone that opportunity every year," White says of the workshop.

Though she participated in workshops for *2AZ* in as early as fall of 2013, her sophomore year, it would be another year before White saw the finished script and met with official castmates. "To be part of the process so early on was great,"

she says. "And it has been amazing working with professional actors. I've learned a lot from their focus and commitment."

This commitment includes theater work from Wednesday through Sunday. Without a driver's license, it's up to White's parents, Michelle and Ed White, to get her to and from Chelsea. "My parents have been so great, super supportive, driving me back and forth," she says.

Their investment in her theater career has undoubtedly helped White in building her impressive acting resume. Since middle school, she has starred in several school and community productions, including roles as Scout in *To Kill a Mockingbird* with the Farmington Players, Jackie in *Grey Gardens* with Stagecrafters and Mary in *The Secret Garden* with the Birmingham Village Players.

White discusses the immediate differences she encountered between her past theater experience and her first professional role with the Purple Rose.

"In rehearsals, you typically get a script, get on stage and hold the script for a while," White says. "But on the first day at the Purple Rose, our director, Guy Sanville, said, 'For tomorrow, have pages one through ten memorized.'"


She's grateful for the fast pace, she says, as it affords her more time and freedom to make acting choices on stage. Without a script in hand, and the words already committed to memory, her creativity flourishes.

Her experience at the theater has hardened her resolve to become a professional actor. "Even when we have shows twice a day, I never get tired of it. Every day I'm excited to go. I'm a sponge, I just want to learn as much as I can."

The Grosse Pointe South senior is applying to several acting and musical theater colleges across the country, her



top picks being Carnegie Mellon University and University of Michigan. After college she hopes to complete the Purple Rose's apprenticeship program, which includes nine months of backstage training.

White discusses some of the theater wisdom she's soaked up. "I realized how important it is not to paraphrase. I have more awareness of how important the words are," she says. "And I also learned to make big choices when acting. Guy says, 'Give me something to fix.' If you're going to do something, commit to it no matter how crazy it seems." 



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A NIGHT IN THE STACKS



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By Beth Quinn

For one night a year, you can eat, drink and be merry in the library without getting thrown out.

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation will host its second annual A Night in the Stacks fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Central Library. The black tie gala will feature a tapas-style menu, open bar, live music and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library Foundation and the innovative programs at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Attendees will mingle in the World Monuments Fund designated building home to three invaluable works of art - an Alexander Calder mobile, a Wassily Kandinsky tapestry and a Lyman Kipp sculpture. The party will flow out into a tent on the library's front terrace surrounded by festive lighting.

Lakeland Banquet and Event Centre will cater the strolling dinner featuring Pacific fare such as Ahi tuna, coconut shrimp, and jerk chicken, as well as Mediterranean favorites such as grape leaves, bite-sized gyros and fatoush salad.

Local musician Chris Emmerson will provide the evening's entertainment. A longtime favorite in the Detroit rock scene, he has performed at dozens of venues, including the Magic Bag, the Magic Stick and the Majestic Theatre.

The silent auction will feature exclusive library experiences coinciding with the 2016 Books-on-the-Lake, the library's signature event. One item will be an

opportunity to dine with the headlining author on Friday, April 29 at the Country Club of Detroit. Another is a table for 10 in front of the speakers' podium at the authors' luncheon and talk the following day, Saturday, April 30 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

A Night in the Stacks attendees will have a chance to bid on additional after-hours experiences in the library, including a catered Super Bowl party, a whiskey and

cigar Men's Night Out, a Red Carpet Book Club package and children's birthday parties.

At the end of the gala, partygoers can hop on the K-Line trolley to Red Crown for an afterglow. Bartenders will be serving a signature craft cocktail created just for this event called "The Bookend." Proceeds from the sales of the cocktail will go to the library.

A raffle will be held for those not attending the gala. Tickets are one for \$20 and six for \$100 and can be purchased at the three branch libraries. The grand prize is progressive dinner for eight to be held in the three branch libraries, catered by GPYC chef David L. Daniot.

Tickets for A Night in the Stacks are \$125 and are limited. To purchase tickets, go to gplf.org/a-night-in-the-stacks. Raffle tickets can be purchased online at gplf.org, at the Central branch library and by calling the foundation at (313) 640-4683. The drawing will take place at the gala, attendance not required to win. ☎



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Show and sell, or stay

By Virginia Ficarra



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An adventurous spirit defines this great room, left. The 'home shopping' makeover includes a corner angled sofa, throw pillows from a den and a floral arrangement from the dining room table. Note how the green tones tie in together.

Downsize to stay

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This is the same corner of the great room prior to the makeover, does it feel different?

Show and sell

If you decide to move into a smaller dwelling, leaving memories behind is difficult, normal and common. There is always room in your new space for a few treasured items, so begin by tagging or packing them first.

Recently, I assisted a client in a move from Grosse Pointe to a smaller condo in California. We studied the new floor plan. Inch by inch, I measured the items to be moved and scaled a plan for them. To feel right at home, my mission is to replicate an individual's favorite room in the new space. This includes photographs for furniture placement, and an itemized inventory of wall and carpeting colors, window coverings, furniture and furnishings.



Bon appetit, the dining room sans the centerpiece awaits our search in the attic.

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Rebecca Peltz

Let nature save you money

By Beth Quinn

Grosse Pointe homeowners are throwing thousands of dollars in the trash.

During the fall, residents laboriously rake fallen leaves off their lawns. Then they haul it all to be curb to be picked up during trash collection.

“What a waste of money,” says Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission member Roger Garrett, a mulching and composting expert. “People are taking all of that natural fertilizer out of their lawns and then spending lots of money to put artificial fertilizers back into their lawns.”

According to a study by Duke University, Americans annually spend \$109 to \$430 to fertilize their lawns. It also concludes that homeowners could drastically lessen this expense if they used a lawn mower to mulch grass and leaves back into their yards.

“One of the ‘smartest’ practices a homeowner can adopt is returning clippings to the lawn,” says Rebecca Finneran, administrator for the Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener program. “This practice benefits the lawn plus provides beneficial nutrients to the turf.”

Michigan State University turfgrass specialists have found that ground-up grass and leaves left on the lawn not only provide a complete round of nutrients, which promote a green lawn, but they also eliminate weeds. Their research has shown a nearly 100% decrease in dandelions and crabgrass after just three years of mulching leaves.

“The decomposing pieces of leaves



Photo by Rebecca Finneran, MSU Extension

cover up bare spots between turf plants that are an excellent opening for weed seeds to germinate,” says Finneran.

Mulch mowing also helps to keep local rivers and lakes healthy.

“We would be using less chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides which normally flow into Lake St. Clair during a rain storm,” says Garrett.

Some people might think they have too many leaves in their yard to mow over. According to MSU turfgrass specialists, up to six inches of leaves can be “mulched” mowed at one time.


“If it gets really thick, I might have to make two passes on my lawn. However, mowing is a lot easier and faster than raking all those leaves up,” says Garrett.

While many lawn mowers have a mulching feature, it is easy to mulch

grass and leaves with a non-mulching mower. Finneran recommends raising the mower to its highest setting before crossing over the lawn. Usually mowing once a week during autumn is sufficient to mulch leaves but if there is a heavy wind, it might be necessary to mow twice in a week.

After mowing, a thin layer of small leaf pieces covers the lawn. This leaf residue lasts only a few days as these tiny pieces will sift down through the turf.

“After one good rain, they become invisible,” Garrett says. “Then in the spring you have a beautiful green lawn.”

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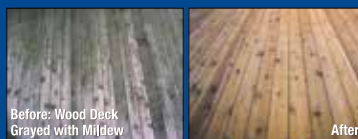


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The great friends we've made since moving here.

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Reliable and easy going

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

A few years ago, we traveled with my wife's (very large) family to visit relatives in the Bay Area. I still daydream about the authentic Mexican food we had there.

You win the million dollar lottery. What would you do?

Launch an independent political party.

What is the best gift you have ever received?

NHL '93 for Sega Genesis as a Christmas gift

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Leading Governor Snyder's regulatory reform initiative, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention, which resulted in the elimination of thousands of unnecessary state regulations and the streamlining of many more, and reduced the size of state government.

What is one thing not many people know about you?

I've seen 50 Cent in concert (which included a surprise appearance by Eminem)

Words to live by?

Never let the highs get too high, or the lows get too low.

About Rob

Rob grew up in the Grand Rapids area and attended Calvin College and Northwestern for law school.

He and wife Maria have three children, Lily, Elliott and Henry. They are parishioners at Our Lady Star of the Sea where the children also attend school.

Rob is president of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, which raises funds for community improvement projects such as the fitness trail at Lake Front Park and (potentially) a miniature golf course.

When time allows, Rob likes to play fantasy baseball and football with friends and watch and coach his kid's sports.

He enjoys downtown Detroit, following Detroit sports teams, attending concerts and politics.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

By Margie Reins Smith

*I*n the age of gender equality, it was bound to happen. Next July, Tom Wells will become the first male president-elect of the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters.

On the front of his shirt, a square plastic pin proclaims: Proud Male Member, League of Women Voters. He doesn't consider being the first male president a big deal.

"Men have been members of the LWV since 1974," he says. "Other chapters have had male presidents and the national board includes several men." Five of Grosse Pointe's 88 members are men.

"My wife, Jan, joined about eight years ago to get more informed about issues and candidates," he says. "I joined soon after." He's a CPA and a real estate agent, so it wasn't long before he was asked to be treasurer. The next step was president-elect.

The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization dedicated to increasing informed participation in government. "It's the place for people to go to get unbiased information about issues and to learn about candidates," he says. Tom wants to build membership by attracting younger men and women and he wants increase the group's visibility.

"We have to create the perfect storm to let people know what we do, what we stand for and how we're trying to accomplish our goals. I'd like to come up with a signature fundraising event.



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I'd like to partner with other nonprofit organizations. I want to let high school seniors know about us. And I'd like to do more with social media.

"It's an incredibly valuable organization for the United States," he says. "The League advocates issues, not candidates. Most of the issues involve women's rights." Currently the league is supporting a state constitutional convention and campaign finance reform.

There is a movement afoot to change the name of the organization to the League of Voters. "I oppose this change," Tom says, "until the country

can claim true male/female equality."

The next LWV event is a talk by Stephen Henderson, host of WDET-FM's Detroit Today and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial page editor of the Detroit Free Press. Henderson will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. The public is invited to the free event.

"We welcome a male president," says Judy Morlan, one of the league's current three-member presidential team. "Tom will bring tremendous enthusiasm and organization to the group. And -- he's a man. This may encourage more men to join." 

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GO EAST: STREETSCAPING PROJECT

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

When 10-year-old Asila TenHooper hops onto her bicycle, it's the sign of a good day.

A girly, 70's-style banana-seater with high handle bars, the prized possession gives Asila hours of summer enjoyment while visiting her granddad at his Grosse Pointe Park home.

"I like it because it's something active to do," says Asila.

Jefferson East Inc., also known as Jefferson East Business Association, wants to inspire bicyclers like Asila. Headquartered on East Jefferson Avenue, roughly a mile west of the Grosse Pointe Park border, Jefferson East is scheduled to complete a \$700,000 street-paving project, including Michigan's first protected bike lanes, this fall.

Jefferson East was founded in 1994 to improve Detroit's historic Jefferson-Chalmers business district. Now, the organization has its sights set on attracting new activity and residents to

the community, including the Pointes, says executive director Josh Elling.

"The goal here is to create the type of district that is regionally competitive, to create an area where people will want to live from across the region," adds Elling.

The "Streetscaping Project" – which consisted of construction on East Jefferson between Lakewood Street and Alter Road from April to June – installed five landscaped traffic islands and is designed to reduce car crashes while also making the stretch of road safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Sometimes called "cycle tracks," Jefferson Avenue's protected bike lanes, which will open once paving is complete, create greater buffers between two- and four-wheel traffic.

Plans for the Streetscaping Project were first considered in 2007, Elling says.

"Well, of course, we know what happened: 2008 hit, the world fell apart, city bankruptcy, but we never gave up."

With project support from the city of Detroit, Jefferson East Inc. secured a \$316,000 Transportation Alternative Grant from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Additional funding for the initiative was provided by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Kresge and DTE Energy Foundations.

"We're looking forward to partnering with our Grosse Pointe neighbors on future beautification projects," Elling adds.

Roger TenHooper, a Nottingham resident since 1997, says he attended a neighborhood meeting about the Streetscaping Project and thought it was "a great idea," adding that his granddaughter Asila regularly bike-rides with about seven other girls.

"I'm sure when they get a little older they'll enjoy it," TenHooper says.

Asila agrees: "What I like about riding in this neighborhood is it's so fun. It's amazing!"



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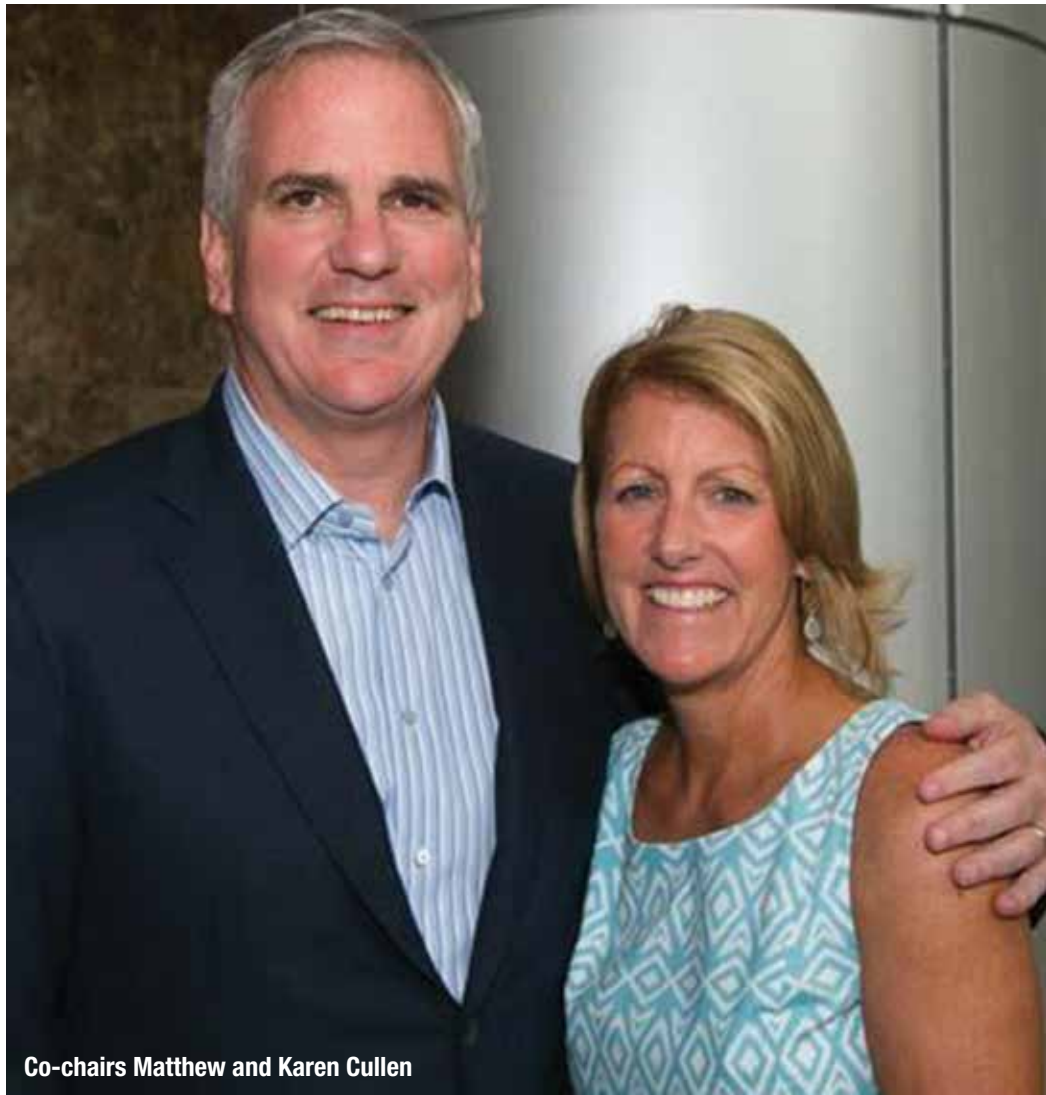
By Susan Bollinger

The 19th annual Services for Older Citizens (SOC) auction will “Sail into the Future for Us All” on Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The event kicks off at 5 p.m. with cocktails and an auction item preview for honorary committee members and sponsors, and is followed by cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and the silent auction, a gourmet dinner, and a sweet ending with dessert and an exciting live auction.

Unique auction items include a ride on the Lake St. Clair freighter mail delivery boat; a one-week stay in a 500-year-old renovated apartment in Umbria, Italy; and a theater party for 25 at the new Carol C. Schaap Theater in the Lavins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park, including a private movie screening, hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.

Event co-chairs are Grosse Pointe Woods residents Matthew and Karen Cullen. Matthew is president and chief executive officer of Rock Ventures LLC, and the couple leads and supports many community foundations and initiatives, including SOC.




Co-chairs Matthew and Karen Cullen

Funds raised at the auction support the priceless services and activities SOC provides for area seniors. Last year’s proceeds funded:

- 12,267 meals on wheels deliveries
- 7,565 lunches for seniors in the SOC café
- 21,962 rides on the PAATS buses to doctor’s appointments and errands
- 500 hours of Medicare/Medicaid navigation assistance
- Home repair, caregiver support groups, income tax preparation services and more

According to David Dieter, executive director of SOC, “The auction is our largest fundraiser of the year. It provides critical funding for these services, and for helping our seniors battle isolation and loneliness. We could not do it without the support of the caring individuals and businesses in our community.”

To donate an item to the auction, call (313) 649-2104 by Monday, Oct. 5. To purchase tickets online and find out more about SOC, visit socservices.org, or call (313) 649-2104. 

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Chef Stephen Hansen

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David Muer's back ... at The Rivers

By John Minnis

It was a sad day in February when owner David Muer closed the popular Blue Pointe restaurant after 32 years. But the good news is Muer is back ... at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I'm very happy to be here," says Muer. "I took a couple of months off. Then I came to The Rivers to apply for a chef opening, and I walked out as the food and beverage manager."

Richard Levin, CEO of Riverview Health, the owner of The Rivers Grosse Pointe, jumped at the chance to pick up a restaurateur of Muer's experience and renown.

"We are very pleased that David has joined The Rivers' team," Levin says. "With his expertise, unique style and dedication to quality, David and his culinary staff will treat our members and their guests to a wonderful dining experience."

Muer was immediately impressed with The Rivers and its dedication to quality. "They run this place like a cruise ship," he says. He was even more impressed with the kitchen. "This is probably the nicest kitchen I've ever worked in, and I've been doing this a long time," says Muer, 61. "I'm really proud of this kitchen. It's all electric. There's not a flame in the place."

Muer is assisted by two chefs, Stephen Hansen and


Robin Robinson. "You rarely find a trained chef in a senior facility," Muer says. "We have two."

The entrees change weekly and seasonably, with much of the summer produce grown in the Full Circle Foundation's raised garden beds at the Riverview Rehabilitation property on East Warren. Menu choices range from burgers to Macadamia Crusted Whitefish. "They buy the best food here," Muer says. "Food I couldn't afford to use in my restaurant."

The clientele at the Blue Pointe was decidedly "mature," Muer says, which suits him and The Rivers very well. "I have always tried to treat everyone with respect." In fact, many of The Rivers' residents are former customers and most of the Pointers and eastsiders who come in to tour The Rivers recognize Muer immediately.

"They come here to *live* and enjoy life," says Muer, emphasizing The Rivers' active senior community.

While regulations do not allow walk-in dining customers, guests of residents are welcome, and they can pay with credit cards like many of the private clubs are doing.

So to enjoy David Muer's hospitality once again, call your friends at The Rivers and schedule a dinner out at "the club!" 



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Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, Thyme and dozens more

By Margie Reins Smith

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) dedicated its herb garden last month at its headquarters on Ridge Rd. David Dieter, SOC's executive director, welcomed some two dozen guests to view the new garden and sample a selection of herbal beverages and cookies.

Chef Brian Brenner of Brian Abner Culinary Inc., says the garden is beautifully curated. "Herbs are important in cooking," he says. "Some, like thyme, stay in the background. Some are added, then removed. The leafy herbs are added at the end. Putting together a plate of food is like putting together a symphony. You have your bass, your melody and your accents are fresh herbs."

Designed by Grosse Pointe Herb Society of America members Molly Valade and Mary Northcutt, the three-bed plan includes a bird bath, a sun dial and more than two dozen different herbs planted in a curved,

parsley-inspired design surrounded by stones from the recently discontinued



Chef Brian Brenner

herb garden at Grosse Pointe Academy.


Basil is represented by several different varieties: licorice, large leaf, purple and more. Several kinds or

parsley flourish. Other herbs include chives, lavender, oregano, rosemary, nasturtiums, savory, borage, lovage, lemon verbena, pinks and several different sages and mints.

SOC's chef will use the garden's bounty, but visitors are invited to take what they need. Visitors are also encouraged to help with garden maintenance.

Brenner's advice is to use fresh herbs as soon as possible. "But if you can't use them immediately, wrap them in a moist paper towel and they'll keep for about a week," he says.

"SOC allows the Herb Society to meet here," Northcutt says, "so we decided to give something back to SOC – this garden."

Ann Eatherly, president of the Herb Society, says the 30-year-old club meets from September to June at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in joining should contact her at anndoc@comcast.net. 



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The Trek of a Great Race Entourage

By Sarah Stahl

The Spirit of Stahls crossing the finish line

The 2015 Great Race proved to be as exciting, strenuous and challenging as expected. This was no easy feat for ‘The Spirit of Stahls!’

What a privilege to follow my father- and mother-in-law Ted and Mary in their GTO, my husband Brett and brother-in-law Dan in a ‘41 Packard, my brother-in-law Trevor and friend Josh in a Ford Speedster and Thomas Karr and his son Benjamin in a ‘34 Ford Phaeton.

The annual race of 130 vintage cars journeys across the country in only eight days. This year, the race traveled the old “Mother Road,” along the famous Route 66, covering 2,000 miles and 12 cities.

With our minivan packed, a willingness to conquer the road and four kids in tow, our adventure began in Grosse Pointe. The kids and I traveled to the starting point of Kirkwood, Mo. On June 20, with the National Anthem and motors roaring, the Great Race began!

Our days were full of

William (son of Brett and Sarah) and Mary Stahl



Ted, Mary, Sarah and Brett Stahl

exploration and evenings were spent with ‘The Spirit of Stahls’ to congratulate and inquire on the day’s accomplishments.

Next we zipped through the friendly town of Amarillo, Texas, making our way to the famous Cadillac Ranch. We continued on to Santa Fe, N.M. That day we visited the 10,000 foot tall Sandia Peak, which is only accessible by a tram lift. With only a mile and a half hike, we reached the very tip of one of the highest mountain peaks in New Mexico.

In Arizona, we visited the Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, the historic Wigwam Motel and Joshua Tree National Park.

Heading onward towards California, fifty miles deep into the desert, we discovered first hand the definition of “Soft Shoulder.” We took a short break to stretch and as we pulled off, we noticed the subtle sinking of the minivan. Pressing the gas, hoping to get out of this possible dilemma we sunk deeper.

We ripped through the desert, searching for dead brush, rocks and sticks. We then dug away the sand beneath the tires with our hands, flip flops and a handy spatula. In a path formation leading to the road, we shoved the debris underneath the tires. To add some extra help, we drizzled water on the dry sand to avoid further sinking. Four children and my sister-in-law, Kaitlyn Stahl, pushed the vehicle as I pressed on the gas to freedom!

Surrounded by 130 participants, The Spirit of Stahls rolled through the finish line at Santa Monica Pier, Calif. Despite some challenges, Team Stahl received many ‘Aces’ between the four cars and most impressively the Stars and Stripes rookie team took first place. Fitting, as Trevor said before the Great Race began, “My first goal is to finish the race, my second is to beat my brothers.”

“Each Great Race is a truly special experience,” he says. “Just to finish the race in an old car is winning. As Great Racers say, ‘Race, Repair, and Repeat.’”



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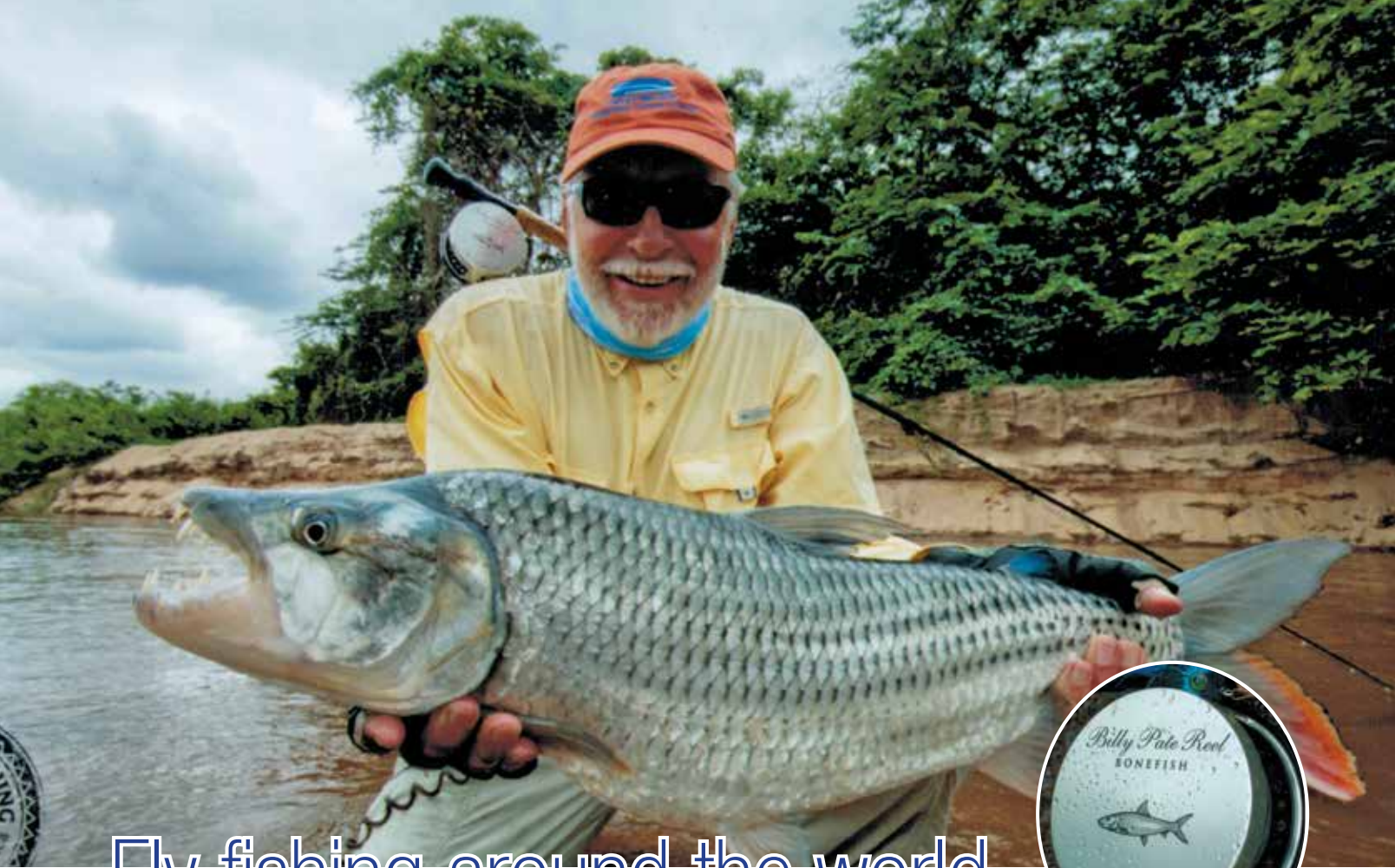
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Fly fishing around the world

By Chris Waldmeir



One well-known proverb explains giving a man a fish only feeds him for a day, while teaching him to fish feeds him for a lifetime. Over the years this has taken on many different meanings for many different people. In Grosse Pointe Park resident Paul Lavins' case, learning to fish has fed his insatiable appetite for mastering the art of angling with a fly rod.

Taught by his father, a coal miner in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Lavins recalls taking a liking to the sport of fishing at a very young age.

"I was taught to fish with a casting rod and we'd catch catfish and carp to eat," says Lavins. "My father used fishing and hunting to supplement his income."

Lavins, the namesake of the activities center at Windmill Pointe Park, took up the art of fly fishing while in his early 30s when he would take one trip a year while still working. Over the years, Lavins, who will celebrate his 84th birthday in September and retired eight

years ago, estimates that he's completed between 150 and 200 fishing trips around the world, last year alone he went on nine trips.

"Most of these trips would be a trip of a lifetime," says Lavins. "But now I'm fortunate enough to go on them."


In 2014, Lavins embarked on a 12-month mission to wrangle fish around the world. From snagging Butterfly Peacock Bass at the Aqua Boa Amazon Lodge in Brazil to catching Bonefish in the turquoise waters of the dream worthy Alphonse Island in Seychelles, the entire time spent searching for and mastering the art of fly fishing in some of the world's best locations.

When asked about the most memorable experience last year, rather than focusing on a fish he caught, Lavins told a story of one that

got away.

"When you go to Mongolia the object is to catch a Taimen longer than 50 inches," he says. "I had one on the line that had to be close to 60 inches, but it came off at the very end. It had to be the biggest one I've ever lost."

Lavins plans to make a similar series of trips this year, however there's a new target in his crosshairs.

"I haven't had a chance to get a Golden Dorado in Bolivia yet," said Lavins, "I will be going this year." 



Fall fun & boats!

By Ted Everingham

It is hard to grasp that it is September!

A highlight of the new season is the sixth annual Boating & Outdoor Festival at Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township on Sept. 17-20, presented by the Michigan Boating Industries Association and a growing list of generous sponsors.



Boaters and boater wannabes love seeing — and getting aboard — watercraft in the water where they belong, and there are dozens of boating-related exhibitors. The four-day outdoor festival features attractions and activities for young and old:

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- Mac & The Big Cheese, billed as the Abbott and Costello of comedy cooking.
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By Lauren McGregor

*M*acomb Community College anthropology professor and marketing freelancer Kristen Malecki prefers to wear dresses and skirts year round. For a Michigan woman, that means tights or knee socks are a must for the majority of the year.

When she couldn't find quality socks that stayed up or reached high enough to conceal, Malecki decided to produce her own — turning an incessant annoyance into a growing business.

"I don't like the restriction of tights. So the first time, I cut the tights' leg tops and attached elastic bands," she says. "They kept falling all day. I was so frustrated."

Her experiment didn't quite work. But it did inspire her to contact an apparel sourcer in California who was able to help her produce the socks in small quantities.

Malecki spent three years from conception to first shipment, receiving the first batch in October of 2014.

"I've learned a lot since last October," she says. "Especially how to approach stores about carrying Skirt Socks."

For sale at The Shoe Tree in the Village, The Potting Shed in Chelsea, Vera Jane in the historic Fisher Building, Detroit, and Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester, Skirt Socks will also be available at Eastern Market's

Sunday Street Market and Sole Sisters in Rochester this fall.

Can't make it to any of these stores? Skirt Socks are also available for purchase online at skirtsocks.com.



Malecki and husband James Buccellato's Grosse Pointe City home is filled with Skirt Socks merchandise, an inconvenience that further inspires the new business owner to expand.

After attending a sock manufacturing conference in North Carolina (as well as working in the Garment District in New York City), Malecki made it a goal

to one day own an industrial knitting machine in Detroit and make the socks 100 percent Michigan-made.

"I would also like to make them for girls and in a wider thigh version," she says.

Skirt Socks are currently available in black, sage green, winter white, heather gray and heather oatmeal, all with contrasting toe and cuff.

A seven-inch cuff is the best part, ensuring secure coverage. They are also machine washable and won't pill.

So far her customer base has been impressive and varied, including an NBC costume designer looking to use Skirt Socks on the television show *Allegiance*.

Malecki is also looking to expand by adding a social media and photography intern. Responsibilities would include running Pinterest and Instagram accounts as well as shooting Skirt Socks lifestyle photos.

"I would love to find someone studying fashion merchandising," she says.

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Dignity and respect ... after a closed-head injury



By Shelley Owens

What patients need most following a debilitating closed-head injury is reacquiring their independence, dignity and respect, and the best way to do that, according to Sue Ellen Jurcak of Grosse Pointe Shores, is with a “real job” and a “real paycheck.”

After years of practice as a licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor specializing in closed-head injuries, Jurcak was convinced there was a better alternative to the typical “sheltered workshop” environment once her clients completed their rehabilitation programs. She set out to create a workplace that was safe, bright, well-supervised and motivating for people who had suffered a traumatic brain injury.

At the time, Jurcak recalls, “no such facility existed on Detroit’s eastside.” So after several years of research, planning and determination, she founded Unique Options LLC. The original building opened its doors in November 2004 in Warren.

Unique Options LLC is a “State of Michigan Approved Vocational Rehabilitation Provider” and offers quality employment opportunities to the traumatic brain injured

community. As the business grew to meet client demand, a second, nearby industrial building opened in 2009 followed by an office building in 2014. Now resembling a “mini-campus,” all three structures were completely renovated and house 50 employees, 35 of whom are “job coaches” to approximately 75 clients per day.

Unique Options’ paid job opportunities include woodworking, painting, custodial, small engine repair, horticulture — a thriving vegetable garden is located on the grounds — and production services for outside businesses.

Jurcak’s latest venture, Uniquely Yours, an upscale resale shop, opened to the public in July. “It offers our clients the opportunity to work in an actual retail environment,” Jurcak says, “from pricing and stocking merchandise to assisting customers.”

As CEO, Jurcak is always touched by her clients’ appreciation and enthusiasm for coming to work. She’s especially proud of her dedicated staff and the difference they make in their clients’ lives.

In her free time Jurcak enjoys biking with her dog, Lilly, boating, shopping and traveling abroad with family. She’s also an avid sports fan and kiddingly blames “my mid-life crisis” for the purchase of her prized 1956 Corvette! Married for 33 years to husband, Jim, her twin sons, Alan and James, are University Liggett School graduates and sophomores at Michigan State University.

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“This promises to be *the* event closing out the 2015 golf season,” says Pointe Magazine Publisher John Minnis. “I know I for one cannot wait to take advantage of this rare opportunity to play at Lochmoor.”

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See you on Columbus Day! 



Lochmoor Club-Pointe Magazine Columbus Day Charity Golf Outing

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Schedule

Registration: 11:30 a.m.

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Bayview Yacht Club hired retired GM designer Dick Ruzzin to design new sails for its U20 club fleet. The new sails, shown left and right, sport stripes and different colors to make them easier to spot. Ruzzin is also designing a hull wrap to accommodate sponsors' names as well as Bayview's.

Photos by John Minnis

BAYVIEW SPIFFS UP U20 FLEET

By John Minnis

Take a couple sailing, and you've given them a pleasant afternoon. Teach them to sail, and you've given them an avocation for a lifetime. Along the way, as is the case with Bayview Yacht Club, you may have gained lifetime members as well.

One such couple is Keith and Dana Ziegler. They began sailing on the club fleet boats eight or nine years ago and bought their own boat about five years ago. The Zieglers have competed across the country, and Keith went on to become president of the U20 Class Association, a national organization.

Students in Bayview's Adult Learn to Sail program learn to become sailors in the club's fleet of 10 U20s. Each club picks a design class for its fleet. Bayview opted for the Ultimate 20, a 20-foot, 10-inch high-performance keelboat with a retractable keel (so it can be trailered) and an 8-foot extendable furling jib that flies a 452-square-foot asymmetrical spinnaker.

"I believe in these boats. I love these boats," says Keith. "This was the boat we could sail together."

It only takes three to crew a U20, and they can easily be hoisted on and off a trailer, allowing "dry sailors" like the Zieglers to travel.

Bill Jenkins is the third member of their crew at Bayview. And true to form, the Ziegler's boat, *Who's the Boss*, came in first at a recent Thursday

Night Off the Dock Race. "My goal is to come in first every time," Keith says, only half joking.

"I think it's the best asset of the club," says Club Fleet Chairman Peter Wenzler. "It is the No. 1 source of new members in the club."

Wenzler is an enthusiastic promoter of the fleet and the club's Adult Learn to Sail program, which is open to nonmembers. The U20s are great for corporate team-building outings, six of which were on the water the night of the Zieglers' win. Many of the students are from among the growing number of "30-somethings" working downtown.

"We try to tap the urban youth growth, young professionals, in Detroit," Wenzler says. "You show people this type of action here in Detroit and they're blown away. They can't believe this is going on in Detroit."

The club's goal is to grow its U20 fleet to 12, the "magic number" for attracting national, international and intercollegiate competitions. Already, Bayview is the second

leg of the Great Lakes Cup "Grand Slam," and this fall the club will host the 2015 Ultimate 20 North American Championship, Sept. 17-20.

"I've been sailing for 37 years," Wenzler concludes, "and I'm happy to be giving back to sailing and the club." ☺

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U20 Class Association President Keith Ziegler

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THE HAUNTED GARAGE

By Andrew Dietderich

Just a few moments into talking about plans for this year's Haunted Garage, Glen Williams' face lights up with childlike excitement.

He isn't thinking about the 800 hours of work that will have been put into Haunted Garage when it opens for its eighth season this year.

He isn't even thinking about the estimated \$100,000 he has spent over the years on huge skeleton heads, fake bugs and the like.

None of those things seem to matter when — in the middle of summer — Williams, 54, talks about giant spiders, scary farmers and other surprises he has in store to delight thousands of Pointers this Halloween season. Last year, about 3,000 attended.

"It's always been a passion," says Williams, a physical education teacher in the Pointes for 31 years. "And as soon as we get back in school, the kids start asking me about Haunted Garage. Parents will tell me every time

they drive by, their kids ask about it. To know so many people are looking forward to it gives me that much more motivation to put on the best show."

Haunted Garage isn't just one garage, though that is where Williams originally focused his efforts years ago when he would convert it into a haven for monster-sized Halloween parties.


Today, the Haunted Garage winds through an acre of property consisting of Williams' house and garage, his parents' house and enough open space and alleyways to make a real haunted trail. Seeing everything takes about 30 minutes, give or take and depending on how much time is spent at the concession tent.

And though it started out as a super-hobby and family tradition for Williams, it's grown over the years to become an annual autumn attraction for the community and fundraiser for all nine Grosse Pointe elementary schools and other organizations, drawing more than 300 most nights it's open.

"The Haunted Garage is a great fundraiser event for not only the kids, but the adults, too," says Jennifer Michalski, coordinator of Mason Elementary School's Haunted Garage fundraising event. "Mr. Williams does a superb job on setting up the Haunted Garage for all ages. Every year there is something a little different and exciting."

Williams says he tries to change things up every year so attendees can expect the unexpected. Haunted Garage aims to be family-friendly. There isn't a bunch of blood, guts and other random forms of needless gore. Kids can carry lights to flip on if they get too scared. And Williams works with the staff of about 20 paid and volunteer actors to ensure they understand to mission of Haunted Garage — to provide the right amount of thrills to the right audience.

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To learn more about Haunted Garage and to see this year's schedule, check out hauntedgarageproductions.org. 





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BETTEJEAN AHEE RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL 5 STAR DIAMOND AWARD

The word diamond is derived from the Greek word ‘adamas,’ which means unconquerable. It seems especially fitting that Bettejean Ahee, matriarch of the Grosse Pointe Woods landmark **edmund t. AHEE jewelers** was the world’s first recipient of the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences International 5 Star Diamond Award for her work beside her husband in creating the venerable jewelry business and the family that still runs it.

The award recognizes excellence in service, performance, attitude and hospitality on a global level. Bettejean is one of very few women ever to win the prestigious “Families Monarch” recognition.

“Bettejean Ahee perfectly exemplifies everything we want to reflect in our Five Star Diamond recognition,” says Joseph Cinque, President of The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. “She was an active partner with her husband, Edmund, since the very beginning in 1947 while at the same time raising seven children, all of whom have become participants in the business themselves. It’s an incredible success story.” Seventeen Ahee family members are actively

engaged in the business today.

“My mother’s stamp is on this business just as much as my dad’s,” says Peter Ahee, president. “While she was raising the family, he would consult her on everything that was happening in the business. That’s what we talked about every night at the dinner table, how to make the business better. She helped Dad in creating our company’s long-time guiding principle, ‘Always give the customers more than they expect,’ and she instilled that idea in each of us as kids. I think she’d still put us over her knee if she ever thought we were forgetting it!”

Ahee Jewelers prides itself in creating special moments for special occasions. One very early special moment was when Bettejean allowed her then young husband to sell her engagement ring to help pay the bills.

“It’s a privilege to work with someone you love every day and to be part of so many special moments in so many people’s lives,” she says. “When you see your customers’ smiles, it really does make all the hard work feel worthwhile.”

Bettejean has 21 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Beside showering them all with love, she continues to instill her core values in each of them: Appreciate the importance of old fashioned hard work, treat everyone like family and never take privilege for granted.

In 2013, Ahee Jewelers became the first and only retailer ever to receive the coveted Five Star Diamond Award. The company was also named Michigan Retailer of the Year in 2001 and “America’s Best Jeweler” by The Wall Street Journal the only three years the Journal offered the recognition.

Meanwhile Chris and Pam Ahee, two of the Ahees’ seven children, have each won a variety of national and international jewelry design awards.

Ahee Jewelers has been a longtime supporter of non-profit organizations including St. John Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Detroit Public Schools, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and a variety of churches. [Φ](#)

The award was presented at a gala celebration Aug. 4 at **edmund t. AHEE Jewelers**.

Photos by John F. Martin Photography



Are you getting enough iron?

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Anemia occurs when we don't have enough red blood cells in our body. It is very common and has myriad causes ranging from heavy menstruation to cancer. It can be checked by a simple blood test that is usually performed at annual physical exams.

Blood loss, acute or chronic, is the most common cause. Chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypothyroidism, and kidney disease can also



cause anemia. Deficiencies of iron or of vitamins B12 and folic acid are another cause.

Eating a well-balanced diet is the best way to get these nutrients, but use supplements if you need to. Spinach, beets and red meat are an excellent source of iron. Eating foods rich in vitamin C will increase iron absorption, so eat berries, melons, and citrus fruits with iron rich foods. Vitamin B12 is found in fish, shellfish, fortified cereal and soy products. Find folic acid in beans, lentils, avocado, bread, oranges and mangos.

Medications may also cause anemia. NSAIDs such as aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) and naproxen (Aleve) can irritate and inflame the stomach lining causing it to bleed. Heartburn and acid-reducing medications, such as Tums or Prilosec, decrease absorption of iron and other nutrients, so should be taken for as short a time as possible.

Dr. Saima A. Khan, MD, MPH grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and lives in the Woods with her husband and three daughters. She practices internal medicine in Warren, 28351 Schoenherr, (586) 393-6500.

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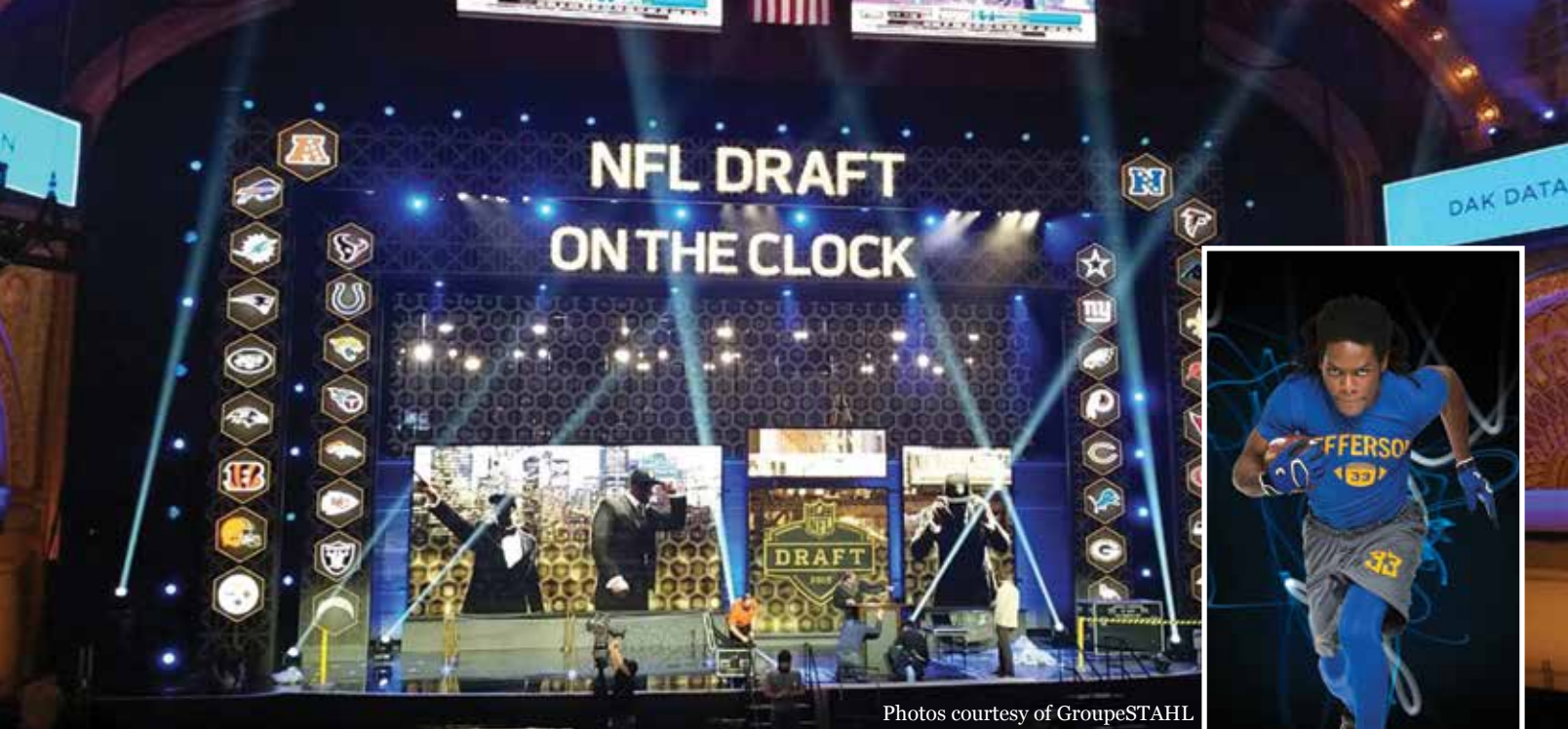
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GroupeSTAHL: Behind the Scenes at the NFL Draft

By Karen Dybis

Football fans: Have you ever wondered how, just seconds after a player is drafted, he is presented with his own personalized team jersey? I mean, it's all supposed to be a surprise, right? Is there a conspiracy here?

Actually, there is no conspiracy... just the geniuses at GroupeSTAHL, the worldwide apparel and decoration company founded in St. Clair Shores by Grosse Pointer Ted Stahl.

Many Metro Detroit households may not have heard of Ted Stahl, but chances

are if your child has played in Little League, if you've ordered a customized jersey online or if you're a fan of the National Football League Draft, you have seen his work.

Stahl is the executive chairman of the board of GroupeSTAHL, a family-owned, international group of companies dedicated to providing a wide range of alternatives in garment decoration and athletic apparel, specializing in heat printing methods. GroupeSTAHL also manufactures a variety of sports uniforms, related gear and what is known in the industry as performance wear.

GroupeSTAHL, now with world headquarters in Sterling Heights, quietly grew with its long-standing relationships with the NFL as well as other sports organizations, including Major League Baseball, National Hockey League and National Basketball Association.

But it is GroupeSTAHL's work with the NFL Draft that may be the most exciting, says Carleen Gray, Stahl's vice president and chief marketing officer.

"The STAHL's team doesn't sleep the week before the Draft," Gray says. GroupeSTAHL has decorated the first-round Draft pick jerseys for the NFL for the past four years. This year was a


significant one in that it was the 80th NFL Draft and, for the first time, the Draft moved from New York City to Chicago. The Draft also kicked off the ramp-up to Super Bowl 50 in 2016.

Personalizing each jersey for NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell with only about 120 seconds to spare is a task that might stress out any organization. "But we are up for the challenge," Gray says.

"When a name is called, we have about two minutes to pull the name and personalize the jersey," Gray explains.

"It's amazing to see how much these jerseys mean to the players," Gray adds. "When you see them carrying them around backstage, they're holding them like a ragdoll. They won't let them go, because now they have something real — their dreams have come true."

That same careful process is used when someone orders a personalized jersey from the NFL online, other sites, and even Little League team uniforms, Gray says. Every order is treated with the same level of quality, consistency and professionalism as the NFL orders.

"That's why our slogan is 'From Little League to Big League,'" Gray says. "When you get your first jersey, it's something you'll never forget." 

Follow Ted Stahl's blog at tedstahl.com.

Ted Stahl



Excuses, excuses!

By Ken Welch

September is “back to school time” and for some “back to the gym” – but there are always excuses not to get started:

- Just too busy.
- I work too much; I’ve got the kids; I travel a lot; we’re having work done at the house; we have relatives staying with us, and they won’t leave.
- It’s too overwhelming.
- I don’t know what I’m doing; the machines are intimidating.
- THERE’S JUST TOO MUCH PRESSURE!
- I’ll get to it as soon as my back feels better, my shoulder heals, my knees quit aching, this rash goes away...
- I need to get in shape first before I join a gym.
- Everybody looks great, and I look like a slug; I’m embarrassed.
- I look funny in workout clothes; I can’t be seen in public like that.
- I can’t afford it now. Starbucks just raised their prices! We have kids in college, it would cut into my golf game, and you should have my mobile phone bill.
- I’m too old, it’s pointless, and I’m going to die anyway.
- I have equipment at home...but first I have to dust it off!
- I’ve tried walking, but my body jiggles with each step, it’s obnoxious.
- Working out is really uncomfortable and hard. Besides, sweating is not something I find pleasant!
- Got it! I’m starting next week...oh, wait, I can’t; this is a busy month”... “I’ll get a fresh start next month.



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Vive le Marais!

By Beth Newhart

Not long after marrying, David and Monica Gilbert moved to Grosse Pointe Park. “We instantly fell in love with the community,” Monica says. Two years later, the community fell in love with them.

In 2012, David was the executive chef and Monica was general manager at Birmingham’s Forest Grill, one of the area’s best-known restaurants. The pair decided it was time to make their own mark in their own neighborhood, and by September 2013 their creation, Marais, was opened for all of Grosse Pointe – and the world – to enjoy.

David’s resume is impressive. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York, the Milford native

has spent more than 20 years working in the world’s greatest kitchens. After graduation, he went straight to the French Laundry in Napa Valley, and from there, he trained in France and Spain at three restaurants that received three stars from the famed Michelin Guide.

It’s quite a team effort at Marais. While David is at the back of the house, creating menus featuring local foods that change with the seasons, Monica is at the front as general manager. Just as the menu changes, every day brings a new set of challenges and responsibilities for her.

“I tend to be the glue that holds everything together,” she says.

As their accolades grew (winning Hour Magazine’s 2014 “Restaurant of the Year” award and receiving AAA’s Four Diamond award), so did their patronage. Celebrities have stopped in unannounced, and high-profile politicians have been on the reservation



list. However, the friendships and relationships the Gilberts have made in the community are just as important. In the end, the couple hopes to show the world all that Grosse Pointe has to offer.

“We’re trying to get the message across that it’s a great community to live in,” David says. “We really appreciate all of the support we’ve received.”

When they’re not at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval, David and Monica can be found at home with their two Siberian huskies, Gustav and Sophie, grilling fresh fish and summer vegetables and enjoying the place they now call home. ☺



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Grosse Pointe Congregational Church 75 Years

On Oct. 11, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary as a congregation and the 55th anniversary of the church sanctuary.

In November of 1940, with the assistance of the Congregational Association of Detroit, eight Eastside residents met and founded a Bible study class and beginning of a congregation. Services were first held in the basements of two Grosse Pointe schools. Membership expanded to over 200 people within five years, culminating in a ground breaking service in the fall of 1948 for the church building.

The completed church was celebrated with a dedication service at the current Chalfonte Ave. location in January of 1950. Since then, with the support of the membership, a youth building was erected, a pipe organ installed, and a Columbarium created. New members were added yearly and, with the merging of the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church in 1976, the

two congregations flourished.

Members of the congregation have touched lives globally, nationally and in the local community. From funds for refugee assistance and schools abroad to support for a kitchen truck sent by a church member to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, from feeding the hungry to renovating a homeless shelter in Detroit, from providing toys to Detroit children at Christmas to being a Partner in Grosse Pointe's Habitat for Humanity.

The Women's Fellowship raises funds through an annual rummage

sale, which will be held Oct. 2 and 3. Proceeds fund outreach programs in the Grosse Pointes and Detroit throughout the year.

The church's 75th anniversary project will supply 75 middle school students at Northeast Guidance Center with backpacks and supplies for a new school year.

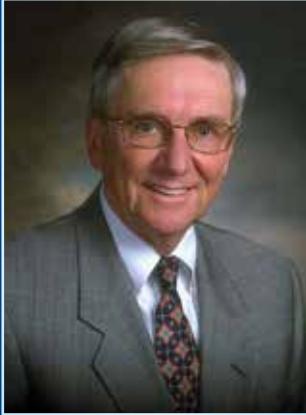
Grosse Pointe Congregational Church will celebrate 75 years on Oct. 11 a special church service at 10 a.m. followed by a luncheon at Lochmoor Country Club. All are invited to attend this service. [Φ](#)



Left, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church circa 1952; right, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church circa 1950

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Grayson Heenan in a receiving line, shaking hands with Pope Francis in May after he celebrated Mass at North American College, Rome.

Pointe seminarian studies in Rome

By Andrew Dietderich

Sometimes when Grayson Heenan bikes through the streets of Rome as part of his daily routine, it hits him that he is actually biking through the streets of Rome as part of his daily routine.

But those moments of mindful presence are fleeting, Heenan says, because he isn't in Rome as a tourist. He's there to attend seminary and become a priest.

"There are occasional moments where I look around and I'm like 'Wow, this is really something special I'm part of here,'" Heenan says. "But I never lose sight of my true mission and why God brought me here."

Heenan, 27, attends seminary at North American College in Rome. Seminarians attend seminary to prepare for priesthood and there are different levels of study. Heenan is pursuing a degree that requires two years of studying philosophy followed by four years of theology. And that's after having earned an undergrad degree from a traditional college or university.

Heenan graduated from Boston College in 2010 before he spent 13 months at a mission near Buenos Aires, Argentina. He started seminary in 2011 and spent his first two years of study — the philosophy part — at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.


After his second year at Sacred Heart, the Archdiocese of Detroit sent him to North American College in Rome for four years of theological studies.

Today, Heenan is back in Rome and has just started his fifth year of seminary having spent the summer in Grosse Pointe Farms and served his first internship at the Saint Pius X Parish in Southgate.

"I'm where I am today as a result of coming from such a loving and supportive community," Heenan says. "I can really see how it was part of God's plan."

One of the happiest moments for Heenan came this past May when he had a chance to meet Pope Francis after he celebrated Mass at North American College. Heenan says he and Pope Francis talked briefly about Heenan's time in Argentina near where Pope Francis was born.

Heenan says he plans to finish seminary with a Licentiate of Sacred Theology and hopes to return to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"At the end of the day, we're instruments for God's work," Heenan says. "Wherever we end up, we're meant to be the presence of Christ in a community of faith so I hope that my faith, hope, and love is something like fire in that people can get close to it and catch it." 

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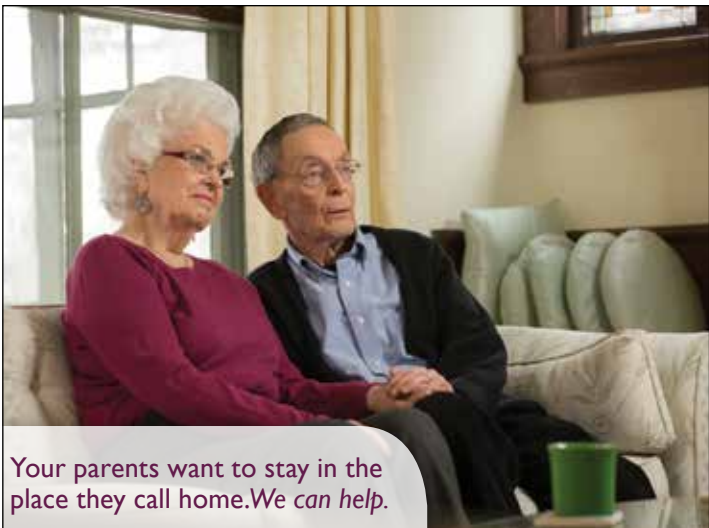


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Fog on Lake St. Clair

By Ronald C. Strickler, MD, MBA

Silently she sambas upon still waters
Her colorless cashmere wrinkled into wisps
Across the ripple of a black swan;
Half-submerged, a conn with scope deployed,
Beauty, cloaked like a mariner’s menacing fears
Beauty, without threat, soon fades and disappears.

Through the hidden distance a bell barely bongs
Its starboard buoy rocked on up-bound wake.
Two minutes exact: a deep-rasp bass-note blasts
The fog with an invisible historic warning:
I am here, I am near. I am 800 feet of power and steel.
I am here, I am near. Raw materials for automobiles.

She climbs the shore like a siren’s song
Long-legs, tantalizing, risking nothing, baring all
Consuming the land and its protector light
Struggling to shine through the failing night:
Flash on the half-minute. God save their souls.
Flash on the half-minute. Mariners sail bold.

Alone I stand, engulfed in your warm, wet self.
Teasing, you let me feel your tenderness
And smell your mermaid’s passion, moist and strong
Disorienting, beguiling, becomes my siren song:
I am yours, I will be taken: is this how life should end?
I am yours, I will be taken: sun-rise dissolves your charm again.

G.P. 'hip'?

By Anna Bartolotta

Grosse Pointe has always been exciting, a little known gem to the outside world that may only come to visit or to drive by the homes on Lake Shore or to see the enormous, lit-up Halloween house that I can't stop taking my children by in October.



Many things are changing, and the excitement cannot seem to be hidden any longer. Renovations on Kercheval to our commercial areas, new local bars and student housing programs, such as the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, are absolutely making Grosse Pointe hard to miss.

I took my son into Oakland County for a day trip to The Robot Garage. I was actually thinking about driving him there daily for their day summer camp when upon reading their brochure, I realized that we have another location coming into the Park. I literally began jumping in place.

I dare to imply Grosse Pointe is "hip" just yet because of the "old money" charm, but I can definitely predict the possibility of the existence of future "hip." With a change in attitude and a fun, new destination in our midst, we must prepare for the influx of people this will draw.

With fun, conveniences and demand, rental property owners must think ahead. We must not just be OK with the same available supply in rental units; we will be competing against each other for the invasion of the upcoming tenants.

Hip does not have to mean costly changes to owners, but it does mean we must all step up our game in regards to our units. Think about what is happening on Kercheval, think about the new businesses coming, and think about your future tenants.

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18584 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 332-0050

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Hours: Mon-Wed 8am-5pm; Thur-Fri 8am-7pm; Sat 8am-4 pm. Closed Sunday.

Web: www.Cafefarbella.com



Champs Rotisserie & Seafood

20515 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 886-7755

Champs is located on Mack just three streets south of Vernier. Our soups, sauces and dressings are made daily using only the freshest ingredients from Michigan companies when possible. Champs is known for its Rotisserie Ribs and Chicken, served with our homemade BBQ sauce for which Champs has been known for the past 40 years since it was the BBQ House of Grosse Pointe. We also offer an exquisite variety of seafood, salad entrees, sandwiches, appetizers and a full children's menu. We also offer daily specials that we have become known for. For those warm nights, enjoy our patio with a big screen TV or you may choose to stay inside and snuggle by our beautiful fireplace. With this unique atmosphere, comes a full-service bar to make your dining experience complete. We have a great selection of Michigan-made vodka, gin and bourbon and a wide selection of scotch, from house to high end. Call ahead on those busy days for a carry-out. Our specially designed carry-out boxes will ensure your food gets home fresh and hot. We will cater your next event. Call and speak to one of our catering specialists after 4 p.m. Order off our catering menu or create your own.

Hours: Mon-Thurs 4-10pm, Fri-Sat 4-11pm, Sun 3-10pm

Web: www.champsrotisserie.com



City Kitchen

16844 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 882-6667

Located in the heart of The Village, City Kitchen prides itself on being a unique neighborhood eatery that serves quality fare in an upscale, yet relaxed and casual setting, as well as carry-out and on- and off-site catering. The restaurant offers fresh seafood from Foley Fish Co., Boston's famous fish house, as well as Great Lakes perch, pickerel and Lake Superior whitefish delivered daily. From the grill, try "Certified Angus Beef" New York strip or tenderloin steaks and some of the best burgers in town. Also enjoy seasonal salads, desserts, appetizers and wood-fired pizza. Join us at our NEW BAR for Happy Hour Monday-Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and enjoy your favorite cocktail, beer or wine of your choice at our special Happy Hour pricing.

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Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

97 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 882-5299

Winner of *Hour Detroit Magazine* awards for 2010 Restaurant of the Year and Best Chef 2010 & 2011, the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe features top guest musicians and award-winning food. Two-time "Best Chef" winner André Neimanis offers an American bistro menu in a well-appointed, 65-seat dining room with white-linen round tables surrounded by red-fabric walls with dark wood, wainscoting, Tudor carriage lights and dog-themed paintings and sculptures. Favorites include Fork and Knife Burger with Foie Gras, Shrimp Linguine, Smoked Tomato Soup with Brie Toast and Creekstone Farms Filet Mignon to name a few! Live Jazz Tuesday through Saturday offers patrons a unique and memorable experience (reservations are strongly recommended). Private dining is available for up to 25 people in The Boardroom, which also features full meeting and conference capabilities.  

Hours: Tues 11:30am-8pm; Wed-Thur 11:30am-10pm; Fri 11:30am-11:30pm; Sat. 4pm-11:30pm

Web: www.dirtydogjazz.com



Harvard Grill

16624 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 882-9090

Don't feel like cooking on a school night? Stop by Harvard Grill for our home-cooked and affordable daily specials:

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Tuesday:

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- **Short Ribs of Beef** with mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll.

Wednesday:

- **Beef Stroganoff** served over noodles with garlic toast
- **Sloppy Joe** with potato chips

Thursday:

- **Pork Chop** with mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll
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Friday:

- **Tilapia** served with fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw and roll. Pan Fried, Deep Fried or Broiled.
- **Fish & Chips** — Cod served with fries or mac and cheese, coleslaw and roll. Pan Fried, Deep Fried or Broiled.

Sunday:

- **Eggs Benedict**

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Irish Coffee Bar and Grill

18666 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 881-5675

Irish Coffee Bar and Grill has been a staple on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms for **35 YEARS**, notable for their fantastic bar burgers (1/3 lb ground rounds) and numerous coffee cocktails. Three high-definition TVs make this neighborhood bar a great place to watch the game. Swing by after the game or any entertainment event in the area, bring your ticket stub and your burger is only \$2.96 with purchase of a beverage! The daily lunch special is the best in town: dine-in between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and for \$6.95 have a ground round, fries and your choice of beverage (domestic draft beer or pop). This is also good for a fish sandwich or a grilled chicken sandwich. This family-owned restaurant is a great spot for young and old, and there is something on the menu for everyone. The homemade onion rings are a local favorite, and the fresh, hand-battered yellow-belly perch and pickerel are particularly popular among seafood lovers. Numerous corned-beef sandwiches top off the menu with a true, Irish flare. The grill is open until 1 a.m., seven days a week! Hope to see you there!



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Little Tony's is Grosse Pointe's favorite Bar & Grill. A place where families and friends have gathered for over 40 years for good food and good cheer. Cozy, quaint and warm, it's a throwback to when a business was run by an owner and not a corporation. A real neighborhood bar, where locals meet and everyone really does know your name. Serving only the freshest of Ground Rounds (they're delivered daily), Little Tony's has made a name for itself as "the place" to go on the east side for Great Burgers. Cooked to order and served with an array of extras, you are sure to have your burger craving satisfied here. Voted "Best Burger on the East Side" by the Detroit Free Press and Grosse Pointe Patch. The menu, although small, has a lot more to offer. Delicious Reubens, succulent Turkey and Ham sandwiches, Fish and Chips, Tuna Melts to die for, and don't forget Carol's Famous Chili. Our extensive bar is complimented by a great selection of beers, ales and wines. Dine on our beautiful, open-air patio during the summer months. Family friendly, so bring the kids, our great wait staff can't wait to serve you.



Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm

Web: www.littletonysgp.com



Luxe Bar & Grill

115 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 924-5459

Luxe is the neighborhood spot that serves quality food, drink and atmosphere — without pretense. Hospitality is our passion — quality and taste are the priority. We believe the character of a bar is its patrons, and we welcome all seeking food, company and friendly conversation to enjoy our charmed local bar. An eclectic menu features fantastic Prime Burgers on homemade brioche buns, as well as scratch soups, salads and entrées, including chicken, salmon, lamb chops and steaks in a variety of different daily preparations. Chef Christina Stanco embraces various elements of traditional and new American cuisine.



Hours: Daily 11am-1am (Kitchen closes at midnight.)
Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com



Mack Avenue Grille

19841 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 886-0680

As the Mack Avenue Grille enters its fourth year under the ownership of veteran restaurateurs Louie and Dino Ropotos, they would like to kick things up a notch to compliment the fine wines and premium beers they began offering last year. The brothers are adding some new fine dining dishes to their menu, including pan-seared and broiled Alaskan Cod, broiled Salmon, Classic Lamb Chops, Chicken Piccata and Chicken Marsala and more to their standard fare, including 31 gourmet salads and breakfast favorites, such as the ever-popular Very Berry Crème Brûlée French Toast. And true to their heritage, the Ropotos Brothers are announcing Saturday evening **GREEK NIGHT**, featuring all classic and favorite dishes. Of course, they are not forgetting what made Mack Avenue Grille more than a diner. They will continue to offer three homemade soups du jour or freshly homemade chili daily, burgers and all manner of diner sandwiches, fresh-squeezed orange juice and three-egg, whipped omelets of all combinations. All ingredients are fresh — no frozen fish here!



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Your host, Mike LeFevre





Bar Hours: Mon-Sat 11:30 am-close; Sun noon-close
Kitchen Hours: Mon-Thur 11:30 am-9 pm; Fri-Sat 11:30 am-10 pm;
Sun noon-9 pm
Web: www.mikesonthewater.com



Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries

85 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 647-0298

It's Grosse Pointe Farms' favorite "go-to" spot! Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries boasts everything from torts, cakes and pies from its full-service bakery to delicious soups made fresh each day. A standout for the coffee shop is its liquor license — guests may enjoy specialty coffee drinks, such as Spanish and Irish coffee, wines by the glass and even a "spiked" lemonade and smoothies! Stop in early for that first fresh-brewed "cuppa" with a homemade pastry and come back for a house-made soup for lunch.  


Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-6pm; Sun 9am-3pm

Web: www.MorningGloryGrossePointe.com



Pepperoni Grille

22411 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores • (586) 774-3998

As its name implies, Pepperoni Grille is a cheerful spot set in a welcome, casual atmosphere. The eatery features a small bar and dining room on one side of the central open kitchen, and a second dining room on the other side. It offers notable pizza along with a number of popular dishes from Calamari, Chicken Picatta and Lake Michigan Perch to Filet Mignon and New York Strip Steaks and Baby Back Ribs. The staff is friendly and courteous. The full bar offers wine, liquor and beer. Our Reverse Happy Hour from 8 p.m. to close 7 days features \$2 domestic beers, \$5 martinis and 1/2-off appetizers. Tuesday is half-off pizza all day, dine in or carry out. Wednesdays feature two signature pasta dishes and a bottle of wine \$38. 

Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm;


Sat noon-11pm; Sun 3-9pm

Web: www.pepperonigrillescs.com



Red Crown

15301 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 822-3700

Red Crown: an American comfort food (with a twist) restaurant, specializing in a nostalgic element of cooking that equates to yummy goodness. Red Crown's beverage program is all about the art of crafting. Craft cocktails, craft beers, craft wines. Our bartenders are artisans too, handcrafting cocktails, using the freshest and highest quality ingredients. Our beers are artisanal brews from the great state of Michigan, while our all-American wine program focuses on smaller production boutique wineries. In addition to our bottle programs, we offer artisanal beer and wine on tap, keeping our glass pours fresh to the very last drop. At Red Crown, we put the spotlight on service and hospitality. Our goal is to for you, our guest, to feel welcome and well taken care of — kind of like being asked over to a friend's house for dinner. We really want all aspects of your visit to Red Crown to be remembered as something comfortable and filled with yummy goodness. Whether you are looking for something a bit nostalgic or hoping to find something unique and new, we invite you to join us for an afternoon or evening at Red Crown! **Join us for brunch Sunday morning or dinner Sunday night!**   

Hours: Mon-Thur: Lunch 11:30am-4pm; Dinner 4-10pm

Fri-Sat: Lunch 11:30am-4pm; Dinner 4pm-11pm

Sun: Brunch 10am-4pm; Dinner 4-9pm

Web: www.redcrownnp.com



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19655 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 886-3350

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Hours: Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-10:30pm;
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Web: www.salvatorescallopini.com



Shores Inn

23410 Greater Mack St. Clair Shores MI 48080 • (586) 773-8940

Established in 1937 and under the same ownership since 1969, the Shores Inn has been a local favorite for generations. Featuring 150 craft beer selections, an enclosed heated patio (with fire pit) and Happy Hour 7 days a week (buy one appetizer, get one free of equal or lesser value with two beverage purchase), the Shores Inn is a popular gathering spot for all ages. Delicious, homemade pizza has just been added to the extensive menu and daily specials keep hungry guests coming back:

- Monday** - Burger Bash (burger and fries) \$4.99
- Tuesday** - Fajita Frenzy \$10.99; **1/2 off pizza!**
- Wednesday** - All you can eat Perch \$12.99
- Thursday** - Rib Rave (1/2 slab with fries) \$9.99
- Sunday** - Prime Rib \$13.99

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am; Sun Noon-2am
Web: www.shoresinn.com



Sierra Station La Cantina

15110 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 822-1270

The Sierra Station was established in 1977 and has transformed into a favorite Grosse Pointe Park destination. The Sierra Station prides itself as a family-style Mexican restaurant, offering affordable dinners. Most impressive is the food! Few restaurants survive 36 years unless they have great food. The entrée menu features more than 30 dishes served with the standard rice and beans. House specialties are the Verda Sauce and Chili Relleno. It is one of the few places you can sit down, eat authentic Mexican food, have a Margarita, enjoy the South-of-the-Border ambience and bric-a-brac and let your kids run free. The patio veranda is an ideal space to throw your wedding party, family celebration or business luncheon. Prefer an indoor setting for your event? Sierra Station has a private dining room filled with beautiful authentic decorated space capable of setting 40 guests. Join us on Thursdays for \$2 Margaritas. Carry-outs available.



OUR GORGEOUS PATIO IS STILL OPEN FOR YOUR DINING ENJOYMENT!


Hours: Lunch: Thurs-Fri 11:30am-1:30pm
Dinner: Open daily at 5pm
Web: www.sierrastationgp.com



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Telly's Place — Est. 1982

20791 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 881-3985

As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with over 30 years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Look around and you'll see a couple on a romantic date, sharing an order of our signature spinach dip and chips, a group of friends celebrating a birthday with our specialty martinis, or people sitting at the bar, watching the game on our flat-screen TVs. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution. **Open Sundays at noon for football starting in September!** 

Telly's Specials:

- Monday - \$4 Margaritas
- Tuesday - Bar Bingo 9 p.m.-Midnight
WIN drinks & gift cards
- Wednesday - \$5 Specialty Martinis
- Wednesday-Sunday
Live Entertainment

Text tellys to 313131 for offers and updates and a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun 12pm-Close

Web: tellysplace.com



The Hill Seafood and Chop House

123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 886-8101 • (313) 886-9653

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Casey Kasem — again

By Jon B. Gandelot

Last fall I wrote a column about the battle between the second wife and the children from a first marriage of America's Top 40 disk jockey, Casey Kasem. The wife prohibited Kasem's children from seeing their father as his health declined. The children were forced to go to probate court in order to be with their father in his final days.



After his death, his wife took his body, first to Canada and then to Norway, where she buried him.

I recently heard Kerri Kasem speak in California about her crusade to change state laws that now give exclusive control over visitation to a court-appointed guardian of an incapacitated adult. Only two states now have laws that give children the right to visit, if the guardian opposes it. Michigan is not one of them.

In situations where there is a wife who is not the mother of the children, or where there is friction between a caretaker child and his/her siblings, there is the possibility of conflict at a time when a dying parent might wish to see his/her children. One way to avoid this is to document your wishes in the event you become incapacitated. Keep the letter with your estate planning materials and send a copy to your attorney for safekeeping.

You can pray for the best, but plan for the worst.

Jon B. Gandelot is founding principal, GANDELLOT HARTMANN, an estate planning and trust administration firm in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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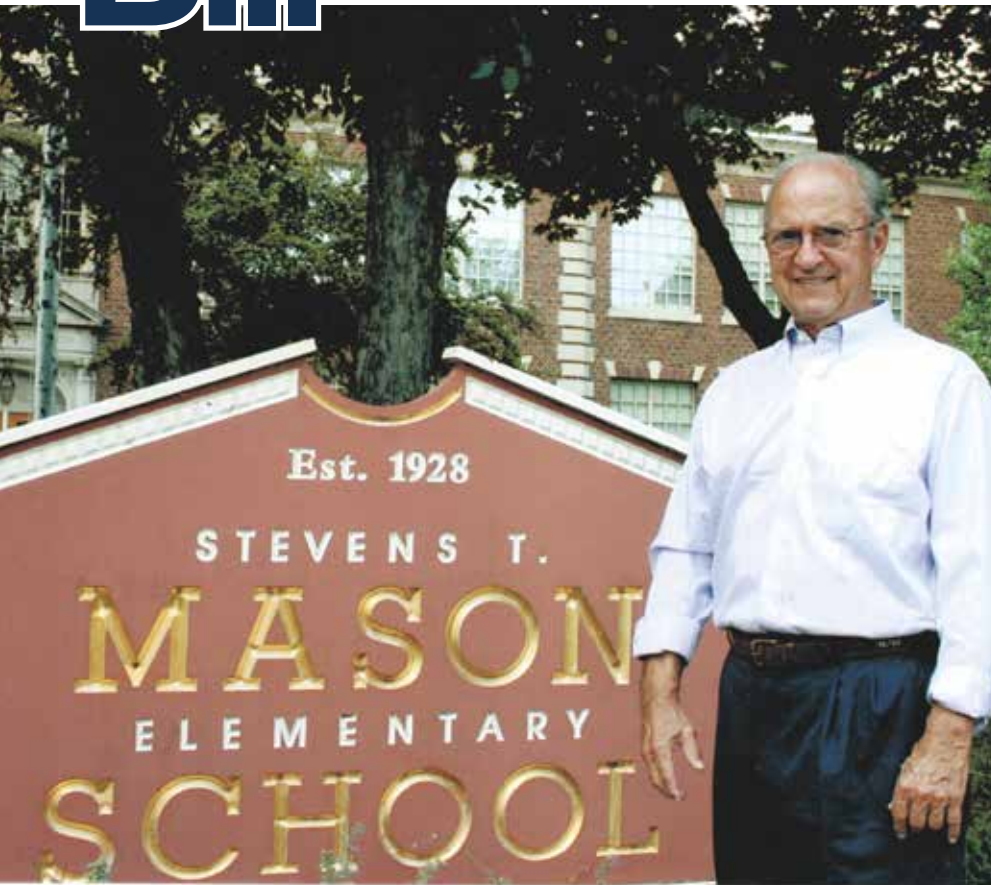
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Meet Bill



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| Name | Bill Mestdagh |
| Age | 80 |
| City | Grosse Pointe Woods |
| Occupation before retirement | Educator, 33 years with Grosse Pointe Public Schools |

Bill's Favorites

- Season**
Beautiful and refreshing spring and fall seasons
- Book**
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- Movie**
The Sound of Music
- Food**
Meat and potato man
- Musical Artist**
Frank Sinatra and Patsy Cline
- Vacation**
Cruising Eastern Europe and Lexington, Mich.
- Activity**
Golfing, swimming, hiking, following U-M sports
- Restaurant**
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What was your first job?

Teacher in Grosse Pointe Public Schools, but spent ten years as a butcher and milkman

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

Businessman, teacher, dentist

What is one thing you miss about being a kid?

Energy and playing all sports

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Cruising Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, visits to family in Belgium

Are you a collector of anything?

Beer mugs and buffalos

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

Marriage and the birth of our sons

What's one skill you'd like to learn?

Improve golf game and high tech skills

Words to live by?

Old saying "Don't worry, by happy." Life passes too rapidly.

About Bill

Bill and wife of 57 years Mary "Ruthie" are the proud parents of three sons, Bill Jr., David and Jim and the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren, Andrew, Bill III, Mike, Lindsey, J.T., Christy and Courtney.

With parents who had immigrated from Belgium, Bill grew up on Detroit's eastside and was class president at Detroit Denby High School. After graduating from University of Michigan with bachelor's and master's degrees, Bill was offered a teaching position at Maire Elementary School. In 1966, Bill was appointed principal of Mason Elementary School, making him the youngest principal ever appointed in Grosse Pointe. He retired in 1990 after 25 years as principal.

Bill's interests include sports, travel, reading and participating in his sons' and grandchildren's sporting activities. Today he enjoys visits to Lexington, Mich. and Vero Beach, Fla.

He says, "I must sincerely thank my family, friends and colleagues for 80 exceptional years of love and friendship."

Champion for Quality

By Anne Marie Gattari

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Time to share!

Village Center Pool

By John Minnis

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*W*e're pretty excited. We're getting ready to head down for our annual stay at our timeshare in Orlando, a trek we've been making for more than 15 years!

Timeshares aren't for everyone, but for us it has worked out pretty well. In about 2000, we went on one of those three-day getaways at Marriott Vacation Club International's Grande Vista resort in Orlando. We fell in love with the place. (Everything Marriott does is first class!)

Before going on "the tour," I was playing golf there with two guys from

Texas. They asked, "Have you done the tour yet?" I said no. They said, "Don't buy new. Buy resale." They just bought a Marriott week for \$4,500, a fraction of the new prices in Orlando at the time.

When we did do the tour, I asked about resale. They said, sure, you can do that, but you might not be able to get the week you want. I pointed out that we always come down after Labor Day, when it is less busy. "What are the chances you won't have weeks available in September or October?" I asked. The Marriott associate agreed that getting weeks that time of year should not be a

problem.

So we bought a resale week through Marriott just so we could exchange into Grande Vista. Knock on wood, it's worked perfectly for 15 years. And, since we are timeshare owners, we get great getaway offers to stay a second or third week. So our one timeshare week has now grown to three weeks in September!

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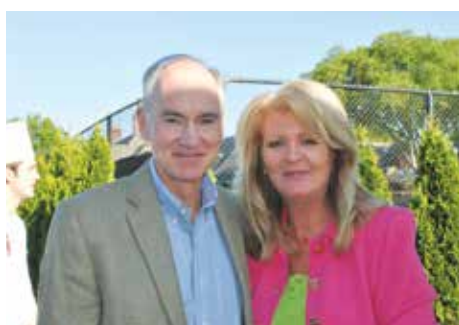
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Meet Lisa



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| Name | Lisa Bardy |
| Age | 45 |
| City | Grosse Pointe Woods |
| Occupation | Owner, bow wow baketique |

bow wow baketique

Bow wow baketique is located at 21035 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. It is a little shop that has grown from a dream that didn't fade — the little shop that could. I think every dog deserves to be as happy as they make their humans. In addition, this is a great place for humans to shop and find unique pet related items and meet other dogs and dog lovers. I pride myself on providing the best quality treats (including birthday cakes), toys and accessories for dogs (and cats, too). I love hosting weekly ice cream socials for dogs on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m., among other unique events. I absolutely love what I do and I don't plan on going anywhere soon.

About Lisa

Bow wow was an idea floating around in the back of Lisa's head for years, but a couple of life altering experiences pushed her to make the jump. In August of 2010, her dog, Belle, passed away after 16 years of companionship. As she does not have children, Belle's death was particularly devastating. Three months later, Lisa lost her mom to pancreatic cancer. With her mother's passing at age 68 (her biological father at 50, also to cancer) and her best friend Belle gone, her entire outlook on life changed. Suddenly, that idea floating in the back of her mind was bigger than she could handle. Six months after losing her mom, bow wow opened.

What was your first job?

For \$2 a week and a grilled cheese from the kitchen, I was a waitress on bingo night at my church.

Why did you want to become a pet store owner?

My love of animals – and what I do provides me an opportunity to be of service by providing something different for dog parents to spoil their fur babies with in a comfortable atmosphere... and I get to spend all my time around dogs and dog people ... with an occasional cat person.

What is the best advice you've received?

The best advice I received was to get the store open. Having the best of everything on hand and expanding the business are great goals — that couldn't materialize until the store opened.

What is the best or most memorable feedback you've ever received?

"Your mom would be so proud of you."

Tell us something about you that most people don't know.

I am huge Disney fan. At one time, I worked at the Disney Store and have been to Disney World and Disneyland so many times, I have lost count. As a matter of fact, I name all my dogs after Disney characters, and try to get my family to do the same (Belle, Nala, Daisy, Bambi).

What is your most often used phrase?

"Keep it moving" - no matter what happens, you have to keep moving forward.

Words to live by?

"Get busy living, or get busy dying" – from the movie *Shawshank Redemption*

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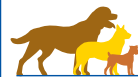
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Raffi

Two-year-old Raffi makes her home in Grosse Pointe Farms with her mom and dad. She loves cuddles, giving mouth kisses and long walks around the neighborhood!



Snickers

Snickers was rescued from a high-kill shelter the day before she was to be euthanized. Upon adoption by the Cosgrove family of Grosse Pointe Woods, it was discovered that Snickers was pregnant. She delivered four puppies last August. So the shelter saved five lives in June!



In Memory of Jazzdog

“Our beloved Jazzdog has crossed over the Rainbow bridge and joins her half brother, Bluescat. Jazz, a Kerry Blue Terrier had a short 11 years with us. She is sorely missed by her humans Chris and Michelle Kauffold and her half sister Rhythm of Grosse Pointe Farms.”



Miles

Miles is a one-year-old Wirehaired Pointing Griffon. He is a pointer, cold water retriever, a great house dog and Rich Seleno's hunting buddy.



Hudson

The Bradley family is thrilled to have Hudson as a new addition to the family. They adopted him from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and look forward to many years of loving this little guy!



Laddie

GPAAS - Laddie is a male senior Collie-Shepherd Mix male who weighs 50 pounds and is completely deaf. Visit gpaas.org to see Laddie and other adoptable pets.

Fleas bugging your pet?

By Dr. Bridget Wright

It's that time of year: fleas! In addition to being a nuisance, they can pose health risks to humans and animals alike.

Understanding the four stages of a flea's life cycle is key to breaking it. The average flea takes approximately three weeks to go from egg to adult; however it can take up to 200 days depending on the environment. Female fleas can lay 40-50 eggs per day. These eggs can be found on the ground, the pet or where your pet sleeps. The eggs hatch into worm-like larvae that feed on organic debris and feces from adult fleas. Larvae then enter the pupal stage, which is particularly resistant to destruction, and can take up to six months to emerge as adult fleas, depending on environmental conditions.



Health risks associated with fleas include flea-bite dermatitis caused by an allergy to the fleas, as well as fatal iron-deficiency anemia in young animals. Fleas are also responsible for transmission of the bacteria responsible for the plague, and are intermediate hosts for tapeworms.

There are numerous oral and topical flea products available for your pet, and your veterinarian can help you choose one that is safe and effective as not all products can be used on cats and dogs alike.

During an active infestation, flea products MUST be used for at least three consecutive months in order to break the life cycle. Washing the pet's bedding and frequent vacuuming is important, and hiring a pest-control specialist may be necessary for severe infestations in your home.

Dr. Wright is a recent graduate of Iowa State University, and joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in July of 2015.

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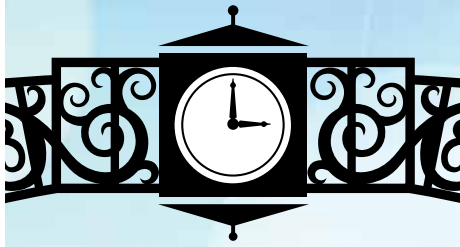
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VILLAGEFEST 2015

Grosse Pointe's largest community celebration, VillageFest, sponsored by Beaumont Health System, takes place on Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13 in The Village.

Produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority (DDA), VillageFest is a free, annual festival open to the public. Visitors enjoy an art exhibition, live music and entertainment, food and refreshments, a car show and children's activities.

New events this year include "Grosse Pointe's Got Talent" live talent contest on Saturday and "The Grosse Pointe GooseChase" smartphone scavenger hunt coordinated by Beaumont Hospital. There will also be expanded beverage selections, including craft beers and the WCSX Stone Soup car and raffle.

A Taste of VillageFest is sponsored by The Whiskey Six. Participants include Atwater in the Park, Bogartz Food & Spirits, Salvatore Scallopini, Pierogi Gals, Jet's Pizza, Luxe and others.

VillageFest offers live entertainment each day from the VillageFest Stage sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living.

The Saturday Night Dance Party with the Sun Messengers takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. and is sponsored by Kercheval Dance. Chair massages

by Massage Green are offered free of charge as a warm up from 5 to 7 p.m. in front of the stage.

The juried VillageFest Art Show, sponsored by Scott Shuptrine and produced by the Grosse Pointe Art Center, features dozens of local artists.

The VillageFest Car Show, sponsored by Ray Laethem, celebrates the Grosse Pointe area's rich automotive history. Featured automobile classes include classic, exotic, hot rod and antique vehicles. All entries qualify for People's Choice judging and special awards, as well as daily awards and door prizes. The People's Choice award is sponsored by Hagerty Insurance.

Visitors can enjoy the WCSX's Stone Soup Project's 1971 Corvette Stingray at the VillageFest Car Show on Saturday Sept. 12 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Kids on the Block, sponsored by Kercheval Place and produced by El's Boutique, includes a bounce house, giant slide, carnival games and more. The Grosse Pointe Robotics Team will perform live demonstrations. Activities for kids also include LEGO fun with The Robot Garage, demonstrations with Kart 2 Kart, and arts and crafts with Grosse Pointe Mompreneurs.

For a complete list of events and times visit www.thevillagegp.com. 



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COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER *from Cornwall to Michigan*



The Cornish beef pasty has roots that begin well before 1840 when it arrived in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Experienced miners from Cornwall immigrated to help develop the mines in the U.P. and they brought pasty making with them. Soon the Cornish migration was replaced with Finns and Italians and the pasty became a traditional miners' meal.

My great grandparents were from Calumet and as the story goes, my great grandfather was a copper miner. Every morning my great grandmother would heat up two pasties and wrap them in tin foil. My great grandfather would stuff the foil-wrapped pasties in his boots to keep his feet warm while mining copper!

This tradition continued with a little twist. My mom would make pasties for

my dad when he went hunting. I don't think that he kept him in his boots to keep his feet warm though. Today, my mom still makes the pasties and every year on our annual trip to Mackinac Island, we meet as a family at the pasty place for dinner. Some of us eat it with ketchup, others eat it with gravy and some just eat it plain.

This recipe is a modified version of my great grandma Fausone's. Enjoy!

Beef Pasties

makes 4

Crust ingredients

- 2 cups** flour
- 2/3 cup** unsalted butter chilled
- 1/2 cup** water
- Dash of salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Cut butter into flour, and salt
3. Add water and knead until well blended
4. Form into four balls and chill
5. Coat with plenty of flour and roll into circles

Filling ingredients

- 1** egg
- 3 cups** diced potatoes
- 2 pounds** round steak, coarsely ground
- 1** onion, diced
- 4** carrots, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pat of butter for each pasty
- Ketchup

Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix carrots, onion, potatoes, round steak, salt and pepper
2. Place filling in the center of each rolled dough
3. Place a pat of butter on top of the filling and fold sides together



4. Make a small slit at the top of each pasty to allow steam to escape
5. Brush the pasties with egg
6. Bake until crust is golden brown and flaky, 45 to 55 minutes
7. Serve with ketchup

Chef Ethan Steiner, a 2008 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, graduated from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts with an Associates of

Occupational Studies Degree in Culinary Arts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Culinary Management in Las Vegas.

After working the Las Vegas hotel circuit, Steiner decided to return to Michigan. He has worked with, and for, Chef Jose Andres, Chef John Hilton, Chef Rick Moonen, Chef Gordon Ramsay and Chef Wolfgang Puck. Today, Steiner is Sous Chef at Antietam in Detroit Eastern Market in Detroit.

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By Lina Bowman

Many people believe that once they hit age 62 they should immediately begin receiving Social Security benefits.

Others have been advised to wait as long as possible before drawing distributions. As you may have guessed, there is no one right answer. There is, however a right answer for you.



Depending on your health, life expectancy, retirement goals and sources of income, you may want to receive Social Security benefits beginning at your early retirement age (62), your full retirement age (between 65 and 67) or even age 70.

Because there is no mandatory age to begin taking benefits, determining when to start receiving Social Security is a critical component of retirement planning. The three most important factors in making this decision are 1) your life expectancy, 2) your marital status and 3) what you plan to do with your Social Security income.

It is important to understand the impact and potential costs of starting Social Security benefits before your full retirement age. If you are married, there are ways to maximize income for you and your spouse, including "File and Suspend" and "Restricted Application" strategies.

As you plan for retirement, it is wise to consult with a trusted financial professional to determine when exactly you should begin receiving Social Security benefits, how (and whether or not) you should invest them, and when and how to assess your income flow after the last paycheck.

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September

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10 THURSDAY

- Try2See, Inc. presentation on SmallGyfts for Grosse Pointe at Jungle Juice Bar, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Medicare 101 at Services for Older Citizens, 7-9 p.m.

12 SATURDAY

- West Park Farmers Market, every Saturday through Oct. 10, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- VillageFest on Kercheval in the Village, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House, 1-4 p.m., and Izzy's Second Saturdays at the Provencal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$23 per non-member, reservations must be made by the Thursday before each event at (313) 884-7010, crafts take place 1-3 p.m.
- Clambake for the Cottage at the Ford House, purchase tickets at henryford.com/clambake, 6:30 p.m.

13 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Farmers Market, through Oct. 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- VillageFest on Kercheval in the Village, 12-5 p.m.

14 MONDAY

- Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Golf Outing at Gowanie Golf & Country Club, 11:30 a.m.
- 10th Annual St. John Medical Staff/ GUILD Golf Outing, \$300 per golfer, \$100 for dinner only, visit stjohnguild.org

15 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business After Hours at Lochmoor Club, 5:30 p.m.
- St. Clair Shores Library Storytime, every Tuesday through Oct. 27 (except Oct. 6), Toddler Storytime begins at 10 a.m., Preschool Storytime begins at 1:30 p.m., Family Storytime begins at 7 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY

- St. Clare of Montefalco PTO Used Book Sale Presale Day, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

17 THURSDAY

- St. Clare of Montefalco PTO 31st Annual Used Book Sale, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Bench Auction Party

at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, strolling dinner, cocktails and auction, \$75, 6-9 p.m.

18 FRIDAY

- St. Clare of Montefalco PTO 31st Annual Used Book Sale, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Harvest Dinner at the Ford House, \$65, reservations at fordhouse.org, 6-8:30 p.m.

19 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary's 36th Annual Run at Pier Park, registration at 7 a.m., 1-mile Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., 5K, 10K at 9 a.m.
- St. Clare of Montefalco PTO Used Book Sale, half price day, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per non-member, \$22 combined with General House Tour, General House Tour begins at 9:45 a.m., Behind the Scenes Tour begins at 11 a.m.
- An Evening with Ivan Moshchuk at the War Memorial, to kick off Arts at the Alger Concert Series, \$25 general admission, \$45 VIP, 8 p.m.

20 SUNDAY

- St. Clare of Montefalco PTO 31st Annual Used Book Sale Bag Day, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Spamalot," purchase tickets at gpt.org, also Sept. 24-27, Oct. 1-3

23 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center Meet & Greet for Professionals at Christ Church, 9:30 a.m.
- The Artist Lounge 'Fall Colors' at Services for Older Citizens, create a fall painting with an instructor, no experience necessary, call (313) 882-9600 to reserve your spot, \$16 per person, 1-2:30 p.m.
- The Family Center's Mindfulness Series: "Mindfulness in Schools: The Missing Piece of Modern Education" in Christ Church's Miller Hall, register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6 p.m. and childcare, talk begins at 7 p.m.

25 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe North/South Annual Tailgate at Grosse Pointe North, 5-7 p.m.
- North vs. South Football Game at Grosse Pointe North, 7 p.m.

26 SATURDAY

- Bird Walks at Ford House, \$7, 8 a.m.
- A Night in the Stacks Fundraiser for the GPLF at Central Library, black tie gala featuring a tapas-style menu, open bar, live music, silent auction and K-Line Trolley ride to Red Crown for an afterglow, tickets at gpfl.org/a-night-in-the-stacks, gala takes place 7-10 p.m.

27 SUNDAY

- The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation's 8th Annual Concours d'Elegance at Pier Park, 12-3 p.m., event will kick off with a parade of cars on Kercheval at 11:30 a.m.

28 MONDAY

- St. Ambrose's Annual Oysterfest at 15215 Kercheval Ave. in the Park, 5-9 p.m.

29 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, 5:30-7 p.m.

30 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center's Mindfulness Series: "Mindfulness: A Call for Calm" in Christ Church's Miller Hall, register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6 p.m. and childcare, talk begins at 7 p.m.

02 FRIDAY

- GPCC Business Before Hours at Wesley Orthodontics, 8-9 a.m.

03 SATURDAY

- Run for a Reason at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

04 SUNDAY

- "Music of the Spheres" at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Wayne State University Orchestra led by Kypros Markou presents "The Heavenly Music of Bach," tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the church reception desk, concert begins at 3 p.m.

05 MONDAY

- The Family Center's Play Central at Barnes Early Childhood Center,

October

Calendar

mornings through May, \$5 per family, 9-10 a.m.

06 TUESDAY

- Mindfulness Practice at Services for Older Citizens, 12:30-2 p.m.
- The Family Center presents “Touched by Cancer - Now What?” at Services for Older Citizens, free, 6:30 p.m.

07 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center’s Mindfulness Series: “Mindful Parenting” in Christ Church’s Miller Hall, register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6 p.m. and childcare, talk begins at 7 p.m.

08 THURSDAY

- Senior Expo at Assumption Cultural Center, free admission, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

10 SATURDAY

- Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, also Oct. 31, \$13 per member, \$15 per non-member, \$22 combined with General House Tour, General House Tour begins at 9:45 a.m., Behind the Scenes Tour begins at 11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House, 1-4 p.m., and Izzy’s Second Saturdays at the Provençal-Weir House, \$15 per member, \$23 per non-member, reservations must be made by the Thursday before each event at (313) 884-7010, crafts take place 1-3 p.m.
- Autumn Harvest at Pier Park, hayrides, moonwalk, decorating pumpkins, \$5 per person, 12:30-3 p.m.

12 MONDAY

- Columbus Day Charity Golf Outing at Lochmoor Club, benefitting Special Kids Inc., \$175 golf, dinner and open bar, \$50 dinner and open bar only, register at grossepointemagazine.com or specialkids.us, 11:30 a.m. registration, start at 1 p.m.
- The Family Center, Megan Gunnell, LMSW, MT-BC, psychotherapist, and husband Freeman Gunnell, proprietor of Cornwall Bakery, present popUPprograms at Cornwall Bakery, \$35, 6:30 p.m., also Oct. 26, \$45, 6:30 p.m.

13 TUESDAY

- GPCC Business Before Hours at Edward Jones, 8-9 a.m.
- The Family Center presents “Top Ten Mistakes Parents Make with Baby’s Sleep,” at SOC, free, 6:30 p.m.

14 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents “Tween Tech: Helping Kids Understand the Impacts of their Online Presence” in Brownell Middle School Library, free, 7-9 p.m.

15 THURSDAY

- SOC Auction at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

16 FRIDAY

- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale in the Ewald Branch Program Room, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Hob Nobbin with the Goblins, 6-8 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents “An Evening of Good Food, Romantic Music, and Sweets for the Sweetest” at Assumption Cultural Center, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org, \$25 per person, cash bar, doors open at 6 p.m.

17 SATURDAY

- Friends of the GPPL Book Sale Bag Day, fill a bag for \$5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

18 SUNDAY

- Ford House Behind the Scenes Tour, \$13 per member, \$15 per non-member, \$22 combined with General House Tour, General House Tour begins at 11:45 a.m., Behind the Scenes Tour begins at 1 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at the War Memorial, \$14, 2:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra at the War Memorial, \$15 per person, 3-6 p.m.

20 TUESDAY

- The Family Center presents The Senior Gems: Understanding the Stages of Alzheimer’s and Dementia, at Services for Older Citizens, free, 6:30 p.m.

23 FRIDAY

- Puttin’ on the Pink Girls Night Out in the

Village, 6-9 p.m.

24 SATURDAY

- Bird Walks at Ford House, \$7, 8 a.m.
- Festival of Tables at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, tickets at (313) 886-8798, 1-4 p.m.
- Halloween in the Park at Windmill Pointe Park, \$7 per child, tickets for sale Oct. 1-23 at the gatehouse, tickets sold on the event day until 2 p.m. for \$14, all children must be in costume, accompanied by an adult and bring their own trick-or-treat bags, select arrival times of 4:30, 5, or 5:30 p.m.

25 SUNDAY

- Little Goblins’ Night Out at the Ford House, \$10 per person, reservations at fordhouse.org, time slots available every half hour from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

26 MONDAY

- Trick-or-Treating at the Ford House, visit fordhouse.org for tickets, 7 p.m.

27 TUESDAY

- Halloween Psychic Fun Night at the War Memorial, \$31 per person, 7-9 p.m.

28 WEDNESDAY

- Halloween Party at SOC, buffet lunch, costume contest, enjoy vocalist and guitar player Don Stidham and his amazing impressions, including an Elvis impression, \$12, 11:30 a.m.

30 FRIDAY

- Halloween Trick or Treat in the Village, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

31 SATURDAY - Halloween

Looking forward to November ...

08 SUNDAY

- St. James Lutheran Church Good Gifts Advent Fair, a unique market with hand made items from domestic and international artisans, sold through non-profit organizations, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Photo by Sean Doerr

OYSTERFEST

With between 30-40 restaurants and suppliers participating this year, OYSTERFEST promises to be bigger and better than ever. In fact, Sindbad's bus will shuttle "international" guests arriving from the Windsor Yacht Club, and the K-Line Trolley, thanks to Paul and Carol Schaap, will transport patrons from Pointes north! Free shuttle service will also run from the St. Ambrose parking lot to Oysterfest from 5-9:30 p.m.

Raffle prizes include a 50-inch Smart TV, Apple Sports Watch and a GoPro Hero Plus! Good food and good prizes ... what more can one ask for?!

Oysterfest is always held on the fourth Monday in September, which is Sept. 28 this year, and is held from 5-9 p.m. under the tent at 15215 Kercheval, between Lakepointe and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.



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FESTIVAL OF TABLES

This year, the 13th annual FESTIVAL OF TABLES fundraiser for the Breast Care Program at St. John Providence Health Care System, should be a lucky one at its new venue, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, on Saturday, Oct. 24. Enjoy 28 theme decorated tables, gift boutique, silent and tin can auction, music, dinner and fashion show.

"We are delighted to be able to host our 13th annual Fundraiser this year at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club," says Dori Daskas, Committee Member.

First viewing: 1-4 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Dinner viewing: 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$70. Includes dinner and fashion show by Fourth Street Boutique, Rochester.

For tickets www.dopfestivaloftables.com.

NORTH/SOUTH TAILGATE

The annual North-South Varsity Football Game TAILGATE event sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, Sept. 25, at Grosse Pointe North High School from 5-7 p.m.

All are welcome for this celebration of community spirit. Come enjoy delicious food prepared by Grosse Pointe's finest eateries. The tailgate party will be held rain or shine and proceeds will benefit Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Tailgate sponsorships are available: Athletic Director, \$500, and Coach, \$300. Increase your brand awareness and support the community at this fun event!

For additional information, contact the Chamber at (313) 881-4722 or visit grossepointechamber.com.



SENIOR EXPO

WJBK Fox 2 News personality Charlie Langton will be the keynote speaker at 22nd annual SENIOR EXPO 2015 held Thursday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center.

Especially for older adults and caregivers living in eastside communities, Senior Expo offerings include:

- Exhibits & give-aways
- Complimentary luncheon by Marchiori Catering
- Raffle
- Entertainment: Gentlemen of Swing
- Community resource information
- Health & Wellness screenings
- Ask the Experts



Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The keynote speaker is at 9:30 a.m. Convenient parking is available at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park with free shuttle service provided by Expo Sponsor ShorePointe Nursing Center and ShorePointe Village.

For more information on Senior Expo 2015, call Assumption Cultural Center at (586) 779-6111, ext. 4.

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