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
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## On the cover

Our resident artist Dominic Pangborn, of Grosse Pointe Shores, outdid himself with this rendering of “Christmas in the Village” exclusively for *Pointe Magazine*. “City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style!” Visit us in The Village during and after the Santa Claus Parade on the day after Thanksgiving! Reprints of Dominic’s cover art are available for purchase by contacting [publisher@grossepointemagazine.com](mailto:publisher@grossepointemagazine.com).



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# POINTE MAGAZINE



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## It's the holiday season!

I'm sure it's old news by now, but Terry and I bought ourselves an early Christmas present — the *Grosse Pointe News*. What were we thinking?!

The fact of the matter is the former owner, Mr. Bob Liggett, made us an offer we couldn't refuse. Those who know me know that the *Grosse Pointe News* was my home for nearly 20 years. As I said in the first issue of "our" *Grosse Pointe News*, "Hey, it's good to be back home again!"

We think the newspaper makes a good fit with our magazines. Many times we get asked to do stories about events that are too soon on the horizon to fit our early deadlines. Other times, the story suggestions are too "newsy" or "controversial." Between the weekly *Grosse Pointe News* and bi-monthly *Pointe Magazine*, we should be able to accommodate just about any request.

The purchase of the newspaper also gets us something for the magazine we have not had — an office. Many readers may not know that we have been running the magazines out of our home across from Our Lady Star of the Sea for the past seven years.

Even better news, since the lease at the *News's* location on Mack Avenue in the Woods was expiring, it gave us an opportunity to see if any centrally located space had opened up since the *News* moved from The Hill five years ago. And, boy, did Terry find us a lovely spot — above the Village Grille dining room in The Village! Landlords Dan and Julie Lemanske welcomed us with open arms and are thrilled to have the *Grosse Pointe News* and *Grosse Pointe Magazine* in their building.

And we're thrilled to be there! Be sure to visit us during or after the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. And while you are out and about this Christmas and holiday season, be sure to patronize our many loyal advertisers and businesses that make Grosse Pointe such a great place to be. See you around the Pointe! ☺

It's been a year of firsts for me. On the Ides of March, my husband, Corey, and I welcomed our first child, Graham Gavin. We purchased our first car (no one told me how nerve wracking this would be after a decade of leasing!). And with our first car, we took our first family road trip.

Right now, I write my first column as editor of *Pointe Magazine*. It's an appointment I am honored to take in a community that I've revered since visiting my Uncle John at the *Grosse Pointe News* some 25 years ago.

It's fitting that my first issue as editor be our holiday issue. I can remember my childhood awe at the Christmas lights on the enormous houses that whizzed by as we drove down Kercheval to The Hill. Starry-eyed. I hope to serve as editor with the same fascination. It's easy here.

Send me your story ideas, calendar items, nominations for *Pointe Personalities*, and photos of your pets. I look forward to hearing from you at [Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com](mailto:Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com).

Or stop by our new office at 16980 Kercheval Ave. in The Village's McCourt Building. On Nov. 24 we will be there sharing coffee, hot chocolate and cookies during and after the Santa Claus Parade, one of the *Grosse Pointe* holiday events I anticipate most.

Through the New Year, you can find me enjoying the sights and sounds of the holidays from my vantage point in the heart of this extraordinary community.

*Happy holidays and I hope to see you soon!* ☺

— Lauren





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Name:  
**Selby Corbett**

Birthdate:  
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Parents:  
**Greg & Powell**

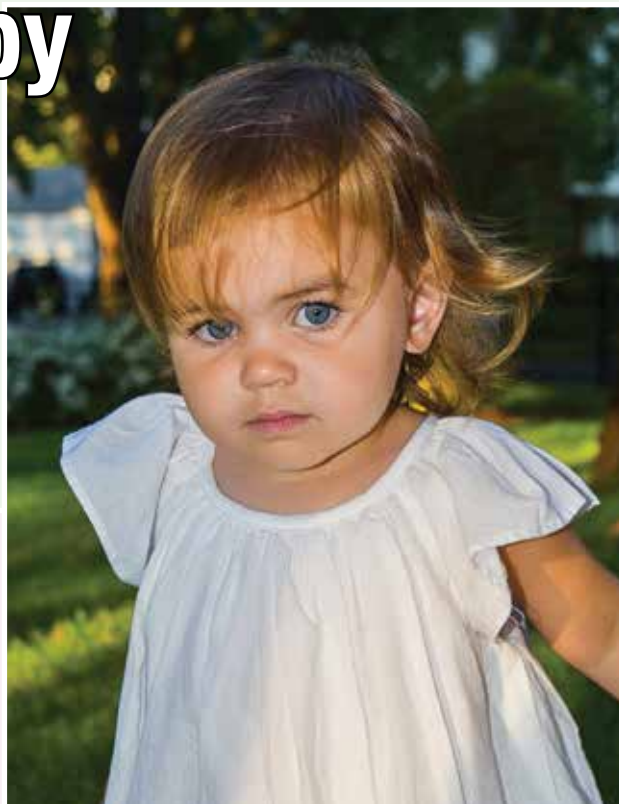
Siblings:  
**Crew, 5**

City:  
**Grosse Pointe Farms**

Favorite activity: **Loves her stuffed bunnies and loves to ride on the swingset**

First word: **Bottle**

Cute fact: **Loves her shoes**



## About Selby *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

Selby is a happy and energetic little girl. She has two speeds: "go" and "sleep." She loves to play with her brother, Crew, and loves when her grandmothers visit. She understands fashion, and has already developed quite a shoe collection. She loves to take care of her baby dolls and push them in a stroller around the house. Selby also loves going outside to play, especially on the swingset or on walks. Selby always has the ability to make others smile.

# Meet Crew



Name: **Crew Corbett** Age: **5** Siblings: **Selby, 2 (on Dec. 8)**

Parents: **Greg & Powell** City: **Grosse Pointe Farms**

Interests: **Reading, golf, movies, playing with family, my sister and my favorite babysitter, Neely!**

## Favorites

Food	Vacation	Outdoor Activity
<b>Pizza</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Bouncing on the trampoline</b>

Game	School Subject	Book
<b>Freeze tag</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b><i>Magic Tree House</i> series</b>

What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Scientist**

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

**Show and Tell**

Who do you look up to and why?

**My Grandpa "Grumpy." He was fun to be with. He was a pilot. He taught me how to fish. He liked to cuddle. I loved going on Grumpy's boat with him. I loved how fun and nice he was to everybody.**

## About Crew

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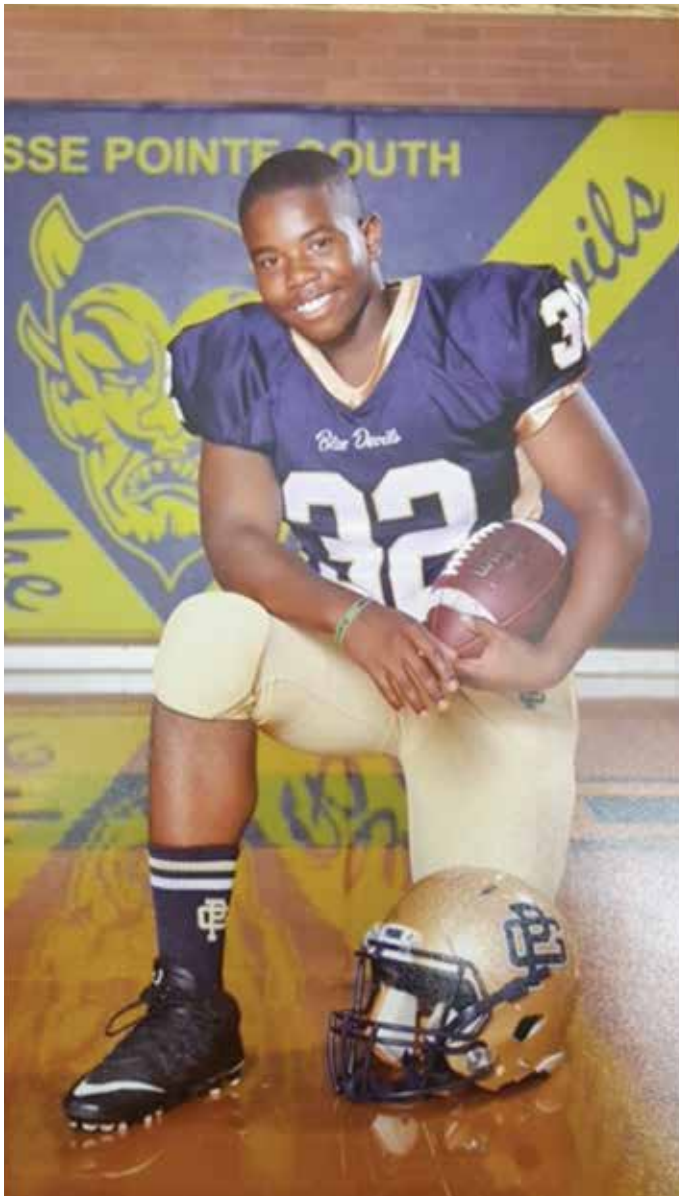
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<b>Name</b>	Miles Dearing
<b>Age</b>	16
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>School</b>	Grosse Pointe South
<b>Parents</b>	Jai-Lee and Shellina (stepmother) Dearing; and Trinilda Johnson (mother)

## Miles's Favorites

**Music Artist**  
Bruno Mars

**Website**  
Google

**TV Show**  
*The Flash*

**School Subject**  
English

**Movie**  
*Rocky 1, 2, 3*

**Actor/Actress**  
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**Vacation**  
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**Food**  
Tacos

**Book**  
*The Great Gatsby*

**Teacher**  
Mr. Provenzano

**Extracurricular Activity**  
Football

**What song have you downloaded that would surprise people?**

“Kiss from a Rose” by Seal

**What unique skill do you possess?**

I have the ability to adapt and work with strangers.

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

More wishes; to win a state championship at Grosse Pointe South in football; to get a full ride to UCLA

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

Finishing up my degree in film, transitioning into the film industry

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

I wanted to go to the NFL. Now I want to be a professional storyteller, as in a movie director or script writer.

## About Miles

“I love telling stories. Whether it be with my trumpet, on the piano or even with a camera. Fads come and go. The art of storytelling will never die.

When I’m on the football field with my brothers, we have the opportunity to write a story that hasn’t been written at Grosse Pointe South. That’s the beauty in the game; we write our own story.”

Miles has three siblings: Melba, 19, Jai-Lauryn, 11, and Jordyn, 6. In his free time he enjoys watching Netflix. “*Scandal* has been my summer.”

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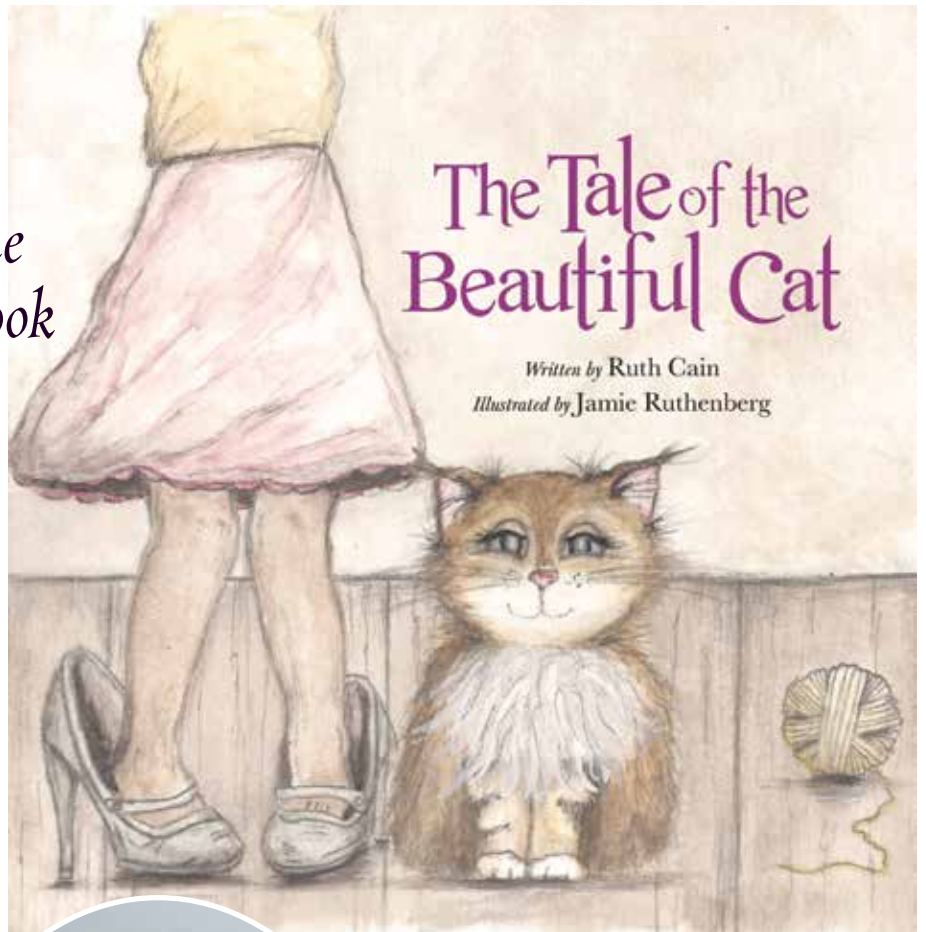
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A children’s book by local author Ruth Cain, published posthumously, made its debut Aug. 11 at Reading & Rhythm on the Riverfront (R3). It’s the first time in the seven years of the program that a book has been launched during R3.

*The Tale of the Beautiful Cat* tells the story of Fleurette, a little cat that loses its tail, but finds she is still beautiful in her family’s eyes.

The book was illustrated by Detroit-born author and illustrator Jamie Ruthenberg.

“Ruth’s family has been dreaming about publishing the book for years and her daughters Carol and Nancy have read here (Detroit RiverFront) many times, so we’re thrilled and honored that they chose to launch the book during Reading & Rhythm on the Riverfront,” says Mark Wallace, president & CEO of the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy.

Cain’s family teamed up with General Motors, Detroit Public Schools Foundation, Detroit Public Schools Community District and the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy to bring her book to life. The book is underwritten with the support of General Motors.

“We know that literacy is the foundation of educational success,” says Lori Wingerter, who leads Detroit community partnerships for GM.

Copies of the book are being provided to all Detroit Public Schools in partnership with the Detroit Public Schools Foundation.

“What a great legacy Mrs. Cain, a former DPS student, leaves for her family and our city,” says Pamela Moore, president and chief executive officer of DPS Foundation. “Our children will love hearing and learning from this wonderful tale. We are so thankful to the Cain family for this partnership.”

All proceeds from book sales are being donated to the DPS Foundation, which is dedicated to early childhood education,



literacy and skills to prepare students for the future.


Cain was a native Detroiter educated in Detroit Public Schools who went on to become a newspaper writer, public relations executive and a columnist. She also enjoyed tutoring children in the Detroit Public Schools.

Among her many awards, she was honored posthumously with the Detroit Public Relations Society of America Hall of Fame Award in 2014 for significant contribution to her profession and the community.

She was married to the late Charles C. Cain, who worked at the Associated Press. The couple had seven children, several of whom followed their parents into the field of journalism.

Cain enjoyed telling the story of Fleurette first to her children and then to her six grandchildren.

The Conservancy invited her to share a manuscript of the story during an R3 session in 2011. Cain died three months later, but her daughters, Carol Cain and Nancy Cain, return to the riverfront regularly to read the story during R3.

*The Tale of the Beautiful Cat* is published by J. Ruthenberg and Company Writing Services Inc. and is available at Amazon.com and JamieRuthenberg.com. 

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The Chris Codish Trio will provide entertainment. In addition to beer and wine tasting, a cash bar will be available. The event is open to adults 21 and over only. The suggested attire is casual cocktail. Valet parking will be available. Reservations are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. For online reservations visit [www.olsos.org](http://www.olsos.org). For more information, call (313) 884-5554.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is located at 467 Fairford Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods. Sponsors of The Taste include Hour Detroit and Christian Financial Services. 

**Top, Diane McIntyre, Dorothy Hawring, Bob Goltz, Reg McIntyre, Bonnie Goltz, Jamie McGarvah, Becky McGarvah, Pat Johnson and Jeff Johnson at the 2016 The Taste**



## VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST *at The War Memorial*

To mark this year's Veterans Day, area service members are invited to a free Veterans Breakfast Friday, Nov. 7 at The War Memorial.

Veterans and their guests will gather for the comradery of a meal together and a commemorative and reflective program honoring military service. Veterans will receive notes of gratitude handmade by local Boy Scouts, and enjoy the uplifting spirit of a service song medley, remarks from former service members and a short film presentation.

Also included in the morning program, The War Memorial's Patriot Initiative will announce 2017 grant recipients, further amplifying the support of community organizations that offer high-value social impact services to Michigan veterans.

The breakfast is one in a series of patriotic programs offered by The War Memorial, and supports the institution's ongoing commitment to honor the legacy of veterans and the freedoms their service has provided.

Veterans and service members can attend for free, one guest per veteran is welcome for a \$10 fee. Doors open at 7 a.m. For more information, visit [www.warmemorial.org/veteransday](http://www.warmemorial.org/veteransday) or call (313) 881-7511. Registration is required.



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# STAHL'S VETERANS DAY EVENTS

By Jody McVeigh

Stahl's Automotive Museum at 56516 North Bay, Chesterfield, welcomes veterans, current service members and anyone who wants to recognize those who have served the country to a special event 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.


Stahl's, which houses nearly 100 vintage vehicles, hosts the event to honor service members and encourage discussion between generations. The event includes historic military footage featuring a section of Bob Hope's USO Tour footage, as well as the museum's collection of Brass Age, Depression Era, pre-war and post-war vehicles.

Vehicles range from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler to Tucker, Duesenberg, Pierce Arrow and more. New additions include a 1917 Hanes, 1934 Studebaker President Regal Roadster and 1939 Ford Midget Racer built for William Clay Ford Sr.

Additionally, patrons are invited to visit the music room, filled with some of the most interesting music players ever designed, including Stahl's own Wurlitzer pipe organ.

All donations benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, which pairs Michigan veterans with individually trained medical service dogs.

The salute to veterans continues the next day, Sunday, Nov. 12, with a charity hockey game. The puck drops at 12:30 p.m. at St. Clair Shores Civic Area, when Team Stahl's, coached by Mark Wells of the 1980 U.S. Olympic gold medal hockey team, takes on the Red Wings Alumni Association. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds from this event also benefit Guardian Angels. Memorabilia and autograph sessions are included.

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# THANKSGIVING SERVICE UNITES LOCAL FAITH COMMUNITIES

By Susan Bollinger

For more than a decade, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church has offered a unique interfaith Thanksgiving service.


“The Thanksgiving service is an opportunity to reflect on our faith journeys and our national roots,” says the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, pastor at the church. “Several faith groups meet in our building, and at this evening service, we come together with our varied memberships and backgrounds to give thanks.”

All are invited to attend on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Every year, attendance at the service has grown and this year additional faith groups are joining in. The Rev. Yeager-Stiver expects it will be the church’s biggest Thanksgiving service yet.

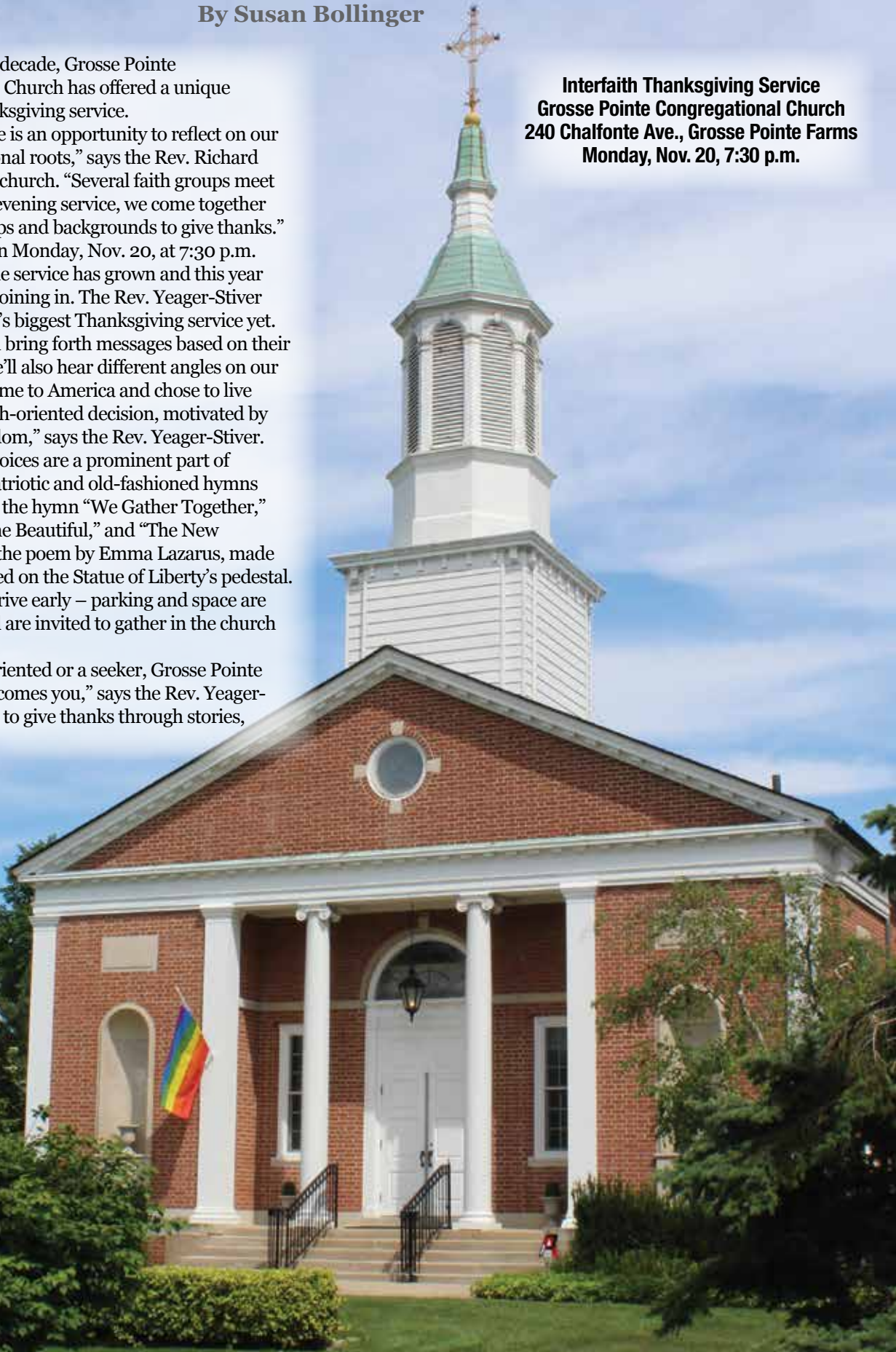
“Key religious leaders will bring forth messages based on their perspectives and beliefs. We’ll also hear different angles on our stories of origin: Why we came to America and chose to live here. For many, it was a faith-oriented decision, motivated by the desire for religious freedom,” says the Rev. Yeager-Stiver.

Music, instruments and voices are a prominent part of the service and will bring patriotic and old-fashioned hymns together. Selections include the hymn “We Gather Together,” the well-known “America the Beautiful,” and “The New Colossus,” a song based on the poem by Emma Lazarus, made famous when it was engraved on the Statue of Liberty’s pedestal.

Families are welcome. Arrive early – parking and space are limited. After the service, all are invited to gather in the church lounge for refreshments.

“Whether you are faith-oriented or a seeker, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church welcomes you,” says the Rev. Yeager-Stiver. “Join us for a chance to give thanks through stories, songs and fellowship.” 

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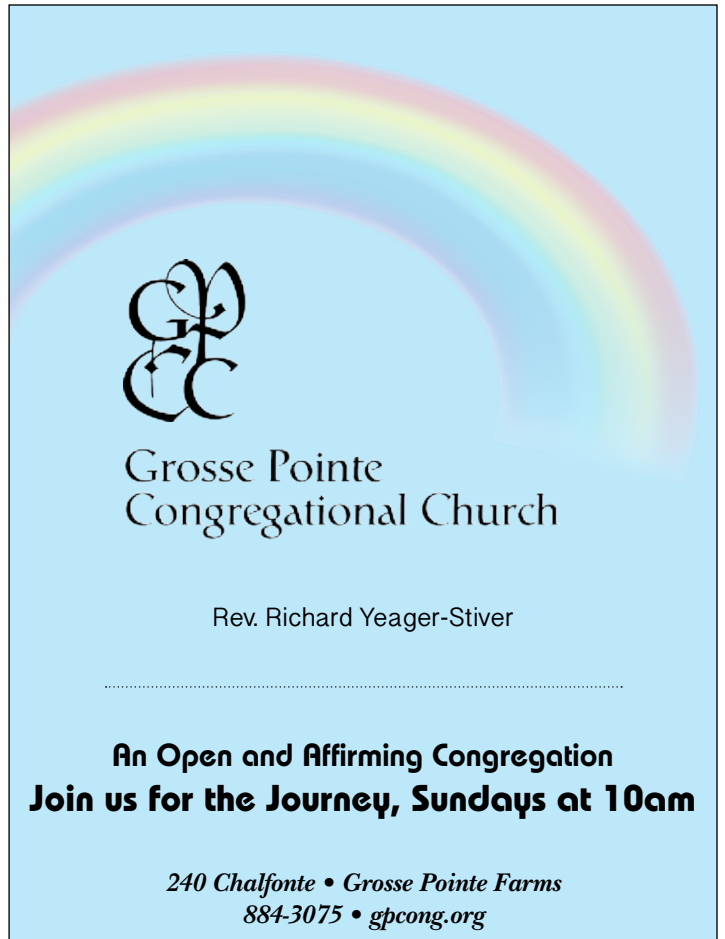
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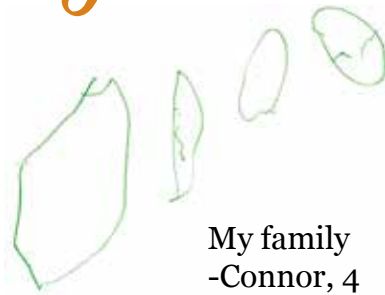
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Amanda, my au pair  
-Josephine, 4



My family  
-Connor, 4



Playing with my brother  
-Catie, 4



My mom  
-Drake, 4



My mom tucking me in,  
my dad cooking bacon, my  
sister playing with me. We  
are watching the sunset.  
-Emerson, 5



My mom and sister  
-Zoey, 4



My puppies  
-Victoria, 4



My dog, Blue  
-Bobby, 4



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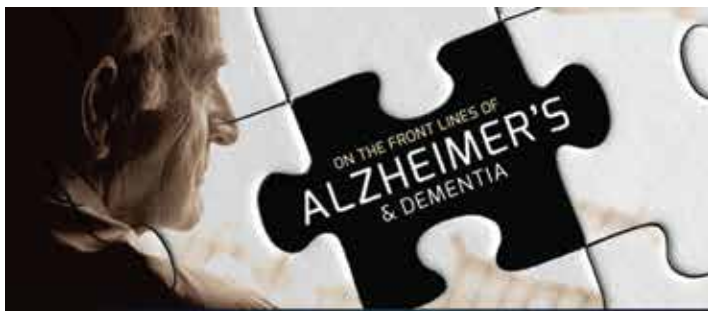
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## PRIVATE SHOWING

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The Family Center, in partnership with The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine, and Producer/Director Keith Famie, invite you to a private showing of a long-format trailer for the documentary film that is currently in production titled "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia." This gathering will give the community an opportunity to learn about the film and possibly offer their support.



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## THE FAMILY CENTER

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For years, Alzheimer's and Dementia have devastated the lives of millions of families. It's estimated that more than five million people are living with Alzheimer's in America today. The disease is the sixth leading cause of death in America and every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops the disease.

The Family Center, together with its partners The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Magazine, will host an extended trailer screening of "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" at The War Memorial, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

"The film relates directly to our mission of providing information and programs about life issues vital to today's families," says The Family Center executive director Debbie Liedel. "The Family Center is excited to work with Keith Famie to help people learn about this very relevant disease with such wide reach and consequences."

Eleven-time Michigan Emmy award winning documentary producer and director Keith Famie will go to the "front lines" to document the men and women who are doing what they can globally to better understand Alzheimer's and all forms of dementia.

"My father, a WWII hero, dad of three, suffered such a destiny. When he took his last breath with me holding his hand totally not knowing who I was as I sat at his bedside, I vowed to one day do what I could as a filmmaker to help shed a light on what families can do and how we all can better live a life to avoid as much as possible, such a fate. The time is now," says Famie.

In the past ten years, a great deal has been learned about these life altering diseases. Millions of Americans are hitting their 65th birthdays with a vision of living well into their 90s, healthy and active as long as they stay proactive about their lifestyle. But what if their life's path is destined to be different? Because of genetics, environment or just misjudging their own lifestyle, they wake up one day with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's, for which there is no cure. It is, instead, the beginning of a slow and long goodbye to family, loved ones and friends as they slip away.

This personal and critically important documentary features those on the front lines of Alzheimer's, neuroscientists, clinicians and doctors from around the world. They will share their cutting-edge research and all that is being learned.

The documentary follows those who have been diagnosed early and how the disease progresses. From the other side of the diagnosis, "On the Front Lines" also reveals how complicated and emotionally draining it can be to care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia.

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# Meet Jennifer



<b>Name</b>	Jennifer Evangelist
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<b>Occupation</b>	Owner, 'Ono Loa Cookie, Handcrafted Hawaiian Shortbread (onolocoookie.com)

## Jennifer's Favorites

**Season**

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**Music Genre**

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**What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?**

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**What is the best trip you've ever taken?**

I have three favorites. Hawaii, of course, South Africa and Thailand.

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

Move to Maui, open a brick and mortar 'Ono Loa Cookie on each island, and build an animal sanctuary on the southern tip of the big island for abused, neglected and unwanted animals of all kinds to live out their remaining years in peace.

**What is one thing most people don't know about you?**

I had set a goal for myself in high school to visit South Africa by the time a certain milestone birthday came. Thankfully Jeff was up for the adventure, so we booked a two-week trip and visited Cape Town, Gansbaai and Hoedspruit. When in Gansbaai, one must jump into the ocean with the great white sharks, of course. I couldn't resist the opportunity. It was one of the most exhilarating experiences I've had!

## About Jennifer

Jennifer and husband Jeffrey are parents to four pups rescued from Michigan Humane Society — Opie, Andy, Barney and Gidget. "They are the best little pack we could ask for."

Jennifer is most proud of two things: first, "completing a Half Ironman with only a few months of training supported by an awesome team of dedicated, strong willed people," and second, "for starting 'Ono Loa Cookie! It's been a passion of mine to open my own business and I'm having the greatest time! It's a wonderful creative outlet, and I love bringing a smile to people's faces."

In her free time, she enjoys cooking, biking, running, swimming, traveling, scuba diving and snorkeling.

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# RIGHT @ Home

## Centerpiece Inspiration

By Virginia Ficarra



There is a lot of room for creativity in a table centerpiece, no matter the season or the reason.

Not only is a centerpiece a feast for the eyes, it is a vision of anticipation for sharing mealtime with family and friends. From grandmom's dishes to picnicware and teacups, indoor or out, the real connection to a centerpiece is the joy of sharing time and making new memories.

The table or buffet is a great stage to tell a story with traditional items combined with flowers and greenery, unique color combinations, a statuary, musical instruments, and memorabilia.

One thing is certain: When it comes to centerpiece design, no single style can claim top-trend status. Each is an individual expression.

Centerpieces are useful for all occasions, from spring and Easter, with its reawakening of nature's sights, sounds and breath of fresh air, to Independence Day, with its easy use of color and old fashioned American items (such as Coca Cola bottles). Remember, seasonal centerpieces, such as a summer centerpiece, can have elements as simple as parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

We can all recall memorable holidays, a time that is dear to us. In doing so, we curate a story of gatherings, including the traditions, textures, colors and decor. Our children and grandchildren are doing the same, even if it is breakfast with Mom and Dad with a centerpiece of fresh fragrant green herbs. ☺

*Your ideas and questions are always welcome. For more information, e-mail [rolocred@aol.com](mailto:rolocred@aol.com). Holiday wishes to all!*



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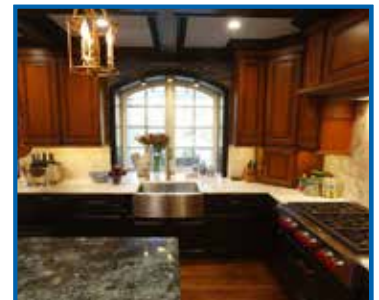
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# The Gift

By Lina Bowman

With the holidays upon us, we're all thinking about our loved ones and

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I've talked about the four aspects of comprehensive wealth management: creating and growing; protecting and preserving; creating an income plan; and legacy planning. Let's focus on your legacy plan as we enter the holiday season.

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It's not as overwhelming as it may appear, but you do need to get started! The more complex your financial life, the more time it may take. Find a good wealth manager you can work with that will help you analyze your situation, implement changes as needed per your wishes, help you organize your financial life and provide you with the tools to keep it together! Wishing you peace and prosperity this holiday season!

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# Money down the drain

By Anna Bartolotta

We all know that water bills in our area can be somewhat pricey and even more so if you aren't keeping up with them when they are due.

There are certain things that you can do to keep this expense at bay and not having you pay more than is necessary.



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# WEST PARK WINTER SOCIAL

By Jody McVeigh

*K*ercheval comes alive to celebrate the holidays during the fourth annual West Park Winter Social, 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.

This free winter festival, set along Kercheval between Maryland and Wayburn, features a tree lighting, community caroling, marshmallow roasting and more.

“Winter Social is a celebration to kick off the holiday season in Grosse Pointe,” says Joe Choma, event producer. “It’s a family-friendly event with fun for the whole family featuring a kids zone, heated beer tent with music, a large holiday shopping market with Made in Michigan vendors, food trucks and games.”



Natives of the New Dawn headline the music stage, supported by The Henhouse Prowlers. Food trucks

include Bearclaw Coffee Co., Cafe Cortina, Cheese Street, El Charro and Shimmy Shack, with Spun Sugar Detroit offering sweet treats.

The market includes more than 20 vendors celebrating Small Business Saturday, including Bikes, Blades and Boards and Moosejaw Mountaineering.

The Kids Korner features Hummingbirds Music Together, Mini Picassos, Robot Garage and Grosse Pointe Music Academy.

“We wanted a fun way to kick off the holiday season and showcase the West Park district in the Park,” Choma says. “Since moving back to Grosse Pointe to start our family, I thought there was a void of events that you might see on the west side or in the neighborhoods in Chicago.”

West Park Winter Social sponsors include The Richard and Jane Manoogian Foundation and Meridian Health Plan.

A partnership between Park-based event producer Grand Circus Media and the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, Winter Social aims to raise funds and awareness for the foundation’s mission of creating educational housing incentives for university students and adding vitality to the Park rental market and surrounding commercial business district.

“It’s free to attend,” Choma says. “There is something for everyone at Winter Social.”

For more information, visit [westparkwintersocial.com](http://westparkwintersocial.com). 



**Top, marshmallow roasting at West Park Winter Social; center, Robot Garage Station in Kids Korner; left, Black Jake & the Carnies perform at last year’s West Park Winter Social.**

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### WHO IS AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER?

The impact of breast cancer can affect any family. I'm married with two young boys. I tell them it's important to be involved for the long-term in our community, participating in positive charitable work. Especially when it affects our lives in so many ways.

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### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING WITH BREAST CANCER PATIENTS?

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### HOW HAS BREAST CANCER AFFECTED YOUR LIFE?

For over 20 years I've embraced an ethical responsibility to try and make strides against breast cancer, but I've also had family members who've been effected. My mother had breast cancer at a late age, along with my lovely sister. Just as any loved one, I felt helpless as she progressed through the treatments because I couldn't take the anxiety away.

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SUPPORT REAL MEN WEAR PINK AND BRAS FOR A CAUSE?

I'm excited to be involved with the RMWP campaign and the Bras for a Cause event. Showing that real men and local surgeons can, and will, fight breast cancer. Myself and Renaissance Plastic Surgery have been involved with fundraising for breast cancer, reconstruction and awareness on multiple levels and will always continue to do so. We've worked with the American Cancer Society and Gilda's Club in the past so I've witnessed how their efforts and events help

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Dr. William Stefani, board certified plastic surgeon, was born and raised in Metro Detroit. For many years, his father, Andrew E. Stefani, M.D., was chief at Grace Hospital and Mount Carmel Hospitals in Detroit. Dr. Stefani joined Dr. Peter McCabe in 1994 after doing an aesthetic fellowship at Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat in New York City with Drs. Aston & Baker. They formed Renaissance Plastic Surgery doing a considerable amount of breast surgery, including both cosmetic surgery and breast reconstruction. Dr. Jeffrey Williams joined Renaissance Plastic Surgery upon Dr. McCabe's passing in 1998 and as time progressed they saw more breast cases. Renaissance Plastic Surgery practiced in St. Clair Shores on the east side of town for many years before moving to Troy in 2008.



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# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOR FOOTBALL AND SMILES

By Brian Marshall

Christmas parties are steeped in tradition, joy and giving. The annual festive gathering at Tom Campbell's home features those qualities, but adds an impressive charitable touch.

Campbell, an investment advisor and insurance agent for 30 years, will host his sixth annual Detroit Lions Adopt Local Families Christmas Party at his home on Moross Dec. 16. Since the inaugural holiday affair of six people, the Lions Christmas Party has grown into a goodwill get-together that Campbell expects to draw upward of 75 this December.

"My Sunday motto is 'church, family and football.' And what began as good friends gathering to watch our Lions play became an avenue where we could give, and in so doing, lift the spirit of those families and indeed ourselves," Campbell says.

The beneficiaries from the party are many, including needy children, St. John Pediatric Center cancer patients, Wigs for Kids and Eagle Sports. Campbell's crew also "adopts" a family that otherwise would not be able to afford gifts for the holiday.

"I have taken my dog Scooby to Van Elslander Cancer ward on Wednesdays to visit patients and staff," Campbell says. "It was natural to seek a family from there to give to and show compassion and love."

A staple of the effort is collecting, tuning up and delivering hundreds of bicycles to children. No small task.

"I couldn't do it without the help of the lovely woman in my life, Naomi Vercimak. She does so much with organizing and tracking of families' wish lists and making sure no one

is left out," Campbell says. "And the Grosse Pointe Police Departments for their donation of unclaimed bikes.

"The owners of B3 (Bikes Blades and Boards) for donating their time and skill to make sure the bikes are safe and clean, and of course dear friends and family who take the time out of a very hectic season to shop, buy and wrap the many generous gifts."

Campbell says he hopes to get the Detroit Lions' organization involved in the party in some manner. A victory would be a nice gift.



Photos courtesy of Tom Campbell

**Tom Campbell, right, with St. Clare of Montefalco spring clean volunteers at Balduck Park. The clean took place from I-94 to Mack Ave., and Moross to Outer Drive. Campbell's efforts included "adopting" three families from St. Clare of Montefalco for Christmas gifts last year, and will again this year.**


At his "day job," Tom Campbell, investment advisor for Pointe Equity Partners LLC, helps people maximize their investments. In his off hours, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident doesn't stop helping.

Aside from his charitable Christmas party, Campbell's pet project is adopting parks and badly needed areas for clean-up in Detroit, Harper Woods, Hamtramck, Highland Park and the Grosse Pointes.

"I have friends, family and volunteers looking to pitch in to make our surrounding communities cleaner, safer and more appreciated by all of their residents," Campbell says.

Campbell obviously doesn't like down time. He is running for state senator in Michigan's 2nd district next November. The motivation?

"I asked myself, 'what is it that I can do to be of service and give on a larger scale?'" Campbell says.

He certainly has practice. 

# The basics on Hepatitis A

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

**H**epatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is one of several viruses that causes inflammation and affects your liver's ability to function.

HAV is common wherever sanitation is poor. You're most likely to get hepatitis A from contaminated food or water or from close contact with a person or object that's infected.

Unlike other hepatitis viruses, HAV does not cause long-term liver damage, and it doesn't become chronic.

Vaccinations provide safe and effective protection for people most at risk, including travelers, those at child care centers, drug users and those potentially exposed to infected blood or bodily fluids.

Good hygiene, especially hand washing, prevents new infections by removing contaminants. Hand washing also prevents the infected from spreading the virus to others.

Most people infected with HAV have mild symptoms and don't require treatment. Symptoms occur two or more weeks after infection and can resemble influenza, e.g., low-grade fever, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea. In addition, HAV can cause dark urine, liver pain, clay-colored stools and intense itching. Recovery is not fast; symptoms last a few weeks. Severe cases require liver transplants.

Fortunately, if exposure is suspected, your doctor can give you injections of antibodies against the virus and/or the HAV vaccine itself. Even better is that most infected people recover completely, and are immune for life.

*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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# effortless entertaining

By Elizabeth Quinn

Every host experiences a moment of panic prior to the start of a party, but using some tried and true tips can alleviate that angst.

- **Don't go crazy deep cleaning** the day of the event. No one will be doing the dust test on the mantle. Just make sure the bathroom and kitchen are neat and tidy.
- **Soft lighting** is one way to hide flaws in your home while creating a great mood for your party. Place candles wherever your guests are mingling. Light a scented candle in the bathroom. Replace your white light bulbs with pink ones to cast a flattering glow around a room.
- **Clean out a front hall closet** or place a collapsible metal coat rack near the front door rather than having people dump their coats on a bed so you don't have to worry about a bedroom being presentable as well.
- **Set your table and put out your serving pieces a day in advance.** Place a sticky note on each serving piece with the name of the dish you are putting in it.
- If you have limited oven space, you can **keep food warm prior to serving.** Place the cooked item in an insulated casserole carrier or wrap a few terry cloth towels around it until serving time.
- **Get yourself ready at least two hours in advance.** You can wear some bang-around clothes while doing last minute preparations and then change into your party clothes shortly before the event begins.
- However, you can't get dressed quickly if you don't know what you are wearing. **Set out and inspect the clothing a few days in advance.** There's nothing more stressful than ironing and sewing knowing that guests are arriving soon.
- **It takes a village to throw a successful party.** Accept people's offer to bring a dish. It's one less thing you have to do. Don't hesitate to let friends greet other guests, hang coats, pass hors d'oeuvres and replenish the bar. I have asked my more socially adept friends to make sure shyer guests are comfortable if I'm busy elsewhere.
- Take time the following day to **evaluate what did and didn't work.** Save your notes for future reference in a file or in an organizational app.

My husband's grandmother gave me the best advice years ago. She said, "Never critique your party to your guests. People are just happy that you invited them so they don't care if things aren't perfect." 



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# Deck the Halls

By Joyce Wiswell

It's the most wonderful time of the year for Mary Ann Bury, who will spend the next couple months in a whirlwind of greenery, lights and ornaments as she whips local homes into festive shape for the holidays.

With her one-woman company, Deck the Halls, Bury has done just that for the last 19 years. Her dozen or so clients, most of whom live in the Grosse Pointes, count on her to make their homes merry with their treasured keepsakes or new fashionable pieces.

Though she never dreamed it would become a career, Bury, a former event planner for Ameritech, has always had a knack for decorating.

"When I think back on high school I would always help decorate the cafeteria for dances," she says. "But I want it to be on the record that I am not an interior designer."

She is, however, a woman with a knack for pulling things together to generate a certain charm by displaying holiday trimmings in picturesque ways. After a no-fee consultation, Bury charges by the hour to decorate a house, and even shops for new items (with or without clients in tow) if required.

When it comes to home design, less is more, Bury says, but that is often not the case with holiday décor.

"Holiday decorations are very sentimental and often passed down from generation to generation," she notes. "I like to ask about the background of an item."

Even if a beloved tchotchke has seen better days, Bury makes sure it is included (if not spotlighted) in the mix.


What, for instance, to do with all those "darling, funny or tacky" ornaments the kids made in school that, as Bury

says, "you just can't bear to get rid of?" Try hanging them all together on a small tree, perhaps in the kitchen, for a whimsical touch.

Bury stars in a number of videos on safe holiday decorating for DTE (find one at [youtube.com/watch?v=nHuoSuEnvo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHuoSuEnvo)).

She decorates her own home just after Thanksgiving with three trees, including a vintage aluminum one that her parents bought on sale the day after Christmas 53 years ago.

"I used to do my house last but now I do it first," says Bury, who created a University of Michigan-themed tree for her alumna daughter, Meredith. "I would come home from a client's house and it was sad to see that ours was not done yet. It wasn't fair to our family."

Contact Mary Ann Bury of Deck the Halls at [theburys@ameritech.net](mailto:theburys@ameritech.net). 



Mary Ann Bury

## Tips for Decking Your Own Halls

- Think outside the box (or stand). Bury displays her classic aluminum Christmas tree in a galvanized bucket.
- For a sophisticated look, skip the tree skirt in favor of a few yards of fabric that match your upholstery.
- When draping ribbon or garland, fill in the gaps by pinching pieces together and attaching with a twist-tie if it's live greenery. If it's artificial, twist between wired branches.
- Don't feel pressure to be in vogue. "Just because it's trending," Bury says, "doesn't mean it's popular or works in our community."

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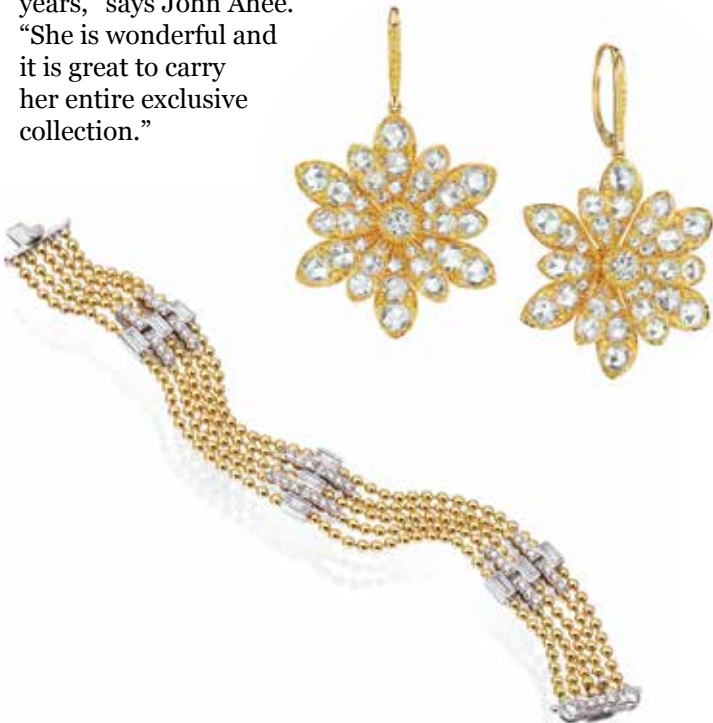


A very special jewelry designer is debuting in just six stores in the country. One of those stores is Ahee Jewelers.

A behind-the-scenes star in the jewelry industry for over 25 years, Maria Canale is ready to shine under her own name. Tiffany & Co., Harry Winston and Mikimoto have all showcased iconic signature lines created by Canale, whose fascination with jewelry design started at age 13 with an after-school goldsmith apprenticeship.

Though Canale has been honored with more than 30 International Jewelry awards, she is most proud when she sees a woman's delight in wearing her pieces. Her creations, much like Canale herself, are the epitome of luxury, blending ease with sophistication, effervescence with elegance.

"Maria Canale has led the way with her beautiful iconic jewelry designs for many years," says John Ahee. "She is wonderful and it is great to carry her entire exclusive collection."



Spending time between her beach home in Watch Hill, R.I. and the bustling excitement of downtown Manhattan, it's easy to see where her inspiration comes from.

The sketches Canale creates during her design process are works of art in and of themselves, and her jewelry speaks for itself. From her unconventionally chic cuffs to her alluring diamond drop necklaces to her exquisite art deco earrings, the pieces in the Maria Canale collection at Ahee Jewelers are a true celebration of family and friends gathered together, of a new beginning, a beautiful union, of a life lived to its fullest. This holiday season, celebrate life's special moments with a Maria Canale piece that will be treasured for generations to come. [P](#)

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# Deck the Store

with Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

By Melissa Walsh

Boosting holiday shopping in the Pointes with decorative cheer, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce invites local businesses to wave the merry magic wand over their storefronts in its sixth annual GPCC Deck the Store contest.

As an initiative in supporting local business, the Chamber challenges area merchants and service providers to trim and garnish their storefronts to the hilt with the spirit of the holidays.

“The purpose behind (the contest) is to promote our local businesses and organizations and to increase the foot traffic, especially during the holiday season,” says GPCC executive director Jenny Boettcher.

Though voting for the decorated storefronts begins Tuesday, Dec. 5, Boettcher hopes that entrants will have their stores

fully decked out by Friday, Nov. 24 – the day of the 2017 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade – “so that it kind of kicks off the holiday season.”

“We have so many new businesses in our community that, really, they (the shoppers) can find whatever they need through the holidays in their backyard,” Boettcher emphasizes.


As the Chamber represents all five Grosse Pointe communities, not just those along Kercheval, Boettcher encourages its over 650 members to enter.

Making local shopping “fun and interactive,” Boettcher says that the Chamber will engage shoppers in exploring local offerings by creating a holiday shopping map and hooking prospects up via social media.

Prizes are monetary this season, a change from years past when the award was a title, such as “most festive” or “most creative.”

“We changed the prizes,” says Boettcher, “because we thought a business could take a dollar-amount prize and reinvest it into their store to benefit their business or to treat their staff.”

For no entry fee, businesses can compete in the contest, which pays \$200 for first place, \$150 for second, \$100 for third and \$50 for fourth. Entrants must first adorn their storefront with festive lighting and décor that are visible from the street. Next, entrants take a photo of their ornamented storefront and post it to the GPCC Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest Photo Album on the GPCC Facebook page or e-mail it to [info@grossepointechamber.com](mailto:info@grossepointechamber.com). Finally, entrants should remind customers to vote for their storefront by liking their posted photo on Facebook or e-mailing their vote to the Chamber. Votes are tallied Dec. 5-15.

For more information, contact GPCC director of membership Linda Reid at [staff@grossepointechamber.com](mailto:staff@grossepointechamber.com). 



**A couple of last year's winners: Above, The Rendezvous with Tea on Mack Ave. and Duffey & Co. on Kercheval Ave.**

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# holidays..... .....in The Village

By Anthony Viola

The Village has long been a hub of shopping and great eats in the Pointes. And with the holidays just around the corner, the City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority is happy to present myriad opportunities to take full advantage of the wonderful, small town downtown.

Holiday festivities kick off with the annual tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

The sweet sound of holiday classics will permeate the air as the Grosse Pointe South Choir carols. Complimentary hot chocolate will be available courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club. Free coney dogs also will be served thanks to Mike Muir and Harvard Grill.

Don't fret if there is a nip in the air, the City Parks and Recreation Department will have warming fires and s'mores

readily available for chilly children and parents.

The Grosse Pointe Foundation decorated tree will be lit at 6 p.m. sharp.

The 42nd annual Santa Claus Parade will march through The Village Friday, Nov. 24.

Even after the parade is over, Santa Claus is planning on sticking around. Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 25 to Dec. 23, Santa will be in The Village taking gift requests from the good boys and girls of the Pointes.

Free parking will be available on all off-street Village parking lots during the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas thanks to the DDA and City of Grosse Pointe.


For more details on Santa's location and other events happening in The Village this holiday season, visit the DDA's Facebook or website, [thevillagegp.com](http://thevillagegp.com). 

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### The 42nd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade

By Anthony Viola

Leaves change, crisp, fall air settles over neighborhoods and pumpkin spice mixes with coffee and cream. It can mean only one thing: the holiday season is just around the corner.

To kick off the most festive time of year, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 42nd annual Santa Claus Parade at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 24.

The parade will start on Kercheval at Lewiston in Grosse



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Pointe Farms, travel down Kercheval through the Hill ending in The Village in Grosse Pointe City.

“The streets of Grosse Pointe will be filled with sweet sounds of local marching bands, carolers, floats, local performers and more,” says Jennifer Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Parade participants will be decked out in their holiday cheer following this year’s theme: “A Fairytale Christmas.”

“Entrants for the 2017 event will create unique entries around the theme, including costumes, music and floats based on popular and classic holiday songs,” Boettcher says.

The parade is a showcase for the community’s rich diversity, she adds.

“There will be marching bands from Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe North High School, Harper Woods High School and a couple other bands from surrounding communities.”

Other participants include “business leaders, youth groups, costumed characters, dancers, floats from Dirty Dog Jazz Café, K-9 Safety Partners of Grosse Pointe, I heart GP, Faircourt Dental and we also rented a couple of new floats from the Parade Company that are a surprise,” Boettcher says.

And, of course, the honored guests are Santa and Mrs. Claus who will park their sleigh at the end of the parade route to greet the community.

Marshalling in the Clauses is 10-year-old Claire Juip. The fifth grader from St. Paul Catholic School recently won the national Letters of Library essay contest sponsored by the Library of Congress.

The Chamber is excited to bring Santa back to the Pointes and herald in the most wonderful time of year.

“It’s our mission to create a family-friendly experience that brings the holiday spirit to children and adults,



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community partners and local businesses,” Boettcher says. “It’s the kick-off to the holiday season.” ☺



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# 15TH ANNUAL HOLLYFEST

By Jody McVeigh

The Family Center, a nonprofit organization that has served the community with resources, professionals and programs for 17 years, will host its 15th annual HOLLYFEST on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

HOLLYFEST, The Family Center's signature fundraiser, helps support programming, outreach efforts and other activities that benefit the community. Programs address everything from mental health and suicide to raising children, help with aging parents, divorce, college selection and alcohol and substance abuse.

This year's event is co-chaired by Jerry Antonelli and Mary Petersen, the latter of whom is an Association of Professionals member, Ask the Experts columnist and secretary on the Board of Directors.

"The Family Center is no longer just a resource for school-age children and families, but now targets community members across the life span from birth through end of life," Petersen says. "We offer the benefits of education on multiple

topics from multiple professionals, as well as referrals to those professionals. The professionals benefit as well by gaining exposure within our community, in addition to great fun and friendship in the process."




Lynn and John Schneider, honorary chairs

"I wish I had had something like this when I was raising my kids," says Lynn Schneider, who with her husband, Dr. John Schneider, serves as honorary chair of HOLLYFEST. "With suicide and drugs and all the problems children, young adults and parents are facing, this is a tremendous resource and support for families.

"I hope people enjoy the event, support it and hopefully family and friends come and have a good time," she continues.

HOLLYFEST starts at 6:30 p.m. and features cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and entertainment. Tickets

are \$150 each and available online. A VIP reception for all \$250-plus sponsors takes place 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more event and ticket information, visit [hollyfest.familycenterweb.org](http://hollyfest.familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 447-1374. 

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*Friday, December 29*

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*Adults \$35 • 6-8 p.m.*

*To purchase tickets and find more information, visit [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org).*



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# Year-end gifting

By Jon B. Gandelot

As 2017 comes to a close, many of us consider gifting to children, grandchildren and charities. The IRS rules on gifting often cause confusion. Here is some basic information for you.



Each taxpayer is entitled to give away up to \$14,000 per year to as many individuals as

desired. Married couples may double that amount to \$28,000. This is called the annual exclusion.

In addition, the federal gift and estate tax are combined so that, under current law, an individual may give away \$5.49 million (\$11.98 million for a married couple), tax free, either during lifetime or at death. This is called the lifetime gift exclusion. Annual exclusion gifts do not count toward the lifetime gift exclusion.

If you want to make gifts and not have to bother keeping track of them for tax purposes, you may make gifts for medical, dental and tuition expenses for relatives and friends, if you pay the provider directly.

For those who have reached age 70 1/2 and are required to make distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), they may make a distribution from their IRA directly to a charity, thus avoiding the income taxation on the IRA distribution. These are called Qualified Charitable Distributions. These deductions are now permanent in the IRS code. Prior to 2016, Congress renewed the direct contributions annually.

As always, it is smart to check with your CPA or estate planning attorney before making gifts. Happy Holidays to all.

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

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**Tuesday, December 5, Wednesday, December 6, and Monday, December 11**

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\$12 per child; adults free • 7-7:45 p.m.

**Sunday, December 10 and Saturday, December 16**  
***Brunch with Santa***

Dress in your holiday best and pack your camera — this will be a very special event that concludes with the opportunity to photograph your child with Santa! After breakfast, head to The War Memorial Theater for a performance from the Casali Dancers and a show with the Merry Music Maker!

\$22 per person • Morning brunch: 10 a.m. brunch; 11:30 a.m. holiday show • Afternoon brunch: 12:30 p.m. brunch; 2 p.m. holiday show

**Thursday, December 14**

***EAT series: Holiday Classics with Chef Frank***

Christmas cooking secrets are revealed with Chef Frank Turner! Come hungry — this event includes a full meal and wine pairings. Ages 21 and up.

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# SHE EXPANDS



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## By Anthony Viola

Sharon Eisenshtadt, owner of SHE in Grosse Pointe and Bloomfield Hills, listens closely to her clients. So when her Grosse Pointe customers told her they wanted a bigger space, she heard them loud and clear.

Her new Grosse Pointe location, located in The Village next to Calico Corners, opened Tuesday, Sept. 5.

According to Eisenshtadt, the store still offers the personalized shopping experience her clients have come to expect, only in a larger space with a brand new look.

“With this new space we’ve been able to change the aesthetic,” Eisenshtadt says. “We’ve made it edgier, adding more of a New York SoHo vibe.”

The new store is more than twice the size, says Eisenshtadt. It features a seating area with furniture designed by Jonathan Adler and metalwork by Michigan-based designer Tom Myers.

In its new retail space, SHE will bring back many familiar designers for Fall 2017 that clients have grown to love, in addition to new fashions. From denim to dresses to blazers and outerwear, SHE features European and U.S.-based designers including 360 Cashmere, Campomaggi, Chaser, Current Elliot, Jocelyn, Jonathan Simkhai, Max & Moi, Ramy Brook, Smythe, Veronica Beard, Yigal Azrouel, Zimmermann and many more. SHE Jewels – fine and artisan jewelry – in addition to fashion jewelry and accessories including handbags are sure to complete any outfit.

In 2008, Eisenshtadt opened her first store in Bloomfield Hills with her husband, Howard, and named the store SHE, an acronym for their initials. After realizing many Pointers

frequented their store, they decided The Village was a perfect fit for another location. Now, four years after opening on Kercheval, SHE’s expanding.

“We’re excited to join the great energy on our new block, which is front and center to the many new restaurants and stores,” Eisenshtadt says. “Our customers can have a sandwich at the diner, spend a full day shopping, then go out for a drink. It is really a wonderful place to be.”

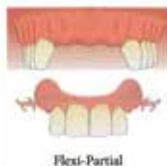
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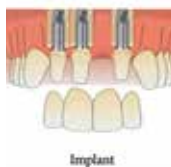
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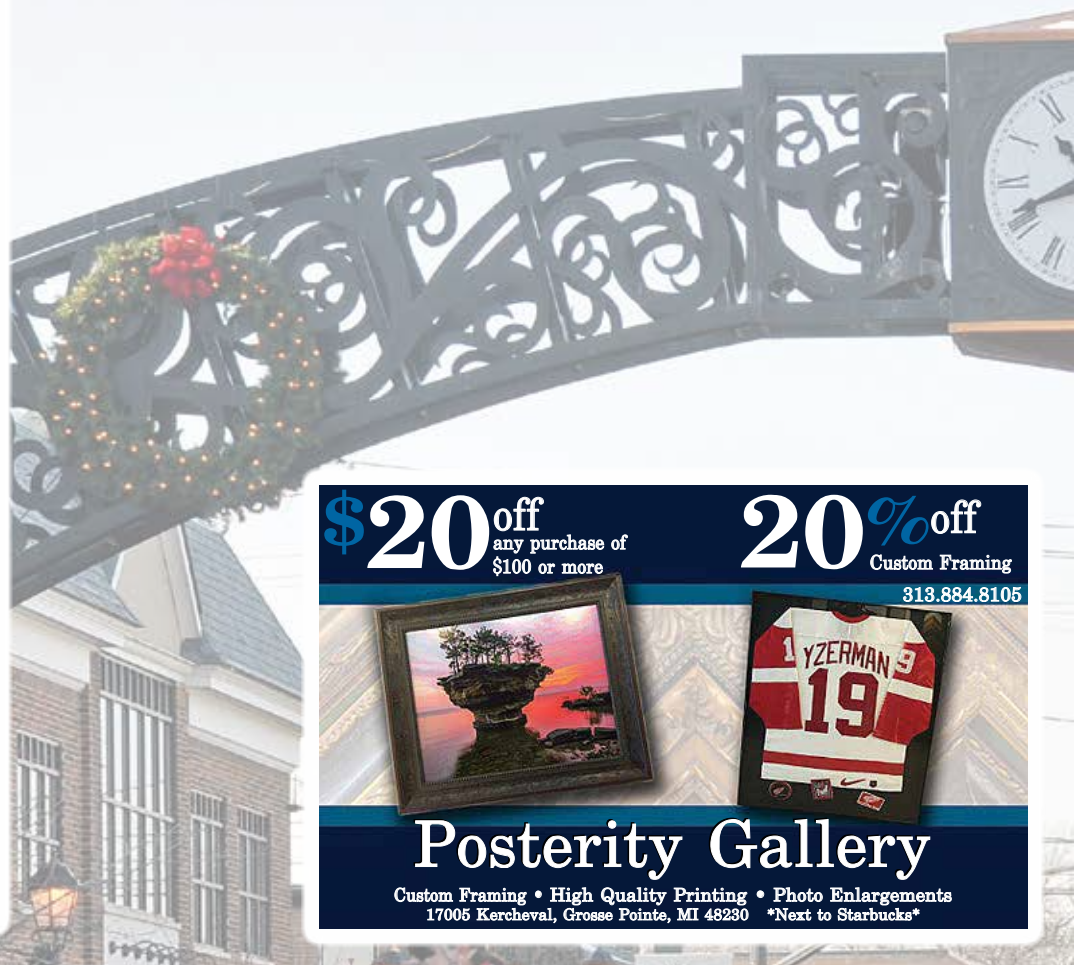
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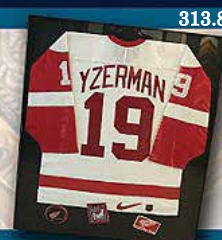
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Conrad Koski, front left, in the Sales Day Parade downtown



## A Goodfellow among us

By Pete Waldmeir

Like a lot of budget-conscious parents, Conrad Koski starts his Christmas shopping for the next year shortly after Santa parks his sleigh back at the North Pole following his annual midnight around-the-globe excursion.

But Koski's motivation is not just to hit the after-holiday sales racks. When you're in the market for more than 270,650 different items to fill some 33,000 packages for the kids on a \$1.1 million gift list, it's best to get a jump on the season as

early as possible.

"Actually, this is a year-round job," says Koski, 71, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and long-time purchasing and distribution director for the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. "We wish it was otherwise, but we know the need is going to be there, so we buy our warm clothing, books, dolls, toys and other gift items months in advance."

For Koski and his wife Loraine, who helps out when she can, toiling for the 103-year-old Detroit Goodfellows is a labor of love whose origin dates back to Koski's childhood.

"I was eight years old when my dad and another Detroit police officer died in an auto accident on a hunting trip over Thanksgiving," Conrad recalls. "Mom was left with four kids to raise. That Christmas was going to be really tough but a Detroit police officer came to the house and gave us some plain brown boxes full of clothing and gifts.

"I never forgot that visit. I joined the Goodfellows to give something back."

Over the years, those plain brown boxes have been replaced by 33,000 decorative containers holding new clothing, an assortment of age-themed books, hats, scarves, toys, dolls, trinkets and even candy. But the Goodfellows aren't just for Christmas anymore.

While Koski, the retired former CEO of First of Michigan

Jim Michelson, Conrad Koski and Pete Waldmeir, all past presidents of the Goodfellows





Conrad Koski as Santa Claus in 1986



Chuck MacKinnon, Conrad Koski, Peter Karmanos, John Danaher, Dr. Mike Jennings

Corp., runs the gift box program, other Goodfellows members make sure eligible needy Detroit area kids between the ages of four and 13 get vouchers for new shoes, free dental work and even a few days at a variety of urban summer camps.

Unlike many charities, the Detroit Goodfellows limit their annual fundraising efforts to a few short weeks each year at holiday time. Their traditional newspaper Sales Day is always the Monday after Thanksgiving. In addition, members send appeal letters to friends and relatives.

“We set a goal, we meet it and we give the donors a break until the next year,” Koski explains.

As for this year, the purchasing is finished, the boxes are

packed and, like Santa, Koski’s got his list for next year and he’s checking it twice. Merry Christmas! ☺

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# Remembering the *Fitzgerald*

By Ted Everingham

With boats tucked in for their long winter's nap, the first snow of the new season on its way and the holidays just the flip of a calendar page away, I've been thinking a lot about things to do inside from now until launch day.



There are a lot of choices, of course, but one of my favorites is the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle.

Let's begin with the **18th annual Lost Mariners Remembrance** at the Dossin on Friday, Nov. 10. The evening begins at 6 o'clock with a lantern vigil at the *Edmund Fitzgerald* anchor followed by a performance inside by Lee Murdock, Great Lakes balladeer, and then an Honor Guard to escort a traditional memorial wreath to the banks of the Detroit River, where it will be received by the Honor Flotilla of Great Lakes vessels.

Seating is limited, and advance registration is required, so be sure to call the museum (313) 833-1801 to register by telephone.

There always is a lot more to see and do at the Dossin, including a showing at 2 p.m. on Nov. 11 of "**The Fitzgerald Tragedy**," a 60-minute documentary that includes interviews with the people closest to the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald 35 years ago. Admission is free.

Ted Everingham's "Great Lakes Log" can be seen on WMTV, a service of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, on Comcast channels 5 & 915 in the Pointes and Harper Woods, on WOW channel 10 in Grosse Pointe Woods and on AT&T U-verse in seven counties in Southeast Michigan. For broadcast times, click on the WMTV page of [www.warmemorial.org](http://www.warmemorial.org) or check the WMTV listings in the Grosse Pointe News.



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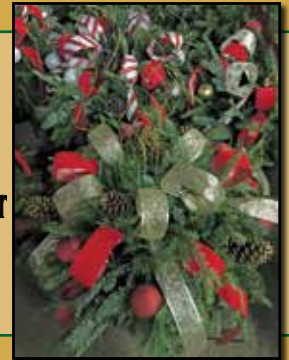
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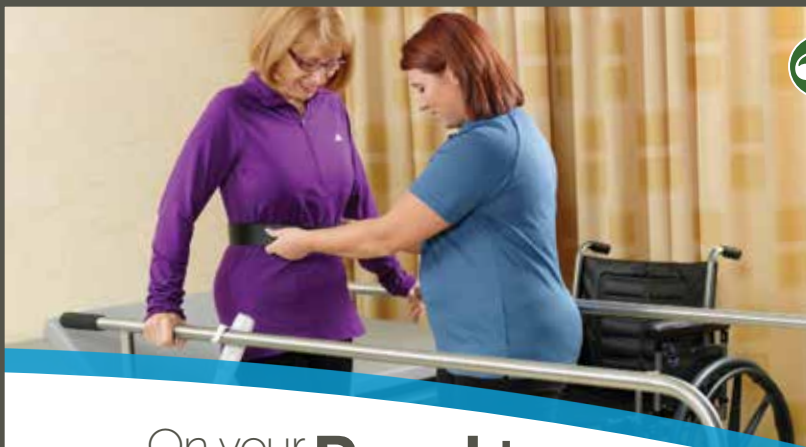


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# Meet Patty



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<b>Name</b>	Patty Gmeiner
<b>Age</b>	73
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe City
<b>Occupation</b>	Fundraiser

## Patty's Favorites

**Season**

Fall

**Music Genre**

Rock and roll

**Vacation**

Europe with 18 Grosse Pointe South students for a month in 1990

**Spot in Grosse Pointe**

The drive along Lake Shore Dr.

**Movie**

*The Sound of Music*

**Book**

*Sarah's Key*

**Restaurant**

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**Food**

Pasta

**Dessert**

Chocolate ice cream

**What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?**

The beautiful homes, parks, manicured lawns, along with all the other amenities we are so fortunate to have

**What is the best trip you've ever taken?**

Traveling through Japan with my husband

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

Split it with my children

**What is one thing most people don't know about you?**

I worked for the American Red Cross in Southeast Asia while my husband was on active military duty there during the Vietnam War.

**What is the best gift you've ever received?**

My children and grandchildren

**What accomplishment makes you proudest?**

Raising my two daughters

**Words to live by?**

Keep peace with family and friends.

## About Patty

Patty and husband, Douglas, deceased, are parents to Kim and Amy.

"Besides enjoying time with my children, grandchildren and extended family, I enjoy reading novels, walking the beautiful beach on Hilton Head, dining at new restaurants and enjoying our beautiful Michigan seasons."

# Be prepared for emergencies

By Ronda Maniaci

Being prepared when elderly parents or relatives having an emergency is critical when managing a crisis.


A comprehensive list of documents and information necessary for use during an emergency is given below. This should be located near a phone in case you need to call for emergency assistance.



- Doctors' names, phone numbers and specialties
- Names and phone numbers to notify in an emergency
- List of medications, pharmacy, over-the-counter medications and dosages and times taken

- Medical history – past and present
  - Allergies
  - Medical insurance (Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers)
  - Social security number
  - Date of birth
  - Durable power of attorney – a legal document that provides authority to named individual(s) to handle financial and legal matters if an elderly family member becomes incapacitated
  - Healthcare proxy – a legal document that gives authority to a designated person to make medical decisions
  - Advanced directives (resuscitate orders) – this is critical in an emergency, so that your loved ones' wishes will be carried out as directed.
  - Religious preferences
- Make sure to update the information as changes occur.

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# GROSSE POINTE COMMUNITY CHORUS 65TH HOLIDAY CONCERT

By Anne Erickson



This December marks the 65th anniversary of Grosse Pointe Community Chorus' annual Holiday Concert.

The performance also marks an unofficial kick-off of the holiday season in Grosse Pointe.

"It gets you in the mood," says Anne Heike, who has been with the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus for more than 15 years. "The Christmas concerts are always among our most attended shows, and we make an event out of them."

Each year brings a new theme for the Holiday Concert,



and this year, it's "December Rose." Director Joseph Palazzolo and accompanist Ron Pietrantoni will lead the chorus through a bevy of classical Christmas tunes.

"We'll do a good mix of songs," Heike says. "I'm a huge fan of classical music, so I love the classical


songs our director picks, and I'm in a church choir, so when the Christmas songs have some church or spiritual relation to them, I get into it even more."

Heike says one of the reasons the holiday show has enjoyed such longevity is because of the friendships formed between choir members, who range in age from 16 to 90 and come from all over metro Detroit.

"I've met wonderful, close friends — some of my best friends — thanks to the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus," she says. "We're like a family to each other."

"It's the feeling of camaraderie and good music," she adds, "and it feeds my soul."

Following the celebrated Holiday Concert is the annual Spring Concert. This year's show will feature a cabaret with a dinner and concert.

For information on Grosse Pointe Community Chorus events, visit [www.grossepointecommunitychorus.org](http://www.grossepointecommunitychorus.org). 



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# COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER

## *Bacon wrapped water chestnuts*



During the holidays, I enjoy cooking for my family and friends. Over the years I have learned a few tricks so that I can spend more time with them than in the kitchen! Luckily, many easy recipes don't require a lot of time.

The classic bacon wrapped water chestnut recipe is one that can be prepared a day or two before serving. The ingredients are simple and there is not much preparation required. These

are also great to have on hand for a party dish to pass around. Be prepared to double or triple the recipe because through the years, my Christmas Eve guests have proven it's impossible to eat just one!

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

### Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts Serves 6

#### Ingredients

- 2 (8 oz.) cans of water chestnuts, drained
- 1 lb. bacon
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. Sriracha (optional)
- Wooden toothpicks

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Place toothpicks in a dish and cover them in cool water for a few minutes
3. On clean, dry surface, cut bacon pieces into even thirds. Wrap each water chestnut in a bacon third and secure the bacon by stabbing a toothpick through whole thing. Continue until all water chestnuts are covered with bacon



4. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Place wrapped water chestnuts on the baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes
5. While chestnuts are baking, combine ketchup, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce and Sriracha in a medium bowl and stir until well combined
6. When chestnuts are baked, keep oven on, remove baking sheet from

- oven and transfer chestnuts to paper towels to drain grease
7. Dispose of parchment paper and use additional paper towel to wipe bacon grease out of baking sheet
8. Line the baking sheet with fresh piece of parchment paper
9. Using a pastry brush, coat each bacon wrapped water chestnut generously with sauce and place them on parchment lined baking sheet
10. Drizzle any remaining sauce over the lined chestnuts
11. Bake in oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until bacon is crispy
12. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving. Before serving, reheat in 350 degree oven for 5 to 10 minutes

*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 Chef at Island House on Mackinac Island.*

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# Meet Betsy & Kasey

**Name** Betsy Enders; Kasey Malley

**City** Grosse Pointe City

**Occupation** Co-owners, Small Favors



Photo by Shelley Owens

**What was your first job?**

Betsy: Lifeguard and swim instructor

Kasey: Camp counselor at Black River Horse Camp

**If you weren't a store owner, what would you be?**

Betsy: I have the best job, wouldn't change a thing

Kasey: Small Favors is a fun place with great people. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?**

Betsy: Spend time with family and friends at our cottage in Petoskey

Kasey: Anything with my family, including my dogs Blue and Beck

**What is your next goal?**

Betsy: To help The Village of Grosse Pointe continue to grow into a destination shopping experience

Kasey: Keep growing Small Favors, keeping it fresh and learning how to be a great empty nester.

**What is the most memorable feedback you've received?**

Kasey: I love it when people tell me what a happy place Small Favors is.

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

Betsy: I went skydiving with my kids last summer in Australia.

**Words to live by?**

Betsy: Life is a marathon, not a sprint. Enjoy every minute!

Kasey: Just breathe...

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## About Betsy

"It's hard to believe what started 13 years ago while sitting on a bench watching our daughters in gymnastics has evolved into what Small Favors is today. We have grown from a small home-based business to our beautiful location in the heart of a busy and revitalized shopping district in The Village. I am excited about the upcoming holiday season and helping our customers with all of their gift giving needs."

In her free time, Betsy enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, Tom, and children, Evan, 22, and Addison, 18.

## About Kasey

"I love living in and running a business in Grosse Pointe. Growing up here and then raising my children here has helped me develop so many amazing connections with friends and neighbors. It is a privilege to be a part of what makes Grosse Pointe special and unique."

In her free time, Kasey enjoys running, skiing, boating and spending time with her husband, Matt, and children, Andrew, 23, Ben, 21, and Kaitlin, 18.

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# Write your novel!

## Insight from local novelist during National Novel Writing Month

By Elizabeth Weigandt

**I** know what you're thinking: write my novel? I don't have time for that.

Right at this moment, with your schedule, no, you probably don't. But give me a few minutes of your time and I'll tell you how it's possible in 30 days for you to be holding the first draft of your first book.

Just like you, I've played the conversational game of, "If you could do anything with your life, regardless of money, what would it be?" For me, hands down, it was always the opportunity to write fiction. I wrote tiny, one-page short stories as a child and longer ones as a teenager for our high school's creative magazine but, like you, I set it all aside when I grew up to make a living.

But the dream stayed with me like that proverbial itch and every year I grew more unhappy because I knew I just wasn't doing what I really wanted with my life.

It was obvious why it was so hard, of course. Writing is more than just telling a story, isn't it? You need some skills, experience, knowledge, connections and ideas. Plus, we all have to work. Where can we find the time?

The answer is both harder and simpler than you think.

You write. You write whenever you can. You write between laundry loads, in the morning, before bed, in the car, at the coffee shop. You set aside the time. Meaning, you pick it up, put it in a protective case and set a Rottweiler outside to guard it. It's your time. And in doing this, you write. You will place one word after another on a page, like taking step after step on a very long hike. It's rigorous but also exhilarating. You don't know where you're going but the view is amazing and keeps changing. When it's done you stand on top of the mountain, holding your first book in your hands.

That sounds nonspecific and melodramatic – which I find funny because it's how writing fiction feels a lot of the time. But I realize you're waiting for some practical advice. So, here it is:

Commit to doing National Novel Writing Month (at [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org)) this November. It's a free, organic challenge where thousands of people just like you plan to write 50,000 words in a single month. That's 30 days of approximately 1,667 words per day or 12,500 words per week. It's how I got started writing again. I was frustrated, fed up with waiting on my dream and desperate for something, anything, that





Left, Elizabeth Weigandt at an Oct. 14 Barnes & Noble book signing for *Queen Bee*; above, Brian-Peterson Roest, beekeeper and founder of Bees in the D, and Weigandt at her signing

Photos by William Mattiace

would get me going. I heard about NaNoWriMo and took the plunge. Thirty days later I reached 50,000 words and finally understood that I could, in fact, write fiction if I wanted to. NaNoWriMo is the difference between wanting and believing.

Believing is what kept me writing

in the years that followed and it's the reason my first book, a children's novel, *Queen Bee*, was published last February.

And, like you, I have plenty of other commitments these days. Chores to run, family who needs my attention, a house to maintain. It's endless. So when do I find time to write the sequel to *Queen Bee*? Never. I've been putting it off for months!

So, in desperation again, I'm trotting back to NaNoWriMo. This sequel will not be written unless I do it. So I'm doing it. And you can join me.

A couple of extra pointers if you decide to proceed:

First, clear that schedule. Do you have any appointments that can be moved to December? Move them now. Dinner plans with friends? "Sorry, something's come up." After work party? "Whoops, I have a previous engagement." Fantasy football? Take a rain check. Sunday night dinners? I see

pizza in your future.

These minor cancellations and disappointments won't matter as much as you think they will.

And here's the one you've been dying to ask me: What about Thanksgiving?

It's one day, folks. Okay, fine, it's a day and a half (half day for shopping/prep and a whole day for the holiday). So take it. Just don't stretch it to four days.

Yes, I can hear the groans all the way in the back. Look,

this might be the most important point I make to you: Books are written by saying no and then saying yes. No is for the non-essentials. Yes is for the writing. This is discipline and this is the primary barrier to your book. And I must ask you: How many wonderful four-day Thanksgiving extravaganzas have you enjoyed? Probably a lot. Don't think you can turn off the tube on Friday morning and get upstairs and write? It's a long weekend after all.

I know. Not fun. But meeting your characters is.

Visiting their worlds is too. Talking with them is even better. I'm telling you: That book is calling you. Time to pick up the phone and say yes.

Want more tips on NaNoWriMo and writing, in general?

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# It's not just exercise

By Ken Welch

When we think about health and fitness everyone seems to focus on the obvious like what exercise to do, what to eat, how to blend cardio, strength and flexibility into your overall workout routine and, of course, how to stay consistent in your exercise endeavors.



What doesn't get addressed enough are the psychological and emotional components that fuel your pursuit of exercise options and habits.

What kind of person are you? Do you think you're good with where you are emotionally and psychologically in your life or do you want/need to be better? It's helpful to know the answer to these questions.

In general, what are you like when it comes to habits, decision making, focus, mental toughness, motivation, creativity, constant improvement, goal setting, productivity and establishing deliberate practice?

How motivated are you to be a better spouse, parent or friend? Do you have the mental toughness and focus to get through school and get a degree? Are you creative, have a personal need for self-improvement and understand goal setting in a way that accomplishes satisfaction in your life?

These are traits in all of us that apply to just about anything you're going to attempt from school to career fulfillment to the more personal like marriage, family and friendship.

My advice would be to self-examine these qualities. Apply the good, develop the not-so-good and be better at all of it. Then apply them all to working out, because that's where your exercise routine really begins.

*Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: [pointefitness.com](http://pointefitness.com).*

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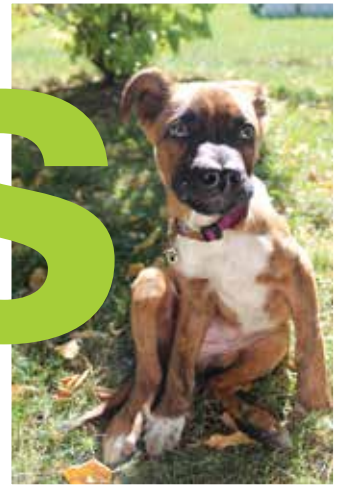
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## Charlie

Charlie had so much fun on his first birthday! He is a bichon mini poodle and is as cute as he looks! He loves to hang out of the car window, play ball and bathe. A shout out to Bow Wow Baketique for the birthday cupcake and hat!



## In Memory of Malibu

Malibu, 7, was a fighter who battled bone cancer for four months after being given an estimate of three to four weeks to live. She loved walks with Crew and Selby, running, and playing up north and at Harsens Island. Her favorite food was peanut butter.



## Jada

Jada is a 9-year-old chihuahua. She loves spending her days being chased by her step brother Jackson and snuggling with her toys. She was adopted a year ago and her favorite movie is E.T.



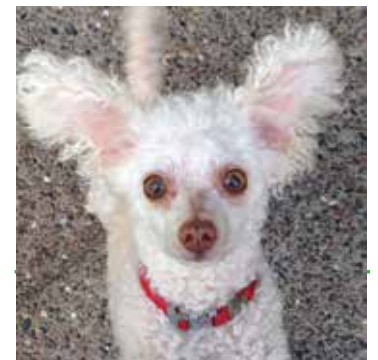
## Alin

GPAAS — Alin is a one-year-old shorthair orange tabby cat in need of a home. To inquire, call (313) 884-1551.



## Scruffy

GPAAS — Scruffy is a one-year-old male terrier mix in need of a home. To inquire, call (313) 884-1551.



## Opie

Opie was rescued from Michigan Humane Society 7 years ago. His hair was so long and matted, they thought he was female. Following a hair cut, they were surprised to find out he was a little boy. Oops! He weighed 4.5 lbs when brought home and is now a stout 7 lbs, happy and healthy!

# Seizures in dogs

By Elizabeth Doppke

A seizure is a sudden surge of electrical activity in the brain. A seizure can be Grand Mal or Petit Mal: A Grand Mal seizure is typically very obvious with shaking and the body going rigid, while a Petit Mal seizure may go unnoticed with only twitches and rapid eye movements. Seizures are one of the more common neurological issues in dogs, whereas seizures in cats are rare.



The most common cause of seizures in dogs is epilepsy. Other causes may be increased body temperature, low blood sugar, liver disease and brain tumors. Seizures can be very frightening for us as pet owners to witness, and while you should have your pet seen by your veterinarian as soon as possible after a seizure to determine the cause, most seizures do not warrant an emergency visit unless the event lasts more than five minutes or there is more than one seizure in a 24-hour period. Depending on the cause, treatment may not be initiated unless there is medically undesirable seizure frequency.

If you notice your dog having a seizure, do not put your hands in or near their mouth as they may unintentionally bite you. (They can't swallow their tongue!) They also may urinate or defecate unintentionally during a seizure, and while you should avoid moving them, make sure they can't fall or knock over items which could cause injury. And as always, be sure to consult with your veterinarian if you have any questions.

*Dr. Doppke is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University whose special interests include ultrasound and internal medicine. She joined the veterinary staff of Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2005.*

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# November

# Calendar

## 08 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center's Play Central at Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, \$5 per family, Wednesday and Thursday mornings through May 31, get a free coupon at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), 9-11 a.m.
- SOC Veterans Day Luncheon, free, registration required at SOC or by calling (313) 882-9600, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- EAT series at The War Memorial, Vodka Tasting, tickets at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org), 7-9 p.m.

## 09 THURSDAY

- SOC November Birthday Celebration, gourmet lunch, birthday cake and keepsake photo at SOC, free, but reservations required at (313) 882-9600, 11:30-11:45 a.m.
- The Family Center presents "The College Preparation Process for Parents and Students" at Brownell Middle School, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), 6:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Help Your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten" at Brownell, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), 7 p.m.

## 10 FRIDAY

- Veterans Day Breakfast at The War Memorial, veterans free, guests \$10, reservations at [warmemorial.org/veteransday](http://warmemorial.org/veteransday) or (313) 332-4056, doors open at 7 a.m., program at 7:45 a.m.

## 11 SATURDAY - Veterans Day

- Stahl's Automotive Museum Veterans Day Open House at 56516 North Bay Dr., Chesterfield, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Richard Allison presents Begging for Chocolates: A Story of WWII Italy at The War Memorial, and book signing, 11 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- Izzy's Second Saturdays, decorate mason jars with fall leaves, tea lights will be provided, \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member, reservations by Nov. 9, ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010, 1-3 p.m.
- Photography Workshop at Ford House, \$60, register at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), 1-4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe North Pops & Pastries Concert "Hooray for Hollywood!" in North Gymnasium, children under 10 free, \$8

tickets, \$4 for students and seniors, available at the door or Wild Birds Unlimited, Gold Cards are accepted, pastries, pizza and drinks available for purchase, concert at 7 p.m.

## 12 SUNDAY

- Stahl's Charity Hockey Game, Team Stahl's vs. Red Wings Alumni Association at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, and autograph session, \$10 admission, puck drop at 12:30 p.m.

## 15 WEDNESDAY

- SOC Thanksgiving Party, traditional meal, entertainment and dancing, \$15 per person, registration required at SOC or by calling (313) 882-9600, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- The Family Center presents "Digital Distractions: How to Find a Balanced Relationship With Technology" at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, free, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Bicknell Lecture at Cook School House, Stephen Johnson presents "Detroit Beer: A History of Brewing in the Motor City," 7:30-9 p.m.

## 16 THURSDAY

- The Ardmore Cafe Christmas Open House, 20% off all entrees, 5-9 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library presents An Evening with Michael Zadoorian at Ewald Branch, 7:30-9 p.m.
- EAT series at The War Memorial, Holiday Classics with The Wine Counselor® Michael Schafer, tickets at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org), 7-9 p.m.

## 17 FRIDAY

- Village Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony in The Village, 5:30 p.m.

## 18 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market at Windmill Pointe Park, featuring Defer Elementary School Choir at 5:10 p.m., Pierce Middle School Choir at 5:30 p.m., and Santa arriving by sleigh driven by Mayor Denner at 5:55 p.m., tree lighting at 6 p.m., Park Café and Gift Market open 3-7 p.m.
- The Taste at Our Lady Star of the Sea, wine, beer and food tastings with entertainment, \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, reservations at [www.olsos.org](http://www.olsos.org), for more information, call

(313) 884-5554

## 20 MONDAY

- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 7:30 p.m.

## 21 TUESDAY

- Woods Aglow Tree Lighting at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 7 p.m.

## 23 THURSDAY - Thanksgiving Day

## 24 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Kercheval Ave., 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library Beauty and Beast Happily Ever After Parade Event at Woods Branch, children are invited to visit and take a photo with Beauty and the Beast, do holiday crafts and write a letter to Santa to drop in the North Pole mailbox, 1-3 p.m.

## 25 SATURDAY

- West Park Winter Social on Kercheval between Maryland and Wayburn, tree lighting, kids zone, beer tent, food, entertainment and more, 4-11 p.m.

## 26 SUNDAY

- Ford House Holiday Tours through Jan. 7, \$12 per adult, \$11 per senior, \$8 per child, free for members, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) for more information

## 28 TUESDAY

- EAT series at The War Memorial, Preserving a Season's Harvest with Chef Frank, tickets at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org), 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 29 WEDNESDAY

- The Ardmore Cafe Wine Tasting Dinner, A Christmas Extravaganza, call (586) 443-4597 for reservations

## 30 THURSDAY

- The Family Center's HOLLYFEST at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, tickets at (313) 447-1374 or [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), 6:30 p.m.

# December

# Calendar

## 01 FRIDAY

- EAT series at The War Memorial, Super Sparklers with The Wine Counselor® Michael Schafer, tickets at warmemorial.org, 7-9 p.m.

## 02 SATURDAY

- Parcels Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar, \$3 admission, \$2 before 10 a.m., children 12 and under free, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.
- Susie at Home's shopping day to benefit Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 10% of total sales will be donated to GPHS
- Dr. Gary Dorrien presents "The Radical King: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Black Social Gospel" \$25 general admission, \$50 VIP, tickets at warmemorial.org, VIP reception with bar and hors d'oeuvres at 12:30 p.m., general admission at 2 p.m.

## 03 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Pops at The War Memorial, \$15 per senior, \$20 per adult, more info at warmemorial.org/holiday, 3 p.m.
- Cookies with Santa at the Ford House, Sundays and Mondays through Dec. 18, \$7.50 per child, adults free, visit fordhouse.org for tickets and more information, 4-7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "The 1940's Radio Hour" at University Liggett School Auditorium, also Dec. 7-10, 14-16, visit gpt.org for more information

## 05 TUESDAY

- Bedtime Stories with Santa at Ford House, also Dec. 6 and 11, \$12 per child, adults free, visit warmemorial.org/holiday for more information, 7-7:45 p.m.

## 06 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center's Play Central at Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, \$5 per family, every Wednesday and Thursday morning through May 31, get a free coupon at familycenterweb.org, follows GPPSS calendar, 9-11 a.m.
- The Family Center, in partnership with

The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine, and Producer/Director Keith Famie, invite you to a private showing of a long-format trailer for the documentary "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" at The War Memorial, to register, visit warmemorial.org/familycenter or call (313) 881-7511, 6:30 p.m.

## 07 THURSDAY

- Merry & Bright Nights at Ford House, Thursdays through Saturdays through Dec. 23, strolling candlelit holiday tour, gathering around outdoor fires, and visiting with Santa, \$20 per adult, \$12 per child, visit fordhouse.org for tickets and more information, 5-8 p.m.
- Wink Boutique 10th Anniversary Celebration, proceeds benefit National Women's Coalition against Violence and Exploitation, food, drinks and sales, 6 p.m.
- GPPL evening with local author and librarian Annie Spence, featuring "Dear Fahrenheit 451: Love and Heartbreak in the Stacks" at Ewald Branch, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## 09 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Park Lunch with Santa at Tompkins Community Center, children create a holiday craft, visit with Santa, receive small gift bag and ride on Santa's sleigh and holiday train, bring your own camera for photos with Santa, limited space, make reservations early at Parks & Recreation Office, three lunch times from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Open House at Provencal-Weir House, 1-4 p.m.
- Izzy's Second Saturdays, sew and stuff an ornament, modest sewing skills preferred, \$20 per member, \$25 for non-members, reservations by Dec. 7, ask for Izzy at (313) 884-7010, 1-3 p.m.

## 10 SUNDAY

- Brunch with Santa at The War Memorial, \$22 per person, more information at warmemorial.org/holiday, two brunch times: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Community Chorus's 65th Annual Holiday Concert at First English Lutheran Church on Vernier, \$12 for

adults in advance, \$15 at the door, \$5 for children 12 and under, tickets sold at Moehring-Woods Florist, Posterity: A Gallery, or from a chorus member, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 882-2482 for more information, concert at 3:30 p.m.

## 13 WEDNESDAY

- SOC Christmas Party, catered by Polish Village Restaurant, entertainment by Grosse Pointe South Tower Belles, \$15, registration required at SOC or by calling (313) 882-9600, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## 14 THURSDAY

- EAT series at The War Memorial, Holiday Cooking with Chef Frank, tickets at warmemorial.org, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 16 SATURDAY

- Brunch with Santa at The War Memorial, \$22 per person, more information at warmemorial.org/holiday, two brunch times: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

## 18 MONDAY

- GPPL presents "Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Visit with Santa, Santa Claus will share the classic children's story and then listen to the wishes of good little girls and boys, register after Dec. 4 at gp.lib.mi.us/, visits at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## 21 THURSDAY

- SOC December Birthday Celebration, gourmet lunch, birthday cake and keepsake photo at SOC, free, reservations required at (313) 882-9600, 11:30-11:45 a.m.
- North BandORama in North Gym, with grades 5-12, donations at door, 7 p.m.

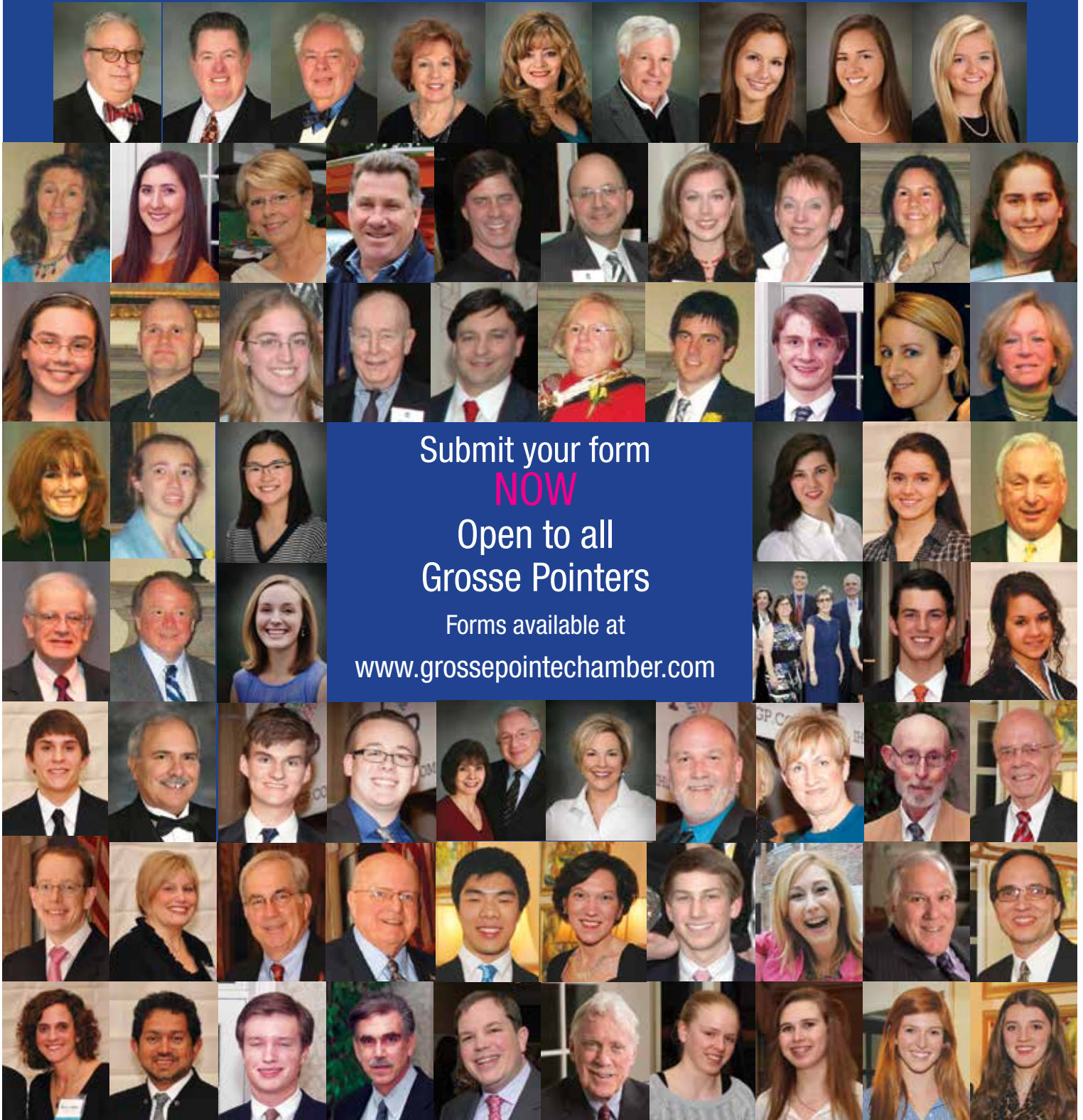
## 25 MONDAY - Christmas Day

## 29 FRIDAY

- Merry & Bright After Hours at Ford House, tour, entertainment and adult beverages, \$35, tickets and information at fordhouse.org, 6-8 p.m.

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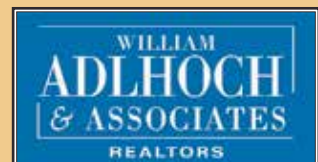
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“The annual Parcels Holiday Bazaar is a wonderful community event, full of outstanding crafts and gifts for all interests,” says Dan Hartley, principal of Parcels Middle School. “More importantly, the money raised is used to support our students and school. Hundreds of students are able to participate in clubs, the arts, and activities because of the funds raised through the Bazaar.”

Shoppers will have the opportunity to shop local Etsy artist creations such as beautiful knits, apparel, unique jewelry, custom doll clothes, pet accessories and bath and body products. Food and beverage vendors will feature coffee, local honey and syrup, sweet treats, salsa, dip mixes, gourmet salts and a gluten free baker. For the hard to shop for person on your list, local authors will be on hand, custom corn hole game boards will be sold, and popular Detroit and Michigan themed items will be available. Lastly, discover vendors featuring holiday and home décor with pillows, paintings, prints, ceramic and glass products, candles and more.



Additions to this year’s show include

a coat check in the auditorium, reusable shopping bags for sale, gift wrapping by the Parcels Middle School Choir for a donation, face painting, the National Junior Honor Society recipe book, Local Art School Mini Picassos’ free crafts and canvas creations for \$18 (\$5 of every sale donated to Parcels PTO), and Creative Arts Studio making crafts with children (ranging from \$10 to \$16 with \$2 of every sale donated to Parcels PTO).

Proceeds benefit Parcels Middle School’s academic and social activities. Parcels is located at 20600 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$2 from 9 to 10 a.m.; \$3 after 10 a.m. and free for children 12 and under and for all Grosse Pointe Public School System staff with an employee badge. This event is stroller friendly and parking is available behind the school on Sunningdale Park. ☺

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