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Not everything has “gone to the dogs” in this issue of *Pointe Magazine* — even though resident artist Dominic Pangborn, of Grosse Pointe Shores, has six Chamber dogs to his credit. The July-August edition is also known as our “boating” issue, so Dominic painted this beautiful rendering of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club! Reprints of Pangborn’s cover art are available for purchase by contacting publisher@grossepointemagazine.com.



Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, July 23, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win four tickets to the Michigan Renaissance Festival. Participants **MUST** wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Cabbage Patch Saloon on Mack Ave.)

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The Year of the Dog

Who doesn't love summer in Grosse Pointe? Folks are outside walking, jogging, running, in-line skating, walking dogs and bicycling on two and three wheels. The parks are packed. Kids -- and their parents and grandparents -- are making ample use of our parks and pools and slides and splash pads.

It seemed like summer would never get here, but when it did it came in a scorcher! I planted our flowers on Memorial Day, as is our custom (after attending the ceremonies at The War Memorial, of course!). However, Tuesday went into the 90s, and I came home to scorched plants. I thought I would have to replace half of them.

Good news, though, by watering them once or twice a day since, all but one have come back, not only showing green leaves but some red and white petals as well. I'm feeling pretty good about my gardening skills!

I've discovered a couple of apps that are fun to play with while spending time on the patio or at the park along Lake St. Clair.


In the Woods, our home seems to be on regular flight path to Detroit Metropolitan Airport. We can hear their engines rev down as they reach the coast. They can be annoying, and they were until I discovered app, FlightRadar24.

Now when I sit on the patio and hear a flight going overhead, I boot up the flight radar app and see not only where the plane is coming from, but also the make and model of the plane. Another fun app is MarineTraffic. As with the flight radar app, the marine traffic app comes up with a map of your location and shows any boats on Lake St. Clair or the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers -- or anywhere in the world for that matter.

I don't see any boats on the lake right now, but the *Whitefish Bay*, a self-charging bulk carrier, is steaming upriver from Port Weller, Canada, to Duluth Superior, Minn. The app even has up-close pictures so you see more of what the boat looks like.

I also have a golf app, but I don't get out to play much!

At any rate, enjoy your summer and this issue of *Pointe Magazine*, and as always be sure to take time this summer to patronize our many advertisers and businesses, without whom none of this would be possible.

See you around the Pointe! 

John

This is our annual "dog days of summer" issue, and to celebrate, we foster a literal approach, featuring the dogs (and cats) of the Pointes.

Pointers sure do love their pets! Last December, I realized we were two pets shy of the usual six that we publish on the Pets page, so I took to the magazine's Facebook page.

The response was astounding. First two, then six, then 25, all the way up to 37 cats, dogs and birds were submitted in just three days! We were immediately set through the end of 2018!

We have much in the way of pets this issue: Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's dogs unleashed, an adoptable Pointe Pet, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's Adoption Day (GPAAS), an upcoming Detroit Dog Rescue fundraiser and the story of the Loffredo family's pack of senior canines.


To immerse myself in our July-August theme, I visited a GPAAS Adoption Day at Services for Older Citizens. The foster parents of these sweet pups deeply inspired me.

Kayla Parks said something that made my stomach turn: "The thought of senior dogs spending the remainder of their lives in concrete boxes breaks my heart." She fosters senior dogs and was accompanied by 10-year-old Cecilia that day.

Six years ago this August, Corey and I adopted a mutt with a cleft (others were nervous the condition would require some sort of medical attention). While we weren't in a position to adopt another dog, I left Adoption Day sorely tempted.

The dogs were stationed throughout the main gathering space at SOC, sitting beside their foster parents, with rings of empty chairs surrounding them, ready for a visitor. The image was sweet, but sad. A room full of hopefuls, and just a fraction of the number that GPAAS currently has available for adoption.

If you are interested in pet adoption, please reach out to GPAAS, or Detroit Dog Rescue. Consider attending a GPAAS Adoption Day, or perhaps even becoming a foster parent yourself.

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Favorite activity: **Spending time with my godmother Koral. We love going to Casali School of Dance to bounce and clap and cheer on the dancers. I also like my teething bear.**

Cute fact: **My name means "precious gem" so my nickname is Gem.**



About Saphira

Saphira is one of the happiest babies. She loves clapping and babbling. She loves kissing her dad William and laughing at her older brother Keegan. She spends her days with her godmother Koral, who looks after Saphira. She is her little gem! She loves playing with Gabriel and Lily who have introduced dance and music into her life so she can dance and bounce along with them! Saphira loves her grandmother Wanda, Uncle Bill and Sissy!

Meet Ava



Name: **Ava McMillin** Age: **9** Parents: **Leslie & Steven McMillin**
City: **Grosse Pointe Farms** Siblings: **Olivia, 11**
Interests: **Having a lemonade stand, making slime and doing crafts**

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Soccer	Math and reading	Building a campfire
Family Activity	Swimming with my family	

Who is your hero and why?

My teacher, Ms. Briggs. She makes learning fun and interesting.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would like to be an inventor.

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

I like seeing my friends.

About Ava

"I was born in Michigan. I moved to Shanghai, China when I turned two and lived there for 3.5 years. Then my family and I moved to Pattaya, Thailand for two years. I am a Girl Scout and I like to help people and cheer people on. We have a new Golden Retriever puppy named Harper!"

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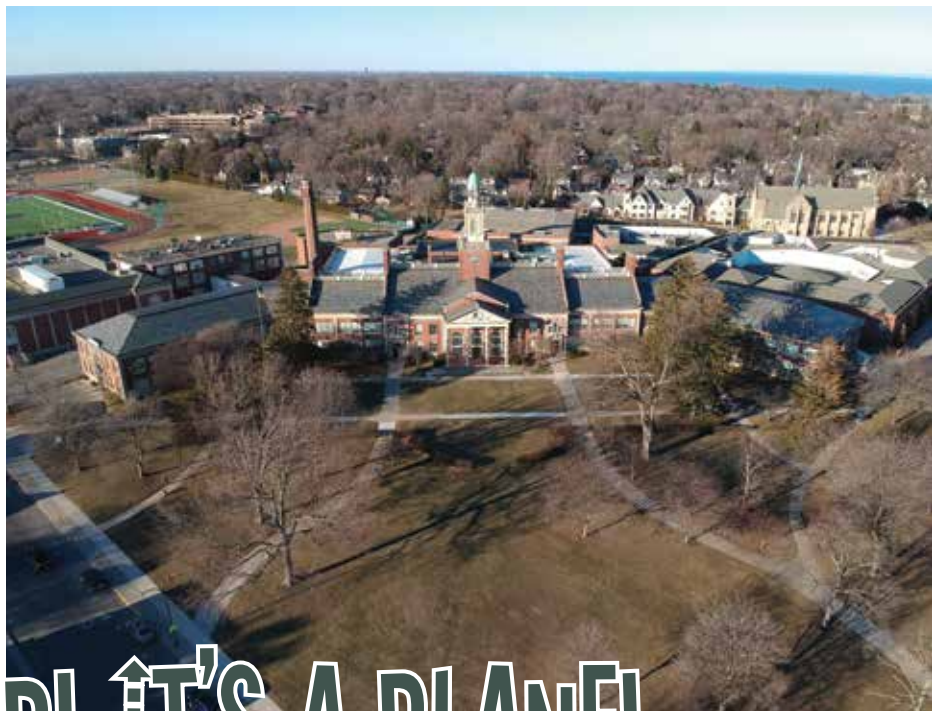
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By Mary Anne Brush

Jack Ryan has long been “obsessed” with drone photography. Watching behind-the-scenes trick shot videos on a YouTube channel caught his imagination. By the time he got his first drone camera — a Christmas gift from his parents — he’d previewed so many how-to videos, he had mastered the basics and, within an hour, was ready to fly his own drone.

Before long, the 11-year-old, a rising seventh-grader at Pierce Middle School, turned his hobby into a business venture. He came up with a name — SkyView Aerial Productions — and created a website — skyviewdrones.info — and business cards.

“I wanted to make some extra money for college and maybe to buy some extra stuff and to save up for a bigger drone,” he says. He has added a second drone to his inventory — a DJI Phantom 4, which has a better camera and more battery life than his original DJI Spark, he says.

The young entrepreneur was engaged by Windmill Pointe

Park to film its inaugural Easter time helicopter marshmallow drop March 24. Future Park prospects include filming Kercheval After Six gatherings this summer.

Pewabic in Detroit enlisted Ryan’s services to document its 2,500-square-foot addition to its tile studio. Ryan took footage before ground was broken and during construction. He plans to return for the grand opening.

But it’s not all business for the enterprising young photographer. Ryan enjoys flying his drone on boat trips on Lake St. Clair and has filmed Belle

Isle, downtown Detroit and Grosse Pointe’s own Lake Shore. On the drive to Florida spring break, he filmed each state and edited the footage into a compilation video complete with music.

The drone also provided some fun on “a very boring day,” Ryan says. He and his father rigged it to hold a bag of candy. Ryan flew the drone from his house in Grosse Pointe Park several blocks to his grandparents’ house, dropped the candy and flew the drone home. His grandparents, alerted to the special delivery, went to the backyard to collect their bounty.

Ryan, who is familiar with aviation rules, says he has encountered only one mishap so far while filming a basketball game with his brother, Ben, 7. He was aiming for an overhead shot when the drone got caught in a tree and his parents had to hire a climber to rescue it.

“I got the shot, though,” he says.

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This year's event will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 29. "This is our 12th year and everyone on the committee is committed to making the event bigger and better than ever," says Tom Buhl, who with Ed Russell has co-chaired the event since it began in 2007.

Racing For Kids is a Grosse Pointe Farms-based national charity, which uses the popularity of motorsports to generate awareness and funding for children's healthcare institutions across the country. Racing For Kids has been bringing INDYCAR drivers and other racing stars to the bedsides of hospitalized children for the past 29 years. The racers have visited more

than 32,000 sick children in more than 650 hospital visits across the world. Additionally, more than \$6.5 million has been raised for the hospitals visited and for other worthy child healthcare institutions.

There are two facets to the event with the first part being a daytime street fair celebration for the community, which is free and open to the public from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Included will be games for the kids, bounce houses, musical entertainment, refreshments and activities for the whole family. Kercheval Avenue is closed all day from McMillan to Hall Place so dream cars can be on display. There will also be exciting motorsport demonstrations during the day and evening.

Other features include the College for Creative Studies artwork station where kids and parents can exercise their artistic talent and a Kart2Kart racing simulator to give a virtual racing thrill.

The second part is an evening cocktail reception and live luxury auction at 120 Kercheval from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The party raises funds for the Racing For Kids hospital visit program and several local children's hospitals.

This year's gathering will feature gourmet fare from Dirty Dog Jazz Café, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Jumps, Café Nini, Luxe Bar and Grill, and Fresh Farms Market. Dirty Dog will provide music and the auction will feature many luxury items such as exciting getaways and one-of-a-kind parties and adventure packages as well as a white 2018 customized Ford Mustang Convertible from Crest Automotive Group.

Once again this event will honor three children from the community with the 2018 Racing For Kids Courageous Kids Awards. These deserving youngsters are dealing with and overcoming serious medical conditions. Last year's recipients, Riley Slattery, Aidan LaForest and Dylan Drouillard, will be on hand to participate in this year's award program.


Tickets to the evening party are \$125 for advance purchase or \$150 at the door or if purchased after Aug. 22. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Racing For Kids office at (313) 882-3403 or visit www.racingforkids.org. 

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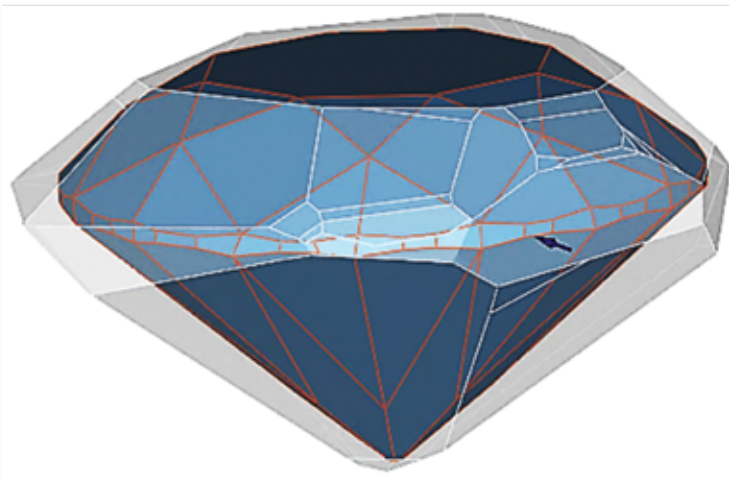


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"As SummerFest returns for another season of music, movies and performances, we're delighted to open our grounds to the entire community. During these three weeks in July, The War Memorial truly becomes Grosse Pointe's backyard," says Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial. "There's a spirit of oneness at every event — to see people of all ages and backgrounds enjoying the season together is inspiring, and an important indicator of our healthy community."

"The Community Foundation

is delighted to support The War Memorial's SummerFest 2018 through the Wilson Legacy Fund. It is a nice way to honor Ralph Wilson's memory in his hometown," says Katie Brisson, vice president, Program for the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Food trucks will offer guests a wide variety of delicious options on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; concessions, including popcorn and candy will also be available for purchase on all days. Event-goers are welcome to bring their own picnic, but no outside alcoholic beverages are permitted. A full cash bar complete with water, soft drinks, beer, wine and liquor will be available at each event.

Monday, July 9 – Movie double-feature: *The Never-Ending Story/Hook*

Tuesday, July 10 – Waterworks Theatre Co. presents *The Comedy of Terrible Errors*

Wednesday, July 11 – Jazz concert: Dave Bennett and Band

Monday, July 16 – Movie double-feature: *Thor Ragnarok* (in The Patriot Theater) / *Wonder Woman*

Tuesday, July 17 – World-class cover band: Your Generation In Concert

Wednesday, July 18 – Motown and dance concert: Mainstreet Soul

Monday, July 23 – Movie double-feature: *Coco/Big Hero 6*

Tuesday, July 24 – Opera and Broadway concert: Michigan Opera Theatre presents Summer Serenade

Wednesday, July 25 – Beatles tribute band: The Beat Club

All events are free and open to the public. SummerFest runs for three consecutive Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning July 9.

The War Memorial grounds open at 6:30 p.m. for all events; double-feature movies begin at 7 p.m. and live performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Boaters are also welcome to experience SummerFest from the water.


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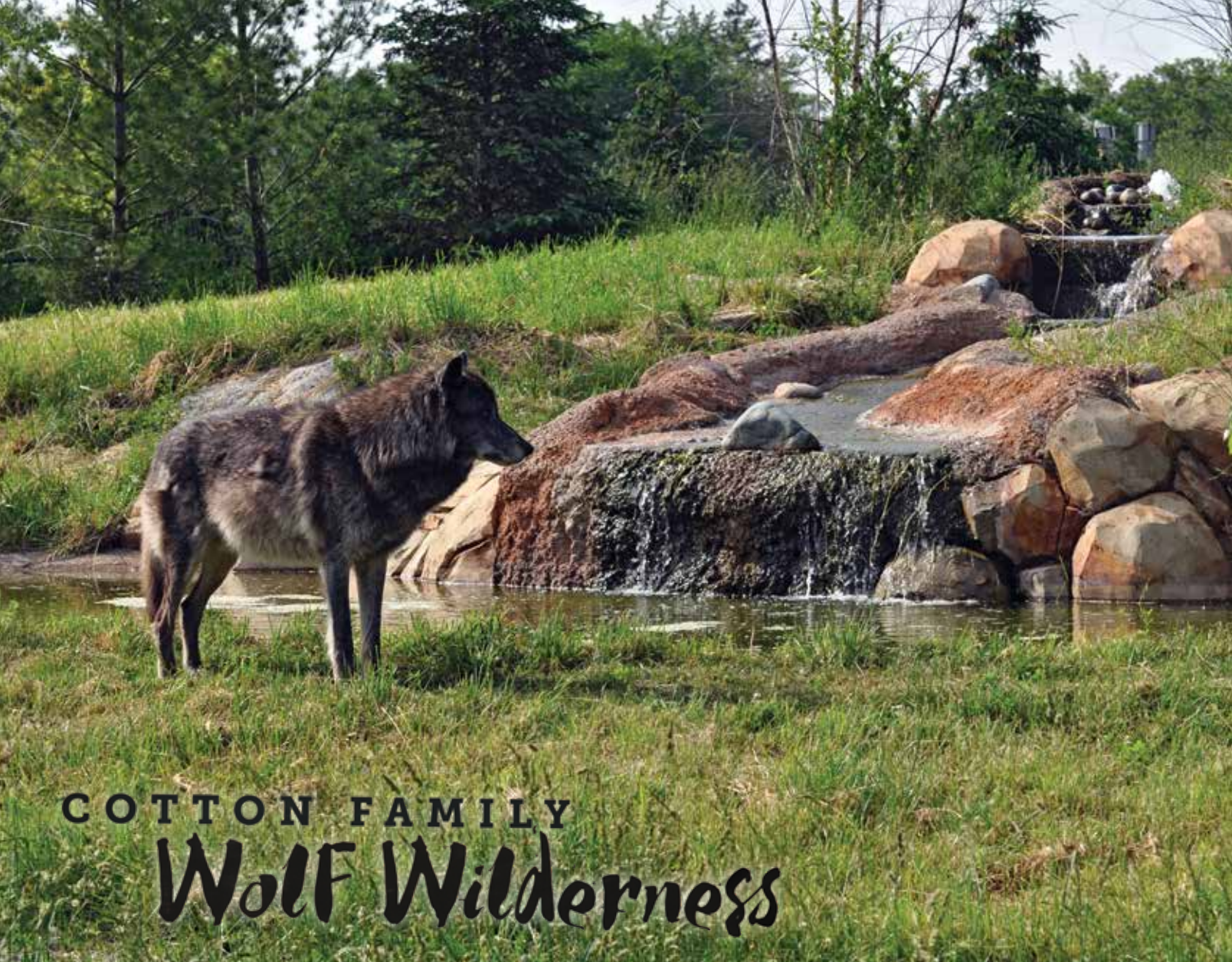
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COTTON FAMILY Wolf Wilderness



By Melissa Walsh

Grosse Pointe Park resident Shery Cotton's love for animals led her into supporting the Detroit Zoo in 2007. But it is the zoo's wolves that hold a special place in her heart.

"That was a gift for my husband," says Cotton.

Cotton donated the exhibit in 2015, dedicating it to her husband, David, for his birthday.

"He loved it," she says, "They [the zoo] redid the log cabin by the wolves. We had a dinner there to initiate the wolves. The grandkids loved it."

David, who has two huskies, has been involved in wolf-protection advocacy, Cotton says.

"He's very partial to wolves."

The two Gray wolves were named

prior to arriving to Detroit from other zoos. According to the zoo, the ten-year-old female, Waziyata, or Wazi, is in charge and curious. Kaskapahtew, or Kaska, the eight-year-old male, is shy and enjoys cooling off in the water.

"They're a pair, but it didn't work. They didn't have babies," says Cotton.

Wazi was hand-reared.

"So she's very people-oriented," explains Scott Carter, Detroit Zoo Chief Life Sciences Officer and resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. "She socializes very well with the male. They're very tightly bonded, as wolves should be."

The Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness lies in the American Grasslands section of the zoo, complete with dens constructed by the zoo and dens dug by the wolves themselves.

Summer reads

By Peggy Kitchel

Oh, the joys of summer reading. The lazy, hazy “dog days of summer” are the best time to visit your library. Come in, cool down and pick up one of these sizzling reads for a hot summer day! Don’t forget to check out our events at www.gp.lib.mi.us.

PEGGY’S PICKS

In ***Beneath a Scarlet Sky***, Pino Lella is recruited to be the driver for a Third Reich commander and becomes a spy for the Allies. ***As Bright as Heaven*** by Susan Meissner is set in 1918 Philadelphia. Many have lost family to the Great War and the Spanish Flu epidemic. The Bright family is grieving when a rescued baby boy comes into their lives and they begin to heal. ***Two Steps Forward on the Camino de Santiago*** trail can be a life changing experience for Zoe and Martin who are avoiding difficult life situations. Josephine, member of the ***High Tide Club*** hires attorney Brooke to find her estranged friends or their descendants, unleashing a horrible scandal. ***The Woman in the Window*** in Finn’s gripping thriller is a troubled recluse who finds her world crumbling when she witnesses a terrible crime. ***In The Perfect Couple***, a body is found just hours before the Otis-Winbury ceremony and everyone in the wedding party is a suspect. As newlyweds Celestial and Roy of Jones’ ***An American Marriage*** settle into their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Women are disappearing ***Into the Black Nowhere***, at an alarming rate, always on Saturday night and with no evidence left behind.

Let me know which books you read, and if you enjoyed them, by posting on our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Use #GPLibraryRocks.

Peggy Kitchel is the Assistant Director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.



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“We combined two existing habitats — one bison and one elk — to create this two-and-half-acre space for them,” says Carter.


“We go quite often,” says Cotton. “Sometimes we go just to see the wolves. If you go at dusk, they’re really active.”

The log cabin at the exhibit is a favorite location for Cotton family birthday parties. Cotton says her grandchildren are thrilled when the wolves come to the glass to watch. The kids urge them to let out a howl, adding to the festivity.

“This was an important project the zoo did that the Cottons felt connected

to. The Cottons are huge advocates of wildlife,” Carter says. “This is such an important story for the zoo to tell — the story of the wolves.”

The Cottons are telling that story to all who visit the Detroit Zoo.

“We are passionate about the wolves,” says Cotton. 

GROSSE POINTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOGS UNLEASHED!

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce dogs have been unleashed in the community! Which of these have you spotted?



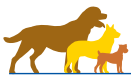
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Starting with your first concern, your mother's weight issue: When your body doesn't get the sleep or oxygen it needs, it can have a cascading effect on your ability to function normally and have a healthy metabolism. Weight gain can be a result. Many people with sleep apnea also suffer from chronic fatigue and daytime sleepiness.

Cardiovascular issues are also a potential side effect. When you stop breathing, you're no longer taking in the oxygen you need. Your heart must work harder. Due to this, your sleep apnea makes you prone to high blood pressure and irregular heart rhythms. Additionally, your risk of heart attack and stroke are elevated.

In fact, there are many more complications to consider. I think it best we continue this conversation for the next couple of articles.

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TEE IT UP “FORE” DOG RESCUE

*R*istina Rinaldi, executive director of Detroit Dog Rescue, doesn't hesitate to explain why she enjoys her job. When a dog from a bleak background bounds joyously from the rescue facility heading for a new home, the pangs of satisfaction are palpable.

“In a lot of situations, we are pulling off the impossible in new and innovative ways,” Rinaldi says. “After each adoption, I feel a big sense of pride, because our team worked together for another resilient Detroit dog that never gave up.”

Detroit Dog Rescue is holding its seventh annual Detroit Dog Rescue event, “Rounds ‘Fore’ Rescues” Golf Classic on Monday, Aug. 13 at Lochmoor Club. Non-golfers can attend a banquet dinner along with raffles. Sponsorship opportunities are available by e-mailing kristinaddr@gmail.com.

The fundraising classic is sponsored by The Peppler Agency. Janet Peppler, board president of Detroit Dog Rescue is proud to proclaim the facility as Detroit's first “No-Kill” shelter. While many rescue agencies euthanize dogs because of a lack of facility space, DDR's focus is giving every pooch a



future.

“Detroit has a stray dog epidemic. Combine that with the abuse and neglect cases we see every day, and it's apparent Detroit needs Detroit Dog Rescue,” says Peppler, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

“On average, we have 100 to 120 dogs. About one-third of these dogs are up for adoption at a time. The remaining dogs are in our training program and medical rehabilitation,” she says. “Each year our mission continues to grow along with our supporters. As our foster and veterinarian programs expand, so does our rescue program. We rehome hundreds of the worst abuse cases each year and thousands of dogs are


helped through our vaccination clinics.”

Last year's Classic raised just over \$60,000. The goal is \$100,000 this year, Peppler says.

“Each dog that comes into Detroit Dog Rescue costs an average of \$1,000 in medical care, training and housing,” she says. “Our work is never done. Our goal for our Lochmoor outing is not just to raise \$100,000, it's to save 100 dogs!”

The support shown throughout this wonderful dog loving community includes The Peppler Agency, Camp Bow Wow, Churchill's Bistro, Mack Avenue Grille,

WaterMark Bar & Grille, Zim's Vodka, PCI Industries, Billy Raffoul/National Coney Island, Ray Laethem Motor Village and George Koueiter Jewelers. Other sponsorships are still available.

For those who don't golf or can't attend but would like to donate, visit www.detroitdogrescue.com/donate and follow rescue stories at detroitdogrescue.com and Facebook. [com/DetroitDogRescue](https://www.facebook.com/DetroitDogRescue). 

Above, Janet Peppler, Detroit Dog Rescue board president and golf outing sponsor, invites golfers and pet lovers everywhere to join her in the 7th annual Detroit Dog Rescue “Rounds ‘Fore’ Rescues” Golf Classic

Power of Attorney II

By Jon B. Gandelot

In this magazine's last issue, I discussed powers of attorney in general. This column discusses a particular we've faced.

A client presented a recently signed General Durable Power of Attorney ("POA") to a brokerage firm in order to transact business for her disabled



parent. The daughter was appointed as the Agent under the POA. The brokerage firm informed the daughter that any power of attorney must be on the brokerage firm's form and that the valid, notarized Power of Attorney would not be accepted.

Increasingly, banks and other financial institutions have denied Powers of Attorney and required account holders to sign the bank's own POA forms. However, by the time the Agent discovers this, the Principal is unable to sign a new document.

These measures are the institution's attempt at protecting your account from fraud, but they may ultimately deny access to the funds. Your representative may be able to get the attention of management, or someone higher up at the bank, to clear up the matter without the additional form. However, this can be time consuming and might require the assistance of a lawyer who has experience navigating the requirements of the bank.

To avoid this problem, you could provide the financial institution with a copy of your POA prior to the need to use it and ask if they require a separate form. Our office has also drafted language authorizing the Agent to sign the institution's own form.

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

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DOGGONE GOOD PEOPLE

By Beth Newhart

Ask Jamie Loffredo about Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, and you might expect to hear about how animals have found new homes — many in his own. But there's much more to GPAAS.

"It's all about the community," he says. "There are other groups, but it's here in Grosse Pointe, and I see it in the community. It's been fun watching Corinne [Martin, executive director] evolve it to more than an adoption society."

Corinne Martin reflects upon the Loffredos in much the same way because they have been a large part of the change.

"The Loffredo family has been an integral part of GPAAS from its beginning," says Corinne Martin, executive director. "They have been a very important part of the success of our community-based organization to which we are very grateful."

Jamie and his wife Jennifer of Grosse Pointe Park have been involved with GPAAS for 20 years. Over that period of time, they adopted at least 12 dogs and fostered many more. Coming from a family that loved animals, Jamie got his parents Nancy and John involved, adopting and fostering older, less adoptable dogs. But they saw more need.



Photo courtesy of the Loffredo family

"Vet bills were never a problem for my parents," he says. In 2003, his mother died of cancer, and in her honor, Jamie, his dad and brother David set up the Nancy B. Loffredo Fund to pay for the care of senior animals while at GPAAS and to continue to offset medical expenses for these conditions when the animals were adopted. They knew people would adopt, love and care for these seniors, just like their family had. They might just need help doing it.

As if adopting, helping with medical expenses and serving on the board [both Nancy and Jamie] weren't enough, the Loffredos have done even more. When father John died in 2014, he set aside money for GPAAS. The Nancy B. Loffredo Fund was changed to the Loffredo Family Fund, and the Loffredo Lifeline was also born.

Think of it as the canine version of the American Red Cross. Dogs and cats need blood transfusions for many reasons, but blood isn't always available.

Through the Loffredo Lifeline, the public has access to a blood bank, and GPAAS is growing into a larger role in our community. And to think it all started by trying to help some homeless pups.

"We are the biggest foster failures of all time," laughs Jamie.

Their pack currently consists of Shanghai, a 13-year-old Chinese Crested, along with Erica, a 12-year-old Bichon-Shih Tzu mix, and George, a seven-year-old Poodle mix. Erica and George came as a pair who could not be separated. Gus is an 11-year-old Standard Poodle mix who was found abandoned and tied to a fence. Charlie is a two-year-old Toy Poodle who arrived at GPAAS as an 11-month old puppy. The only non-GPAAS pup in the bunch is Saba, a five-year-old Standard Poodle who calls daughter Kiera hers.

All of these dogs know how lucky they are for having the Loffredos, and GPAAS feels the same. 🐾

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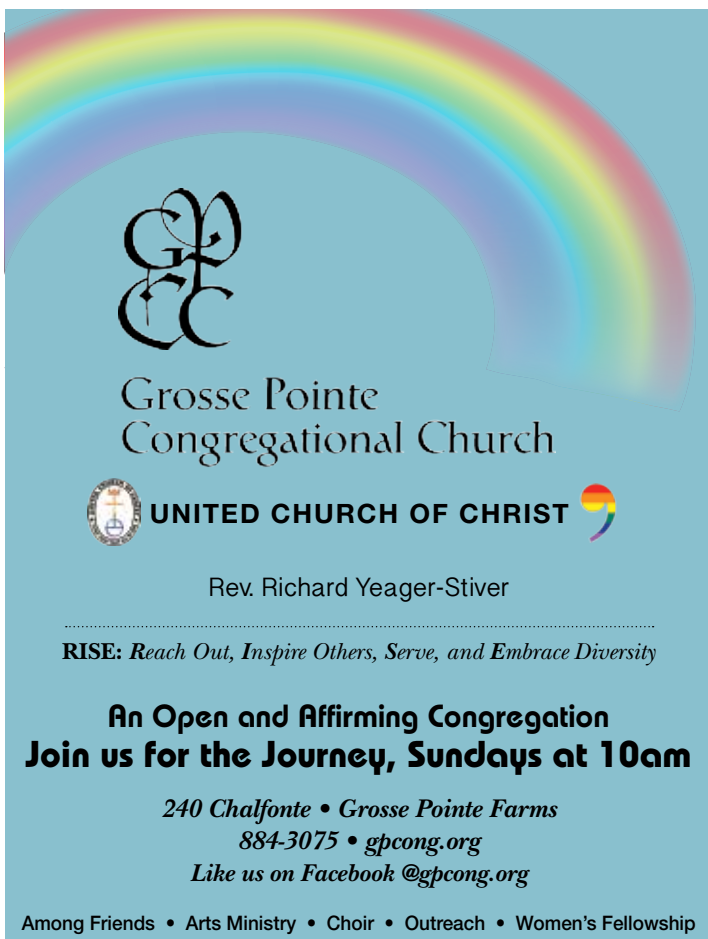
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ADOPTION DAY

for Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society

By Lauren McGregor

It's simple as can be for Kayla Parks. "I have time and I have a house," she says. Parks is Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) foster mom to Cecilia, 10. "The thought of senior dogs spending the remainder of their lives in concrete boxes breaks my heart."

Many folks in Grosse Pointe and the surrounding areas share her sentiment.

Brian Payton is foster dad to Justin, a one-year-old Boxer mix. "I do this to get them out of the shelter. My family has had nine foster dogs," he says. "Somebody else deserves a good dog also."

Another dog waiting for visitors at Adoption Day was Akira, 2, a Siberian Husky mix, who is great with kids and dogs, but not with cats, and needs someone who is home most of the day.


Then there's Mae, 2, a Labrador mix, who played with Anne and Mike McBrien at the June 16 Adoption Day. Mae's foster mom is Sarah Sharp, but it looked like Mae might find a forever home with the McBriens.

Saxon, 3, a friendly Foxhound, has been with foster mom Jennifer Stys for six weeks.

"I want to give the dogs an opportunity to live in a regular house, with a regular family, to make for a smoother transition from kennel to permanent home someday," says Stys.

Bob Felix, foster dad to Shih Tzu/Poodle mixes Cricket, 9, and Tinker, 7, says that the pair will be the 39th and 40th dogs he's fostered. "We enjoy it. We started fostering dogs four to five years ago when I retired."

He adds, "These two are a bonded pair and have to be adopted together. They are really sweet and housebroken. They belonged to an older couple that is now unable to care for them."

And there are countless GPAAS dogs that were not present at that Adoption Day. To see their profiles, visit gpaas.org. 

2018 GPAAS adoption days, Saturdays, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens:

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Sarah Sharp, Anne and Mike McBrien with Mae



Brian Payton and Justin



Barbara Sansoterra and Kayla Parks with Cecilia



Akira



Saxon and Jennifer Stys



Bob Felix and Jim Gerardi (GPAAS volunteer) holding Cricket and Tinker

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Pieces of Mexico in Grosse Pointe Park

By Anthony Viola

Jeff Lee sits in the brightly adorned dining room of Grosse Pointe Park's Sierra Station.

"Everything in here is from Mexico except for me," the restaurant owner says.

For the last 20 years, Lee has traveled to Mexico about two dozen times to pick up pieces of art and furniture for his restaurant. He is proud of every piece of artwork — from the tables and chairs to the wood carvings and paintings, even the tile lining the walls — is native to Mexico.

It's a way to be unique, he says.

"One of the things about the restaurant business is you have to change and make things unique," Lee says. "You have to constantly make changes or else people get bored with

it."

His most prized items are the Catrina Dolls. The handcrafted dolls from Capula are significant to the Day of the Dead celebrations. Lee says he owns close to 30.


In Capula, "You just walk up and down the streets and go shop to shop," Lee says. "They are just so cool. The only problem is (the dolls are so) fragile. It's really difficult to get them to come back. Last time I bought twelve when I was there. Four of them came back completely destroyed."

Lee says he always expects some loss on his travels, but that's just part of it. He says also, while Mexico has a bad rap of late, he's almost never felt uncomfortable traveling the countryside. There are always some "crazy" things that happen, he says —

like the time a tire blew out four times in one trip and they had to walk a few kilometers to the nearest toll booth, or when police extorted money from him — for the most part the people are kind.

"Everybody that you meet, everybody you deal with, are just nice people," he says.

Lee says he is already planning his next trip to Mexico although he just returned a few weeks ago. While he doesn't have much room left on the walls to put art, he says people still point out the small holes of wall space.

"Everybody makes fun of me because they point out, 'Hey Jeff, there's some space right there,'" he says. "I see it, OK? Don't remind me. I'll eventually buy something down there." 

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Meet Kathleen



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What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

The sense of community

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Best road trip was from Michigan to Los Angeles (southern route) and then back again (northern route) when I was 20. My husband and I have enjoyed trips to Sweden, Jamaica and Mammoth Caves, KY.

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

I love artistic expression — I paint, I draw, I write, I quilt. I once sewed a piece of pizza Halloween costume for my fifth grader, complete with stuffed crust and lots of toppings.

What are two of your best personality traits?

Sense of humor and empathy

What is the best gift you've ever received?

My husband helped my then three-year-old paint with leaves they collected, and then he had it framed for me. It was the best surprise — so beautiful!

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

I would pay off debt, put the boys through college and donate to worthy causes. I might also buy a cottage on Lake Michigan.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

My Master's degree and license, our 25-year marriage, and raising two great kids

Words to live by?

Life is an adventure!

Name Kathleen Abke

Age 51

City Grosse Pointe Woods

Occupation Licensed Professional Counselor, Board of Education trustee, and full-time mom

Kathleen's Favorites

Season

Summer and autumn

Music Genre

80s alternative

Spot in Grosse Pointe

My backyard in the summer and fall

Book

The Lord of The Rings by JRR Tolkien and *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown

Restaurant

Garrido's Bistro & Pastry

Vacation

We took the kids across the Upper Peninsula in a camper one summer. It was a fantastic trip! We also love spending time on Lake Michigan. We spend a week there every summer.

Dessert

Anything from Josef's European Pastry Shop

Sports Team

Detroit Red Wings

About Kathleen

Kathleen and husband Paul are parents to Brett, 16, and Cole, 13.

Kathleen coaches Little League baseball every summer for her sons. "When I'm not coaching, I love to watch them play whatever sport they're playing at the time." She especially enjoys cheering baseball and soccer seasons at Grosse Pointe North.

"I value family and friendships. I am extremely loyal. I'm intuitive and empathetic," she says. "My career path is long and varied: waitressing and managing restaurants through college, then marketing, technical writing, advertising, counseling, mom, coach, PTO president and now Board of Education trustee."

Kathleen's hobbies include reading, writing, photography, camping, storytelling, Scrabble, painting, playing with her dog Duncan and completing neverending laundry.

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Globetrotting mom on a mission to reduce waste

By Jane Nordberg

From Denmark to New Zealand, Alaska, Oregon and now Michigan, Victoria Worrall is on a mission to save the planet, one small step at a time. “We sometimes think that the little things don’t make much difference to a very large problem, and it’s easy to give up, but that one small change is what leads to bigger things in the future,” she says.

Worrall was inspired by a project her son was involved with at Maire Elementary School to raise awareness that the City of Grosse Pointe, despite popular belief, does not recycle plastic grocery bags. Instead of thinking of ways to reuse the mountain of plastic bags for a project, she says, the class decided it was better to put their

energies into encouraging others to not use plastic bags at all. The class bought 80 reusable cloth tote bags, which then got decorated by the students and sold at various art fairs over the holidays, for the perfect gift that would keep on giving.

“This little project got me thinking and woke me up,” Worrall says.

She found herself a short time later sitting in a restaurant, where the server brought her a foam container for leftovers. When she returned home, she transferred the food into her own container and was struck by an epiphany.

“I was now standing with packaging waste in my hand that had only been used for 30 minutes, and the worst thing was that it could not even be recycled,” she says. “I realized how silly it was that I did not bring my own containers with me to the restaurants as there are nearly always

leftovers when we eat out. What a waste!”

Full of ideas about how to live a more waste-free life, Worrall launched a Facebook page to inspire people with her newfound passion. But it wasn’t easy. Poring over statistics about how much waste is created and sent to landfills not only in Michigan but on a national and global scale, she was soon overwhelmed with what a monumental task lay ahead of her.

“When you are posting about all of the bad things that are going on in the world, it gets to be too much for others and it’s easy to turn a blind eye to it,” she admits. “This was not inspiring for anybody, not even myself. I was getting burned out and needed to take a break.”

Worrall says as soon as she stopped beating herself up for not doing more, she received a message from Emma Shettler, another Grosse Pointe resident who shared Worrall’s passion for the environment. Together, the two of them now host and produce content for the Facebook page “Simple Solutions for Sustainability,” with content varying from a video on how to create your own green cleaning



Victoria Worrall using a Wash Ball instead of detergent

Photos by Jane Nordberg



Victoria Worrall and some of her recommended sustainable alternatives to everyday products

products, to sources for more environmentally friendly alternatives to items we use every day.

“How can people choose a better product if they don’t know the alternatives exist?” Worrall explains.


Items such as metal drinking straws, bamboo cutlery and reusable produce bags are things many people could carry with them and greatly reduce the amount of packaging waste in restaurants and in their own homes on a regular basis.

Instead of shampoo packaged in plastic bottles, Worrall has switched to a bar of shampoo (like a bar of soap) packaged in recycled cardboard, which can continue to be recycled. While some plastic is recyclable, she says, it is not a long-term solution. Plastic, unlike cardboard, “gets tired” after being recycled numerous times and does not completely break down.

However, Worrall is quick to point out that plastic is not our enemy.

“It makes our lives easier in many ways,” she says. “It’s a clean, convenient way to package things that as a society of busy people, we appreciate.”

But she has also seen firsthand how other countries have taken steps to come up with cleaner alternatives. Thirty countries (and 13 states in the U.S.) have enacted legislation to tax (or completely ban) plastic bags, plastic drinking straws and other single-use plastics.

“We are challenging people to just make one small switch in their daily lives, and to make that a habit,” she says. “A habit becomes a lifestyle, and that snowballs to making a real difference in the health of our planet as a whole.” 



READY TO MAKE A SWITCH?

Consider these more environmentally friendly alternatives:

- Make a habit of carrying reusable tote bags and reusable produce bags to the grocery store.
- Carry a steel straw with you when you eat out (buy another for your home!)
- Use a “Wash Ball” in the laundry instead of detergent.
- Use reusable cloths made from bees wax, instead of plastic cling wrap.
- Take a reusable “to go” container to a restaurant (especially ones that use foam take-out containers).
- Use shampoo bars (in cardboard) instead of plastic bottles of shampoo/body wash.
- Bring your own coffee cup to the



coffee shop.

- If you really don’t want to part with your plastic sandwich bags, use heavier duty reusable plastic bags made for that purpose.
- And of course, switch to a reusable water bottle!

Some of Victoria’s favorite websites:

- Simpleecology.com
- Mysticwondersinc.com
- Packagefreeshop.com
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You can hear them coming before they are visible. An eerie, highpitched and unmistakable cry. Pipers. They round a bend in the distance, and the stirring music loudens. Row after row of uniformed pipers and drummers march in perfect unison over the greens of Greenmead Historical Park, headed toward the enormous bandstand and the opening ceremony for what will be the 169th Highland Games, the oldest continuously running highland games in the country.

Lifetime Grosse Pointe and Highland Games Master of Ceremonies Randall Cain joined St. Andrew's Society of Detroit in 1988. He has held various positions, including president, over the years, and today focuses on the Highland Games. His voice echoes out over the masses of people gathered, joyfully welcoming all to be Scottish for a day. The Highland Games have been held in a number of notable locations, including Historic Fort Wayne and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The year

before the move to Ford House, the Society saw 3,500 Highland Games attendees at Historic Fort Wayne. Completely unexpectedly, they drew a booming 7,700 to the Ford House. "We had *one* food vendor," Cain laughs. "We were out of food right away. So our vendor bought all of the hamburger, hot dogs and buns that Kroger had in stock." Today, the Highland Games see over 11,000 visitors. "The Highland Games have been taken to another level over the last 15

years," says Cain. In fact, a couple of world records in heavy athletics have been set at St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games. "Some come for the heavy athletics; others come



Photo, and right, by Timothy Griffin, courtesy of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit



Photos by Lauren McGregor



Master of Ceremonies
Randall Cain



The Parade of Clans at the opening ceremony

for the piping, the dancing, or the live entertainment,” says this year’s chair, Cathy Hasse, a St. Andrew’s Society member for over 20 years.

The weekend kicks off on Friday, Aug. 3, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., with a Ceilidh (pronounced “kay-lee”), a traditional Scottish party featuring live music and dancing. It’s an adults only event with a wide range of food and beverages for purchase. Tickets for the Ceilidh are available at highlandgames.com for \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door — *if* it doesn’t sell out.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, visitors are invited to watch the Heavy Athletics tournaments, including hammer throw, caber toss, haggis hurl, stone put and more; cheer on the tug of war competitions featuring Marines, Wayne County Sheriff’s Office, Livonia Firefighters, three women’s teams, and others; watch Highland dancing competitions and piping and drumming competitions; visit the Clan Cultural Center; partake in Highland Tea and Whisky Tasting (additional tickets

necessary); listen to Scottish bands; research ancestry with genealogists; relax in one of the beer tents; and shop in the Celtic Marketplace. New this year are a falconer and Scottish sword demonstrations.

The Wee Bairns area, for children, is an expansive landscape of educational programs and artifacts, petting zoo, “catapulting” an English castle, making a shield and face painting.

“All money raised by the Highland Games goes to charity,” Hasse says. “St. Andrew’s Society gives scholarships in Scottish arts and, founded in 1849, is the oldest benevolent organization in the state.”

Scholarships are awarded to pipers, drummers, Highland dancers, harpists, fiddlers, pianists and more.

“When you see people from four to 44 performing and know you have been a part of that, helping those kids on, it’s very rewarding,” says Hasse.

Money raised from the Highland Games also goes to organizations such as Salvation Army and Gleaner’s Food

Bank.

“Sometimes, funds go back to Scotland,” Cain explains. “Like after the 1996 Dunblane massacre. I was president at the time. As soon as the news broke, my answering machine was overloaded, including a call from Dick Purtan. He wanted to be a part of raising money for Dunblane, so with the help of his radio show and TV coverage, we raised \$35,000 plus an untold amount of stuffed animals.”

Cain himself took the donation to Scotland. Ford Motor Company paid for his flight. He met with the Queen’s Lord Lieutenant of Stirling, who accompanied Cain to the cathedral, where they met with the deacon.

“It was a very moving experience,” Cain says.

St. Andrew’s Society of Detroit has always answered the call to help and continues to do so today. The Society, with headquarters in Troy, has a membership of 440, many of whom hail from Grosse Pointe. Among them was the first female member and first female president of St. Andrew’s Society of Detroit, Florence Stahl.

The Highland Games will take place at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia Aug. 3-4. For additional information, visit highlandgames.com.

“These games are some of the best in the world,” Cain says. “And you don’t need to be Scottish to enjoy them.”

Hasse adds, “As our old Highland Games tag line said, ‘Give us a day, we’ll give you Scotland.’”



at home in the Pointes

platform and a 240 volt grill in the cockpit round out the craft's features.

The Grosse Pointe Shores couple employed the expertise of designer Pat Casey of Mack Ave. Drapery & Interiors to bring to fruition Joanna's vision: an elegant summer home away from home with Asian accents, in black and gold. Joanna also wanted to balance these contrasts with light, and so used an abundance of teak wood.

and window treatments are a rich cream color throughout and the perfect backdrop to accentuate Joanna's favorite colors.

General updates include increases in privacy with custom blinds that are concealed when not in use, as well as the new custom teak and holly wood flooring in three heads and the galley.

The interior spiral staircase (and exterior stairs) leads up to the bridge

Pat Casey takes us on a tour of her interior design aboard the IZ KNOT:

The carpet, main walls, leather sofas



Chris and Joanna Izzi's IZ KNOT is moored at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Aboard the 60 ft. 11 in. vessel, is easy entertaining, living and relaxing.

The 1998 58 Viking enclosed bridge sportfish yacht boasts an 18 ft. beam powered by twin 1200 MAN diesel engines, three staterooms and three heads.

In addition, an interior spiral staircase ascends from the salon to the bridge. A satellite television, bridge television, full galley with settee, generator, reverse air heat, new dinghy with 50 horsepower Yamaha 4 stroke engine, Davit, swim



Photos by Donald Schulte Photography



The pillow at front is intentionally outlined in a twisted cord of class beads that glisten in the changing light.

The galley and salon are tied together with similar pillows of solid black velvet, each trimmed in a braid with bands of black, cream and gold.

The first stateroom as you walk down the steps belongs to the Izzis' daughter, Valentina, and is completed in youthful elegance. Her queen size bed has a custom quilted black and gold bedspread and pillow shams.

A mirrored wall behind the head of the bed reflects displayed items of special meaning.

Finally, the stateroom's private bath is wallpapered in a formal gold Thibaut wallpaper.

Next, the master stateroom features a king size bed with a shaped black velvet headboard.

The custom pillow shams and bedspread are made in a gold fabric with a black onion shape design defined by the

outline quilt pattern. The large oblong accent pillow echoes the black velvet of the headboard as does the small upholstered stool at the built-in vanity.

The vanity is surrounded by mirrored walls which reflect a tray holding Joanna's favorite perfumes and a beautiful small black enameled box with gold inlay.

On a shelf along one wall is more Asian inspired decor, including a black statue of Buddha.

The master stateroom's private bath is wallpapered in a dramatic black-on-gold foil chinoiserie wallpaper by Thibaut.

Back up on the bridge, updates include a new black leather "dashboard/control board" for the captain with all new Garmin electronics and navigation system.

With all of these updates and fine details, Chris and Joanna have crafted a stylish and comfortable home away from home to enjoy all summer long. ☺

which is also a fully enclosed and air conditioned space. Steering and all controls to pilot the boat are there, as well as space to accommodate a group for entertaining.

Beside the captain's seat is an L-shaped settee and cocktail table with black ultra suede accent pillows, the perfect spot to lean back and gaze out in all directions at miles of sparkling blue water.

The salon and galley are designed with entertaining in mind, with each space able to seat six or more on leather seating surrounded by teak cabinetry.

The salon has a generous cocktail table for setting drinks and hors d'oeuvres, plus a long peninsula separating the working side of the galley.

In the galley and salon, a custom teak TV cabinet was designed with a hinged door to hide additional pantry items stored in the space behind the screen.

Two new bar stools with seats covered in Viking leather match the salon sofa and are reflected in the mirrored front of the peninsula.

In the corner of the salon sofa are large black velvet pillows.





By Ted Everingham

When the 2018 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race starts in lower Lake Huron on Saturday, July 14, it will be the 94th consecutive sailing what Bayview bills as "The World's Longest Continuously Run Long Distance Freshwater Yacht Race."

Race Chairman Gary Shoemaker says, "The big boats have come back" for this year's race, which he attributes to the improved economy. They include familiar names like Windquest (86 feet) and Il Mostro (70 feet) and the popular Santa Cruz 70s. But there will be some new boats to follow, including Abracadabra, a Ker 43 fresh back from the Newport to Bermuda Race last month, and Denali3, Bill McKinley's brand-new Ker 46+.

Among other boats to watch will be Albacore, sailing her 70th consecutive Bayview Mackinac Race and the 50th

for her owner-skipper Rich Marsh. Sojourner is special not because of her size (just under 30 feet), but because she will be crewed entirely by members of Sea Scout Ship 1148.

Chairman Shoemaker added that with new technology and improved rating systems, we are approaching the day when "families can go out and compete on a level playing field with professionals and have a chance of beating them." So with over 200 sailboats entered in this year's event, it is impossible to predict who will win.


Each year there are fresh stories about this classic race first sailed in 1925:

- This year, Bayview is continuing a partnership with Set Sail for Autism. A number of Mackinac Race competitors have invited young adults affected with Autism and their families to

come along on pre-race deliveries of competing sailboats up the St. Clair River to Port Huron on the days leading up to the race.

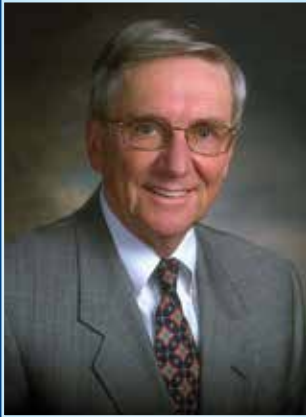
- Shoemaker made Jerome Adams, the legendary inventor of the Hummer and a Bayview employee for over 50 years who died earlier this year, the "Honorary Chairman" of the 2018 race.

- Gordon Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms, a Bayview member for nearly 50 years, was named the "2018 Race Committee Person of the Year" in recognition of his long and valued service as a Mackinac Race volunteer, serving more years and in more capacities than even he can recall.

As the long Mackinac Race tradition continues, we can follow our favorite boats or class, or the whole fleet, with free online GPS tracking at www.bycmack.com. 

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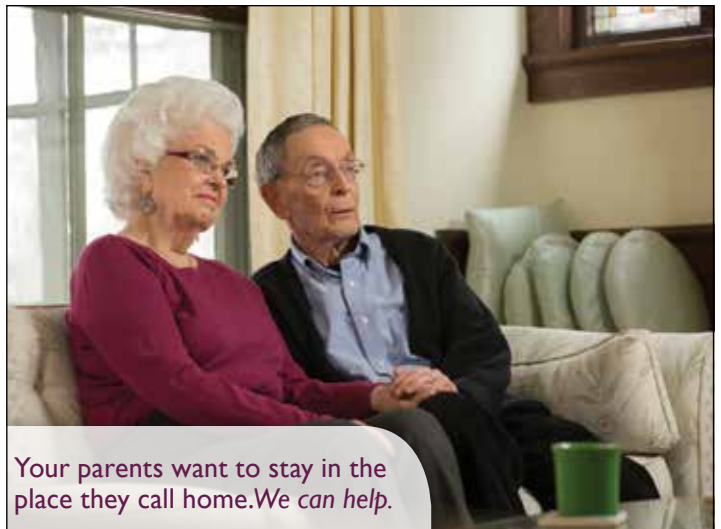
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TOM GAGE PENS BOOK WITH MICKEY LOLICH



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By Chuck Klönke

Tigers fans from the Baby Boom generation will never forget the “Summer of ’68.”

It was the first year Detroit’s baseball team reached the World Series since the Tigers defeated the Chicago Cubs in 1945. It came on the heels of a near-miss in 1967 when Detroit was eliminated on the final day of the season.

Not only did the Tigers get into the World Series, but they beat the defending World Champion St. Louis Cardinals in a thrilling seven-game series.

Long-time Detroit News Tigers beat writer Tom Gage remembers the 1968 season well, and the native Grosse Pointe relives those days along with Series MVP Mickey Lolich in his newest book *Joy in Tigertown: A Determined Team, a Resilient City and Our Magical Run to the 1968 World Series*.

“I always felt that Mickey deserved more attention than he got,” Gage says. “A case can be made for his Hall of Fame candidacy. He averaged 330 innings for four consecutive seasons. Those are things you’re completely amazed at now. He’s the winningest Tigers pitcher since 1915. Only George Mullin and Hooks Dauss won more games as a Tiger than Mickey Lolich.

“His career always interested me and I knew he always wanted to have a book written. He had an agreement with another writer but he wasn’t able to do it and he asked me if I would take it over. We got the approval for the book in

August and it had to be done by mid-December. So it was a crash course in Lolich 101.”

Gage enjoyed every moment of his many meetings with Lolich.

“Mickey is fascinating,” Gage says. “He always has another story to tell.”

Gage has always felt that the 1968 World Series was one of the most interesting in history. Lolich was a major part of that with three wins, including a complete game effort in Game 7, and the only home run of his career in Game 2.

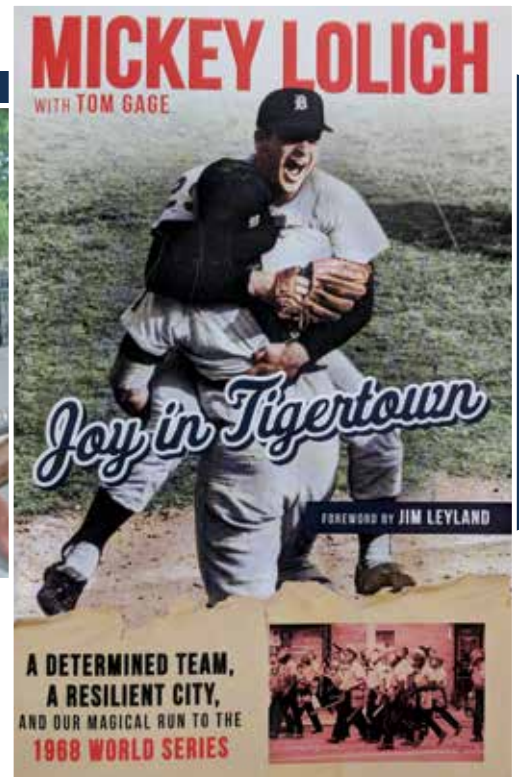
“Mickey’s signature accomplishment was the World Series,” Gage says. “I think it was the best the Tigers participated in. It had so many elements and Mickey was one of them.”

Gage and Lolich watched each of the 1968 games together.

“Mickey is fascinating when he starts watching baseball,” Gage said. “He’s on the mound, he’s a pitcher again. Just having 1968 come alive through his words was really interesting to me.”

Gage had been a life-long Tigers fan and although he was in college in Virginia, he followed the Tigers on WJR. He missed celebrating the pennant-clinching game because his roommate cut his hand and Tom had to rush him to the hospital.

“They had quiet zones at hospitals then, so when I heard, ‘let’s listen to the bedlam,’ I couldn’t create any bedlam. I couldn’t even blow my horn while he was getting treatment,” Gage says.



“I watched the seventh game (of the Series) on television and ran into the parking lot making all sorts of noise.”

Although Gage covered the 1984 World Champions, the 1968 team remains special to him.

“I knew the 1984 team as people, and that’s not bad. A lot of them are friends now,” he says. “But the ’68 guys were heroes. I didn’t know them. Norm Cash was my favorite player. I was Norm Cash in every neighborhood game I played. But I don’t think I ever met Norm Cash.”

Gage learned a lot about the camaraderie of the team during his visits with Lolich.

“There are baseball stories in the book. There are funny stories in the book. There are stories of camaraderie,” Gage says. “These guys were friends. Many of them had come up together (through the minor leagues).

“The book explores the World Series. It explores how Mickey became a World Series hero instead of a Portland mailman. He had taken the test to become a mailman. He learned how to throw a ball by throwing figs in his grandfather’s backyard. That’s how he knew he had a strong arm. He didn’t play baseball until he was 11 or 12.”

Joy In Tigertown is available at Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com.

Don't let summer slip by!

By Ted Everingham

I don't know about you, but I'm having great difficulty adjusting to the fact that June — the first of the three precious months that we Michiganders think of as our "Summer" — is in my rearview mirror, and I already am checking off the days of July! For me and my family, July always has meant the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race, about which you'll read more elsewhere in these pages.



Fortunately, as I have recorded here before, there's a lot to do on and around Lake St. Clair year-round, and especially during the summer months. Take a peek at www.tourlakestclair.org for ideas.

For something different, check out the **Belle River on the Lake Sunsplash Festival**, across the lake in Belle River, Ontario, billed "as four days of action-packed activities for all ages." The dates are Thursday-Sunday, July 12-15. Click on www.belleriverbia.com/sunsplash for details.

Later in the summer, it's the **Harrison Township Parade of Lights** on the Clinton River. The parade starts at 8:45 p.m. on Aug. 4 at Markley Marine on North River Road in Harrison Township. There are pictures of last year's event on the parade's Facebook page.

Me? I think this is the summer that I finally try some **kayaking**. I'll let you know in September how this works out.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Ted Everingham is past commodore of Bayview Yacht Club and is on the board of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation.

Summertime pests

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

With the warm and glorious days of summer come some pesky critters that can ruin a fun time. We hear about Lyme disease and West Nile often enough that the perception of mosquitoes and ticks has changed from being nuisances to being fearsome disease-carrying creatures. In reality these infections are not very common. Knowledge and preparation will hopefully decrease your worries.



Ticks that carry Lyme disease must be attached and "feed" on us for a full day in order to transmit the infection. Therefore, doing a thorough "tick check" is important: remove all clothing worn outside and then carefully examine the neck including behind the ears, near the hairline, and maybe even in the scalp. Also check the ankles and any dark and warm parts on your body such as the armpits and groin area. Dogs don't get Lyme disease but can get other tick-borne diseases, so give your dog a once-over too. If you do find a tick on a person that could have been there for at least a day, remove it and take it to your doctor to help identify it.

With mosquitos, avoiding getting bitten is the only option. Mosquito control starts with removing breeding grounds such as any water that has collected, no matter how little. Bug sprays repel mosquitoes and ticks. Use high-concentration DEET products or the newer (less smelly) repellent, picardin. Two layers of protection is best — long clothing treated with permethrin (available online and in camping stores) — PLUS bug spray.

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GREEKFEST

By Anne Erickson

Assumption Cultural Center's GreekFest is an action-packed annual event with authentic Greek food, entertainment, culture and more.

This year's festival runs from Thursday, Aug. 16, through Sunday, Aug. 19, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The grand opening ceremony is at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16.

More than 12,000 people usually attend the event, which is no surprise. After all, who doesn't love delicious baklava, kebobs and spinach pies?

"A lot of love goes into the preparation," says Joan DeRonne, who is GreekFest marketing committee coordinator, as well as administrator at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center and Assumption Nursery School.

"All of the many favorite Greek pastries, spinach pies, cheese pies and popular stuffed grape leaves are prepared by many skilled hands with recipes passed down," she adds.


It's not just the food, of course. Attendees will also experience live entertainment, Greek dancing, marketplace shopping, church tours, a kids' tent, kids' rides and more.

"The festival is an annual reunion of friends and family enjoying Greek culture and hospitality," DeRonne says. "It has been referenced as a meet and greet for the community, a class reunion, a giant block party, a family reunion and more."

It's a lot to enjoy at once. For DeRonne, the main highlight is "reuniting with our friends and families and seeing the delight of

youngsters enjoying all the festival has to offer them," as well as "feeling heartfelt gratitude for the teams of volunteers and performers for their weeks of preparation and the deepest appreciation for all those who attend and support GreekFest."

"Our center and school have become family centers for the entire community," she adds. "They are an outreach of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. The proceeds from GreekFest allow us to continue our valued programs."

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church is located at 21800 Marter Rd. For information on the festival and full details on the schedule, performers and more, visit www.assumptionfestival.com. 



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Anthony, Ellen and Tony Alfonsi

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By James Aren

Little Tony's has been a family affair since 1970, when the Alfonsi family opened the doors for the first time. The current owner, Tony Alfonsi, the little Tony of Little Tony's, says that family has always been the main workforce of the restaurant.

When his mother wanted to retire last year, he just had to keep the business in the family. Too many family members had worked there over the years to let it go. Aunt Sue, cousins, sons, daughters — the work line-up looks like a family photo album. Although Tony just took over last winter, his son Anthony has been working there for 16 years.

"When mom wanted to retire, we just had to work something out," Alfonsi says.

All this family togetherness might be a challenge for some people, but it has never been a problem for the Alfonsi family. He said this goes well as long

as everyone does their part, which hasn't been a problem.

"My mom and dad instilled a good work ethic," he says.

Alfonsi has also owned Print Xpress, about a block away, since 1981. Tony runs the restaurant and his wife takes care of business at the print shop.

"I never wanted to work for anyone else," he says. "It's all we've ever known."

"You get a lot of satisfaction running your own business," he says. "You make something for yourself and you can employ other people."

He currently has 20 people working for him.

Judy Duffy has been a Little Tony's customer for years and years. She loves the family atmosphere and the impeccable service.

"They know my name and my drink," she says. "Little Tony — I don't know if he likes being called that — makes the best Moscow Mule on the

East Side."

Sometimes when a business changes hands, things suffer. But in Duffy's opinion, things have only gotten better.

"I love the tweaks and additions," she says. Chief among the additions are the tater tots and the macaroni and cheese bites.

The new additions haven't hurt the main attraction, she says. The consistency of the hamburgers keeps long-time customers coming back. Alfonsi says hamburgers have been the main attraction since 1974 when the grill was first installed.

"When people went away for awhile, they would stop here on the way back from the airport before they even went home," Alfonsi says. "People rave about them."

Good food, good drinks and the friendly atmosphere keep Little Tony's a popular destination on Mack Avenue. [P](#)



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SONS AT CHAMPS AND BIG BOY

By James Aren

Champs Rotisserie & Spirits on Mack Avenue serves up chicken, seafood and ribs, but the secret to success isn't on the menu: family bonds.

Dan Sr., celebrating 40 years of restaurant ownership on Mack Avenue, works with two of his sons. Dan Jr. runs Champs and his son Richard runs the Big Boy on Mack Avenue.

"My boys grew up in the kitchen with me," he says.

Like their father, both boys went off to college but found themselves back in the restaurants.

"I thought they would find interest in something else, but the restaurant business is their passion," he says.

He gets it, because it is his passion too. Dan Jr. says the business is in the blood.

"My grandfather started the business and laid the foundation," he says.

George Curis was one of the first Big Boy franchise owners when he opened in 1961 and owned up to 18 Big Boys

in the Detroit area at one time. His son Dan Sr. bought his first Big Boy on Mack in 1978 and Champs in 2007. Dan Jr. says he came back to the restaurant after business school because he knew a good opportunity when he saw it.

"I didn't want to work for anyone else," Dan Jr. says.

He loves the action of a restaurant, seeing the customers come and the food go out. Dan Sr. is grateful that the family business has done so well.

"I attribute it to being there every day. You build a trust with your customers. They understand that there are things that you can control and things you can't. When you have a hiccup, they understand it and give you a break.

He says at this point, he feels like he works with his sons, as opposed to being the boss.

"They have great ideas about the menu and advertising," he says.

Dan Sr. says he got a lot of help along the way from his wife of 34 years who took care of business at home with four


kids while Dan spent long hours at the restaurants.

Brendan Hedge just graduated from Lakeview High School and has been at Champs since ninth grade. He says it's the family atmosphere that keeps him around. Dan Jr. encourages Hedge to go to business school to follow his own path into entrepreneurship. Hedge plans to pursue a business degree.

"They take good care of you here," he says.

Hedge says that feeling extends to the customers too.

"We have so many regulars. I could run down the list and tell you who comes here what day. Some people never miss Prime Rib Thursdays while others are always here on Sundays," he says.

Salmon draws a regular crowd as do the ribs and chicken. Hedge says you can almost tell the day of the week by the faces in the restaurant. He might just follow the Curis family tradition of going to business school and opening a restaurant of his own. 

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What's fun about working out?

By Ken Welch

For a lot of us that's kind of an easy question. In a nutshell, we really like to. There's a bunch of us who simply understand this and couldn't imagine our lives without it.

Yes, there are those who don't and maybe even say they hate it but will "suffer through" because it's the responsible thing to do, complaining all the way.



Working out? Fun? I don't think so.

The fun isn't necessarily the workout, it's the results that occur because of it.

Lately I've been hearing all kinds of examples from clients and members who have come to realize what the workout fun really is.

Women have told me about their confidence wearing sleeveless outfits because now they can show off their toned arms instead of hiding them. Wasn't like that before, and that's fun. Keeping up with your kids on a hike. People you haven't seen in a while complimenting you about looking younger or losing weight when all that really happened is you got leaner and stronger, that's fun. The best example I've heard is brushing aside an offer from someone to help lift something heavy with a simple, "No thanks, I got it."

Men have told me with pride about dropping belt sizes. How they're eating better and actually preferring it.

It's a process you grind through over and over again, but the journey's worth the reward.

So, think about it. What's fun about your workout?

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Stress test

By Lina Bowman

Is it time to stress test your portfolio? How about your overall financial plan?

With this unprecedented market run, you may be concerned about what will happen to your portfolio when the next correction hits. You may have questions about how your portfolio will fare under different circumstances, including interest rate swings or changes in the S&P 500 or even a market collapse. Stress testing can help answer the question of “how would my portfolio perform if _____ happened?”



A stress test can illustrate what your portfolio may have done in different volatile times in the past. It can also help you understand how hedging your portfolio may help dampen the downside risk in any market in the future.

While stress tests are commonly used among banks, financial institutions and the very high net-worth, they should also be a part of most investors' due diligence process when analyzing their individual financial plans and portfolios. Stress tests can uncover flaws in financial plans as well as aid in creating better ways to achieve desired outcomes.

The process starts by determining your goals and your risk tolerance. Once you clearly understand your goals, you can evaluate the specific existing or proposed financial asset or product allocation to help you reach them.

Understanding what your investment portfolio will behave like in any market environment can help you feel more confident as you continue to invest for your future.

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Consider hiring a professional

By Anna Bartolotta

Certificates of occupancy, on time rental payments, court appearances, emergency phone calls and maintenance on your properties are all involved in day-to-day property management in the Grosse Pointe area.



Whether you have the perfect tenant or a problem tenant, basic accounting and attention to detail are musts when owning properties. Being questioned on where missing rent is located, which you have not accounted for, is not fun.

As a property owner you most likely have a laundry list of things you would like to or need to have completed in your investment, but where do you find the time or money?

Increasing rents to market value is a great start with those projects. Grosse Pointe rents are currently too low in comparison to surrounding areas, such as Detroit. Bringing your rent up just a few dollars can quite possibly give you the extra funds to do the things on your honey-do list.

Time on the other hand is always scarce; your family and full time obligations make doing the things you want to do on your property almost impossible. What I suggest, and will always suggest, is a good property management team. Professionals who have the time, expertise and ability to work with the city, get your rent(s) higher and into the bank, take care of all potential and current tenants and make sure the day-to-day operations run as smoothly as possible.

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COOKING with CHEF ETHAN STEINER

Lobster Shrimp Corn Dogs




Who doesn't love a corn dog to remind us of when we were kids? I went to many fairs and carnivals as a kid and I always had to have a corn dog!

Sarasota is known for its circus heritage as well as its beautiful beaches. Ringling Bros. is a big presence in

Sarasota. I thought that it would be a fun tribute to the circus by putting a twist to the corn dog on the menu.

We serve these corn dogs at the restaurant. It's a beautiful place to experience the breathtaking view of the city and Sarasota Bay. I hope to bring pleasant childhood memories for those

that are fond of the hot dog on a stick!

This is a great appetizer for any occasion. It can be eaten plain or with any dipping sauce of your choice. Enjoy! 

Lobster Shrimp Corn Dogs makes 12 corn dogs

Corn dogs

Ingredients

- 1 lb.** cooked lobster claws and knuckles
- ½ lb.** raw shrimp
- 2** medium scallions
- 2 tbs.** garlic
- 2 tbs.** chive
- ½ cup** toasted breadcrumbs
- 2 tbs.** whole grain mustard
- 6 tbs.** heavy cream
- 2** eggs, whisked
- 1** juice and zest of lemon
- ½ tsp.** Cayenne
- Salt and white pepper to taste

Directions

1. Boil a pot of water
2. Add all ingredients to a food processor and quickly combine until smooth
3. Form mixture into 2-inch balls. Place ball on piece of plastic wrap, roll and form into shape and size of a hot dog
4. Boil for 12 minutes
5. Cool until chilled, about 30 min.
6. Remove from plastic wrap
7. Insert a wooden stick into the middle of each corn dog

Batter

Ingredients

- 2 cups** cornmeal
- 2 cups** all purpose flour

Photos by Ethan Steiner



- 1 tsp.** baking soda
- 3 tbs.** sugar
- 1 tsp.** onion powder
- 2 tbs.** butter, melted
- ½ cup** milk
- 2** eggs

Directions

1. Mix wet ingredients. Set aside
2. Mix dry ingredients. Set aside
3. Mix wet ingredients into dry ingredients
4. Let the batter stand for 20 minutes before dipping corn dog
5. Coat corndog in flour, then in batter. Repeat with all corn dogs

Frying corn dog

Directions

1. Heat oil in a heavy pot or deep fryer to 350 degrees
2. Dip the lobster shrimp dogs in



- the batter, making sure to cover completely
3. Carefully place the battered lobster pieces in the oil, fry for 3 to 4 min., until golden brown
4. Remove lobster from fryer and let drain on paper towels for 30 seconds

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.

Steiner's experience in Las Vegas took him to kitchens led by Chef Jose Andres of China Poblano and Chef Gordon Ramsay of Gordon Ramsay Steak. In Detroit, Steiner worked as sous chef under Chef Seth High, and in the kitchens of Beverly Hills Grill and ML Café.

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Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm

Web: www.littletonyslounge.com



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Hours: Daily 11am-1am (Kitchen closes at midnight.)

Web: www.luxebarandgrill.com



Mack Avenue Grille

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

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

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

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Dinner: Open daily at 5pm

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As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with over 35 years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Look around and you'll see a couple on a romantic date, sharing an order of our signature spinach dip and chips, a group of friends celebrating a birthday with our specialty martinis, or people sitting at the bar, watching the game on our flat-screen TVs. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution. 

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Meet Dorothy & Gene



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

Dorothy: A singer
Gene: An engineer

What do you miss about being a kid?

Dorothy: Going to Bloomer State Park with my parents in our Model-T Ford
Gene: Playing baseball

What is one skill you'd like to learn?

Dorothy: Being a gourmet cook
Gene: To play the piano

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

Both: Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

What accomplishment makes you proudest?

Dorothy: Raising four wonderful, kind, loving and supportive children and singing 'Panis Angelicus' at a mass said by Pope John Paul II in his private chapel at the Vatican on Dec. 4, 1997
Gene: Being married to my wife for 67 years, and raising four wonderful children

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Both: Italy. We've gone from Sicily to the Lake District in our travels.

Words to live by?

Both: Do unto others as you would like them to do unto you.

Name	Dorothy & Eugene Ignasiak
Age	91; 94
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
Occupation	Retired secretary to Federal Judge Arthur J. Lederle; Retired mechanical engineer

Dorothy & Gene's Favorites

Season

Dorothy: Fall; *Gene:* Summer

Musical Artist

Dorothy: Renee Fleming
Gene: Glen Miller

Vacation

Both: Kenya, Africa, on a safari

Movie

Both: *The Music Man*

Book

Dorothy: *Jane Eyre*; *Gene:* *Silver Chief - Dog of the North*

Restaurant

Both: Jumps

Activity

Dorothy: Singing; *Gene:* Gardening

About Dorothy & Gene

Eugene (Gene) Ignasiak was born and raised on Detroit's East Side and was the class president of Detroit's Northeastern High School when he graduated in 1941. During WWII, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Navy and just shy of three and a half years of service, was honorably discharged on Dec. 24, 1945.

In 1950, he received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Michigan. That was also the year Gene and Dorothy married.

After several decades as an automotive mechanical engineer, including the last 25 years with Ford, Gene retired. Today, he enjoys assisting Scout leaders at son Gregory's Boy Scout Troop for Those with Special Needs meetings.

While Dorothy loves travel and learning about other cultures, she has an equal love for singing. She's even sung for Pope John Paul II.

"I love taking singing lessons at Oakland University as a private student, performing for The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Chamber Music, Our Lady Star of the Sea church choir and singing for seniors in retirement and nursing homes," Dorothy says.

This October, the Ignasiaks will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary. They've raised four wonderful children, Susan, Michael, Gregory and Robert, and have one grandson, James.

Dementia and dignity

By John Channing

One of the statements I hear from family members of those living with dementia is, "That's not my mom anymore." If your loved one has dementia or Alzheimer's disease, he or she may behave differently and struggle more as the disease progresses.



While dementia may be hard on the caregiver, we must keep in mind that it can be even more taxing on the person living with it. Difficulty in remembering names and faces or how to perform familiar tasks and activities can be overwhelming. It's important to find ways to help maintain your loved one's dignity. Through it all, she's still your mother, even as your family roles change.

As your parent's dementia progresses, you may find yourself taking on of their decision-making and day-to-day needs, such as helping with personal care. This shift can be sudden, but often it slowly changes over time. It's not uncommon for adult children of people with dementia to become consumed by their role as caregivers. While this mindset is understandable, it can easily lead to burnout.

When you can, make time to recalibrate and enjoy things you used to do with your loved one, even in a modified way. Over the years, did your mother enjoy spending time gardening or baking? Did your father love music or playing with his dog?

Shared experiences provide dignity in the moment to people with dementia, even if they don't remember the experience later.

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AWARDED AD MAN TO AWARDED ARTIST

By Mary Anne Brush



Robert Steiger collects awards. While serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1946, he participated in minesweeping operations in the South Pacific, earning a Navy & Marine Corps commendation medal along with American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, World War II Victory and Philippine Liberation medals.

Steiger joined the Merchant Marines at 17 — later transferring to the U.S. Navy — because he “always loved the water.” He was on a rowing team while at Grosse Pointe High School, training under Detroit Boat Club rowing coach Judd Ross. When he returned stateside after the war ended, he was drawn back to the water and returned to rowing for the DBC, garnering awards yet again; he was the captain of a team of 22 oarsmen who, in an unprecedented performance in 1946, put the DBC on top of the rowing world with a national championship.

Steiger won another prize that year as well — he met and married his wife, Mary. They were married 69 years, until her death in 2015. Their son, Jon, is now a successful trial attorney in San

Francisco. Steiger has five grandchildren.

Steiger spent his career in advertising in Detroit, earning his first job from his rowing coach as an apprentice in the art department at General Motors. He worked his way up to art director for D.P. Brother — later acquired by Leo Burnett — before joining Ross Roy Communications, serving as executive vice president and art director and a member of the board of directors.

Steiger retired in 1987 — but the awards didn’t stop there. One day on a visit to Mulier’s Market in Grosse Pointe Park, he admired decoys made by the butcher’s son, a national woodcarving champion and teacher. Steiger signed up for classes and before long was winning world championships of his own at wildfowl carving competitions.

An accomplished watercolor painter, woodcarving was new to Steiger, but he says he was so “enchanted with the work that goes into one of those decoys,” he committed to mastering the carving.

Over the years, the 93-year-old has

combined his love for painting and the craft of woodworking to create more than 160 decoys, donating many to fundraisers and auctions and selling others.

Approximately 40 remain in his collection, from tiny sandpipers made from excess wood to a full-sized goose. Treasures in his basement workshop at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms include “backyard birds” — cardinals, robins, bluejays and bluebirds — along with shorebirds and a range of waterfowl, from the colorful wood duck to the American black duck, known for hiding in plain sight in the shallow wetlands of eastern North America.

The black duck is one of several in his collection Steiger says he won’t part with.

“My son wants this one. That’s his favorite,” he says, adding his son and wife, artists in their own right, were always his biggest critics and supporters.

“They were always interested in what I was going to do next,” he says. ❏

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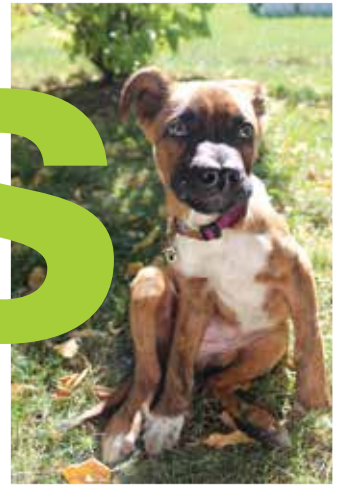
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Onyx

Onyx is an 8-year-old Great Dane, but with her playful personality you would think she's a puppy. She truly is a gentle giant, always giving love to everyone she meets!



Ollie

Ollie the pug, happy as can be on the lap of owner, Hannah.



Charlie Maxwell & Teddy Grey

Teddy Grey, 2, and Charlie Maxwell, 5, snuggle. Charlie acts like a little dad to Teddy! They live with the Edwards in Grosse Pointe Farms, along with sister cats, Abby and Bella, 8, and Shih-Tzu, Kirby, 12.



Louise Amber

The newest member of the Cueter family, L.A., was adopted from GPAAS. She is an orange short haired Tabby kitty with an 11-year-old multi-poo brother, Magnum.



Simone

Simone's mom, a former Pointer, found her at a shelter, abandoned and mistreated by a previous owner. She has a severe birth defect to her left front leg and came with a lot of issues as a result of her previous situation. After receiving therapy dog certifications, she now visits hospitals to visit patients in need. She is an amazing girl and is changing lives.



Bella

Bella, 2, loves playing fetch! The Carolin family of Grosse Pointe Woods adopted her from GPAAS.

When is it an emergency?

By Dr. Nancy Pillsbury

*W*e've all been there: Your pet is ill or has been injured and you're not sure what you should do. Should you call your vet, or are you just being overly concerned?

You should never hesitate to contact your veterinarian if you are unsure. Dogs and cats are different than people, and sometimes things which may not harm us could be deadly to pets.



For instance, did you know that items such as raisins, grapes, chocolate, over-the-counter human pain relievers and Xylitol (an artificial sweetener) could be deadly to your dog or cat if ingested?

While you can always call your veterinarian for advice, there are some things which are definite emergencies. Take your pet in right away to your veterinarian or an after-hours emergency clinic if the following occur:

- Trauma — hit by a car, falling more than a few feet, being hit by a blunt object
- Symptoms of heat stroke
- You suspect broken bones
- Trouble breathing
- Ingestion of a toxic substance
- Extreme pain
- Your pet, particularly your male cat, is straining to or is unable to urinate
- Bloody diarrhea, or diarrhea/vomiting lasting over 24 hours
- Hard and swollen abdomen and/or gagging and trying to vomit.

Remember to trust your instincts. You know your pet better than anyone else, so if there are any red flags, don't hesitate to seek medical advice or care from your veterinarian.

Dr. Nancy Pillsbury is a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University. She joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2011.

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06 FRIDAY

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07 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.

10 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Time Traveler's Camp Session Two, July 10 and 12, at Provencal-Weir House, Boating in the 1700s theme, make a canoe out of birch bark and build a wood boat representing the Griffon, draw on a map its voyage through the Great Lakes where the ship was never seen again, make apple crisp, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org for schedules, prices and sign up sheet, ask for Izzy, children must bring lunch and drink, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Ford House Grounds Tour, \$8 per member, \$10 per non-member, also July 31, Aug. 7, 21, 28, 6 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza presents Paul Carey Organ Group on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff, free, family-friendly concert, 7-8:30 p.m.

13 FRIDAY

- Architecture Tour at Ford House, learn how Kahn's industrial vision and artistic achievements are reflected in the design of the Fords' Cotswold-style estate, your guide will take you inside and outside the home, as well as to the attic and basement, to give you a close up look at Kahn's masterpiece, after the tour, be sure to stop in the Visitor Center for the Friday "Ask Our Experts" program, limited tickets available, \$18 for non-members, \$15 for members, also takes place July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 12-1:30 p.m.
- DSO at Ford House, also takes place Saturday, July 14, tickets available at dso.org, gates open at 6 p.m., concert at 8 p.m., fireworks at 9:39 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Campout and Movie at Lake Front Park

17 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Time Traveler's Camp Session Three, July 17 and 19, at Provencal-Weir House, The Provencal-Weir House c. 1823 and life on the ribbon farms theme, dye wool yarn with colorant (Kool-Aid), dry it and weave a sampler, melt and pour shea butter soap with dye and pour into floral molds to cool, make pear crisp, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org for

- schedules, prices and sign up sheet, ask for Izzy, children must bring lunch and drink, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- All Pointe Synchronized Swim Show at Lake Front Park, 6:30 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza presents Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff, free, family-friendly concert, 7-8:30 p.m.

20 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe City Synchronized Swim Show at Neff Park, 7 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

- Cook Schoolhouse open, 12-2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Time Traveler's Camp Session Four, July 24 and 26, at Provencal-Weir House, The Vernier Roadhouse, located at Vernier and Lake Shore, was famous for serving chicken, fish and frog legs, build and paint a log cabin into the Vernier Roadhouse, sew and stuff a fish, chicken and frog, snack on Michigan cherries with refreshments, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org for schedules, prices and sign up sheet, ask for Izzy, children must bring lunch and drink, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

August

Calendar

27 FRIDAY

- The Village Art Fair at the Sidewalk Sale, all day, through July 28
- Grosse Pointe Woods Music on the Lawn at City Hall, 7-10 p.m.
- Music on the Plaza presents The Sun Messengers on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff, free, family-friendly concert, 7-8:30 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

- Art in the Meadow at Ford House, \$30 per member, \$35 per non-member, tickets at fordhouse.org, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- After 6 on Kercheval in the Park, 6-10 p.m.

02 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza presents The Paul King Quartet on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff, free, family-friendly concert, 7-8:30 p.m.

03 FRIDAY

- Camp Norbert Neff for Grosse Pointe City residents, a campout at Neff Park, \$45 per family, limited sites, register early
- St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia

04 SATURDAY

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- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.
- Pollinator Palooza at Ford House, \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids, tickets at fordhouse.org, 12-4 p.m.

07 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Time Traveler's Camp Session Five, August 7 and 9, at Provencal-Weir House, The Pres'que-Isle Windmill and the Village of Fairview theme, learn how the windmill in Grosse Pointe Park helped the locals grind their grain, find out about the horse tracks at the Village of Fairview, paint a family of horses and name your racehorses, enjoy making blueberry tarts, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org for schedules, prices and sign up sheet, ask for Izzy, children must bring lunch and drink, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

11 SATURDAY

- Paws in the Park in Grosse Pointe Park, 8-11 a.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.

14 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Time Traveler's Camp Session Six, August 14 and 16, at Provencal-Weir House, Windmill Pointe Lighthouse and Sailing on the Detroit River theme, discover the true story behind the Windmill Pointe Lighthouse in Grosse Pointe Park and how it protected the

many boats that came through the "Straights," create a light house with the lighthouse keeper's home next to it, build a wood sail boat and paint it, top it off by making raspberry tarts, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org for schedules, prices and sign up sheet, ask for Izzy, children must bring lunch and drink, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

16 THURSDAY

- Greekfest at Assumption in St. Clair Shores, through Aug. 19
- "Bee" is for Beneficial Garden Workshop at Ford House, \$12 per non-member, \$10 per member, tickets at fordhouse.org, 6-8 p.m.

24 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Music on the Lawn at City Hall, 7-10 p.m.

25 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at SOC, 12-3 p.m.
- After 6 on Kercheval in the Park, 6-10 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

- Racing for Kids to the Hill, free street fair on Kercheval on the Hill

31 FRIDAY

- Detroit Jazz Festival through Sept. 3



coffeehaus

By Michael Cowan

Luke Kirtley wants you to drink his coffee. But the founder of Coffeehaus, a local coffee brand he envisioned in September 2017, has a vision for his company that goes well beyond being a local supplier of specialty coffee.

“Would I like to serve every coffee consumer my coffee? Well, absolutely. But what I really pride myself in doing is helping find unique coffees that our clients like. We very strongly encourage our clients to take the time to taste a variety of options we offer and then design a complimentary coffee program that both benefits and elevates their existing programs,” Kirtley says.

“We look at their menu and culture and find the best coffee that works for them,” he adds.

Kirtley sees Coffeehaus, in the end,

as being more about lifestyle than just good coffee. “Are we selling coffee? Yes. But Coffeehaus is not just a coffee brand. It is a lifestyle brand that prides itself in being extremely dynamic in nature.”

To be sure, Kirtley has a broad vision for Coffeehaus, but he also has more

immediate plans.

“Our next step is to open a community-based cafe, in which we are looking to move our roastery,” he says.

Kirtley has established international relationships to bring his specialty coffee to local distributors and restaurants, such as the Shinola Cafe. One such relationship is through METAD, an organization that connects Kirtley to a private, state-of-the-art coffee bean farm in Ethiopia. According to its website, it is the first and only Specialty Coffee Association of America-certified coffee quality control lab on the African continent. Partnering with METAD is about more than procuring coffee.

“The fund that METAD manages sponsors over 650 Ethiopian children each year to attend school and





Jack Glover and Luke Kirtley

education courses on scholarship, and 70 percent of the farm's workers are women," says Kirtley.

Corporate ethics are important to Kirtley, and he establishes relationships only with farms with the same notion.

"We're giving back to those people who work so hard to harvest the beans that produce our coffee," he says.

Finding the right coffee to bring to Metro Detroit can be tricky, according to Kirtley, who has five people working with him in his venture. "We sample over 100 coffees a month."

Among those five employees is Jack Glover, Coffeehaus director of wholesale.

"When thinking of the 'usual first job,' being a part of a Detroit coffee roaster isn't the first thing that comes to mind," he admits.

But Glover says that the experience has been positive. "It has been great to have the ability to work with such a new and innovative company, especially in a unique industry like the coffee business. I can learn more about the business every day and continue to gain firsthand experience in the sales and marketing field."

Response to Coffeehaus has been

overwhelmingly positive.

"I believe there is a distinct trend for those who admire specialty coffee, a space we aim to fill. We surround our business with one core value: relationships. Not only do we pride ourselves in having strong relationships with all of our clients, we further extend this to our farmers, creating programs which help benefit their health and well-being."

Kirtley, a 2015 Grosse Pointe South graduate, currently attends Grand Valley State University, where he is a student at the Seidman College of Business. He is pursuing a dual degree in marketing and philosophy.

"I believe that understanding philosophy is an integral degree for an entrepreneur, as it requires individuals to think on a large scale."

It's not hard to imagine the difficulties that a student with a demanding double major schedule in Grand Rapids might face while running a small coffee business in Metro Detroit.



"It comes down to being good at time management. I make it work. I would commute back to Detroit every weekend to tend to both my coffee and my clients alike. While tiresome on both myself and my car, I gained valuable experiences and really understood what passion can do to you," he says.

At the moment, Coffeehaus is working with over 30 clients to create in-depth specialty coffee programs for hotels, cafes, restaurants and offices.


Coffeehaus coffee is available at local retail stores, such as Village Food Market, Fresh Farms Market, and Marais Market and Café. Learn more at www.coffeeha.us/. 

Photo of Jack Glover and Luke Kirtley by Renee Landuyt

Photos courtesy of Coffeehaus

detroit Jazz FESTIVAL



Photo by Len Katz, courtesy of Detroit Jazz Festival

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Every year, as the sun begins to set on summer, dawn also breaks over what will soon become a jazz-lover's paradise.

As the first signs of one of Michigan's most time-honored musical traditions return, fans and performers alike grow excited about the Detroit Jazz Festival at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. An almost scat-like vibe can be detected in the organizing and energizing that takes place among coordinators and participants as the days of the event draw near.

Presented by Quicken Loans, the 39th Annual Detroit Jazz Festival, set for Aug. 31 through Sept. 3, will not disappoint, says a spokesperson. From international, headlining performers like Chick Corea to local legends Straight Ahead and Grammy Award-winners Terri Lyne Carrington and Esperanza Spalding, fans can expect live entertainment that stretches from mid-

day into the early hours of the morning.


"Jazz has always been about freedom, communication and individual expression, and there's nothing that encapsulates the depth of the genre better than a diverse lineup like the one we have planned this year," says Kim Collins, director of operations for the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation. "From legends to artists just embarking on their musical careers, to some of the most powerful female artists that have ever touched the genre, the 39th Annual Detroit Jazz Festival will be free-spirited in nature and offer a unique cultural flair of jazz stylings for all to enjoy."

Along with notable headliners, dozens of other acts will appear on multiple festival stages daily. Various music-related and non-musical factors have kept the event popular after nearly 40 years, Collins adds, "There are many reasons. So many amazing jazz artists and legends hail from this region, with

the roots of jazz in Detroit running deep. Also, we strive to put together a world-class lineup of artists that are diverse in age, gender, experience, sound and style – there's something for everyone – while keeping the festival tightly focused purely on jazz. Plus, this is the only jazz festival of its size and caliber in the world that is completely free to attend."

Like Collins, local music fans and long-time festival-goers credit jazz advocate and philanthropist Gretchen Valade, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. Valade, founder of Mack Avenue Records, has committed to preserving the festival's quality and affordability.

"Finally, the downtown area and riverfront provide an outstanding venue to listen to jazz music from one of our four main stages," Collins says.

For more information about the 39th Annual Detroit Jazz Festival and related educational programs and activities for local youth, visit detroitjazzfest.org. 

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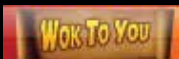
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