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## Spring and summer — finally!

As I write this looking out my corner office window in The Village, I see buds and leaves sprouting in the trees. Warmer weather the last few days have brought people in groves out of winter hibernation. As we drive through the Pointes, we see walkers and joggers and bicyclers galore. It is obvious everyone is starved for sunshine and vitamin D!

During the bleakness of winter, it is easy to forget the beautiful, garden-like setting we live in here in Grosse Pointe. Just walking, jogging or driving through the community is such a peaceful, joyous occasion. It reminds me of the neighborhoods my parents lived in in England for a few years. That, too, was like a garden with flower beds and window boxes bursting with blooms.

I like the extra touches we do in the Pointes, like putting flower beds and greenery in our traffic islands. From our home across from Our Lady Star of the Sea, we have a view of the traffic island at Morningside Drive and Fairford Road. Every summer, we watch as a Grosse Pointe Woods DPW employee waters the island plantings from a water tank on a trailer. In most cities, they would simply pave over the traffic island and save the city time and expense. Not in the Pointes! We are willing to pay a little extra for the nice touches. They are what make living here a delight.

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Enjoy your spring and summer and happy Mother's Day and Father's Day to all the Grosse Pointe moms and dads out there. They're the best.

See you around the Pointe! ☺

*John*

The season of fundraising is upon us, with a calendar jam packed with galas, relays, dinners and more. From suicide prevention to cancer research to historical preservation and everything in between, Grosse Pointers are gathering to fund vital programs.

On the eastside, this naturally brings folks outside, and particularly to the water. The Grosse Pointe Historical Society Gala will take place at a lakeshore mansion. Relay for Life is at Veterans Memorial Park in St. Clair Shores. Kevin's Song's annual gala is again at Port Detroit on the Detroit River. And the Chamber's Legacy on the Lake is at the gorgeous Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. There are countless opportunities to enjoy the water and our other stunning outdoor settings — and give back at the same time.

That means I'll be spending quite a bit of time outside. I bring this up also as a reminder to wear sunscreen! Cover up. Dr. Meredith Price details the importance of skin protection on page 45.

Raising awareness for this type of care, and the ever rising diagnoses of skin cancer, is close to my heart. Though I was not a sun worshipper, I visited a tanning salon a few times in college. And at 24 years old, I was diagnosed with melanoma. I was grateful to have discovered it at an early stage, and to spread the word about how easily and how early it can develop.

In her dermatology column, Dr. Price mentions the free SPOTme Skin Cancer Screening Hamzavi Dermatology periodically hosts. If you haven't already, consider starting your annual skin check this spring.

Enjoy the start of the outdoor event season and lather on that sunscreen! ☺

*Lauren*

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# Meet Marie



<b>Name</b>	Marie Boyle Reinman
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Farms
<b>Occupation</b>	Director of Nursing, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe

## Marie's Favorites

### Season

Love them all. That is what I love about living in this part of the world — we get to experience every season.

### Music Genre

Anything written by my daughter Mary. She just released her first album! Also love classical and musical theatre.

### Spot in Grosse Pointe

Pier Park

### Book

I love anything by John Irving and Margaret Atwood, but Armistead Maupin and Gabriel García Márquez both captivated me as well.

### Movie

*The Sound of Music*. It had a HUGE impact on me as a young girl. The whole “I Have Confidence” number still resonates.

### Sports Team

Toronto Maple Leafs (sorry, Tim!)

### Vacation

London last summer with our kids

### Dessert

Anything chocolate made by Kathy Fisk

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

The sense of community and the fact that we live on the border of a city that has an amazing symphony, the DIA and world class sports teams. There has been a rebirth, not only of the downtown core, but of live theater in the area. That is exciting to me.

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

Every trip I have ever taken was great, in my opinion, as I love to travel. I loved India with my sister, Italy with Tim and our friends the Montgomeries, and the south of France with my siblings for a family wedding last year. Anywhere we have ever gone with our kids is a “best trip” for sure.

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

I know how to milk a cow! But most people who know me, know I grew up on a farm, so that would probably not be a surprise.

### What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am five classes away from my master's degree!

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

The ring Tim gave me when he proposed and Hamilton tickets from my family when I celebrated a milestone birthday.

### Words to live by?

Treat others the way you would like to be treated and pay it forward. I am a “glass half full” person for sure.

## About Marie

“I feel like I am the luckiest person in the world! I have the most amazing family, the best friends, I love my job and I love the theater! Over the years, I have had the privilege of playing some really great roles on Grosse Pointe Theatre's stage and I have also been blessed to perform professionally a few times as well. But nothing beats what is coming — I am vocal directing GPT's ‘Annie’ and when we get to tech week, my son Connor takes over as the musical director and will conduct the pit! I'm not sure I'll be able to hold it together for that! ‘Annie’ will be a family affair for us, as my husband Tim will be helping with lights and our daughter Mary will be home from school in time to help with makeup. Tim and I met at Grosse Pointe Theatre, so this group has a special place in my heart!”

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Relay for Life of the Eastside set a goal of \$110,000 for the 2019 event. They are currently one-third of the way there. Help them reach their goal by attending the June 8-9 Relay! [📍](#)

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Kevin's Song, a local nonprofit 501(c)3 dedicated to raising awareness about the causes of suicide and preventative measures, will host its 3rd annual "Starry, Starry Night" fundraiser on Thursday, May 16, at the Waterview Loft at Port Detroit, 6-10 p.m.

"Starry, Starry Night" has quickly become one of the most popular events on the spring charity circuit, selling out every year. This year's event will feature a three-course sit down dinner, silent and live auctions, as well as live entertainment from popular local entertainers Nicole New and Nick Kuhl & the Gang. Tickets are \$150 and will be available at [kevinssong.org](http://kevinssong.org).

"We are looking forward to another fun and successful Starry, Starry Night," says Sarah Gough of Grosse Pointe Farms, 2019 "Starry, Starry Night" co-chair. "Throughout the year, Kevin's Song and its network of professionals, advocates and volunteers work incredibly hard to tackle the challenging subject of suicide awareness and prevention and 'Starry, Starry Night' is a wonderful way to celebrate our successes together while raising critical funds towards our objectives."

Gough is co-chairing the event with her husband Bill. Fritz and JoJo Klingler will serve as the 2019 ambassadors.

Proceeds from the event will go directly toward funding Kevin's Song. Along with raising awareness and prevention, professionals and advocates involved in Kevin's Song pride themselves in offering hope and healing to those touched by suicide.

The organization was founded in 2013 by Gail and John Urso of Grosse Pointe Park following the loss of their son



Bill and Sarah Gough

Kevin to suicide.

"Since our founding, Kevin's Song has received tremendous public support that continues to grow, recognizing that suicide impacts far more of our community than we acknowledge," says Kevin's Song co-founder and vice president Gail Urso.

Some of Kevin's Song's most recent

accomplishments include:

- 3rd Annual Multi-Day Conference with over 300 attendees, including mental health professionals, educators, clergy, attempt survivors, loss survivors and their families. The 4th Annual Conference is being planned for January 23-25, 2020

- Michigan School Summit — to be held January 23, 2020 as part of the conference: a gathering of schools to share best practices in suicide education and prevention


- Kevin's Song Education Task Force community presentations, including the Grosse Pointe Public School System's 2019 OneGP Parent Camp

- Survivors of Suicide Group: a new eastside support group

- Creation of Parent Tool-Kit, offering quick facts, information about warning signs and prevention and tips on talking to kids about suicide

- PBS documentary "Singing Kevin's Song" aired in November 2018, available for viewing anytime at DPTV.org and [kevinssong.org](http://kevinssong.org)

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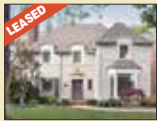
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## BUILDING ON SUCCESS, GROSSE POINTE ART FAIR RETURNS FOR SECOND YEAR

By Jane Nordberg



Following a successful inaugural event in 2018, the Grosse Pointe Art Fair will return this year, adding more vendors and a wider variety for those in search of the perfect art piece.

Held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Boating Festival, the fair will be held from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

With the building as a backdrop, the fair will again utilize the open circle to showcase the work of more than 40 artists in ceramics, woodworking, jewelry, glass, photography and more.

“We have a great variety of one-of-a-kind artwork with many different media represented,” says GPAF organizer Karyn Stetz, who adds that many of the artists are local to the greater Detroit area. “We have a lot of Grosse Pointe artists, a couple from Toledo, Detroit, St. Clair Shores. We like to keep it as local as possible and provide some exposure to these great artists and their talent.”

Stetz also is drawn to artists whose work represents the best of the Great Lakes State, such as the landscape paintings and prints of Grand Rapids

artist Randi Ford. Trees, water and shoreline are the focal point of many of Ford’s pieces, drawn from her visits to numerous nature parks.

“Randi’s very Michigan-oriented, and that comes out in her work,” Stetz says. “You feel like you’re up north when you look at her pieces.”

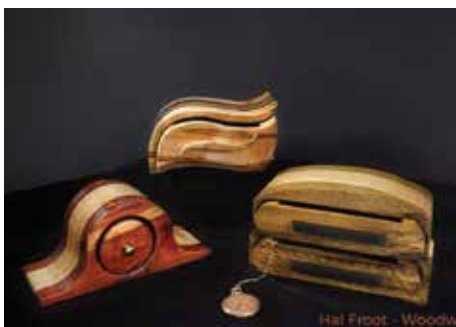
Other Michigan-inspired pieces include Carmen Ambrosio’s photography of lighthouses, the handmade pens and desk accessories of Hal Froot and the intricate pearl-adorned jewelry of Sharon Maio.

While there is no charge to attend the Grosse Pointe Art Fair, there is a charge to park on-site at the Yacht Club. Attendees can skip the search for a space by parking at Grosse Pointe North High School and taking the free shuttle. The art fair will be held rain or shine, so dress appropriately for the weather.

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

**Examples of the works featured in the 2019 art fair from top: photography by Carmen Ambrosio; painting by Randi Ford; woodworking by Hal Froot; jewelry by Sharon Maio**

Photos courtesy of Grosse Pointe Art Fair



# Great Lakes Boating Festival @ GPYC

By Ted Everingham

The 31st annual Great Lakes Boating Festival will be at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on May 17-19. Billed as "Family Fun for a Cause," the Festival will feature scores of new boats, ranging from 60-80 feet, displayed in the water. There will be displays of marine products and services and vintage boats and antique cars. You can watch stadium sailing and a high school regatta, both just off the GPYC seawall. Best of all, the entire festival is free and open to the public.



The Great Lakes Boating Festival will kick off with the 2019 Summer Breeze Party, a fundraiser on Friday evening, May 17. For more information about the festival and details about the Summer Breeze Party, visit [www.greatlakesboatingfestival.org](http://www.greatlakesboatingfestival.org).

Proceeds from the festival and the Summer Breeze Party will benefit the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation (GPYNEF), whose mission is to promote national and international sailing, maritime education, competition and water safety. The foundation has provided financial support to the sailing teams at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Brother Rice/Marian high schools and sponsored youth regattas.

In July, the GPYNEF will sponsor the United States Olympic Dinghy Association National Championships at GPYC, which will draw over 400 sailors, 8-15 years old, from across the United States and from Europe, Asia and South America.

To learn more about the Foundation and its work, including copies of its annual reports, visit [www.gpynef.org](http://www.gpynef.org).

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

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# MUTT MARCH

By Margie Reins Smith

The Michigan Humane Society's annual Mutt March is Sunday, June 2, on the grounds of the historic Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Organizers hope to attract 2,000 walkers (and their canine friends) for a leisurely stroll of up to 2.5 miles in the landscaped setting next to Lake St. Clair.

"It's a way for us at the Michigan Humane Society to connect with the community in a different way," says Anna Chrisman, media manager for the society. "We get a chance to go out and meet people where they are and they get a chance to hang out with us. Last year, even with rain, our guest count was well over 500."

Participants can join the walk at any

time between 8 a.m. and noon. Pet owners may participate as individuals or they can form teams to collect donations for the MHS.

Mutt March is not a race, not a march, Chrisman says. "People stop, chat, walk together, run into people they know, connect with other dog owners. The area is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Children are welcome. It's a free event for the whole family."

All dogs must be on leashes and be licensed in the community where they live. Retractable leashes are discouraged. Owners should bring their animals' current vaccination records. Owners must clean up after their pets.

Water and snacks will be available for dogs and humans. Participants will receive a free Mutt March T-shirt while supplies last.

Sponsors are the Michigan Humane Society and Sellers Subaru, 23651 Hall Road. Donations from Mutt March supporters help the Humane Society in its crusade to rescue neglected and abandoned animals, initiate cruelty investigations and provide medicine, food and shelter for the animals in their care.


The next Michigan Humane Society adoption event will be on Friday and Saturday, May 17-18 at the Detroit Zoo. For more information about the MHS, call 866-mhumane or visit [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org). 

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## PRESERVING HISTORY *ONE GALA AT A TIME*

After devoting countless volunteer hours, the 16th annual Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Gala Steering Committee prepares to bring "Music of the Night" to Grosse Pointe. Its annual fundraiser will take place Thursday, June 13 at Anderson Villa, the estate of James and Patricia Anderson on Lake Shore Rd. in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"Each year our spring galas are hosted at a beautiful Grosse Pointe residence," says Gala chair Mary Shafer. "The Anderson home is truly a landmark on the lake. It's an exquisite chateau-style estate that covers four acres of immaculately landscaped grounds with formal gardens. The Society is grateful to the Anderson family for hosting this year's event."

This is the Society's largest fundraiser all year with proceeds benefitting the general operations of the Society. The Society works to make the

history of all five Grosse Pointes vital, relevant and accessible.


"The Society will soon be celebrating 75 years of preserving our Grosse Pointe history," says GPHS board member Stuart Grigg. "We house some 4,000 blueprints and incur hundreds of requests each year from residents."

"Grosse Pointe truly is a unique community," says Shafer. "We've been told by architectural historians that Grosse Pointe actually has more intact 'grand homes' than Newport, R.I."

The Society is housed in the c.1823 Provencal-Weir House, a restored ribbon-farm house. Programs for the public are presented there, including Second Saturdays, Ribbon Farms Days

and 'The One Room Schoolhouse' on the second floor.

Plans are underway to construct a new, state-of-the-art administration and collection resources building on Kercheval, directly across the street from the Provencal-Weir House. Currently, many of the archives and collections from the Alfred S. and Ruth B. Moran Resource Center are in storage, awaiting the construction of the building.

For more information about the Society and upcoming gala, please visit [www.gphistoricalociety.org](http://www.gphistoricalociety.org). 

**Top, Gala Steering Committee members, standing, Patti Theros and Anne**

**Masterson; seated backseat, Liana Dabir, Bernadette Banko and Stuart Grigg, passenger seat, Killeen Shafer, driver's seat, Mary Shafer. The vehicle, a 1934 Packard Convertible Victoria owned by Greg and Kathy Kosmatka, will be at the June 13 event.**

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# EyesOnDesign

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Nearly fifty years ago, two local physicians had a vision that continues to help others see today.

With help from Jack Williams and John Dennehy, Drs. Philip Hessburg and James Marshall founded the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO) in 1972. The donated space of a vacant car dealership in Grosse Pointe Park served as the organization's base for aiding the visually impaired.

Decades later, an annual event held to support the DIO mission has grown into one of metro Detroit's most popular showcases for auto enthusiasts. The EyesOn Design car exhibition returns to Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Sunday, June 16. The 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. event is held every Father's Day and attracts about 5,000 guests and 300 juried vehicles. Proceeds benefit the DIO, now part of Henry Ford Health System.

"Sponsors support our event," says Marcus Shelley, director of EyesOn Design. "The car companies and suppliers donate, so when you come to EyesOn Design, you see a remarkable show."

Along with rare vehicles known for splendid design, the weekend recognizes outstanding automotive designers at an annual awards event. This year's honoree is Leonardo Fioravanti, head of Bordin Design in Italy, who will receive the Lifetime Design Achievement award at MGM Grand Casino's ballroom during the 6:30 p.m. June 14 ceremony.

Fioravanti's imprint can be seen in Ferrari models from the 1960s through the 1980s, including the Testarossa. Past honorees include General Motors executive Ed Welburn and Syd Mead, whose automotive designs have been featured in Hollywood films like *Blade Runner*.

"These individuals are the 'who's who' of the car design industry," Shelley says.

EyesOn Design began in 1988 and has grown to attract international participation and interest.

"Our theme this year is "Design Around the World," adds Shelley, "so we'll have half American cars and half foreign cars." Also showcased will be European vehicles made with American engines, some dating back to 1930s models.

Bill Chapin, a member of the Grosse Pointe family that founded Hudson Motor Car Co., will serve as honorary chairperson.

Supporting a local organization that combats blindness is fitting in the state known for putting sleek vehicles on the road, Shelley says.

"This is Michigan," he adds, "the home of automotive design."

For more information, visit [www.eyesondesign.org](http://www.eyesondesign.org).



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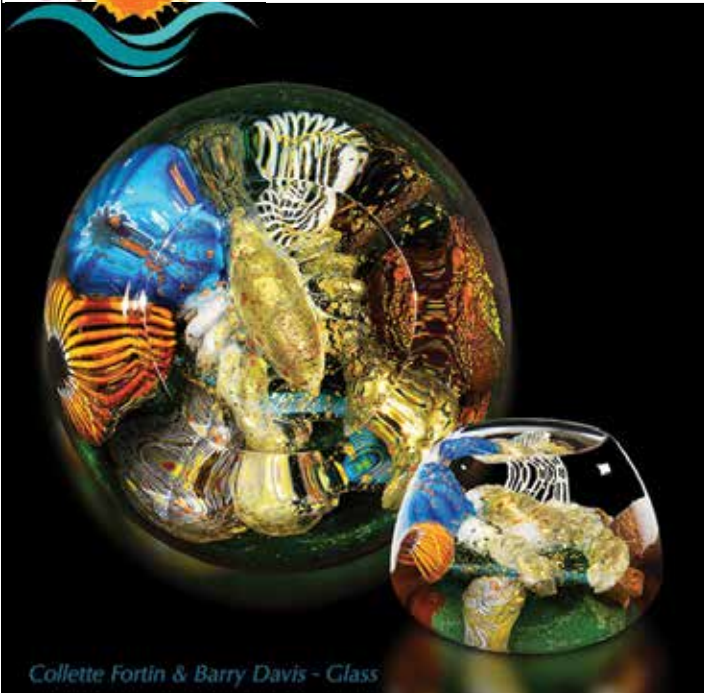
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# Annie

By Anne Erickson

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the timeless musical *Annie*, June 16-29 at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center. Director and choreographer Tim Higgins is thrilled to bring the show's "heartwarming, unapologetically sweet story" of orphan Annie to the Grosse Pointe community.

"One of the things I love about *Annie* is that we can all use some TLC in a sometimes turbulent world, and *Annie* fits that perfectly," Higgins says. "It's hard not to love the show, because it captivates. There are good characters and bad characters, and the good are rewarded. Plus, an unexpected family triumphs."

Higgins has been involved with Grosse Pointe Theatre since 1985 as an actor, director and choreographer.

He played the role of Rooster in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of *Annie* back in 2003.

"When this musical came up again, I thought it would be challenging and fun to direct and choreograph," he says.

As for the role of Annie, Higgins says more than 70 girls auditioned for the role.

"During the auditions, the


relationships that we saw between Annie and Daddy Warbucks were important, because that's the core of the story," Higgins says, adding that in the end, they picked Sarah Galle to portray Annie.

"Annie makes a whole new world for Daddy Warbucks, and Daddy Warbucks makes a whole new life for Annie," he says, "and we saw that in the auditions."

More than anything, Higgins hopes audience members leave *Annie* feeling simply happy.

"If we tell the story right and the relationships are real, then audiences will smile and say, 'That was a great show. I'm feeling good,'" he says. "This

is one of those feel good shows where you don't have to think heavy or deep. Let the TLC in, and enjoy it."

Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of *Annie* takes place June 16-29 at Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School. Various matinee and evening performances are available. Tickets are \$25. For show schedule and to purchase tickets, visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org). 

**Above, Sarah Galle as Annie; left, Michael Trudel as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, Maggie Bickerstaff as Grace Farrell, Sarah Galle as Annie, and Winston as Sandy the dog**

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**By Anne Erickson**

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s Legacy on the Lake is a beloved event that honors a distinguished member of the Grosse Pointe community and their special philanthropy and service work.

“We appreciate their contributions and body of good work as important pillars of our community and the legacy that they have created,” says board of directors member and Legacy on the Lake chair Dr. David Balle.

This year’s event, set for June 19 at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, will honor Mary and Ralph C. Wilson.

“Mary and the late Ralph C. Wilson Jr. were chosen to be honored this

year for their continuous legacy of civic leadership, philanthropic work and enduring compassion and goodwill toward others,” says Jennifer P. Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation.


Guests can expect a fun cocktail party with hors d’oeuvres, a three-course dinner, a fine selection of wine and dancing into the night, backed by a majestic, full orchestra.

Mary Wilson will also receive the Legacy on the Lake Award for the couple’s generous and extensive contributions to the well-being and vitality of the Grosse Pointes.

Proceeds from this year’s Legacy event will go toward building the foundation of an endowment that will fund sports-based recreational spaces within each of the five Grosse Pointe lakefront parks. Funding will be allocated on an annually rotating basis for specific projects and programs within the five Grosse Pointe parks.

While the delicious food, great company and full orchestra will be highlights of the event, Balle is most looking forward to spending time with the local Grosse Pointe community members.

“We are looking forward to celebrating our community and its wonderful people in a beautiful setting,” Balle says. “Now in its sixth year, the evening is fun and has become one of the best dinner parties of the year.”

Legacy on the Lake will take place at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on June 19 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$250 each. For information and tickets, visit [GrossePointeChamber.com](http://GrossePointeChamber.com). 



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# Pros and cons on marijuana

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

For years I have been asked about both medical and recreational marijuana. My patients who use it tout myriad benefits, including a decrease in pain, anxiety and sleep disturbances.

Perusing related articles in medical journals reveals that much of the information we have about marijuana's effects in humans is anecdotal or based on small or otherwise flawed studies.

Therein lies the first problem with making an informed decision:

There is limited research on marijuana use in people. One major reason for this is that marijuana is still classified as a Schedule I drug, which are drugs with high abuse potential and no acceptable medical use. This class also includes heroin, LSD, ecstasy and peyote. Unless this classification changes and more research occurs, it is difficult to speak with certainty on the objective benefits of marijuana.

Here are a few things that we do know so far about marijuana: Adverse effects are mostly mild and temporary, but severe anxiety and paranoia is more common, particularly in inexperienced users. Users should be aware that overdoses (from frequent or heavy use) do occur and can cause uncontrollable vomiting that may require hospitalization. It can trigger schizophrenia in susceptible people. Children and young adults (under approximately 25 years of age) should absolutely not use it because it interferes with brain development.

At the very least, as it is legal now in Michigan, treat it as alcohol and use responsibly.

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



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Trial Gardens at The War Memorial, which people will be encouraged to visit during the tour.

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# Annual Garden Tour Spotlights Ponds, Plants and Pollinators



By Margie Reins Smith

Seven local gardens will be open to the public during the Grosse Pointe Garden Center's annual Garden Tour on Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's theme is "Welcoming Nature's Guests to Your Yard."

"We have a new feature this year — an educational series," says chair Kathy Brown. "Experts will present workshops and information on the three P's: ponds, plants and pollinators."

Three talks are included with the ticket price and each will be offered on both Friday and Saturday:

- At 11 a.m., professional gardener Steve Hansen will talk about the creation and maintenance of ponds, including how to winterize a pond.
- At 1 p.m., "The Buzz About Bees" will focus on native pollinating bees and the plants that support them. Children 7 and older will be able to create a Mason Bee House.

• At 3 p.m., Rebecca Van Brien will discuss the lifecycle of Monarch butterflies.

Tour gardens are located in the Farms, the Park, the Shores and the



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Woods. Among the attractions:

- An English perennial garden specifically designed to attract birds, bees and butterflies
- A water garden and a "pondless" pond, a haven for hummingbirds
- A waterfall and pond designed by the homeowners. The pond holds 45

mature koi, water lilies, floating water lettuce and water hyacinths. Planted around the pond are Swamp Milkweed, a host to Monarch butterflies.

- A small vegetable garden featuring tomatoes, peppers and herbs
  - A silver maple tree that is more than 100 years old and probably dates back to an estate built on the property in 1915
  - A secret, walled water garden
  - A private evergreen space created with a variety of pine trees, arborvitae, boxwoods, maple trees, wild grasses and several varieties of hostas
  - A garden shop offering gardening supplies, native pollinator plants and items related to the live presentations
- Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 on the days of the event. They are for sale at Allemon's, 17727 Mack, and several local retail stores. Proceeds aid the Garden Center's goals: beautification, horticulture, education and conservation in the Grosse Pointes. ☎



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## Pear Trellis Rust

A recent discovery is trellis rust, a European fungus that attacks pear trees. Pear trellis rust is caused by the fungus *Gymnosporangium fuscum*. The fungus requires two alternate hosts to complete its life cycle. It overwinters on the twigs of juniper species and in early spring it infects newly developed leaves of pear tree species. The pear trellis rust fungus has been introduced to southern Ontario in recent years.

## Hosts and Damage

All species of pear are susceptible to the disease. There is no resistance observed on any ornamental pear species or varieties.

In May and June during warm, humid and rainy weather, the fungal spores spread from juniper to pear by wind. At the early stages of the disease, the infected pear leaves show small orange spots.

In early summer, the spots enlarge and become bright orange and later red lesions. In late summer, the underside of these lesions begin to swell and form a number of blisters. Spores released from these blisters are carried by wind back to juniper.



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1969 DeTomaso Mangusta



1979 Bitter CD

By Alexander Kelly

With the EyesOn Design car show fast approaching, it is only fitting that our next “Driving Grosse Pointe” feature Grosse Pointe Park resident Dick Ruzzin.

Ruzzin is responsible for creating the show concept years ago and pitching the plan to the DIO board. His two vehicles featured here will be on display at this year’s show.

Ruzzin has a long and impressive career in automotive design. Even Grosse Pointe children may be familiar with his work — Ruzzin designed the beloved sleigh for the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

He shares some of his history in the automotive business and how he acquired the unique 1969 DeTomaso Mangusta and 1979 Bitter CD.

### ***How did your passion for cars begin?***

I think it was before I could drive. I lived on a farm and three quarters of a mile from a main highway. I could see the cars going by, and I had the idea that they were going places and I wanted to go places.

My dad also liked cars. After WWII, he worked for a construction company and the owner of the company was a car fan who owned some neat cars. My dad bought a couple of the cars after they were two or three years old. That was

in the 50s and the whole car thing was growing. So I got involved. I bought an MG and put a Corvette engine in it. I studied industrial design and ultimately became a car designer at General Motors (GM) Design.

### ***How did you get your start in automotive design?***

I went to Michigan State University and studied industrial design. I wanted to be a car designer, but at that time there was a slight recession, no one was hiring. So two and a half years later, I tried again at GM, but I had to redo my portfolio. There was no movement in the corporation between divisions. They had a rule that you could not leave one division and go to another without quitting. But my wife was pregnant, about to leave her job, and we were living in an apartment. I explained the situation and she said, ‘Well, just quit.’ I had about a one in two hundred chance of getting hired, and I got hired. If I was single in that situation, since I had a good job and a good car, I don’t know if I would’ve done it.

### ***How did you acquire the DeTomaso Mangusta?***

The DeTomaso Mangusta was an unusual situation. When the car came out in 1966, it was ahead of anything that had been done. Two years later, the Vice President of Design at GM,

who was my boss, was in Turin, Italy, and he told DeTomaso he wanted one, but he didn’t want a Ford engine. So DeTomaso says, ‘send me any engine you want, I’ll put it in the car for you.’ They built a special engine for it, sent it to Italy and the car was brought here. My boss drove it all he wanted.

After three or four months, he decided to sell it. Three of us wanted it, so there was a raffle. I ended up winning the opportunity to purchase the Mangusta. I didn’t understand the significance of it being the one in 400 to be different from the others that had a Chevrolet engine rather than a Ford. It’s a ‘one of one.’ (Ruzzin also wrote a design book about the DeTomaso Mangusta.)

### ***What led you to buying the Bitter CD?***

I was the designer. I was sent to work in Germany for six months at Opel Design. During my last month, a project had developed very quickly. It was around a racing driver named Erich Bitter, who had raced Opels and beat the Porsches consistently. They decided they would offer him the special opportunity to build a car off of the Opel platform. It had a Chevrolet V8 in it. I was transferred into the studio where the Diplomat was designed. We started this project and we only had one month to define a theme for the car. We did two scale models, and my model

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was chosen. I stayed one week longer to finish up the design, went home and totally forgot about it.

Two and a half years later, one appeared in our executive garage at work. I couldn't believe it because it was my scale model. Years went by and I never thought of owning one. Then I went back to Europe in 1991 as Director of Design for GM Europe. We did another car for Erich Bitter. I eventually came back and about seven years ago, I wondered, could I get a Bitter?

I saw a scale model at Pasteiner's on Woodward and bought it. Then I found a website called Bring a Trailer. There was a discussion going on about the Bitter and how the design was done. I knew, so I wrote a story about it. I explained that we wanted to make the CD look Italian but with German engineering. I had taken inspiration from the Mangusta, which I already owned. At the end of the story, I wrote that I was interested in buying a Bitter.

I got a response from a guy who had the car. There were only 396 made, so there weren't many. Turns out he lived only 30 miles from my son in Los Angeles. The car is purple with a dark blue interior. My wife and I drove it from Los Angeles to here in Michigan.

**What brought you to Grosse Pointe?**

My wife and I lived in Clinton Township. I was working at GM Design. I wanted to move to a more upscale neighborhood. My wife never thought I would find a place that I liked, but I found a house. I've lived here about 37 years now, and it's has been great.

I feel that the reason the Pointes are so stable is because there are five of them and none of them have enough power to do anything dramatic. So they stay the way they are and it's great. The location is fantastic. Lake Shore Drive is one of the most beautiful drives in the world. It's close to downtown Detroit. Everyone is nice, it's fairly quiet and there's not too much traffic. It's a great community and a great place to live. ☺

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# Meet Jack



<b>Name</b>	Jack Nemeh
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<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>Occupation</b>	Retired machinery set-up man

## Jack's Favorites

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- Restaurant**  
Anywhere I go on Saturdays with my daughter. We rotate to different restaurants in the area.
- Vacation**  
Hawaii
- Activity**  
Listening to the news online
- Dessert**  
Kanafeh

## About Jack

Jack was born and raised in Jordan before immigrating to the United States. He and wife Sossi (deceased) raised six children, Norma, John, George, Kathy, Jack and Emily in New York and then in Michigan.

In his youth, Jack enjoyed photography. Now that his sight has worsened, he enjoys listening to current events online, especially world politics.

He remarks on how funny it is that there are often several voices arguing their points, but no one has the complete truth. "The thing is, we have to know how to listen."

And of the conflicts he so often hears on news outlets: "My greatest hope is mercy from God for the people to love each other. What I want more than anything is peace among people. The peace makes you walk in the light, not in the dark."

He enjoys spending time with his eight grandchildren, socializing at The Helm, and looks forward to celebrating his 90th birthday in September.

### What do you miss about being a kid?

My friends

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

We went from America to Japan to China. In China, it was interesting hearing all of the different languages and dialects, visiting The Great Wall of China, as well as The Forbidden City and The Terracotta Army.

### What accomplishment makes you proudest?

That I accept anything that happens to me, from God. Nothing is in my hands, so I don't get upset by anything. I have been very lucky, but with God's help.

### Do you collect anything?

When I was younger, I collected photographs and stamps.

### Words to live by?

We pray for peace, we pray for mercy from God.

# Long-term care policy? Now what?

By John Channing

Put yourself on the back, you planned well. That long-term care policy you purchased should protect you and your family from financial ruin.

Fast forward a few decades give or take. Nothing tragic has happened, you have been happily retired for a while now; however, now you need some help around the house. Nothing major at first, so you hold off asking for help.



Eventually, if you are to stay in your home, you going to need help. That long-term care policy you've been paying into for decades is just the ticket. You call the provider and initiate a claim. The provider sends a nurse out to do an assessment and it is determined that you need the assistance of a caregiver for eight hours a day.

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In the above example, the policy holder would be on the hook for the first \$20,000 of care. I have seen elimination period expenses exceed \$30,000 and watched many people essentially walk away from a policy that they have paid into for decades because the elimination period will break them and their family financially.

It is my experience that most people wait too long to initiate their claim, and when they finally try to get help, they are in a more advanced state of decline.

It may seem counterintuitive but initiating a claim at the first sign of disability can get you more care for less. The last thing you want to do is to have to walk away from a policy that you have been paying into for decades.

John Channing is owner of BrightStar Care of Grosse Pointe/Macomb. He can be reached at (586) 279-3610 or john.channing@brightstarcare.com.

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## A SOUPER WAY TO CELEBRATE SUMMER

By Joyce Wiswell

Celebrate summer while supporting one of Detroit's most enduring charities on June 22 at the 38th annual Ahee Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park, which benefits Detroit's venerable Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

The evening from edmund t. AHEE jewelers of Grosse Pointe Woods includes a varied lineup of food, music and entertainment as attendees are free to wander around the home of the Detroit Tigers. Admission is free; all money is raised via raffle tickets and donations.

And it's a lot of money — the Ahees have raised more than \$7 million for the

Capuchins since the family patriarch, Edmund, held the first benefit 37 years ago at the Roostertail.

"My father came to us — I am the youngest of seven — and said, 'thank God none of you will ever know what it's like to wonder about where your next meal will come from,'" John Ahee recalls. "He grew up near a soup kitchen and never forgot what he'd seen. He was very philanthropic and cared so much about the poor."

That first event brought in \$8,000 — "we were elated," John says — and has grown every year since, with thousands of people attending.

After being greeted at the entrance by the Capuchin Gospel Choir — a big hit last year — party-goers can check out food and amusements scattered throughout the stadium, including a jazz

singer, a piano player, a DJ spinning dance music and headlining band Your Generation. The evening caps off with fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Plans are underway for a shuttle from the Grosse Pointe area to the stadium.

The raffles remain the event's best-known feature. Just a \$5 ticket could net a behind-the-scenes tour of Ahee Jewelers with the opportunity to design your own diamond bauble; exquisite pieces of fine sapphire and aquamarine jewelry; and unique experiences like a stay at the new Shinola Hotel — along with two Shinola watches as a keepsake.

"It's the first full day of summer and we are really playing off that theme," says Stefan Ahee, who is part of the family's third generation. "We always have a great turnout, and we're always looking to see some fresh new faces, too."

Learn more at [ahee.com/capuchin](http://ahee.com/capuchin) or [cskdetroit.org](http://cskdetroit.org). Raffle winners need not be present to win. [P](#)



Above, Delaney Uille, Daniela Garza, Paws, Sarah Kilbride, Olivia Johnson, Alyssa Ninkovich and Sam McDowell; left, Br. Jerry Johnson, Peter Ahee, Lisa Ahee, Fr. Tom Nguyen and Nicole Ahee

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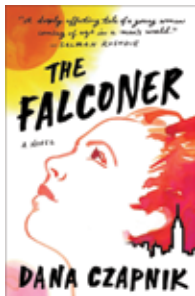


# Peggy's Picks



**By Peggy Kitchel**  
**Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library**

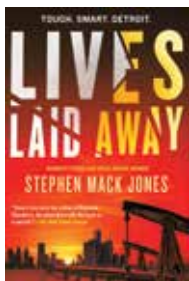
A cottage by the lake is a lovely place to be. Before you head Up North, stop by your library to pick up a few books. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens is, by far, the favorite book of the GPPL staff. Want to know what we are reading now? Here's the list!



**The Falconer**

By Anissa Gray  
 Coming of age

in 1990s New York City is not easy. Lucy is fearless on the basketball court but uncertain in everyday life. She's cynical, insecure and self-possessed and is in unrequited love with her best friend. As she navigates her way, she contends with the expectations of others and encounters the constraints of society. Two of the best "characters" in the novel are New York and basketball.

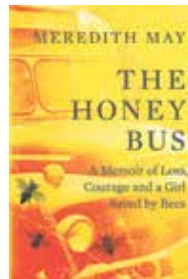


**Lives Laid Away**

By Stephen Mack Jones

When the body of an unidentified young Hispanic woman dressed as Queen Marie Antoinette is dredged from the Detroit River, August's friend Elena recognizes the woman as a local teenager, Isadora del Torres — and she's not the only young woman to have

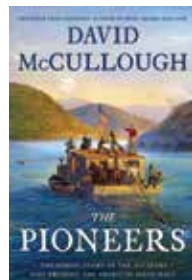
disappeared during an ICE raid. August Snow will not sit by and watch his neighbors suffer. He puts his own life on the line to protect his community.



**The Honey Bus**

By Meredith May  
 Meredith's first

close encounter was at once terrifying and exhilarating. She turned to her grandfather and the art of beekeeping as an escape from her troubled reality. Her mother had receded into a volatile cycle of neurosis and despair. It was during this pivotal time that she learned to take care of herself and forged an unbreakable bond with her grandfather. The bees became a guiding force in her life, teaching her about family and community, loyalty and survival.



**Pioneers**

By David McCullough

The Pulitzer Prize-winning historian rediscovers an important chapter in the American story—the settling of the Northwest Territory. In his signature style, he tells the story through five major characters: Cutler and Putnam; Cutler's son, Ephraim; and two other men, one a carpenter turned architect, and the other a physician who became a

prominent pioneer in American science. While coping with frontier realities, they created a town in the wilderness.



**The Library of Lost and Found**

By Phaedra Patrick

Martha Storm has dedicated her life to helping others, yet, she feels invisible. When a book of fairy tales arrives on her doorstep, she finds a dedication written to her by her grandmother, Zelda, who died mysteriously years earlier. Martha discovers a clue that her grandmother may still be alive. As she delves deeper into Zelda's past, she reveals a family secret that will change her life forever.



**The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls**

By Anissa Gray

The Butler family has had their share of trials, but nothing prepares them for the literal trial that will upend their lives. Althea, the eldest, is a force to be reckoned with and her sisters have alternately appreciated and chafed at her strong will. They are as stunned as the rest of the small community when she and her husband, Proctor, are arrested. ♣

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# Just ‘Imagine’ What Virginia Ficarra Has Been Up To

By Joyce Wiswell



A growing field of research supports the theory that people need nature for emotional and physical well-being. One recent study from Georgetown University found that simply looking at photos of nature provides a “quick, inexpensive and enjoyable means” for a temporary boost.

None of this is news to Virginia Ficarra, who is passionate about the need for people to become more involved with the natural world and stimulate their imagination.

In fact, “Imagine” is the name of her new art series, a, ahem, imaginative photography collection that shows the natural world in new and somewhat fantastic ways.

“Nature is the one common denominator in life for all of us,” says the Grosse Pointe Woods resident. “Putting a picture up in your room can

change your whole mood.”

But her work doesn’t merely document the beauty of the natural world — she laboriously edits each image to present everyday images in a unique, surrealistic style. “I think you could hang them up anywhere and feel better,” she says.


Ficarra notes that she can customize “Imagine” pictures for anything from home to office décor. “It is also a tool that can stimulate a child’s creativity,” she adds.

The series is just the latest from the prolific Ficarra, a former art teacher, interior designer and color specialist who writes Pointe Magazine’s “Right at Home” column.

In addition to “Imagine,” she’s determined to expand her “Healing Tree of Life ®” (copyright 2015) design around the world. The 1,000-foot winding walkway, which she

designed in 2015 for a park in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, with inspiration that came “like a wisp in the wind,” encourages reflective meditation.

“As time has gone by, I have become more and more excited about it,” she says. “My long-range plan is to have a green path around the earth where people can go to just contemplate. For centuries mankind has been looking for something like this, and the solution has been there all the time. As Hippocrates said, ‘walking is man’s best medicine.’ If every community would work together, we could do it.”

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## POINTE | estate attorney Who's in charge of the body?

**By Jon B. Gandelot**

This is a scary story. Recently Ruth, a widow with three children, died unexpectedly. Shortly before her death, she mentioned to her daughter, Gail, who lives in Michigan, that she wanted to be cremated. Gail went to the funeral home to make arrangements for the cremation and was told that she and her two out-of-state brothers would all have to sign the cremation authorization.

Her brother, Bob, who lived in Australia, declined to sign the authorization. He claimed that his mother had told him, several years earlier, that she wanted to be buried next to her parents in Saginaw.

This situation could have been avoided by Ruth, the mother, with some simple planning.

In 2016, Michigan adopted the "Funeral Representative Designation" statute. This law, promoted by the funeral home industry, permits an individual to name a person who is legally in charge of making funeral arrangements and is in charge of the disposition of the remains. Anyone over the age of 18 may act as the representative.

By naming a Funeral Representative, the tension when children cannot agree on the arrangements, could be eliminated, if there are no relatives nearby at the time of death, or if there is an estranged relationship.

Of course, Ruth could have also written her wishes for her cremation and given the document, together with the Funeral Representative Designation, to Gail. That would have been the proper thing to do. Planning ahead is always best.

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# DESTINATION: NEW ZEALAND

By Lauren McGregor



After seeing a short segment on the nightly news, Grosse Pointe Woods residents Andrew and Rachel Moran were decided upon a destination for their trip of a lifetime.

“In 2015, we saw a report on NBC Nightly News about how a lot of Americans were moving to New Zealand. We stopped what we were doing and researched it online. My husband was immediately sold.

“We’d taken roadtrips in the past, but never done something big,” says Rachel. “We knew this had to be it.”

This January, the couple finally did it, beginning their adventure in Auckland.

“My favorite day was during this leg of the trip. We traveled north of Auckland about an hour and a half and spent the day cruising the Hauruki Gulf,” says Rachel. “We went to Little Barrier Island and swam, kayaked and snorkeled. It was amazing to see the sealife including jellyfish, colorful fish, sea urchins and even an octopus!”

The boat tour was not one billed to

tourists, but a lesser known individual their travel agent had found.

Rachel laughs, “Just a guy with a boat. He brought homemade food for us, sandwiches, gear for paddleboarding, snorkeling. He enjoyed all of the activities as much as we did. It was very laid back.”

Next, in Queenstown, the Morans hiked the Rob Roy Glacier, visited wildlife reserves, saw Kiwi birds, swung into the Shotover Canyon (similar to a bungee jump), rode a jet boat in the canyon and visited Onsen pools for scenic hot tub relaxation.

After Queenstown, the couple journeyed to Christchurch. In 2011, Christchurch suffered two earthquakes within five months.

“It was awesome to tour in and outside of the city and see how it was rebuilding itself and having such a positive attitude,” says Rachel. “After we returned, the Christchurch mosque shootings occurred. We were heartbroken. That city can’t get a break.”

From Christchurch, the Morans travelled south one day to cruise the Akaroa Harbor and saw more wildlife including Hector’s dolphin, penguins and fur seals.


Their final stop was Rotorua, from which they visited the famed village of Hobbiton.

Of all the astounding sites, what the pair miss most about New Zealand is the carefree attitude.

“We joke about it now. People there were always saying something like, ‘You’ve got a few minutes, go grab yourself a coffee.’ There was never any hurry,” says Rachel.

They also loved the ease of transportation. The pair traversed the country primarily using public transit, and sometimes a taxi or shuttle.

“We can’t wait to return,” says Rachel. Though it may be 10 years away, she laughs.

*Have recent travels you would like to share with Pointe Magazine? E-mail your adventure to [Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com](mailto:Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com).* 



Little Barrier Island



Queenstown



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Hobbiton (The Shire)

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# Skin cancer awareness

By Dr. Meredith Price

*M*ay is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. During this month, dermatologists

work to heighten awareness of melanoma, squamous cell and basal cell carcinoma. I encourage everyone to take steps to prevent skin cancer, and to detect it early, when it is most treatable. Here are some tips to help you take those steps:



Wear sunscreen and practice other sun protective measures; you can help prevent skin cancer from occurring. Try UV protective clothing, apply SPF 50+ sunscreen (reapply every 2-3 hours or after swimming/sweating), wear a hat, seek the shade during peak hours (between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) and don't forget sunglasses to protect your eyes.

A yearly full body skin exam with a board certified dermatologist is a simple measure that can be life saving. We look carefully from head to toe for concerning spots on the skin. This includes areas that are difficult to monitor yourself, such as your scalp and behind your ears.

A monthly self skin exam allows you to get familiar with the moles on your body. This is important because a change in the appearance or behavior of a spot can be a sensitive indicator of a problem. See your dermatologist if you have an area of concern, even if it is ahead of time for your yearly exam.

Hamzavi Dermatology Grosse Pointe will host a free SPOTme Skin Cancer Screening in early May. Look out for future dates and come see us anytime!

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## the next chapter at Ferlito's



By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Ferlito's Restaurant, one of Southeast Michigan's long-established Italian eateries, is completing interior remodeling and improvements designed to continue welcoming loyal patrons and invite new ones through its doors.

Chef Josh Mowen, a former Ferlito's employee, bought the restaurant four years ago after studying at Le Cordon Bleu and traveling to Europe. His return to Michigan in 2010 led to a vision of entrepreneurship that he hopes will support local tradition while strengthening business in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Being Irish-Italian, I've always leaned toward Italian food, but I love all food," says Mowen.

While growing up in Harper Woods and other nearby neighborhoods, Mowen became familiar with the popular Ferlito's, located at 20745 Mack Ave. Formerly Carmen's, the site was a family-owned Italian restaurant for decades.

Mowen found employment at Ferlito's in 2006, but he was headed toward a career in computer-aided design until a co-worker persuaded him to relocate to Chicago for culinary school. Following Le Cordon Bleu and an externship at a bed and breakfast in Sorrento, Italy, Mowen returned to metro Detroit and

worked in the kitchens of some of the region's most prominent chefs.

Taking over Ferlito's was part of a goal to preserve its long-time appeal while enhancing its presence as a community attraction, Mowen says. Updates to the restaurant began last year, including new paint, vinyl seating booths, renovated floors, brick decorations and tile accents from Italy. A wine brand theme adorns Ferlito's ceiling, and paintings by Leah Nadeau, a product of the Pointes, decorate walls.

The goal of the visual improvements was to stimulate the social experience by keeping his guest's "head up," Mowen says. "It keeps you looking around, keeps you out of your phone and looking at the person across the table from you."

Reducing freezer space in the kitchen led to using more fresh, locally sourced ingredients in Ferlito's original Italian recipes, Mowen says. Meanwhile, replacing the salad bar with a

small salad preparation area let Ferlito's hire two part-time student employees.

"I started in September and I can tell you it's like going from the '70's to the 21st century," says Brad Kahn, assistant manager.

Ferlito's also added lunch hours and spirits to the beverage menu. Mowen is proud that he's been able to keep costs comparable to the prices of earlier years. It's not lost on the owner that he caters to customers – like one family whose four generations often visit together – with high expectations.

"We want to be a restaurant that brings a twist to family dining," Mowen says, "and still be a place that welcomes new families and long-time customers." Φ



Photos by Lauren McGregor

# Overcome fears

By Ken Welch

Don't be your own worst enemy. One of the more unusual excuses I've heard for not joining a gym is that the person felt they were too out of shape to come in. They thought they needed to lose weight first and generally get their act together before signing up for a membership. They feared sticking out and quietly being made fun of. They felt they would experience some sort of rejection or humiliation because everybody else was in better shape than they were.



Planet Fitness recently hired research firm Kelton Global to conduct an online survey of 2,217 adult Americans. When asked, 62 percent of participants said they have attempted to get into shape before joining a club, and another 45 percent said judgment-related fears have kept them away from fitness facilities entirely.

Another 40 percent of respondents said they feel judged for their specific body type while publicly exercising, and 54 percent said they attempt to exercise in secluded, more private areas of their gyms.

To help conquer these fears, I offer these thoughts. First, before thinking about workouts or goals, practice just coming to the gym. Talk to yourself, get off the couch, get in the car, get to your destination, find a parking place, take a breath and walk in. Then find the most passive thing to do, usually a bike, and practice just being there. Put yourself in the fitness arena and get accustomed to everything that's going on around you. As you observe everyone working out, tell yourself two things:

1: Fitness is not a competition. It's totally a personal endeavor. It's only about you. 2: No one cares what you're doing or what you look like. They're too busy with their own stuff.

The more you repeat and practice this, the more you'll realize how true those two points are. It's all uphill from there.

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

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# Getting married?

By Lina Bowman

Congratulations! While discussing finances certainly isn't considered romantic, it is one of the most important conversations you should have before the big event. Have this discussion before and throughout your marriage to help you get and stay on the road to a happy marriage.



As with all goals, start with the end in mind. How do you envision your lives together? Are children a part of your plan? Or perhaps you already have children from a prior marriage? When would you like to retire and what does that look like? Would you like to retire at 55, 65 or perhaps never? Would you like to volunteer together or spend your time traveling the world?

Now that you've discussed your future together, back it up by getting organized and creating a financial plan so that you have a road map to help you reach your dreams. The basics include the day-to-day finances of bill paying, budgeting and debt management. Create a savings plan — short term for emergency funds and health savings and long term for college and retirement. Consider life insurance to protect each other and review beneficiary forms and update as desired. A SMART goal of trying to save and invest 25 percent of all income can help reduce stress and create the future that you're envisioning.

Put together your financial road map and review it annually to help keep you on track. Don't feel you have to do it alone — a good wealth manager can help!

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# Rules — and following them

By Anna Bartolotta

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*Anna Bartolotta is owner of Grosse Pointe Apartments and Property Management. This area's only dedicated, full service, full time rental agency staffed with licensed agents.*

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## MEMORIAL DAY IN GROSSE POINTE

All are welcome to honor those who lost their lives in service of our country in two ceremonies in the Grosse Pointes on Monday, May 27:

At The War Memorial, the annual ceremony takes place on the back lawn. Beginning at 10 a.m., the names of the Grosse Pointe residents who lost their lives for our country are read, keynote speaker General Mitchell will speak, a gun salute and military flyover will take place, concluding with a bagpipe performance of “Amazing Grace.”

In Grosse Pointe Woods, a ceremony will take place at the Circle of Honor at Mack and Vernier, also at 10 a.m. The ceremony includes a keynote speaker, music and a moment of solemnity.

The War Memorial reminds us: “Our veterans are not just names in a history book. They are our fathers and our brothers, our mothers and our sisters, they are our friends and our neighbors ... Their stories of sacrifice and courage must be preserved and shared with every generation so that we may as a community always be mindful of the selfless, brave individuals that are responsible for keeping our nation free.” 





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# MEMORIAL WEEK

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WHEN **TUESDAY, MAY 21**

TIME 7pm

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November 4-December 16

### CARDIO CORE

Saturdays, 9-10am  
November 9-December 21

### CHAIR YOGA

Saturdays, 10:15-11:15am  
November 9-December 21



### IYENGAR YOGA

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm  
September 12-October 24  
November 7-December 19

### AEROBIC DANCING BY JACKI SORENSON

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:45-9:45am  
June 10-August 29  
September 16-December 9

### TAI CHI WITH JENNIFER

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15pm  
June 4-July 9  
July 23-August 27  
September 10-October 15  
November 5-December 10

### BETTER BALANCE WITH QI GONG

Thursdays, 11:30am-12:30pm  
June 6-July 18  
July 25-August 29  
September 12-October 17  
November 7-December 12

### COMING SUMMER 2019

### CYR WHEEL FITNESS

### ADULT AND PEDIATRIC CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Wednesday, 6-9:30pm  
August 7 or November 6

### SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm  
May 29, July 24 or October 9

### SELF DEFENSE FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, 2-4:00pm  
May 29 or August 6

## SPORTS AND GAMES

### FENCING SESSIONS

July 1-July 29  
September 9-October 7  
October 14-November 11  
November 18-December 16



### BEGINNER FENCING

Mondays, 7-7:45pm

### INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Mondays, 7:45-8:30pm

### ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 8:30-9:15pm

### BICYCLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Thursday, 7-9pm  
May 16 or September 12

## MUSIC AND DANCE

### NEW CLASS

### PIANO I-INTRODUCTION TO PIANO

Tuesdays, 11am-12:30pm  
September 17-November 19

### PIANO II-BEGINNING PIANO

Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm  
September 19-November 21

### PIANO III-INTERMEDIATE PIANO

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm  
September 19-November 21

### BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 7-8pm

### BOLERO

June 20-August 1

### WEST COAST SWING

August 8-September 12

### WALTZ AND RUMBA

September 19-October 24

### FOXTROT AND SWING

November 7-December 12

### INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 8:15-9:15pm

### VIENNESE WALTZ

June 20-August 1

### QUICKSTEP

August 8-September 12

### CHA CHA

September 19-October 24

### WALTZ

November 7-December 12

### ADVANCED BALLROOM DANCING

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

### TANGO/SAMBA

May 7-June 11

### BOLERO/MAMBO

September 17-October 22

### SMOOTH DANCE/RHYTHM DANCE REVIEW

November 12-December 17

### LA DANSE ORIENTAL-THE ART OF BELLY DANCING

Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm  
September 18-October 23

### LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, 6-7pm  
May 1-June 5

## ART, CRAFTS, AND HOBBIES

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Class to resume in Fall 2019

### CORK AND CLAY WITH PEWABIC POTTERY

Class to resume in Fall 2019

## YOUTH

### BABYSITTER SAFETY WITH OPTIONAL PET SITTER SAFETY

Saturday, 9am-3pm  
May 11, August 10 or October 26

### SELF DEFENSE FOR KIDS

Wednesday, 5-6pm  
May 29, July 24 or October 9

### SAFE ON CAMPUS

Monday, 6:30-8:30pm  
August 5

### YOUTH ETIQUETTE TRAINING (AGES 8-12)

Saturday, 10am-Noon  
June 29 or July 13

### NEW CLASS

### PROTOCOL AND ETIQUETTE (AGES 13-17)

Saturday, 10am-Noon  
July 20 or August 10

### NEW CLASS

### YOUTH ETIQUETTE AND HOLIDAY MANNERS

Saturday, 10am-Noon

### AGES 8-12

November 2

### AGES 13-17

December 7 or December 14

### NEW CLASS

### YOUTH COOKING SERIES WITH CHEF PAM

Dates announced in Fall 2019

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 9AM-8PM

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## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

### NEW CLASS

#### PLANT BASED NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 6:30-8pm  
October 2 or January 15

#### ANCESTRY: FINDING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Class to resume in Fall 2019

#### OUT OF THE ORDINARY, INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wednesdays, 7-9pm

#### PAST LIVES AND FUTURE FORTUNES

October 9

#### PSYCHIC FUN NIGHT

October 16

## DAY TRIPS

Most day trips include a lunch stop! Visit [www.warmemorial.org/daytrips](http://www.warmemorial.org/daytrips) for complete itineraries. New trips are always being added!

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Lunch at 11am  
Movie around 12:15pm

#### RUN, FORREST, RUN!

#### FORREST GUMP

Monday, May 13

#### BONJOUR, PARIS!

#### FUNNY FACE

Tuesday, June 11

#### SUMMER LOVIN'!

#### GREASE

Tuesday, July 9

#### I LIKE TO BE IN AMERICA!

#### WEST SIDE STORY

Tuesday, August 20

#### NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

Wednesday, May 8

#### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE GREAT LAKES

Wednesday, June 12

#### SUMMER DISCOVERY CRUISE-NATURE OF LAKE ST. CLAIR

Thursday, June 27

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#### BABYSITTER SAFETY AND PET SITTER SAFETY

#### CODE MASTERS CAMP

#### FORTNITE FANATICS CAMP

#### ROBLOX REBELS CAMP

#### ACTING AND PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

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#### COMERICA PARK TOUR

Monday, July 22

#### GREASE AT THE HURON COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

Thursday, August 15

#### DOW GARDENS AND WHITING FOREST CANOPY

Thursday, September 12

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AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

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MAY 8

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MEMORIAL MUSEUM



MAY 11

The Met Live in HD  
DIALOGUES DES  
CARMELITES



MAY 13

Daycation: Lunch  
and Movie  
FORREST GUMP



MAY 14

Dinner and Remarks  
AN EVENING WITH  
CHEF NATALIA  
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MAY 16

The Wine Counselor®  
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COCKTAILS



MAY 21

OUR COMMUNITY  
SALUTES



MAY 23

AN EVENING OF RED,  
WHITE, AND BLUE



MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY  
SERVICE



MAY 30

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MEMORIAL WEEK



JUN 12

Day Trip  
NATIONAL MUSEUM  
OF GREAT LAKES



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JOYS OF GIN



JUL 22

Day Trip  
COMERICA PARK  
TOUR



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JUL 22

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YOUR DRAGON 1 & 2



JUL 23

DAVE BENNETT

SUMMERFEST AT THE WAR MEMORIAL



JUL 24

MICHIGAN OPERA  
THEATRE



Double feature

JUL 29

BRAVE AND MOANA



JUL 30

MAINSTREET SOUL



JUL 31

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MARGARITAVILLE



AUG 15

Day Trip  
GREASE AT  
HURON COUNTRY  
PLAYHOUSE

SUMMERFEST AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

# PUBLISHER'S PICK EXCEPTIONAL GRADS 2019



**GROSSE POINTE NORTH • GROSSE POINTE SOUTH • UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to Pointe Magazine Publisher's Pick Exceptional Grads 2019!

Grosse Pointe Public School System and University Liggett School officials nominated a selection of their highest achieving students, then advised us in narrowing the candidates to six who best exemplify all that Grosse Pointe education and opportunity have to offer.

After much consideration, we are pleased to welcome Ritika Pansare, Sam Salisbury, Devon Krasner, Michael Willard, Nicole Rivera and Victor Tawansy into the ranks of graduates we honor in each May-June issue.

The minimum requirements for an 'Exceptional Grad' nomination include a 3.8 grade point average, notable awards, extracurricular activities, community service

and leadership roles. Each year, our picks far exceed such requirements.

These individuals have developed their own companies, led mission trips, penned award winning works, earned the highest academic awards, served on student council, captained athletic teams, and spent countless hours tutoring and helping others. Their hard work has warranted them acceptance into the likes of Cornell University, Vanderbilt University, University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University to name a few.

We invite you to read about their wide-ranging accomplishments and trust you will be just as awed by their passion and dedication to learning and achieving, as well as making the world a better place.



# GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Ritika Pansare

**Parents:** Vaishali and Milind Pansare

**GPA:** 4.22 **ACT:** 35

**College:** University of Michigan

**Degree and career path:**

I am pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering and would like to be an intellectual property lawyer.



### Q&A:

**What notable activities did you partake in at North?**

FIRST Robotics, Social Justice League, National Honor Society, Harbinger, Link Crew, and Archery

**What are your most notable accomplishments?**

FIRST Dean's List Award Finalist, poetry published in The Albion Review and Polyphony HS Literary Magazine, AP Scholar Award with Distinction, and recipient of the University of Michigan Regents Scholarship

**What accomplishment makes you most proud?**

My greatest accomplishment was being named a FIRST Dean's List Award Finalist. There are only 100 finalists each year amongst thousands of FIRST students and I was extremely honored to be one of them. This award was a culmination of my work in my robotics team — leading the award winning Chairman's team, starting a middle school robotics team, and introducing WOW (to empower women in STEM) to our team.

**What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?**

The faculty in the Grosse Pointe Public School System is phenomenal. Apart from being talented teachers, they are also compassionate and caring, and I have been able to form meaningful and lasting relationships with a lot of my teachers.

**Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My greatest inspiration is my mom. She is a bold and fearless leader in her field, yet still makes time for her family. She is compassionate, yet ambitious, and has always inspired me to be the best version of myself that I can possibly be.

**What was the greatest challenge you undertook?**

[The greatest challenge] was a unique opportunity to collaborate with University of Michigan on an in-depth research project aiming to identify students' attitudes towards diversity. This research project ... forced me to confront the way I thought about diversity and allowed me a chance to conduct hands-on research with college faculty. We took the findings from our research and created tangible change within the school to address concerns we found.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

I will have completed my undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering and will also have completed law school. I will be working as a patent lawyer, specifically in the biotechnology field, with a special interest in prosthetic devices.

## Sam Salisbury

**Parents:** Kevin and Kathryn Salisbury

**GPA:** 4.25

**College:** Belmont University

**Degree and career path:** I will pursue a degree in songwriting, commercial music, or music business. I'd love to pursue a career in the music industry, whether it be in writing, management, performance or production, as well as worship leading.



### Q&A:

**What notable activities did you partake in at North?**

Grace Youth Worship Ministry, Grace Community Church Global Outreach, Grosse Pointe North Choirs, Grosse Pointe North Drama Club, and freelance performing artist

**What community service did you participate in?**

I have led fourth and fifth grade small groups at my church, and volunteered with the worship ministries prior to receiving a position in youth worship direction. In 2017, I traveled to a village in Belize for a mission trip with our youth team, where our respective churches built a relationship with one another. In 2018, our team went on another mission trip to Ball State University, where we partnered with an on-campus ministry.

**What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

AP Scholar Award; National Society of High School Scholars member; written, produced, and published music; lead roles in two musicals through Grosse Pointe North Drama; acceptance into Belmont University's School of Music and recipient of its Faculty Merit Scholarship

**What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?**

Not many students receive their education in a school system that has the teachers and environment of GPPSS ... I realize the privilege that comes with the opportunities that Grosse Pointe students receive.

**What accomplishment makes you most proud?**

I am most proud of my spiritual and musical growth, which have led me to the opportunity of holding a position at my church as a worship leader.

**What was the greatest challenge you undertook?**

It's been giving God the control in areas of my life that I really like to have the power over. I've struggled with God over who I'll let lead my decisions and my life — myself or him. It is said that "God's way is better than my own," but it gets much tougher to put into practice. I believe it's the most worthwhile way to live my life, and I'm working to improve at it.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

I see myself doing the best I can to love on others, knowing the Lord more, and living a life that reflects him.

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# Publisher's Pick Exceptional Grads

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

### **Devon Krasner**

**Parents:** Maureen and Charles Krasner

**GPA:** 4.25 **ACT:** 33

**College:** I've narrowed down my list to Bucknell University (recruited for running), Kenyon College, University of Michigan, and Vanderbilt University.

**Degree and career path:** I want to study communication disorders and linguistics and I plan to pursue a career in speech pathology/education.



### **Q&A:**

#### **What notable activities did you partake in at South?**

Four years varsity cross-country/track, including senior captain cross-country; four years marching band, including drum major for two years; Link Crew, including co-president senior year; Student Association; Varsity Club; German Honor Society; NHS; DECA; Tri-M Music Honor Society

#### **What community service did you participate in?**

I've done many community service activities, but dearest to my heart was weekly literacy tutoring through SOAR Detroit.

#### **What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

AP Scholar of Distinction; Gold Honor, Silver Honor from the American Association of Teachers of German; Lakeshore Optimists of Grosse Pointe Youth Appreciation Award; DECA Champion/High Honors; qualified for the Deca International Conference; MSBOA District & State Division 1 (Superior) ratings for brass choir ensemble; in track and cross country: State Final runner, awarded Michigan Academic All-State, Most Improved 2016, Blue Devil 2017, and MVP 2017, 2018

#### **What accomplishment makes you most proud?**

Singing solos with the jazz band; leading my friends in marching band; running with my team and helping to lead and support them; stepping out of my comfort zone in DECA; and connecting with special education students in my speech therapy independent study

#### **What was the greatest challenge you undertook?**

I suffered a hip stress reaction causing me to sit on the sidelines for six weeks of an important track season. During that time, I found support from my friends, healing strength from medical professionals, and my own resilience. With that help, I was able to run the last meet of the season and win at State Regionals, qualifying for State Finals in the 1600-meter run.

#### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My greatest inspiration is my friend Kiki Simopolous. She is an amazingly kind person and always helps anyone in need. Watching her survive and thrive in school, and with friends, has been the most jaw-dropping, breathtaking experience.

#### **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Happy, healthy, and being a speech therapist in some capacity!

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### **Michael Willard**

**Parents:** John and Patti Willard

**GPA:** 4.324 **ACT:** 34

**College:** University of Michigan Ross School of Business

**Degree and career path:** Bachelor's degree in business administration with a specialization in finance and entrepreneurship



### **Q&A:**

#### **What notable activities did you partake in at South?**

President of National Honor Society; South tennis team varsity letterman, captain two years; co-president and secretary of Varsity Club; vice president of charitable events for DECA; student liaison to Grosse Pointe Public Schools Educational Programs Leadership Council; National Spanish Honor Society member; Class of 2019 Student Council senator; tennis instructor at the Grosse Pointe Club; developed my own tennis racquet stringing company

#### **What community service did you participate in?**

I have introduced tennis to inner-city kids at Detroit Metro Youth Day, tutored, packed food for Kids Against Hunger, helped orchestrate a coat drive for Cass Community, and more.

#### **What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

National Merit Scholarship Finalist; AP Scholar with Distinction; Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist; Detroit News/CATCH Award Mathematics nominee; MHSAA Scholar Athlete Finalist; \$40,000 Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology; 4-year All Macomb Area League Conference First Team for tennis; DECA state finalist and state champion; recipient of the University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship and Grosse Pointe South Mothers Club Scholarship

#### **What was the greatest challenge you undertook?**

During my sophomore year, I discovered and proved an equation for the common ratio in geometric series with my Honors Pre-calculus teacher's help. As a mathematical definition for the common ratio, the equation illustrates a clear connection to terms and term numbers; due to my equation, students ... can analytically see how the variables affect the common ratio. In addition, my equation removes three steps for a specific type of problem. In math, any increase in speed is critical, especially when considering academic tests are timed. Despite all the theoretical problems I encountered, the hardest part has been effectively articulating my equation to editors of math magazines so they comprehend my math equation and want to publish it.

#### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My father, also my tennis coach, helped me progress as a player and a person on and off the tennis court. He has practiced with me seven days a week since I was five years old, teaching me the importance of dedication and hard work.

#### **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

I hope to be working rigorously on something I love, which also progresses the world.

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## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

### *Nicole Rivera*

**Parents:** Steve and Michelle Rivera

**GPA:** 4.2 **ACT score:** 34

**College:** Duke University

**Degree and career path:** I plan to major in neuroscience and am considering a minor in Spanish. I want to go pre-med to pursue a career in the medical field.



### **Q&A:**

#### **What notable activities did you partake in at Liggett?**

Varsity volleyball, ice hockey and soccer; peer tutor; participated in a biomedical internship at a local hospital

#### **What community service did you participate in?**

I have participated in various events with Gleaners Community Food Bank. Additionally, I volunteered at a local hospital and have assisted with Park's children's swim team.

#### **What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

National Spanish Exam medal; recipient of ULS's Terrill Newnan Scholar Award, George Thanasas Scholar Award, and Thelma Fox Murray Scholar Award; Cum Laude Society member; All-Academic for the Catholic League; Edith Glusac Volleyball Scholar-Athlete-Leader Award nominee

#### **What accomplishment makes you most proud?**

I am most proud of my academic research project. We have a program where students create a three-semester long research project. I decided to research how vitamin D impacts the prognosis and progression of Multiple Sclerosis. As we approach the concluding part of the research program, where we present our projects to the members of our community, I realize the significant work that has been accomplished and how far my classmates and I have come.

#### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

My greatest inspirations are my parents. Both physicians, my parents served as my first exposure to the medical field. Despite the hardships they have faced, they are so accomplished themselves and have served as perfect examples that with hard work and determination, you will accomplish your goals.

#### **What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?**

At Liggett, the faculty is dedicated to promoting learning through fostering a challenging and unique learning environment. The teachers allow the students to think for themselves while providing the right amount of guidance for the students to learn and succeed.

#### **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

In 10 years, I see myself as a practicing physician in a hospital. While I am not set on what type of medicine I want to practice, I am currently interested in being an Emergency Room physician.

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### *Victor Tawansy*

**Parents:** Khaled Tawansy, M.D. and Teresa Oxholm, M.D.

**GPA:** 4.041

**College:** I have been accepted to University of Michigan, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, and others. I am most drawn to the research opportunities and rigorous STEM curriculum at Johns Hopkins and the diverse, liberal Ivy League experience at the beautiful campus of Cornell.



**Degree and career path:** I plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in a STEM discipline. I am also looking to continue my investigation of the mathematical art of origami and its potential applications to biologic devices ... After seeing a lecture at Caltech by Professor Robert Lang, I have been applying origami to coronary and aortic stents as my senior applied research project. I see the potential of creating more elegant and efficient implants that require less invasive procedures, and hope to focus my college thesis in this area.

### **Q&A:**

#### **What notable activities did you partake in at Liggett?**

Varsity soccer; varsity and junior varsity lacrosse; piano, xylophone, and keyboards for band; volunteered at my father's eye clinic in Los Angeles, translating and playing piano for patients; participated in medical mission trip to Tijuana

#### **What are some of your most notable accomplishments?**

Cum Laude Society; National Hispanic Recognition Program; Terrill Newnan Scholar

#### **What has been the biggest benefit of receiving a Grosse Pointe education?**

After starting school in Spanish immersion at Escuela de las Americas, developing an early passion for Spanish literature and poetry through the original sonnets of my Puerto Rican grandfather, I transitioned to St. Paul School, where I had terrific teachers. [Next,] I was given the option of attending University Liggett. The clincher was meeting the Liggett varsity soccer coaches, David Dwaihy and Andrew Knotte, who became instant mentors on the field and in the classroom. I cannot say enough about the support, guidance, and encouragement they and all the rest of my Liggett instructors have provided.

#### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

The most pivotal of these mentors are my parents. Both are dedicated physicians ... My mother is a committed emergency physician at St. John's Hospital, who has chosen to mostly work night shifts so that she could spend her afternoons and weekends beating me at chess and tutoring me in Spanish. My father is one of the most devoted retina surgeons in Southern California, repairing retinal detachments in premature babies, diabetics, and patients with developmental disorders or trauma. [They] have inspired me to make the most of my potential, to see and take advantage of opportunities, and to commit to meaningful work that helps the disadvantaged.

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# Meet William

Name: **William Albrecht** Parent: **Heather Albrecht** City: **Grosse Pointe City**  
Birthdate: **August 14, 2017** Siblings: **John Paul, 4** First word: **Doggy, Momma, Nana and NO!**

Favorite activity: **Coloring, throwing a ball and eating cookies**

Cute fact: **Will prefers to do whatever his big brother is doing.**

## About William

*in Mommy's words*

William is a very affectionate baby who likes to give lots of cuddles. His kisses involve embracing your entire face. He has a big personality and is not afraid to let his feelings be known. His favorite words are 'no' and 'yup' and he excels at making animal noises. When not wrestling or playing with his big brother JP, William likes to go for walks in his stroller and yell at the trucks as they drive by. One of his goals this summer is to learn how to ride his tricycle. Will looks forward to climbing into someone's lap and sharing one of his favorite books.



Photo by Andrea VanBecalaere

# Meet Hudson

Name: **Hudson Tate Lauver Swanson** Age: **6 ½** City: **Grosse Pointe City**  
Parents: **Kenya Swanson and Stacey Lauver**  
Siblings: **Christopher Swanson, 12** School: **Maire Elementary School**  
Interests: **Swimming, reading and cooking**

## Favorites

Food <b>French fries</b>	Vacation <b>Pennsylvania</b>	Book <b>The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss</b>
Game <b>LEGO World</b>	School Subject <b>Science</b>	Outdoor Activity <b>Badminton</b>

What is your favorite thing to do with your family?  
**Go to Disney World and Universal Studios**

Who is your hero and why?  
**I look up to my family.**

What is your favorite thing about going to school?  
**I like seeing my friends every day and my teachers.**

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**I want to be a scientist.**



## About Hudson

"I like science a lot and doing science experiments. I also like traveling, my favorite place to go is the beach. I like dogs a lot. I also like drawing and coloring with my brother."

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I ice skate and I would like to learn how to snow ski and snow board. I also want to learn how to play the ukulele.

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

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

I wanted to be a teacher and now I still want to be a teacher or a pediatrician. I would love to work with children.

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

Graduating from high school and pursuing colleges. As of today, I would like to attend University of Michigan.

## About Grace

“I really enjoy school and hanging out with my friends. I like to play a variety of sports and meet new people. I also try to do charity work for the local hospitals a few times a year. It makes me happy to see the sick children smile when I visit them.”

Grace’s other favorite activities are volleyball, basketball, swimming and ice skating.

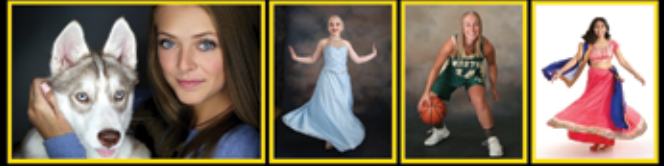
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**Clockwise from top: Hessburg having a BBQ cook-off; Hessburg delivering sauce samples to Beth Moran; Brothers Jack, Luke, Matthew and Joe Hessburg**

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## LIFE IS HOT (AND SPICY) FOR MATTHEW HESSBURG

By Joyce Wiswell

Matthew Hessburg has wisdom far beyond his 22 years. “I like to say, be yourself and your true self will emerge,” says the college graduate and entrepreneur, who just so happens to have Down syndrome.

“Having Down syndrome is a part of who I am,” says the Grosse Pointe Park resident. “I like to work hard on my goals and dreams so everyone can see my abilities.”

His abilities are many. Parents TJ and John give a lot of credit to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, whose Early Intervention Program embraced Matthew when he was just three months old. From there, he attended preschool at Barnes Early Childhood Center and eventually graduated in 2015 from Grosse Pointe South High School, where he was captain of the swim team and sang a senior solo with the show choir.

“In the early years, the angels in our lives were the Early Intervention Team,” says TJ. “All those people — the teachers, social workers, occupational and speech therapists — are still in our lives. Also, Matthew’s three older brothers have always been and continue to be his best teachers.”

Hessburg did so well in high school that he was one of just four students (out of more than 50 who applied) accepted into Western Carolina University’s University Participant



Program, a two-year, on-campus living experience for college-aged persons with intellectual disabilities.

Part of the application process was making a video. An avid cook, Matthew held up a pepper he’d grown himself and declared, “I’m a hot and spicy guy,” to the apparent delight of the admissions committee, which watched that portion over and over.

Hessburg thrived in North Carolina, where he lived independently in his own dorm room, participated in numerous activities and took classes in hospitality and tourism. He honed his barbecuing skills during a paid internship at Haywood Smokehouse and is now launching his own sauce business called Matthew’s Bonfire BBQ. He’s in the final stages of perfecting the recipes. A website, [bonfirebbq.com](http://bonfirebbq.com), is currently in development, and the official product launch is planned for mid-July.

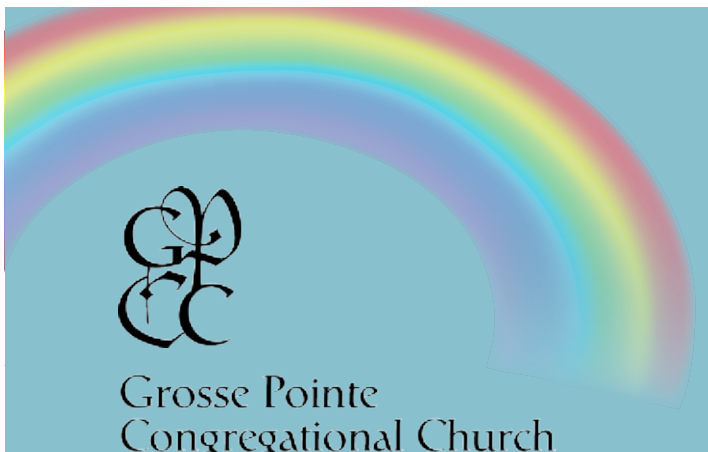
Meanwhile, he’s training a Goldendoodle puppy named Chewie to be a therapy dog that he hopes to share with preschoolers at Barnes,

and is transitioning into a Grosse Pointe duplex where he’ll room with his brother, Luke. (His other two older brothers are Joe and Jack.) In 10 years, Hessburg plans to be running a food truck and working on having his own restaurant.

Judging from his many past accomplishments — Hessburg is also a ballroom dancer, longtime summer employee at Park Café in Windmill Pointe Park, and has spoken about his college experience at international conferences in the United States and Europe — it seems the sky’s the limit.

“I am learning a lot about the world,” he says, “and the world is learning a lot about me.”

Learn more about Matthew’s story and when his sauces will be available for sale by writing to [Mr.BBQ.Detroit@gmail.com](mailto:Mr.BBQ.Detroit@gmail.com). 



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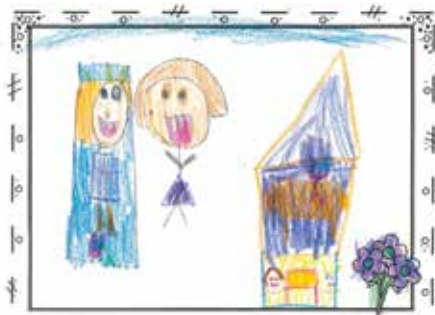
From Amy Peterson's students at St. Paul Catholic School to their beloved moms!



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"I love my mom because she takes me outside." JR, 5 1/2



I love my mom because

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"I love my mom because she makes dinner and tucks me in at night." Cooper, 5 1/2



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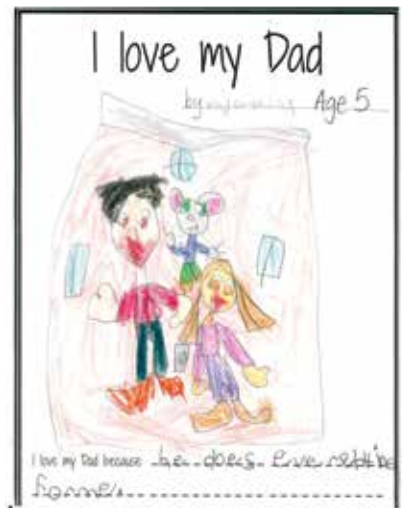
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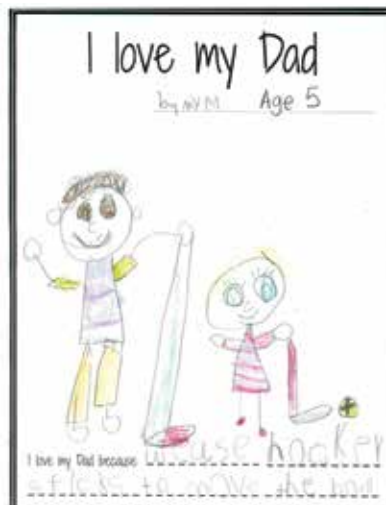
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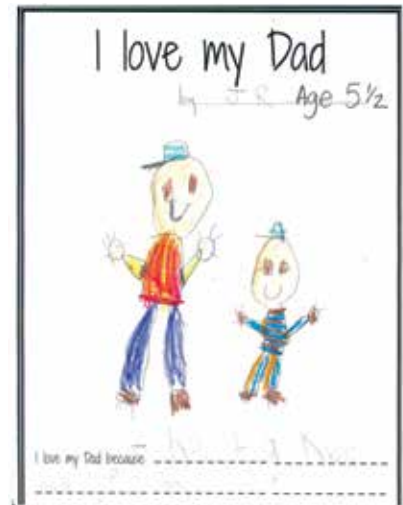
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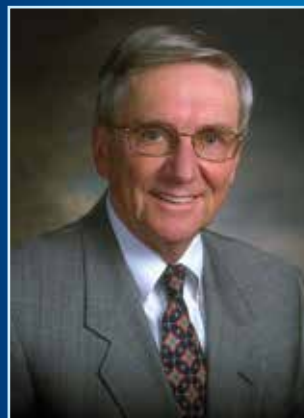
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# COOKING *with* CHEF ETHAN STEINER

## *Short Ribs*



Wow, the saying “it takes a village” rang true for me following the last issue.

I can’t begin to thank all the people from Grosse Pointe who stopped in at

Umbrellas 1296 in Sarasota over spring break! I am glad I got to say hello to most of those who came by. And sorry to the people who stopped by on my day off! I very much appreciate all of

the compliments about my food and am grateful for the support.

This is a recipe of the short ribs we are serving at the restaurant that have become a hit! I hope you enjoy. [P](#)

### Short Ribs serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 4 8 oz. bone-in short ribs
- 1 carrot
- 1 onion
- 1 celery
- 6 cups red wine
- 1 qt beef stock
- Garlic
- Thyme
- Salt
- Pepper
- Paprika

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325F
2. Season short ribs heavily with salt, pepper and paprika
3. Heat a pan over medium high heat. Make sure pan is hot
4. Sear all sides of the meat until golden brown
5. While the ribs are searing, rough chop all the vegetables and smash the garlic. Throw garlic in a 6-inch deep pan
6. Add red wine and beef stock and bring to a boil
7. Place seared ribs on top of the vegetables and cover ribs with liquid
8. Add thyme and cover
9. Place in oven and bake for six hours
10. Pull out the meat and save the liquid
11. Reduce the remaining liquid by half and blend with vegetables, then strain through a strainer to use as your sauce
12. Make your favorite vegetable side. Down here at the restaurant, we serve the short rib over a



Photo by Ethan Steiner

creamy polenta with grilled asparagus. It is also great with roasted or mashed potatoes. Enjoy with any favorite vegetable!

*Chef Ethan Steiner, a 2008 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School, completed his formal culinary training at 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 and Chef Gordon Ramsay. In Detroit, Steiner worked as sous chef under Chef Seth High, and in the kitchens of Beverly Hills*

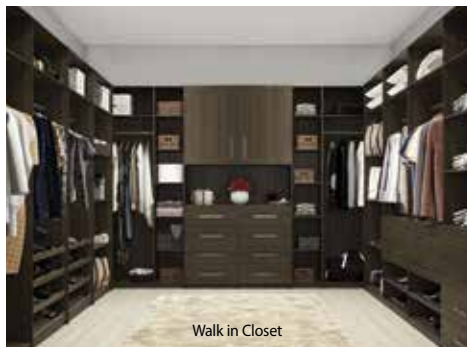
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*After working in northern Michigan at the Island House Hotel, Steiner moved south to Sarasota where he vacationed as a child and fell in love with the area.*

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**Web:** [WWW.BLUFINSUSHI.COM](http://WWW.BLUFINSUSHI.COM)



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

Web: [www.ChampsRotisserie.com](http://www.ChampsRotisserie.com)



## City Kitchen

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

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Hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-3:30pm

Dinner: Mon-Thurs 4:30-9:30pm, Fri 4:30-10pm, Sat 5-10pm, Sun 4-9pm

Web: [www.city-kitchen.com](http://www.city-kitchen.com)



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


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Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-2am; Sun 5pm-2am

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## Little Tony's Lounge

20513 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 885-8522

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

Web: [www.luxebarandgrill.com](http://www.luxebarandgrill.com)



## Mack Avenue Grille

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

As the Mack Avenue Grille enters its seventh 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, they are not forgetting what made Mack Avenue Grille more than a diner. They will continue to offer three homemade soups du jour or freshly homemade chili daily, burgers and all manner of diner sandwiches, fresh-squeezed orange juice and three-egg, whipped omelets of all combinations. All ingredients are fresh — no frozen fish here! 

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Web: [www.mikesonthewater.com](http://www.mikesonthewater.com)



## Pepperoni Grille

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

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

Hours: Mon 4-10pm; Tues-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri 11am-11pm;  
Sat noon-11pm; Sun 3-9pm

Web: [www.pepperonigrillescs.com](http://www.pepperonigrillescs.com)





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**Monday** - Burger Bash (burger and fries) \$5.99. !

**Tuesday** - 1/2 off pizza! \$3 Boombas 10 p.m.-close

**Wednesday** - All you can eat Perch \$12.99, 4-9 p.m. **Ladies Night featuring a Designer Purse raffle!**

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Web: [www.shoresinn.com](http://www.shoresinn.com)



## Sierra Station La Cantina — Celebrating 40+ Years!

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

The Sierra Station was established in 1977 and has transformed into a favorite Grosse Pointe Park destination. The Sierra Station prides itself as a family-style Mexican restaurant, offering affordable dinners. Most impressive is the food! Few restaurants survive 40 years unless they have great food. The entrée menu features more than 30 dishes served with the standard rice and beans. House specialties are the Verda Sauce and Chili Relleno. It is one of the few places you can sit down, eat authentic Mexican food, have a Margarita, enjoy the South-of-the-Border ambience and bric-a-brac and let your kids run free. The patio veranda is an ideal space to throw your wedding party, family celebration or business luncheon. Prefer an indoor setting for your event? Sierra Station has a private dining room filled with beautiful authentic decorated space capable of setting 40 guests. Join us on Thursdays for \$3 Jumbo Margaritas. Carry-outs available.



Hours: Lunch: Thurs-Fri 11:30am-1:00pm

Dinner: Open daily at 5pm

Web: [www.sierrastationgp.com](http://www.sierrastationgp.com)



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## Telly's Place

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

As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with over 35 years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Amy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution.

**Monday** - \$4 Margaritas

**Tuesday** - Bar Bingo 9 p.m.-Midnight. WIN gift cards!

**Wednesday** - \$5 Specialty Martinis

**Thursday-Saturday** - Live Entertainment

**Sunday** - .50 Wings and \$2.50 Domestic Beers

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Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun Noon-Close

Web: [tellysplace.com](http://tellysplace.com)



## Watermark Bar & Grille @ Jefferson Beach Marina

24400 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores • (586) 777-3677

**The Watermark is Fine Dining at its Best** — With its amazing views and classy but casual atmosphere, Watermark Bar & Grille is your go-to place for drinks after work, a date with that special someone or that special event, or just a dinner out with the family. Louie and Dino Ropotos, owners of the popular Mack Avenue Grille, invite you to come by boat, car, bicycle or on foot to their newest culinary venture — the Watermark Bar & Grille at Jefferson Beach Marina on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores. The Ropotos brothers have converted the former nightclub into a family-style waterfront restaurant. Like they have done at Mack Avenue Grille, all their food — from salads, to burgers, to vegetable wraps to pasta, to Lobster Mac & Cheese and daily fish specials — all their food is made from the freshest ingredients purchased daily. And you won't want to miss our great pizza offerings straight out of our new, state-of-the-art pizza oven! Our fabulous 40-stool bar and some 40 dining tables inside — not to mention the outdoor bar and deck — can accommodate any crowd. Come in check out what everyone is talking about — the Watermark Bar & Grille!



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# DSO AT FORD HOUSE CELEBRATES 10TH ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

There's a great site for sweet sounds in the summer.

The venue is Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, where the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) will perform two concerts July 12 and July 13. The 2019 series has become a popular collaboration that will observe a milestone this year.

"This is our tenth time partnering with the DSO, so we're very excited. We knew we had something special the first year and are thrilled it's grown to be one of the main summer events of the area," says Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications at Ford House.

The summer series typically attracts an average of 6,000 people, largely due to the scenic view at the historic property overlooking the lake. Fans of the DSO who haven't enjoyed the world-class musicianship in non-

traditional settings will be glad they ventured out, Fitzpatrick says.

"It's the combination of the music and the setting that creates this memorable summer evening," she says. "Some people don't even face the stage. They turn around and watch the boats go by as they're listening."


"Sci-fi under the Stars," featuring music from the films *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*, opens the series July 12 for the DSO's "pops" concert. The July 13 performance, "A Symphonic Celebration," consists of classical music. The grounds open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. both days.

The event offers an opportunity for families to enjoy an evening together, Fitzpatrick says. In celebration of the milestone, there will be additions for all ages, including special activities for children before the concert begins. For the adults, Atwater Brewery will be

creating a special 10th anniversary beer that will be unveiled at a tapping event at Atwater in the Park on June 20. It will then be served at a newly added beer garden at the DSO at Ford House concerts.

Tickets range from general admission, where people can bring a chair or a blanket and their own picnic, to a VIP package that includes valet parking and a gourmet picnic dinner.

"It's definitely lived up to our expectations. Not only do we have people who return to the event year after year, we also know that for some, it's their first visit to the estate," Fitzpatrick adds.

"It's so wonderful to walk through the crowds along the water and see all these people having such a relaxing, memorable time enjoying fantastic music in such a beautiful setting. There really isn't anything like it." 



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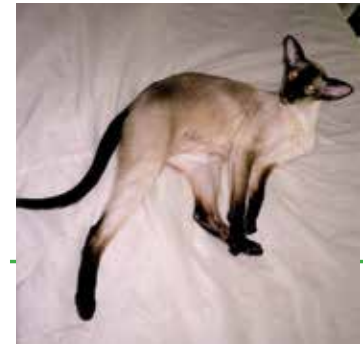
## Samantha

Samantha is a Bullmastiff who thinks she's a lapdog. She loves people and lives in Grosse Pointe Park.



## Rebelle

Rebelle, part of the Moran family in the Woods, is a three-year-old Australian Shepherd. The only thing she loves more than people is to play fetch with anything, especially while dock diving.



## Maurice

Maurice is a four-year-old Siamese cat, a real character and very different in appearance from the norm. He is from French Siamese parents, a breed variation developed in England, called a 'board show cat.' He is very different in many ways, especially his fun personality!



## Lola & Rocky

Lola, a 13-year-old Shih Tzu, and Rocky, a two-year-old Brittany, are complete opposites! Lola loves big hugs while Rocky loves to run and play fetch. They live with the Bogoevich family in the Farms.



## Millie

Millie, six years old, was adopted by the Keuten family of Grosse Pointe Woods one year ago. Millie loves to play with tennis balls and to roll around on the ground!



## Ronnie

Ronnie is a 12-year-old terrier mix who enjoys long walks, even longer naps and never met a bunny he didn't want to chase.

# The battle of the bulge

By Dr. Stephanie Bagwell

Many people start off the New Year with an ambition to lose weight and get in shape, but have you ever thought about getting your pet on a weight-loss regimen as well?

Just as excess weight can cause problems such as diabetes, joint disease and decreased lifespan in people, the same is true for our furry friends.



Oftentimes, the extra weight isn't noticed until an annual visit with your veterinarian who might recommend a weight loss and exercise regimen. But how can these be successfully implemented without additional guidance? For many pet parents, especially cat owners, the idea of trying to get weight off their pet can be intimidating and overwhelming.

Though increasing activity levels and exercising are important to keep our pets healthy, dieting and reducing calorie intake is the most important aspect of weight loss. Appropriate portion sizes and healthy treats are the best and easiest way to prevent unwanted weight gain.

Keeping food out constantly for our pets typically leads to overeating, so measuring out food and feeding pre-portioned meals is ideal for weight management. Additionally, instead of flavored bones or chewy treats, vegetables such as green beans or baby carrots may be offered as they are low in calories and much more filling.

Check with your veterinarian for guidance and ways to develop a personalized weight loss strategy for your pet so they can become the next "Biggest Loser" winner!

*Dr. Stephanie Bagwell is a 2014 graduate of Michigan State University and joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in February 2015.*

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## 10 FRIDAY

- Friends of GPPL Book Sale at Woods Branch, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org) for times and information
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Architecture Tour, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) for tickets and information, also May 17, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, 12:30-2 p.m.
- Fridays, Friends & the Fords at Ford House, head to Ford House for a Friday night out on the estate, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) for tickets and information, also May 24, June 7, 28

## 11 SATURDAY

- Friends of GPPL Book Sale at Woods Branch through May 11, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org) for times and deals
- Behind the Scenes Tour at Ford House, tickets and information at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), also May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Paint the Window contest hosted by The Village DDA, the 2019 theme is "Going on a Safari!"
- The Met Live in HD "Dialogues des Carmélites" at The War Memorial's The Patriot Theatre, 12-3 p.m.

## 12 SUNDAY - Mother's Day

- Mother's Day Brunch at The War Memorial, tickets at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org), seatings at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

## 14 TUESDAY

- Grounds Tour at Ford House, tickets and information at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org), also May 28, June 11 and 25
- An Evening with Executive Chef Natalia Tarnavsky at The War Memorial, tickets at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org)

org, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 16 THURSDAY

- Kevin's Song annual fundraiser "Starry, Starry Night" at Waterview Loft, Detroit, information and tickets at [kevinssong.org](http://kevinssong.org)
- Grosse Pointe North Choirs Spring Concert in North Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

## 17 FRIDAY

- Great Lakes Boating Festival at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, "Family Fun for a Cause," free and open to the public, features a boat show with marine products and service, antique cars, Dossin Museum, Antique Outboard Motor Association, vintage boats, steel band, remote control sailboats, stadium sailing, art show, and high school regatta on Saturday, May 18, all proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, takes place through May 19, check [www.greatlakesboatingfestival.com](http://www.greatlakesboatingfestival.com) for full schedule
- Summer Breeze party and auction to benefit Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, cocktails, food, dancing, entertainment and auction, \$135 per person, group tables available, visit [greatlakesboatingfestival.com](http://greatlakesboatingfestival.com) to purchase tickets, 7 p.m. - midnight
- Grosse Pointe North Choirs Spring Concert in North Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

## 18 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.
- All-Pointes Cornhole Tournament at Windmill Pointe Park, register by May 8 at the Parks & Rec office of your city, tournament begins at 12 p.m.

## 20 MONDAY

- Kids on the Go Golf Outing at Cherry Creek Golf Club, \$125 per golfer, e-mail [Kristyschena@kidsonthegocamp.com](mailto:Kristyschena@kidsonthegocamp.com) for more info, register online at <https://kidsonthegocamp.ejoinme.org/golf>

## 21 TUESDAY

- Our Community Salutes at The War Memorial, a special ceremony to thank the graduating high school seniors (and their parents) who plan to enlist into the military after high school graduation, register at <https://community.ocsusa.org/detroit/>, event begins at 6 p.m.

## 22 WEDNESDAY

- The Family Center presents "The Power of Your Presence: The Importance of Parent-Child Language Interactions" at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., free, featuring Dorothy Heitjan and Kristen DeVooght of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, RSVP at (313) 447-1374 or [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), program begins at 7 p.m.

## 23 THURSDAY

- "An Evening of Red, White, and Blue" at The War Memorial, tickets are \$185, courtyard reception featuring music by The Thriftshop Boys, gourmet meal in the ballroom, and a grand finale of fireworks on the lakefront lawn, proceeds benefit The Patriot Initiative Fund, which helps support The War Memorial's patriotic mission, visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org) for information and tickets

## 27 MONDAY - Memorial Day

- Memorial Day Service at The War Memorial, a moving ceremony on the lakefront lawn to honor and remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, 10 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Memorial Day Ceremony at Circle of Honor, 10 a.m.

## 29 WEDNESDAY

- 29th Annual GUILD Dinner for St. John Hospital at MGM Grand Detroit, visit [stjohnguild.org](http://stjohnguild.org) for more information

## 30 THURSDAY

- The Optical Delusions starring Marcus Monroe and Ben Seidman, comedy show at The War Memorial, tickets at warmemorial.org, 6-9 p.m.

## 01 SATURDAY

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

## 02 SUNDAY

- Michigan Humane Society's Mutt March at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, registration is free and includes a free Mutt March t-shirt (while supplies last), participants can earn limited-edition Mutt March merchandise and experiences by reaching fundraising goals, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## 08 SATURDAY

- Relay for Life of the Eastside at Veterans Memorial Park in St. Clair Shores, from noon on June 8 to noon on June 9
- Cook Schoolhouse in Grosse Pointe Woods open 12-2 p.m.

## 13 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society's 16th Annual Gala, "Music of the Night" at Anderson Villa, gourmet food, drinks, entertainment on the shore of Lake St. Clair, tickets and information at gphistorical.org

## 15 SATURDAY

- Park Market season opening, 9 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.

## 16 SUNDAY - Father's Day

- EyesOn Design Car Show at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, \$25 per person,

active duty military and children 12 and under are free of charge, tickets may be purchased at the gate or by calling (313) 824-4710, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" through June 29, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, to purchase tickets or for more information, call Grosse Pointe Theatre at (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 16 performance begins at 2 p.m.

## 19 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Legacy on the Lake to honor Mary and Ralph C. Wilson at the Ford House, tickets at grossepointechamber.com, cocktail party under the evening sky, a full orchestra, tempting hors d'oeuvres, a white linen table cloth gourmet dinner complemented with a fine selection of wine and dancing into the night, 5:30-9 p.m.

## 20 THURSDAY

- All Pointes Movie at Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park, gates open at 5 p.m., movie begins at 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 20 performance begins at 8 p.m.

## 21 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Garden Center's annual Garden Tour, tour a variety of private gardens throughout the Pointes, \$15 in advance at Allemon's and other local retailers, \$20 day of tour, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Annie" at Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 21 performance at 8 p.m.

## 22 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Garden Center's annual Garden Tour, tour a variety of private gardens throughout the Pointes, \$15 in advance at Allemon's and other local retailers, \$20 day of tour, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 22 performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- After 6 on Kercheval, also July 27 and Aug. 24 in Grosse Pointe Park, street fair with food, entertainment and games, 6-10 p.m.
- Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park, founded by Ahee Jewelers, 21 and older, raises funds for Capuchin Soup Kitchen, free entrance, learn more at ahee.com/capuchin or cskdetroit.org

## 23 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 23 performance at 2 p.m.

## 27 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 27 performance at 8 p.m.

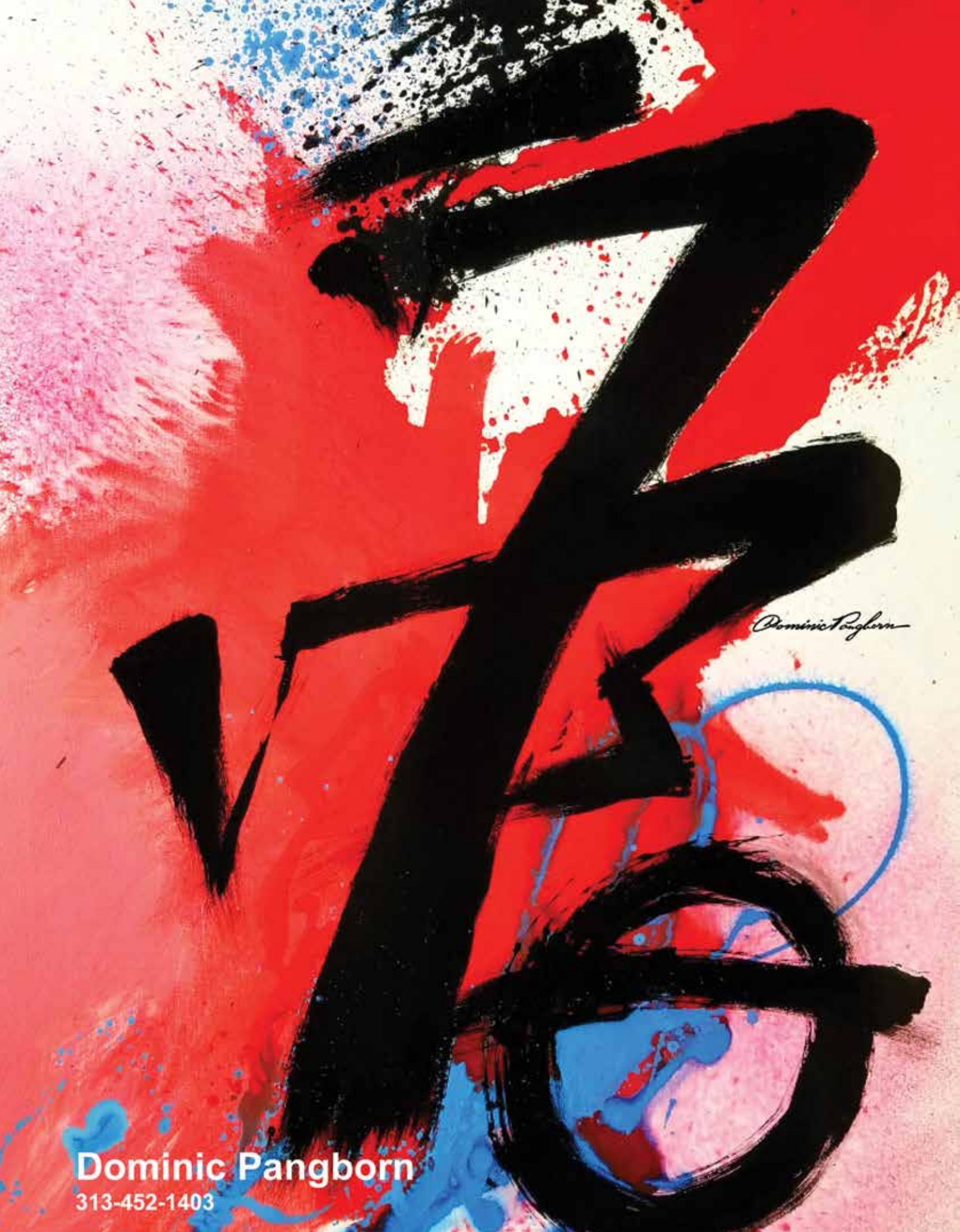
## 28 FRIDAY

- Music on the Lawn in front of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 7-10 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 28 performance at 8 p.m.

## 29 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Adoption Day at The Helm, 12-3 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Annie" at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center, for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit www.gpt.org, June 29 performance at 8 p.m.





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After reading “The Demon of Addiction at a Crossroads,” a poem by Dr. Ronald C.

Strickler, in the January/February issue of Pointe Magazine, Katharine B. Collins of Grosse Pointe was reminded of a poem she had penned some years ago.

Touched by Dr. Strickler’s words on addiction and its message — “there but for the grace of God go I” — Collins submitted “The Search” for publication in Pointe Magazine in response. 

## The Search

By Katharine B. Collins

We have been worried in desperation of our lives  
The cinder of life smolders  
The Phoenix mystically rises from scattered ashes  
Combustible renewal of our youth begins  
Soaring from high mountaintops  
Diving beneath the deep blue sea  
Turn from rooftops to low beaches  
The sea, the mountain, and never to see land in sight  
Islands in life we are all  
Touch the sky and the molten core  
We are one in search  
The rough course sears the soul  
Inconsolable division unite with struggle to continue  
My able spent to zero  
Searching concrete cities across the open highway  
The breath of spacious plains  
Pathways begin to guide the soul filled with wonder — hope gaining  
Myriads of stars and galaxies longing to see you  
Quizzical questions pursue me  
Answers to which I know but do not know  
The meaning of abstract depth escapes me  
Until my heart encompasses the whole truth  
The love we do enfold  
To the mighty God, the Prince of Peace

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