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Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, Nov. 23, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a gift card to a local restaurant. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Duffey & Co.)

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A virtual holiday season

It is hard to look forward to the holidays knowing we won't be getting together with family and friends to celebrate. Still, we have much to be thankful for, including having been spared, so far, of catching the coronavirus.

I have to admire the organizations that are keeping their traditions alive ... if virtually. Sunrise Rotary held its annual Fun Run in September with runners registering online. Then there was The Helm Gala with online auctions, and coming up is the annual Hollyfest gala for The Family Center, just to name a couple such virtual events. Everyone is doing their part to maintain some semblance of normalcy.

Businesses are doing their best to stay open and profitable. Throughout the summer, outdoor dining venues sprung up in parking lots. But with cold weather, even those will be shut down.

Or will they? We have a fascinating story in this issue of *Pointe Magazine* about how Grosse Pointers Dino and Louie Ropotos are installing "igloos" on their spacious deck at WaterMark Bar & Grille. The heated igloos are popular in Boston, Chicago and Europe. Go by and check them out!

Speaking of businesses, be sure to do as much of your holiday shopping locally as possible. I know it is tempting to go to Amazon, but try our many local merchants first. I imagine most take orders online as well if you are cautious to venture out.

These are indeed strange and unfamiliar times. I am buoyed, however, by the fact that we as a nation have been through this before — the Spanish flu of 1918-19. Yes, it was tragic and many people died, like today with COVID-19. And, again like today, Americans were divided over wearing masks. Some municipalities fined those who did not wear masks in public. There was even an Anti-Mask League formed. Fortunately, we don't have that problem so much here in Grosse Pointe. In most, if not all, places, I see shoppers wearing masks, and that's a good thing.

Lastly, as always, be sure to patronize our many fine businesses and advertisers without whom this magazine would not be possible. Happy, and safe, holidays! 📧

John

Like countless others, I've been thinking a lot about community. The ways in which we've redefined it over the year, with our drive-by parades, Zoom dinner parties, checking in on our neighbors (from a distance), making posters of hope and hanging them in our windows for passersby to enjoy.

How unlike Marty Peters' "Odd Wednesday Parties" we share on page 14. Marty's passion for creating community strikes a nostalgic chord in me, as I hope it will in you. His determination to bring folks from all walks of life together is especially inspiring in the coming season.

This holiday will be vastly different from any before it. Out of care for those in my life who are high risk, I won't be attending the usual parties. But I will take a page from Marty's book and commune with others in any manner at my disposal. A favorite of mine? Letter writing. I have my 3-year-old son painting handmade cards that I will use to reach out to the countless people I haven't seen since March. There's no better time to resume that oft-forgotten practice than at Christmas.

Someday, we will return to a world of "Odd Wednesday Parties." For now, I've got a pen and a telephone, as well as the freedom to greet neighbors on our daily walks.

Other than our neighborhood, I love to walk at Ford House. It's an especially perfect place to visit this November with its free educational initiative detailed on page 54. My son and I have already enjoyed the beautiful tote bag filled with coloring pages, crayons, a book of things to identify on the Ford House grounds, a ball and more. The activities are age-appropriate, and I can't speak highly enough of the 3-year-old kit.

For the first year ever, and because socializing will be limited, I plan to take a Nordic approach to winter. The culture has been getting much attention online with its ethos of enjoying winter, indoors and outdoors, rather than fighting it. "No bad weather, only bad clothing," I read.

So this holiday season, I am challenging myself to get outside daily and to spend time indoors in quiet comfort, with a crackling fire, too much tea and a stack of letters to send to those I love.

I hope you reach out to loved ones in any way possible this holiday season and stay well! Happy holidays! 📧

Lauren

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Meet Gloria



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Gloria's Favorites

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Spring
- Spot in Grosse Pointe**
Lake Shore Drive
- Book**
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What were your earliest jobs?
Groom at Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and salesperson at the Camera Center in The Village

What did you want to be when you were growing up?
An Olympic equestrian rider

What is the best trip you've ever taken?
England, Germany and Rome

What was the most historic day in your life?
When I was hired at Ford in 1977 and then moved into The Renaissance Center 300 Tower when Ford occupied it in 1978

What accomplishment makes you proudest?
When I was promoted to the Ford Division Marketing Office in 1999 as the Brand Imaging Manager

What is one thing most people don't know about you?
I was a glass blowing and stained glass artist.

What is one thing you would like to learn?
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Words to live by?
Don't be afraid to start over. This time you're not starting from scratch, you're starting from experience. I'm living that motto as I just created a children's book!

About Gloria

Gloria was born at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms and grew up on Edgemont Park in Grosse Pointe Park. She received a BFA in Photography at College for Creative Studies in Detroit. After retiring from Ford Motor Company, Gloria worked for OneMagnify for 12 years. She has lived in Grosse Pointe Woods for 30 years — a lifetime in the Pointes!

Social distancing, dining room table

By Ronda Maniaci

In anticipation of the holidays, seniors look forward to this time when they can gather and celebrate with family and friends, especially with those who live far away and merely visit on the holidays.



This year celebrating the holidays may look different as we adjust to the “New Normal” due to a pandemic, COVID-19. Amid the excitement to see loved ones, we often forget that we are vulnerable to COVID-19, and those age 65 and older may be at a greater risk.

Seniors need to be vigilant about staying out of crowded places and mixing with large groups of people. Therefore, seniors should avoid going out unnecessarily and touching their nose, eyes and mouth. They should also wear a mask in public and wash their hands frequently.

If you decide to gather with loved ones, limit the number of people and stay within your bubble. Consider separating your guests within your space and open windows for better ventilation; use disposable table clothes, hand towels and dinnerware and maintain distance as much as possible. If you feel more comfortable, it’s OK to ask your guests to wear a mask until dinner is served.

For those who live far apart, consider virtual communication like Zoom, or Skype, etc., and take group pictures to keep as memories. Send holiday greetings through emails, have a virtual dinner with friends and family and send gifts online.

Seniors need to maintain social distancing, but that does not mean they should be socially reclusive. We are all learning better ways to adjust in every situation so that we can be with our loved ones.

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By Anne Erickson

Grosse Pointe Theatre isn't letting the pandemic get in the way of connecting with its audience. The theater company continues to produce high quality, passionate shows — just online.

The latest production in its virtual season is Marty Bufalini's *It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Show*.

The production will be staged with actors in their own, distanced spaces, reading scripts through vintage radio microphones for authenticity. Think of the great radio dramas of pre-television America.

Nick Marinello is the show's technical director and Marty Bufalini is directing the acting for the production. Bufalini also adapted the script to play to the ear, just like an old radio show.

Marinello says *It's a Wonderful Life* has a rich radio history.

"A little known fact about the movie is that it wasn't very commercially successful when it came out," Marinello says. "Because of that, the rights holders for the movie let the copyright lapse. So in the 1950s and '60s, when TV stations were looking for a copyright-free piece of media to play around Christmastime,

they started playing *It's a Wonderful Life* over and over, and people fell in love with it."

"It wasn't until 1991 that the copyright was able to be claimed again, so this radio adaption was written during the period of time when it was still in the public domain," he adds.

Bufalini's adaptation of the show has been performed live on the radio and at several venues, including Second City, Andiamo Showplace and The War Memorial. He has also produced and directed old time radio shows at Greenfield Village.

Marinello is excited to bring this novel production to Grosse Pointe Theatre. He says having to connect with audiences virtually has been an adventure.

"I view this opportunity for virtual theater as a real blessing for us," he says. "We are cognizant of the dangers of the pandemic, but finding those silver linings helps. These are ways

to bring our brand to people who can't make it to the theater right now."

It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Show will premiere Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. on Grosse Pointe Theatre's YouTube channel. Folks can tune in to watch it debut live — imitating the

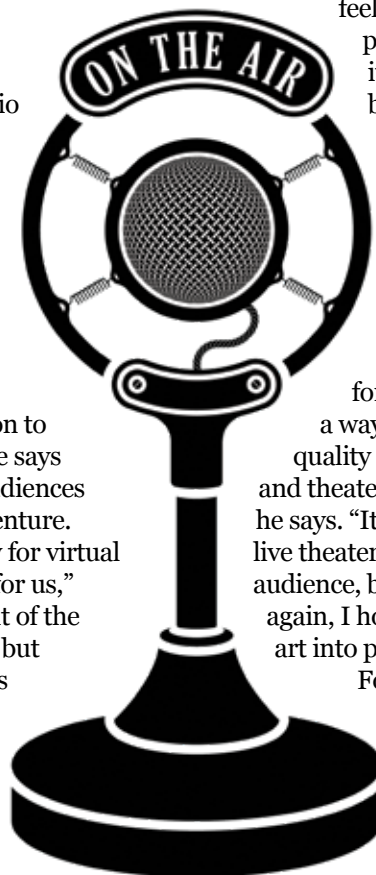
feeling of guests watching a production together. Once it finishes, the video will be available for viewing on YouTube.

Even after the pandemic, Marinello hopes Grosse Pointe Theatre will have offerings online.

"I hope we have virtual component to our lineup for years, because I think it's

a way that people can access quality family entertainment and theater, wherever they're at," he says. "It's not a substitute for live theater, and we love having that audience, but until we can do that again, I hope this will bring joy and art into people's lives."

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THE ODD WEDNESDAY PARTY



Marty Peters reminisces about his iconic gatherings and the hope for their return in the new year

By Lauren McGregor

Creating community has been a lifelong endeavor for Marty Peters, 79. In fact, it was his love for competitive volleyball matches — and parties — that prompted Peters to purchase his Grosse Pointe Farms home in 1989.

“The number one requirement was that the yard be perfect for volleyball,” he laughs. For decades, Peters hosted semi-competitive volleyball matches at his home.

Gatherings have evolved since then. No longer dependent on volleyball — though guests still play — Peters now hosts a potluck style affair, with cards, yard games, music and just about anything folks want to share.

“The whole idea is to get together and share.” That’s often with a song. Sometimes with poetry. Always with good conversation.

For any given party, Peters sends 100 email invitations. About 30 show up. They take place on any Wednesday with an odd number date. “Starting when the weather gets nice and into October.”

Every party is as different as every guest. From age 25 to 85 (give or take), every creed, race, political persuasion, he says, is invited. “I invite anyone who strikes a cord in me.” This has included neighbors, folks he meets in line at the grocery store, and even a person he met on an elevator.

“My wife, Kathy (Walsh) prefers smaller gatherings, but she goes along with my desire and works tirelessly to make sure everyone is welcomed,” he says. “It’s all about creating something

good. A community.”

The last party of the year always features karaoke, Peters’ cousin Paul Peters as DJ and an enormous turnout. The 2019 season closer seemed to foreshadow the year to come.

“Just as my cousin turned in the drive, his car loaded with DJ gear, a transformer down the street exploded, plunging our house into partial darkness,” says Peters. “A few flashlights and candles later, we were back to the main event — with super food, new friends and an all-acoustic musical experience.”

In cold months, Peters hosts art parties in his basement studio. His art practice began at the Esalen Institute in California. “It’s therapeutic. But more importantly, it’s fun.”

While they haven’t been able to host parties this year, Peters and Walsh have taken to driving to different neighborhoods with dog Charlie every morning. They then walk one to three miles, getting to know the different communities.

As a descendent of one of Grosse Pointe’s founding families and a lifelong Pointer, Peters thought he knew every



Marty Peters



Kathy Walsh, right



street in the Grosse Pointes. “I didn’t,” he laughs.

Peters and Walsh have since walked all of the Pointes, Mt. Clemens, Southwest Detroit and more. “It’s a great COVID activity and a good way to meet people.”

Peters hopes to resume the Odd Wednesday Parties in the coming year. Now, more than ever, he treasures the value of community. P

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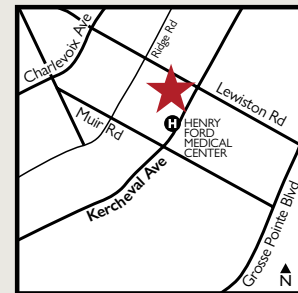
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Meet Kevin



Name	Kevin Butler
Age	38
City	Grosse Pointe Park
Occupation	Resident Director and Senior Vice President at Merrill Lynch

Kevin's Favorites

Season

Fall for the changing color of leaves, bonfires and football

Book

Too many to narrow down, but I like to stick with suspenseful fiction and business biographies.

Movie

Saving Private Ryan

Spot in Grosse Pointe

I love to spend time at Patterson Park with my kids. We can spend hours there enjoying the beautiful view, the best playground and grilling with friends.

Sports Team

Michigan Wolverines — Go Blue!

Vacation

I always enjoy family trips to Sanibel, Fla., but my favorite vacation was when we joined my parents in Maui and Kawaii to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Of course the destination was part of the reason, but more importantly was the time we were able to spend with my parents before my father passed away.

What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

I love the family-oriented feel of Grosse Pointe with access to great food and culture in our community and Detroit.

What are your two best personality traits?

I would say that diligence, both in my work and with my family, is my best trait. Second to that would be compassion — I have a hard time telling anyone who needs assistance “no.” I love helping others and only hope that I can make a positive impact on someone’s life.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Professionally, I’m most proud to serve as Resident Director at Merrill Lynch and Chair of our National Advisory Council to Management. Personally, I’m incredibly grateful and proud to serve as a board member for Grosse Pointe Theatre. In the future, I hope to say that my best accomplishment was to be a caring and attentive father to my children, just as my father was for me.

Words to live by?

“Don’t be pushed by your problems, be led by your dreams.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson. My best inspiration comes when I think of the unlimited possibilities. There will always be problems, but I refuse to let them dictate the outcome of my life.

About Kevin

“I did not grow up in Grosse Pointe, but used to come here as a child to visit my grandmother. When I met my wife, we knew Grosse Pointe was the community we wanted to live in to start a family. I feel incredibly grateful to call the Grosse Pointes our home. I’m thankful to have several long-time friends live in our community and love all the new friends we’ve made through our children’s school and through Grosse Pointe Theatre. While I love structure and routine, I thrive on staying busy and trying new things.”

In his free time, Kevin enjoys golfing, bowling and camping with his family — wife, Stephanie, and children, Madison, 7, and Brooks, 5.

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By Lauren McGregor

The Family Center’s annual Hollyfest returns, in a unique format, for a very special milestone — the organization’s 20th anniversary.

“A special part of celebrating our 20th anniversary is being able to look back and see how far the organization has come, the number of people it has served and the real difference the work has made in the lives of people in our community,” says executive director Patty Sunisloe. “It is also very special to remember all the people who contributed to the success of the organization — both financially and by volunteering. Since we are completely funded by donations and grants, Hollyfest is critical in continuing to further our mission.”

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, The Family Center decided upon a “20th” theme for Hollyfest.

“Our goal was to have 20 parties in the year 2020 on the 20th of November,” says Sunisloe. “We are not yet at that goal, so we welcome any additional hosts who wish to have a maximum 10-person gathering in their home.”

Party participants enjoy the special programming and live auction with desserts and sparkling wine. Sunisloe describes a couple of the most enticing live auction items.

“We are especially excited to be offering a one-week stay in an apartment in historic Umbria, Italy,” says Sunisloe. “It has old world charm with modern conveniences, and is near plenty of quaint shops and restaurants.”



The Family Center is also auctioning off a wine tasting and hors d’oeuvres party for eight at the home of Diane and Ron Strickler.

“The winner will work with Village Wine to choose the theme and then the hors d’oeuvres will be paired with that choice,” says Sunisloe.

A silent auction will also take place, run by One Cause.

While options abound for getting involved in Hollyfest in a pandemic-careful way, the new format is in keeping with The Family Center’s 2020-21 programming theme: resilience.

“Our programming theme, ‘cultivating resilience,’ is especially important during this difficult time,” says Sunisloe. “Our event is not just an anniversary celebration and a fundraiser; it is a message. Be safe, but never lose sight of the importance of your connection to people, community and purpose.”

Hollyfest will take place Nov. 20 with a livestream at 7 p.m. There are three ways to register for Hollyfest: visit familycenterweb.org, text “hollyfest” to 243-725, or use your cell phone to scan the QR code below.

Contact The Family Center at (313) 447-1374 or info@familycenterweb.org.



The Family Center is a non-profit community organization that provides resources and preventative education to empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges. It offers vetted resources and free programs aimed at building strong families and helping parents raise children who will become competent, caring and responsible community members.

Gratitude

By Jon B. Gandelot

This article was written before the November local and national elections. Frankly, I'm sick of the campaigns. By the time you read this, they will be over. This year has been difficult. Between the pandemic, fires in the West, hurricanes in the South, climate change and a volatile campaign season, we may feel discouraged.

What if we were to relish the good and not dwell on the negative? Psychologists believe that 85 percent of what people worry about will never happen. Of the remaining 15



percent, we are able to control little of whether it happens or not. Why should we worry at all? But we do.

One worry may be solved easily. If you do not have an estate plan in place, make an appointment with an estate planning attorney to protect those you love and what you cherish by developing a plan. Peace of mind goes a long way in eliminating worry.

And, what if we were to change our thinking? Instead of worrying about something over which we have no control, why not write down daily three to five reasons we are grateful. How about letting the person in line go ahead of you? Or buying a cup of coffee for the person behind you at Starbucks? What about greeting a stranger with a smile and a "good morning"? Or letting another driver enter your lane?

Plan your estate. Practice and share gratitude. You will make your part of the world a better place.

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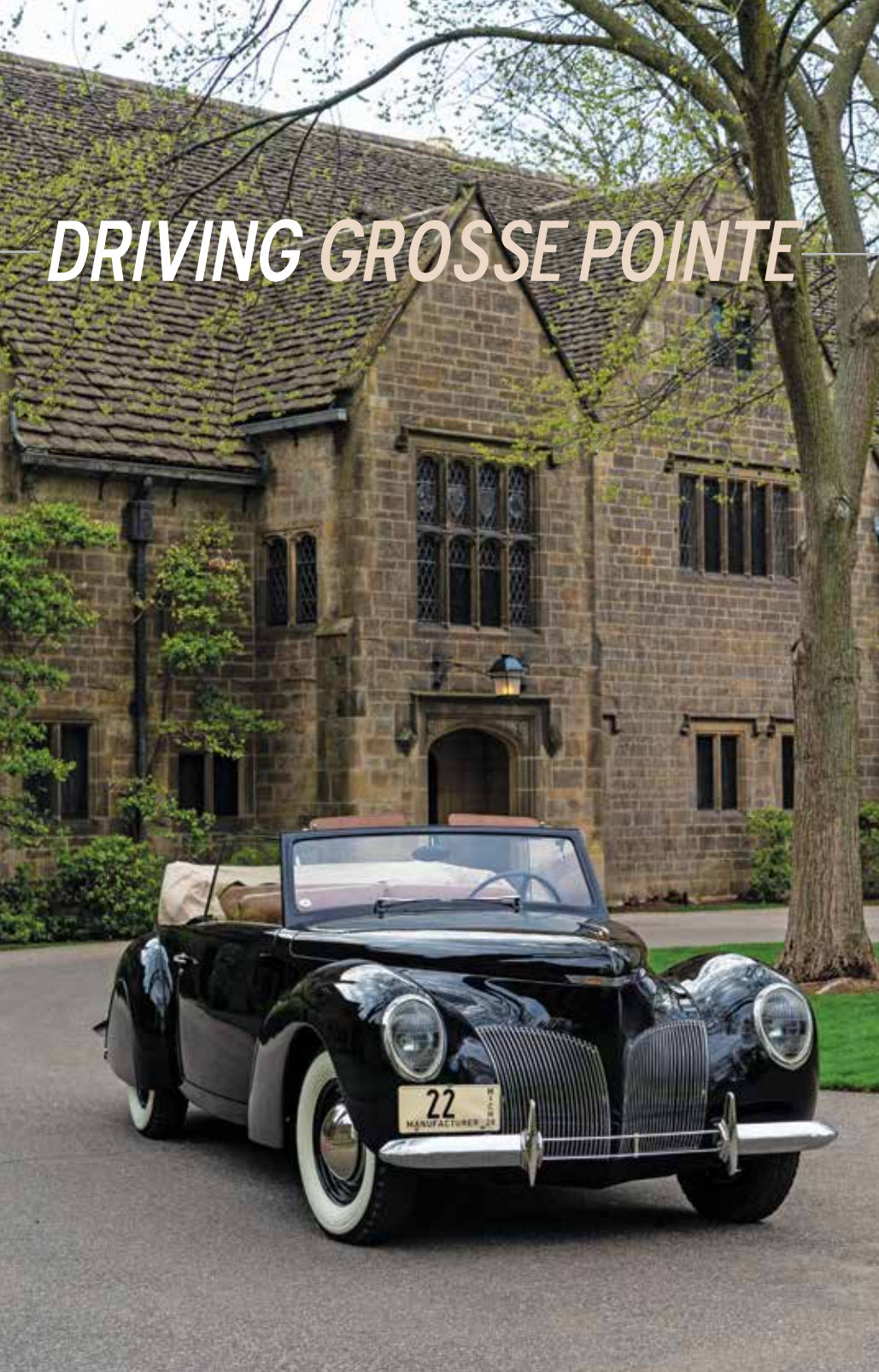
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By Alex Kelly

Ford House is home to eight vehicles, spanning from the 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype to Eleanor Ford's 1952 Lincoln. Here, Ford House collections manager and registrar Julie Cook answers a few questions about the 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype. The ultimate 1930s showstopper brought together American industry and European styling in a way that had never been done before.

How did the Fords acquire the 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype?

"It was Edsel Ford's dream car and he designed it to bring a sports car with European style to the United States. He commissioned the first prototype so that he could take it down to his Florida home. It received such a good reception from neighbors and others that saw it, that Edsel told one of the chief designers that he needed to manufacture a second prototype.

Sadly, the first prototype was scrapped for parts. The second prototype later transferred hands a few times before it was involved in an accident. Luckily, a car enthusiast, Bob Anderson, purchased it and restored it to the glory that it is today. In 2007, Ford House purchased it."

When can visitors get a peek?

"The new visitor center will open in 2021. As part of the new visitor center, we will have an exhibit that focuses on the family history, as well as an exhibit called 'Driven By Design.' It will showcase the 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype, the 1932 Lincoln Continental Speedster and the



1934 Lincoln Continental Speedster. Those three vehicles show the design history of Edsel Ford.”

What are the vehicle’s most notable features?


“It was built by using the chassis of a Lincoln Zephyr, which already has a low and sleek body style. The 1939 Continental Prototype is known for its long, low lines that made it so eye-catching. Using the Zephyr frame, they were able to push the windshield back and rake it slightly, making it possible for them to lower the roof line, the fenders and the hood, which made it appear even lower. It also has a very unique waterfall horizontal grill and a rear mounted tire.”

Of what historical importance is the vehicle to the Ford estate?

“It is a one-of-a-kind vehicle. Only five prototypes were made. The first

one was destroyed and the others are rarely seen by the public. You get to see all the work and changes that were made to the production model. The Lincoln Continental is a benchmark in American auto design.

It also helps us tell the story of

Edsel’s vision and design influence at the Ford Motor Company. He wanted to bring more of an aesthetic nature to the company. The 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype shows how Henry Ford was more nuts and bolts while Edsel was more design.” 





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By Lauren McGregor

Capricious has used this tumultuous year to develop creative ways to reach the customer — from curbside pick-up to Instagram specials and a completely new online shop, capriciousgp.com.

“We have kept our sense of community in new ways throughout the pandemic,” says Capricious general manager and buyer Jennifer Buda.

And community is what it’s all about. The lifelong Pointer says it’s a joy to see familiar (masked) faces in the shop again and to offer them the best service in the Pointes. Buda and the rest of the seven-member team have listened to customers’ requests — bulking up on gift items, like cashmere wraps, gloves and accessories, and introducing home and personal fragrances. A great gift is a piece

from Capricious’s beloved Kande-Bar, featuring made-to-order jewelry from French Kande.

Since its expansion in 2018, Capricious has filled a consumer void in Grosse Pointe. “From clothing to footwear to shapewear to accessories,” lists store manager Gigi Badalamenti, customers can get dressed head to toe at Capricious.

An exciting addition to the store’s offerings is the Jean-ius Bar, where shoppers can try on five different brands of jeans and get sized by experts.

“It’s a fun, no pressure atmosphere. We are always trying to promote the shopping experience,” says Buda, who adds that Capricious offers gift wrapping.

The collection is truly boutique, with much stock only available in a one-size run. Popular lines include Eileen Fisher,

AG Denim, Kinross, White & Warren, Soia & Kyo, Sam Edelman shoes, AGL shoes, Hammitt handbags and more.

“We offer a variety of brands at a variety of price points,” says Buda. “Some that cater to the professional woman, and some that cater to the part time working mother.”

The stunning window displays are a particular draw to Capricious. “We’re the entrée to the rest of Grosse Pointe Farms,” Buda says of 74 Kercheval Ave. Owner Gretchen Valade also owns Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe and Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries on The Hill.

Shoppers can look forward to a holiday show featuring French music, drinks and wishlist making. Find holiday specials and extended hours at capriciousgp.com and on Facebook and Instagram. [P](#)



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at home in the Pointes

By Susan Bollinger

Over the years, Dana Saxon-Tazzia has collected ornaments and decorations from all over the world. An interior design consultant at Mack Avenue Drapery and Interiors, Saxon-Tazzia also works in the architectural design department at Detroit's Pewabic Pottery.

Three trees in her Grosse Pointe Farms home are decked out with ornaments she, husband, Charlie Tazzia, and their children, Ben, 22, Daphne, 19, and Elyse, 18, found at holiday events and during family trips. The cozy atmosphere is enhanced

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by many unique items Saxon-Tazzia picked up for a bargain.

By frequenting second-hand sales, she turned “the stuff nobody wanted” into treasured holiday décor, including the lit, flocked tree that graces the dining room. The tree’s wildlife theme is brought to life with ornaments featuring birds, deer and other animals.

An enamel coffee set and holiday dinnerware were last-minute finds at a church sale in her hometown of Akron, Ohio. That enamel set turned out to be the centerpiece for a wassail party she and Charlie threw one year, when

they served hot spiced cider to guests, who later headed outdoors to sing Christmas carols in wassail tradition. The dinnerware became the star of the table, set with merry red napkins tied with twine. Thoughtful details like a sprig of greens tucked into each napkin and round, burlap placemats create a scene that’s festive and relaxed.

Vibrant nutcrackers line the mantel, mementos from a family tradition: attending a performance of the ballet in Ohio. “Every year, my kids and I



would pick out a nutcracker at the show, name it and label it with the year. We have 13 of them now,” she says.



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If you've ever had a hearty belly laugh watching *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, you'll recognize the inspiration for the advent calendar.

"I finally found one at a shop in Ohio," says Saxon-Tazzia. "The openings are big enough to fit two pieces of candy in each spot. I try hard to come up with 25 different treats leading up to the big day."

Saxon-Tazzia wants people who come into her home to feel that it's cozy and comfortable — and to be at home. While this year's celebrations will be smaller, she says the decorations are just as important.

"Our family sees them the most, and it makes this time special to us. I like to sit in the morning and drink my coffee, and just look at the Christmas tree. It's about creating a space that feels really good to you." ☺

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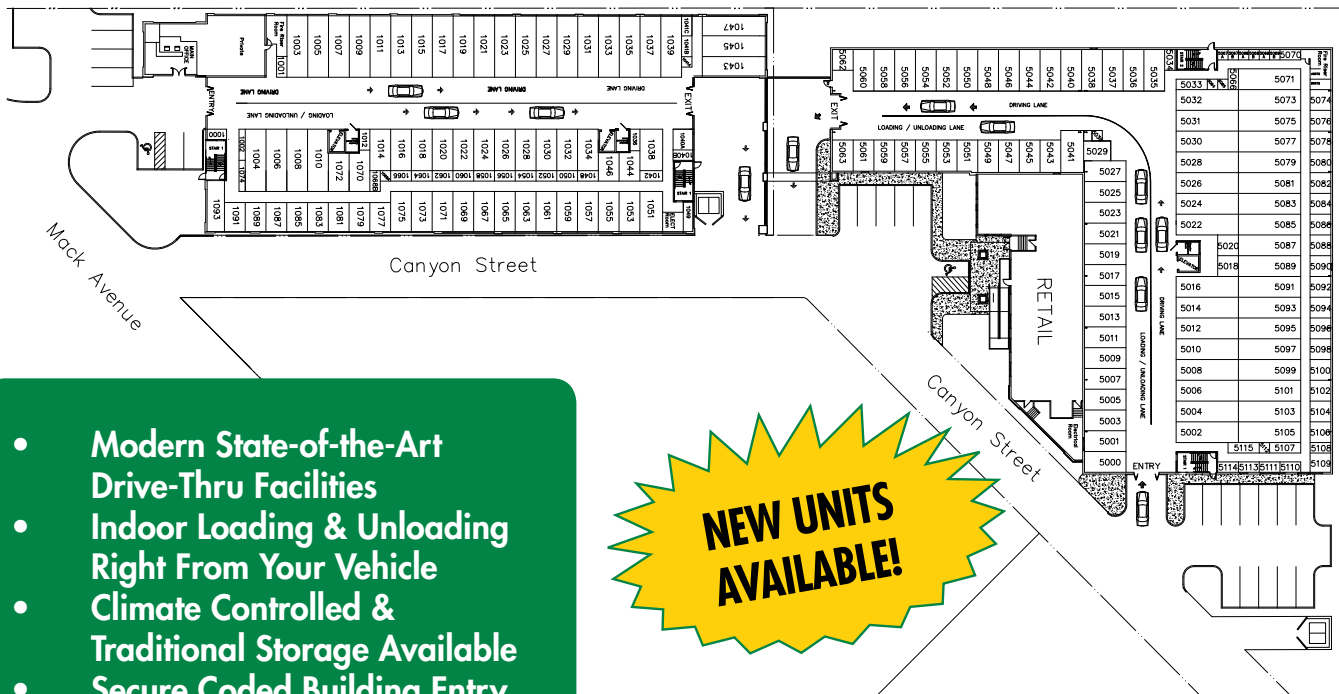
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Estate planning

By Lina Bowman

Preparing your estate plan is important, albeit something most people put off doing. Why? Simply because it requires that we face our own mortality. And what a year 2020 has been to realize that life is certainly not permanent, nor predictable. While no one can foresee the future, we can plan our financial legacy and help avoid potential financial hardships that our passing may leave to our loved ones.



So, what is estate planning? It is simply a method for determining how to distribute your property and financial assets after your death. It is developing and implementing a plan that honors your wishes according to your goals and objectives.

There are five key estate planning documents you need, regardless of your age, health or wealth: a will, a durable power of attorney for financial matters, an advance medical directive, a letter of instruction and a living trust. A trust is not always necessary but can be vital for more complex situations. Additionally, a critical aspect of estate planning is updating beneficiaries annually.

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

Wishing you peace & health this holiday season!

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Winter vacancy can be chilling!

By Anna Bartolotta

So, we have planned all year to ensure we do not have one winter vacancy, and we now sit with a winter vacancy. Our experience, tips and tricks most likely did not fail, but we were handed a vacancy in late October and could not secure a tenant before the snow fell.



What is the plan now? The good news is that there is probably not a lot of other rental competition, but in other news we must make compensations to find a new tenant. These compensations include the most important: lowering the rent to entice a potential tenant into securing the home.

At this point in the winter rental game, I would be looking for either a six-month lease or a longer and more desirable 18-month. Will the rent increase during the term? I would offer a deal on the monthly rent for the first six months, and the rent would then raise to market price for the remaining 12 months.

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Mask up

By Ken Welch

*W*ear the mask, it's not a big deal.

It simply makes sense in the same way you cover a sneeze or cough to be polite. In this year of the virus, it's another way to be considerate to those around you.

Experts across the medical spectrum have told us it's the way to help contain and stop the spread. Still, the controversy exists.

Information and opinions, true and false, are so easily accessed these days via social media and the internet, it's hard for people to know what to do. It's worse when even some doctors and government officials can't agree.

Whatever your position, it seems you can find a study to support it. Sometimes it does come down to who's the loudest with their message.

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The one I wear in the gym is made by Allett. Polypropylene and cotton, it doesn't collapse around your nose when you breath heavy. It's reinforced over the bridge of the nose for a snug fit and has a chin pocket so it keeps the mask secure when you talk or breath hard. It's an excellent mask to work out in.

Another one I wear for quick trips, like going into a store or an appointment, is made by TNG, very light weight, comfortable and easy to use.

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By Dr. Meredith Price

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Suzie Starnes

*hidden talent emerges
on a snowy winter day*

By Susan Bollinger



Suzie Starnes thought she lacked any artistic talent — until she picked up a set of oil paints to pass the time during a snowstorm.

“Growing up, I was terrible at drawing,” she recalls. “I was the one who made stick figures and I never thought I had any talent.”

The paints were intended to keep her children busy that winter day, but the siblings headed outside to play instead. Inside, Starnes’ talent broke loose.


“I painted a scene from a magazine and by the end of the day, I had

something. My kids said it was good, other people said it was good, and that’s how it all started,” she says.

That was 21 years ago, and since then, her talent and technique have advanced. Her love of nature and animals is reflected in her work, as is her love of travel. She says she’s inspired by the way light falls, the feeling of creating something from nothing, and how she sees the world around her. She also draws inspiration from her grandmother, who began painting with oil at age 72.

Starnes likes oil paint because it takes a long time to dry and can be manipulated. Sometimes she uses brushes, other times a blade, a stick, or even a goose feather.

“What I see might not be what everyone else sees. My work is diverse. I’d describe my style as ‘impressionist realism,’” she says.

Painting has become more than a creative outlet. Starnes paints full time and accepts commissions. To see her work, find Suzie Starnes on Instagram or email her at MojoSuzie@gmail.com. 



Top, Suzie Starnes with “Autumn Birch,” a scene inspired by nature and light; left, “Mekong Sun,” painted with a palette knife, depicts a scene from Starnes’ travels to Vietnam’s Mekong Delta; above, Starnes painted “Wild Horses” from memory, capturing an image from the Waipi’o Valley in Hawaii.

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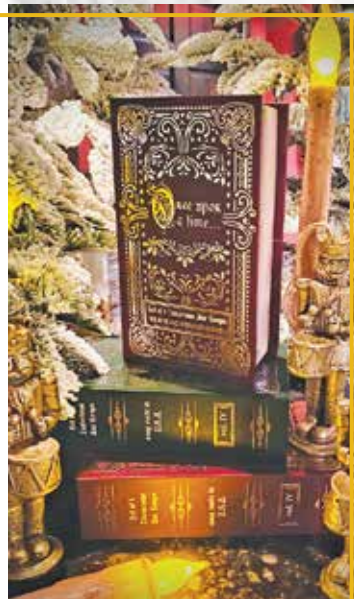
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Shingles, PHN

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Many people know of shingles, the painful rash that can happen in anyone who has had chickenpox and looks like tiny fluid filled vesicles on a red base and occur on one side of the body, but few are aware of a complication of shingles called post herpetic neuralgia. PHN refers to nerve pain that continues for months (and rarely years) after the rash of shingles resolves.

This pain can be quite severe and interfere with sleep and appetite and significantly decrease a



person's quality of life. It is often described as electric, burning, tingling and stabbing and can be worse at night.

Medications are available to help manage the pain; however, they seldom take the pain away completely and often have side effects that limit their use. Treatments include medications such as anti-convulsants, antidepressants and opioid pain pills, topical Capsaicin creams and Lidocaine patches and hot and cold compress.

Prevention is the goal and, thankfully, there is a vaccine for shingles called Shingrix available at most pharmacies and health departments. It consists of two doses given several months apart and you must get both. If you suspect you have a shingles outbreak, try to see your doctor ASAP (within three days of the onset of the rash is best) to start treatment with an anti-viral medication which may help decrease the likelihood of getting PHN.

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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By Lauren McGregor

On Friday, Nov. 27, enjoy one of Grosse Pointe's most anticipated holiday events — from the comfort of your car.

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will be a drive-through affair. Attendees can expect a wide variety of performances, floats, characters and "additional exciting surprises" says Chamber president and executive director Jennifer Boettcher.

These "sections" will line the Kercheval parade route, from Lewiston to Cadieux. Vehicles are invited to line up on Kercheval, starting at Lewiston.

"The line will be single lane and is a first come first place basis so be sure to get up early to get your place in line!" says Boettcher.

While disappointing that the traditional parade can't take place, there is also reason to be merry.

"Staying warm and cozy in your car, enjoying hot chocolate or coffee, is something to be excited about," says Boettcher. "But this style of parade is also the best option to keep everyone safe while still creating a memorable experience. Spectators will be able to wave, beep, cheer and smile as they have for the past 44 years welcoming the holiday season."

And for those concerned that they may not see Santa Claus this year — worry not. "Santa said this is his favorite parade of the year and wouldn't miss it if his elves' lives depended on it," says Boettcher. "He is a little sad that he

won't be able to personally visit with children after the parade, but he is bringing a North Pole mailbox so he can collect the children's letters."

This year's theme, A Gingerbread House Christmas, was chosen as a way for businesses to increase foot traffic.

"Businesses can sponsor a gingerbread house that will be displayed in the front window of their business," says Boettcher. "Each entry includes a gingerbread house and frosting. It's up to the business to get creative."

The Chamber will design a map listing the locations of the gingerbread houses for public viewing. An added incentive? A contest among the businesses. First place receives \$500, second place \$350 and third place \$150.

Boettcher reminds readers the parade will begin at 10 a.m. sharp on Nov. 27 and will be a must-attend event.

"There will be some of the traditional favorites participating this year," says Boettcher. "But because of this stationary style of parade, we are able to offer the spectators some off-the-cuff different kind of entertainment that will surely make the atmosphere electric!"



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THE WAR MEMORIAL

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE WAR MEMORIAL,

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. When The War Memorial campus closed in late March, our team had no idea of what to expect; we, like so many of you, were uprooted from our sense of normalcy and challenged to live (and think) outside the box. We were faced with the pressures of a global pandemic, ongoing conflict, and a deep desire to bring truth, hope, and justice to our nation.

While we've felt these drastic life changes over the past few months, we've also been able to pause and reflect on the things that matter most to us. We're grateful that this moment of chaos has served as a catalyst for transformation. And while our priorities may have recently shifted, we remain ever appreciative for the support shown to us through these challenging times.

Our team is grateful for this period of progress, which has allowed us to envision a brighter future and more positive tomorrow. We've begun offering unique and thought-provoking films through our Virtual Cinema; a new series, *Our American Values*, which explores the values that built our nation; and *Inspired Thoughts*, a curated collection of content from thought-leaders across the globe, which was just released last month. Of course, we continue to provide our community with enriching cultural events, including lectures and performances from friends new and old.

Lastly, we're thankful for the inspired future we are building together, *with you*. Our campus renovation will elevate The War Memorial as a place unlike anything in the Midwest, combining history and legacy with an inspired building design serving as an anchor for patriotism, culture, and community.

These may be some of the most trying times we'll face as a nation. But every day the team at The War Memorial remains committed to one thing: serving you as a patriotic, cultural, and community leader. I can only believe that we will emerge from these times stronger, more resilient, and *more inspired*.

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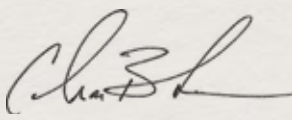
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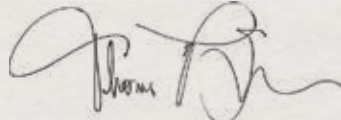
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Margaret Lally celebrated starting nursing school at Wayne State University with daughter, Katherine Lally, and mother, Candace Sweeny.

A career driven by service *takes on new meaning during the COVID crisis*

By Susan Bollinger

Margaret Sweeny Lally always wanted to serve others in some capacity. The '00 Grosse Pointe South graduate and Grosse Pointe Farms resident has found her calling not once, but three times in her career, first in the U.S. Navy, then in the Navy Reserves, and now, in critical care nursing.

“The military concept of ‘service before self’ appealed to me, and when I visited the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. in both my sophomore and junior years of high school, I knew it was the right spot. It was almost as if it was innate. The values and the energy resonated with

me,” she remembers.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Oceanography, Lally went directly into a master’s program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. Just one year later, she completed a Master’s in Applied Science with a focus in Physical Oceanography.

From there, she embarked on eight years of active duty as a surface warfare officer, completing three tours, two on ships that took her from California to the Middle East. Sailing through the Straits of Malacca and Hormuz, the Red Sea and visiting ports in Hong Kong, Bahrain and other distant ports, she served first as a gunnery officer,

then as a navigator. Her third tour took her to shore duty in Boston where she was responsible for all Navy enlisted and officer recruits on the East Coast, Europe and the Middle East.

“In 2012, I transitioned from active duty to the reserves, and came back to Michigan in 2016,” she says. Her current unit is based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township, supporting West Africa and mission sets that involve “mentoring and assessing foreign navies. We help them operate collectively to protect their resources and defend against illegal activity like drug smuggling, human trafficking and unauthorized fishing.”

A Navy Reserve Commander, Lally also completed an accelerated Bachelor of Nursing program at Wayne State University, and started her nursing career in the Critical Care Unit at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe in 2018.

“The military has a special camaraderie, and I found that same camaraderie in nursing. It takes a collective, team effort to stabilize patients and return them to wellness,” she says.

COVID-19 cases were and continue to be difficult. “The system was tested



At the U.S. Naval Academy graduation with classmates and fellow members of the rowing team. Lally (in white) is in the center.

“*The military has a special camaraderie, and I found that same camaraderie in nursing. It takes a collective, team effort to stabilize patients and return them to wellness.*”



Lieutenant Lally (now Commander) newly transitioned to the U.S. Navy Reserve

and strained, and it was emotionally difficult. Outcomes were not always what we wanted. Families not being able to be with their loved ones added to the heartache,” she reveals.

Her military training helped her “compartmentalize, focus on the mission at hand, and follow policies, procedures and backup plans, which were all crucial during the first months of the pandemic.”

Unfortunately, “service before self” took on new meaning when Lally contracted COVID-19. She spent three and a half weeks living in isolation with a fellow nurse who also contracted the virus at work.

“I was very fortunate that my symptoms were mild,” she says. “I don’t appear to have any residual effects, and I’ve been able to donate plasma and platelets.”

Today, she’s back to nursing and optimistic about positive strides happening medically and in the community. She hopes that “in Michigan, we are at a turning point, that the worst is behind us. But it is still incumbent on everyone to do their part.”



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An important year to remember “No kiddie without a Christmas”



Goodfellows dolls, distributed to girls ages 4-9

Photos courtesy of Detroit Goodfellows



By Dindi Maloney

“An officer once gave me a Goodfellows package, and it was the best gift I had that year. It meant a lot.”

How important is it for a child to have a toy on Christmas? That remains the most important thing to the Old Newsboys’ Goodfellow Fund of Detroit — even during a global pandemic.

Each holiday season, the Detroit Goodfellows distribute over 30,000 holiday gift boxes to Metro Detroit children ages 4 to 13. This year, the Fund aims to meet that number. Although there will be some major changes in distribution, the Goodfellows, along with yearly support from the Detroit Police Department, will strive to continue in their efforts to serve the children.


“This year we are challenged due to COVID-19, so we want to make sure that our officers, volunteers and our families are safe,” says Goodfellows executive director Sari Klok-Schneider.

The organization will take preventative measures, providing the proper PPE to all box distribution volunteers. Families can go to any of the three pick-up locations Dec. 7-21.

Donating to the Goodfellow Fund

will be even more important this year. Countless families have experienced financial hardship and will be unable to provide for their children this Christmas. Apart from fun toys and candy, each child receives clothing, books, a shoe voucher, dental kit and more.

“An officer once gave me a Goodfellows package, and it was the best gift I had that year,” says Goodfellows president Daran Carey. “It meant a lot.”

As a result of the pandemic, all fundraising efforts will be conducted virtually. The Goodfellows depend upon faithful sponsors and community members to donate. If you would like to ensure “no kiddie without a Christmas,” visit detroitgoodfellows.org. 

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EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Ford House offers children free entry and activity kits through November

With school field trips on hold, Ford House hopes to fill that void as a safe place to visit. Parents are invited to bring their young learners to the estate to boost educational enrichment and spend much needed time outdoors.

“When it became clear how challenging the fall semester would be for students, parents and educators, we wanted to show our support and share this beautiful estate with more families,” says Ford House president and CEO Mark Heppner. “With the Ford Motor Company Fund’s support, we created excellent educational kits for young learners — fun for kids and a helpful tool for parents-turned-teachers — and we are able to grant free admission to kids through November.”

Adult admission is just \$5 for an all-day grounds pass, and children’s grounds passes will be free through Nov. 30. Kids 12 and under can pick up a free educational kit on-site and discover the estate while completing fun learning activities tailored to their age group. Kits include a bird-spotting guide, a leaf identification pack, coloring

pages and binoculars.

Designed by Ford House’s educational team, the kit complements various educational standards through hands-on experiences centered on outdoor nature science.

“Children need time outdoors, running about and getting fresh air. They benefit from time away from screens, including online instruction,” says Ford House director of education Sheila Ruen.

The estate boasts plenty of space to explore while keeping a safe distance from others with its 87 acres on the shore of Lake St. Clair.

“My team developed projects that will engage children in explorations of the natural world, both on the Ford House grounds and in their own neighborhoods,” says Ruen. “We look forward to seeing children and families engaging with our beautiful landscape, flora and fauna, and then taking their inspiration, curiosity and tools home for further exploration.”

Ford House offers more affordable opportunities for young learners, including monthly At-Home Learner

workshops online and in-person tours. The virtual workshops cost \$5 per family. The on-site tours cost \$2 per person.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ford House continues to uphold guidelines and safety procedures to ensure a clean, comfortable, safe and enjoyable visit for all. This includes hand sanitizer stations around the estate and limited admission capacities. All visitors must carry a mask with them, to be worn when interacting with other visitors or staff.

Visit www.fordhouse.org to reserve a grounds pass with free admission for children. Families will receive the educational kit at the entrance gate. There are no on-site ticket sales. For tour schedules and more information, visit www.fordhouse.org and follow Ford House on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. <#>

Top left, Alex, Harper and Adrienne Nash enjoy Ford House grounds with age-appropriate learning activities; top right, Leo Reaser uses tools from the free educational tote

Left photo courtesy of Ford House, by John F. Martin Photography; right photo by Colleen Reaser

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THE EASTSIDE FAMILY FAVORITE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

By Lauren McGregor

This holiday season, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy has extra reason to be merry — the family-owned mainstay is celebrating 50 years of business.

Upon entering, it's impossible not to be swept up in the magic. "My favorite thing is when a child walks in and their eyes light up as the train goes by," says

co-owner Julie Everitt.

The train, built by a family friend, chugs along the ceiling as a fitting tribute to the roots of the business.

"When my dad (Richard Claggett) started the business, he was a designer at General Motors," says Everitt. "It was just a hobby shop in a little building on Jefferson. It did so well, he

moved to Harper."

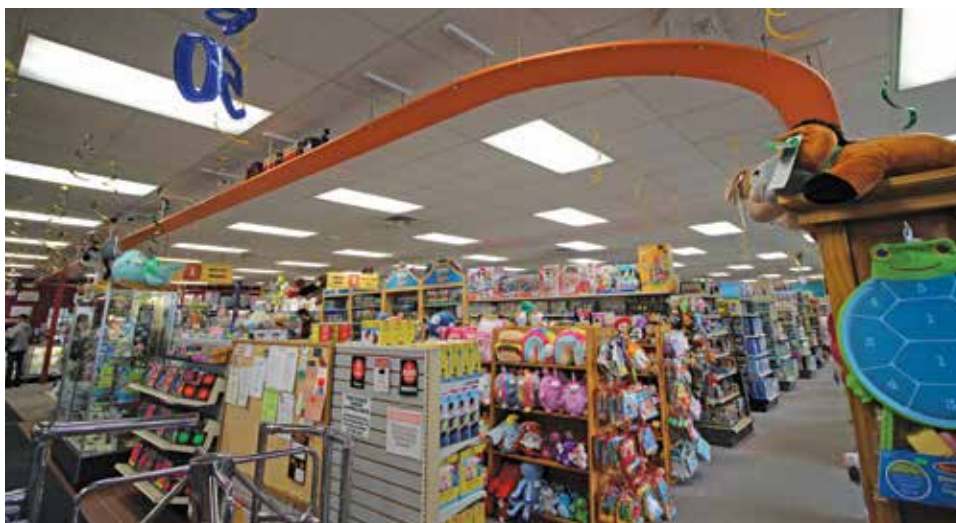
The business moved once more, to its current location at 21714 Harper Ave., in the 1980s, adding square footage and stock, like doll houses.

Because their father was working full time as an automotive designer, Everitt explains it was her mother, Carol Claggett, who ran the business. "Dad started it from his hobby shop, but it was Mom's sweat and tears that made Whistle Stop what it is today. She was at the store every day."

"It was tough when we first started, but we made it work and did what we do best — bring happiness and fun," says Carol.

Today, Julie and her siblings, Wendy Bacon and Rick Claggett, are co-owners of the beloved store.

The trio loves seeing generations



Left, Whistle Stop entrance, including train track circling the store

Top photo by Jack Ryan, SkyView Productions; bottom photo by Lauren McGregor

**Co-owners and siblings,
Wendy Bacon, Rick Claggett
and Julie Everitt**

Photo by Jack Ryan,
SkyView Productions



visit. “Parents will come in with their children and say ‘I remember coming here when I was a kid and it’s still just as magical!’” says Rick. “Today, we have customers that are the third or fourth generation that shop here.”

While Whistle Stop has many of the most popular brands, from LEGO to Pokemon, it is a true specialty toy store, carrying toys that are not available in large box stores.

“We have toys for all ages” is Whistle Stop’s motto. Everitt says, “We have one of the largest puzzle and game selections in the area, dolls, model kits, hobbies, crafts, imagination toys, Diamond Dotz, LEGO and more.”

The quality toys are matched by the shopping experience.

“When you walk through the front door, you are greeted and helped,” says Everitt. “We train our employees to know patrons by name. It’s a community feeling.”

Everitt loves helping customers choose the perfect toy. “I especially

enjoy helping grandparents who aren’t sure what to buy their grandkids. They tell me the age and price limit and I love to come up with two great gifts, things that are hot right now, items that get kids off of video games,” she laughs.

Whistle Stop also goes above and beyond in offering complimentary gift wrap. “We want to make sure you leave with a smile,” says Everitt.


Customers concerned with the pandemic can shop in comfort. Whistle Stop offers curbside pickup and enforces strict protocol.

“Everyone must wear a mask. We

have hand sanitizer and disinfect surfaces, carts and baskets constantly,” says Everitt.

As a mother of two, she is especially aware of how hard parents have had it this year. “I feel for parents. We have lots of fun materials for online schooling, homeschooling — a large book section and countless tools to make learning fun.”

When asked what she sees for the next 50 years, Everitt says, “We hope to bring in new faces and inspire more children for generations to come.”

For store information and social media links, visit whistle-stop.com. 



**Above left, books and educational materials;
above right, Varush Gupta admiring the model train on display**

Photos by Lauren McGregor



Meet Silas

Name: **Silas Pletscher**

Parents: **Karley & Henry**

Siblings: **Leighton, 3**

Birthdate: **January 5, 2020**

City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**

First word: **Dada, Mama, Bye Bye**

Cute fact: **Loves laughing at just about everything, and he can always be seen with his baseball.**

Favorite activity: **Baseball, walker, crawling, exploring, dancing**

About Silas *in Mommy and Daddy's words*

Silas is the sweetest soul, loves life and has smiles to fill the world. He loves to dance in his mama and dada's arms, and surprisingly loves oldies — especially singing along to “Barbara Ann” by the Beach Boys, a real knee bender for him. He adores his big sister, Leighton, even though he is treated like one of her dolls. At 10 months old, he is off the charts in height and weight and gives Mommy and Daddy a workout when carrying him around the house.

Photo by Caitlin Onodi Photography

Meet Christopher

Name: **Christopher Wahl** Age: **9** City: **Grosse Pointe City**

Parents: **Michael & Nathalie** School: **Richard** Siblings: **Anna, 7, and Julia, 5**

Favorites

Game: **Monopoly** Outdoor Activity: **Playing fetch with my dog** Food: **Steak and potatoes** School Subject: **Writing**

Vacation: **Going Up North and to Mackinac Island** Book: **George's Marvelous Medicine**

What is your favorite thing about going to school? **Playing with friends** What do you want to be when you grow up? **An engineer**

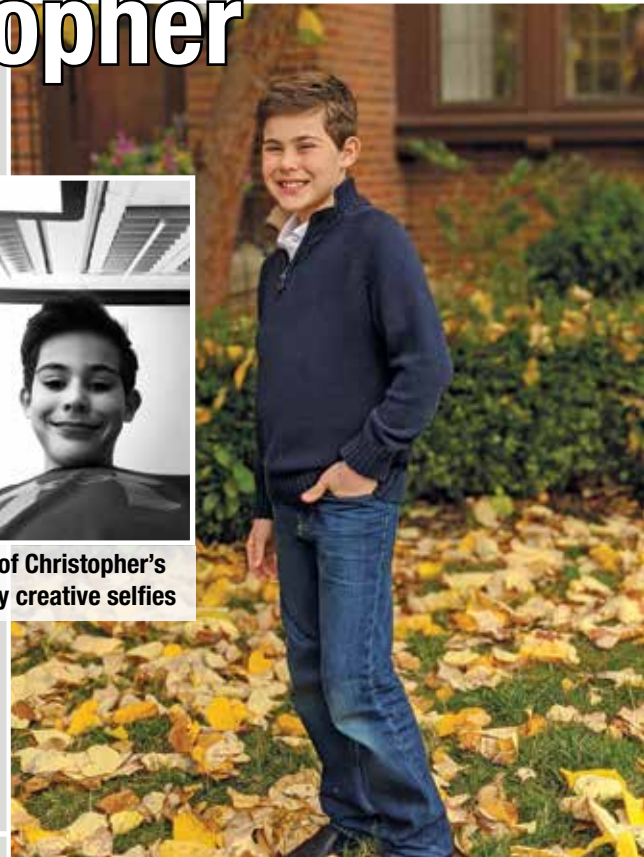
What is your favorite thing to do with your family? **Watching movies and game night** Who is your hero and why? **My mom and dad, because they support me**

About Christopher

“Hi, my name is Christopher and I am 9 years old. I have lived here in Grosse Pointe my whole life. Although I was born here, I am half Lebanese from my mom's side and half German/Irish from my dad's side. I have two sweet sisters and a giant Wirehaired Pointing Griffon dog. I am always on the go and active, whether at home with my family or spending time Up North exploring the great outdoors with my dog. I would love to be an engineer when I grow up and to visit Lebanon one day!”



One of Christopher's many creative selfies



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Meet Sofia



Name	Sofia Boddy
Age	13
City	Grosse Pointe City
School	Brownell Middle School
Siblings	Marcus, 19
Parents	Matthew & Gabriela Boddy

Sofia's Favorites

Musical Artist

Melanie Martinez

TV Show

Grey's Anatomy; Euphoria

School Subject

Spanish

Food

Steak

Movie

Call Me By Your Name; Wizard of Oz

Actor/Actress

Sophie Turner

Book

And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie

Vacation

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Extracurricular Activity

Dance

Teacher

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

I love to draw and create art. I want to learn how to do a back handspring.

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

1. To end world hunger
2. To have my dog live as long as me
3. Equality for everybody

What song have you downloaded that people would be surprised by?

The Phantom of the Opera

What did you want to be when you were a child and what do you hope to be now?

I wanted to be a fashion designer, and now I don't know.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Going to college with my friends

About Sofia

"I love animals and traveling. I am always ready for anything and very enthusiastic. I am a hard worker and appreciate life. My friends and family are my rock. I love to be outside and be happy."

Sofia's interests include filmmaking, drawing, cooking and dance.

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Fine dining — Eskimo style!

By John Minnis

During these COVID times, restaurateurs have had to be creative ... just to survive. So Dino and Louie Ropotos, owners of WaterMark Bar & Grille at Jefferson Beach Marina on the Nautical Mile, came up with a brilliant idea: Why not offer dining all winter long on their spacious deck overlooking the marina?

Too cold, you say? Not if you dine in igloos.

To accommodate outdoor dining as the weather gets colder, the Ropotos brothers purchased seven 12-foot-diameter “igloos” made of super-tough polyethylene, complete with a zippered door and window and, of course, an electric heater to ward off Michigan’s winter cold.

“It’s the talk of the town,” Dino says of WaterMark’s igloo dining, which was scheduled to be available for reservations for up to six per igloo in early November.


Dino says he saw igloos used for dining in downtown Detroit a couple of winters ago and that igloo-style dining is common in Chicago and “very popular” in England. A quick Google search finds them being used in Boston,

Quebec, Buffalo, Norway and even in the Pyrenees.

If the igloos are all booked, WaterMark Bar & Grille, because of its huge size, square feet-wise, offers many safe, socially-distanced tables inside. And its large U-shaped bar provides plenty of space to watch the game and not be too close to fellow patrons.

Business is picking up, Dino says. “A lot of people are adapting to restaurant policies and are feeling really comfortable here.”

The Ropotos brothers, who also own Mack Avenue Grille, took over the former Tin Fish restaurant space four years ago, converting it from a young bar scene crowd to a family friendly, fine dining experience.

“The deck will be just as nice as it is in the summertime,” Dino says. “Imagine looking out over the frozen canal, snow coming down...kind of like a ski resort setting. You won’t even know you’re in St. Clair Shores.” 

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Christmas Tree Cheesecake Brownies

Recipe courtesy of Jenn Fillenworth of “Jenny with the Good Eats”
Family Features

Festive fun and baking holiday treats go hand-in-hand, and these Christmas Tree Cheesecake Brownies provide a perfect way to create a holiday tradition.

Decorate your own version using green and white frosting, sprinkles of your choice and candy canes for “stumps” in the tree-shaped sweets.

Christmas Tree Cheesecake Brownies

Serves 16

Ingredients

Cheesecake Batter:

8 oz. low-fat cream cheese, at room temperature

1/3 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

1 tbs. all-purpose flour

Brownie Batter:

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup cocoa powder

1/2 tsp. salt

1 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1/4 cup milk

2 eggs

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Nonstick cooking spray

Decorations:

green frosting

white frosting

assorted sprinkles

star-shaped sprinkles

candy canes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F

2. Coat 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside

3. To make cheesecake batter: Place cream cheese in bowl of stand mixer. Beat at medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add sugar and beat well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour and beat

mixture until blended

4. For brownie batter: In medium bowl, whisk flour, cocoa powder and salt until combined. In separate bowl, whisk sugar, oil, milk, eggs and vanilla until well combined. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until blended

5. Pour brownie batter evenly into prepared pan

6. Carefully pour cheesecake batter over top, spreading evenly. Carefully swirl layers together using knife tip

7. Bake 30 minutes until brownies are set

8. Cool brownies completely in pan on wire rack before cutting into triangle pieces

9. Decorate trees by piping green and white frosting. Top with assorted sprinkles and star-shaped sprinkles. Place 3-inch candy cane pieces in bottoms of brownies for stumps



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Established in 1975, the Parcells Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar is the oldest running and largest arts and craft show in the Grosse Pointes. The Parcells PTO has long prided itself on offering the community an all handmade holiday art and craft bazaar annually. The PTO will continue this tradition by connecting shoppers and vendors in the comfort of their own homes and on their own schedule.

While the fundraising proceeds of the bazaar have always supported the academic and social activities at Parcells Middle School, the PTO realizes the unique academic challenges and needs this year, more than ever.

“While the Parcells Holiday Bazaar may look different this year, we still hope that our community will take the opportunity to shop, find unique gifts and most importantly, support our school,” says Dr. Dan Hartley, principal of Parcells Middle School. “Money raised through the Bazaar supports

our Instrumental and Vocal Music programs, and is used for special projects each year. This year we will also use these funds to purchase technology and resources to support both teachers and students, in person and with remote learning while we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Shoppers will have the opportunity to find their favorite local artists’ creations from the comfort of their home with free ongoing shopper access at www.parcellsbazaar.com beginning on Black Friday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. and concluding Dec. 31.

Shoppers will be able to return to the vendor’s virtual “booth” to browse and holiday shop at their leisure.

Arrangements for delivery of purchases will be solely between vendors and shoppers.

Vendors interested in virtual booths and local businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities may contact the planning committee at parcells.bazaar@gmail.com.

This year, an online silent auction has been added to feature the “Best of the Bazaar” baskets. Bidding will take place exclusively on the website from Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. until Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Vendors will receive a discount on their registration if they offer a donation toward the silent auction.

Local businesses willing to donate a service, gift card or item to the silent auction should email parcells.bazaar@gmail.com. All donations are tax deductible. Winners will be contacted at the end of the day Dec. 5.

The bazaar traditionally draws thousands of patrons on the first Saturday of December annually. With many in-person craft shows cancelled, virtual access to quality handmade crafts this year will benefit shoppers and vendors in the Pointes and beyond. [Φ](#)





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Zucchini Sausage Soup




We asked Lochmoor Club's Executive Chef Duane G. Walkowski for an easy chilly weather recipe. Zucchini Sausage Soup is the perfect

dish for the cold evenings ahead. It is also a good dish to make in large quantities, for freezing and enjoying later.

The dish is especially amendable

to different tastes. Experiment with different vegetables and starches to your liking.

Keep warm this wintry season with this cozy soup from Lochmoor Club. 

Zucchini Sausage Soup

Ingredients

1 16-oz. roll pork sausage
½ cup onion, diced

2 carrots, sliced
2 celery stalks, sliced
2 cups zucchini, sliced
1 14.5-oz. can of diced tomatoes

2 cups beef broth
½ tsp. ground sage
½ tsp. thyme
Parmesan cheese for topping

Directions

1. In a large pot, over medium heat, brown sausage and onions
2. Stir to crumble sausage and drain
3. Add in remaining ingredients and stir to combine
4. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes, until vegetables are soft
5. Serve topped with shredded Parmesan cheese



Executive Chef Duane G. Walkowski has been with Lochmoor Club since 2016. Prior to that, he held the position of Executive Sous Chef at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for 13 years. He also spent four years at the Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Chef Walkowski and wife Barbara are parents to Megan, Jessica and Ian. They also have two furry kids: Winnie and Emma. In his free time, he enjoys hunting.

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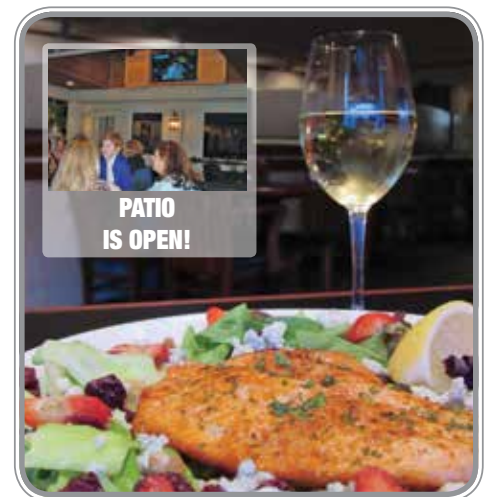
The patio and dining room are now open. Outdoor seating will be available along with limited indoor seating. A fantastic limited menu will be in place until we are capable of restoring our full menu. We are thrilled to open our doors to our loyal guests again. You can be assured that we will be keeping up to date with all of the latest developments to ensure the health and safety of our guests and staff.

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22428 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores • (586) 585-1223

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Hours: Tues-Thurs 11:30am-8pm

Web: www.cornerkitchenscs.com



Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe — WE ARE OPEN!

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

The Dirty Dog is open with lunch and dinner dining service. The dining room will be open Tuesday through Friday for lunch from the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner service will be open at 5 p.m. until approximately 9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The Dirty Dog will have projected video content of artists who have played at The Dirty Dog on a 100-inch screen with music overhead. Lunch and dinner menu items include a Steak Burger, Chicken, Turkey Club and Reuben sandwiches, Caesar and Organic Garden salads, and entrees such as Chicken Marsala, Kobe Meatloaf, Salmon Filet, Filet Mignon and Penne Pasta.  


In our attempt to keep our customers safe by following the State's Covid guidelines, our capacity will be limited to 50%. We recommend that you call ahead so we can guarantee your reservation. For more information please visit our Facebook page.

Hours: Tues-Fri 11:30am-3pm; Sat. 5pm-9pm (approx.)
Web: www.dirtydogjazz.com



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Web: 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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Pepperoni Grille

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

As its name implies, Pepperoni Grille is a cheerful spot set in a welcome, casual atmosphere. The eatery features a small bar and dining room on one side of the central open kitchen, and a second dining room on the other side. It offers notable pizza along with a number of popular dishes from Calamari, Chicken Picatta and Lake Michigan Perch to Filet Mignon and New York Strip Steaks and Baby Back Ribs. The staff is friendly and courteous. The full bar offers wine, liquor and beer. Our Reverse Happy Hour from 8 p.m. to close 6 days features \$2 domestic beers, \$5 martinis and 1/2-off appetizers. **Tuesday is half-off pizza all day**, dine in or carry out. 

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

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Hours: Open Tue-Sun at 5pm; Closed on Mondays
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Telly's Place — We Are Open! Normal Business Hours!

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 Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution.  

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Wednesday - \$6 Specialty Martinis

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Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close; Sun 4pm-Close

Web: tellysplace.com



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16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe • (313) 882-4555


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Hours: Open daily 11 am
Web: www.villagegrillegp.com



Watermark Bar & Grille @ Jefferson Beach Marina

24420 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores • (586) 777-3677

The Watermark is Fine Dining at its Best — Open year round, this waterfront destination evolves with the seasons. As winter approaches, seating outside is transformed into a winter wonderland with private igloos. Sunday breakfast returns along with favorites such as crab cake benedict, peanut butter stuffed french toast, crepes and Belgian waffles. Meanwhile, their massive indoor seating area has made social distancing an easy adjustment with the changing state laws. The large bar allows you to safely and comfortably watch a game or enjoy one of the 21 rotating beers on draft. The spacious banquet room is available for any upcoming private events. Continuing to stay up to date with the latest CDC guidelines each table, igloo or bar stool is sanitized after each guest. With its fresh ingredients, amazing views, and classy but casual atmosphere, Watermark bar and grill is your go-to place! 

Hours: Daily Noon-Close
Web: www.watermarkbarandgrille.com



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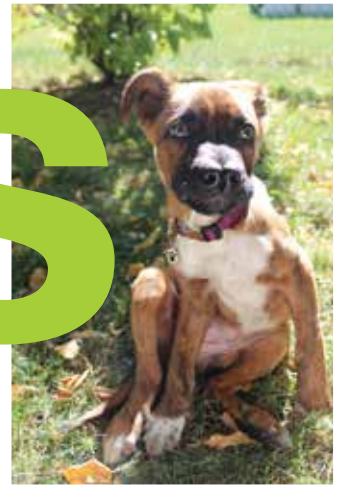


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pets

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Vilkas

Vilkas (Lithuanian for “wolf”), 5, is ready for Christmas with Cindy and Joe Slajus of Grosse Pointe Woods.



In Memory of Lexi

Lexi was deeply loved and lived her very best life in Grosse Pointe Woods before passing away at the age of 14 this year.



Murphy

Murphy is a 4-year-old Lakeland Terrier with a love of treats and a passion for chasing tennis balls with Larry and Sue Monahan in Grosse Pointe Park.



Travis

Travis was rescued up off the streets of Ohio while running with a pack of other four-leggeds. He now lives the good life in Grosse Pointe. All the running he does these days is with his parents and to his food bowl.



Dougal

Dougal is a rescue beagle from Muscle Shoals, Alabama! His favorite activities are burying bones around the yard, taking up lots of room on the bed and saying hello to everyone while on his walks.



Rocky

Rocky, a Mi-Ki, was born February 8, 2020 and arrived in Grosse Pointe from Washington on April 23.



Coco

Coco Chanel Cochran, a Mini Goldendoodle goes crazy over the smell of wine, ice cream and coffee! She is 8 months old, full of snuggles and sass.



In Memory of Pumpkin

Pumpkin, a beloved member of the Haigh family, peacefully crossed the rainbow bridge Aug. 3. Pumpkin had a rough start in life. Luckily, she found the Haighs and her calling as “Hall Monitor.” Nobody traveled a hallway with Pumpkin on guard.



Tino

Tino moonlights at a sushi bar with Chef Ellie.



Maggie

Maggie, a German Shorthaired Pointer, in her favorite spot while up north hunting.



Bob & Bea

Wire Fox Terriers, Bob, 8, and Bea, 5, of Grosse Pointe Shores, love the sun, chasing squirrels and bunnies, and daily walks with their mom.



Maddie Alastor

Maddie Alastor was rescued after a car accident caused her to lose an eye and a leg — but nothing stops her. She is showing off her Halloween nails!



Oscar

Oscar was adopted one year ago and is enjoying life in Grosse Pointe Shores!



Oz

Oz likes to say hi to his neighbors!



Jeannie

Jeannie is a rescue, but her mom says, “I must say I don’t know who rescued whom.”

Pets and holiday treats ... beware

By Dr. Nancy Pillsbury

The holidays are right around the corner, and with them comes an assortment of delicious holiday food. While we enjoy these culinary treats as humans, many of them can be toxic to our pets.



Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine, which cannot be metabolized by dogs and cats. It can result in vomiting, diarrhea and, in some cases,

cardiac and neurological symptoms. The toxicity can vary with the type of chocolate: the darker the chocolate, the higher concentration of theobromine.

Any foods containing grapes or raisins are toxic to our fur kids. It is not known why, but as little as one grape can cause acute kidney failure in dogs. Ingestion is an emergency situation and should be addressed immediately. The veterinary staff will typically induce vomiting and start the pet on intravenous fluid therapy while monitoring the kidney values for several days.

It is tempting to give bones to our pets to chew on, but this can cause serious health issues as well. Bone fragments can splinter, or pieces of bone can become lodged in the throat, esophagus, stomach or intestines, requiring emergency surgery. In some cases, death can occur.

While many of our holiday foods are not toxic to animals, ingesting them can cause vomiting, diarrhea or pancreatitis, which can lead to hospitalization. It is best to avoid these issues, so please be cautious and don't be tempted to give your pets anything they are not used to eating.

Be safe and have a happy holiday season!

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

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November

Calendar

08 SUNDAY

- Singin' in the Streets, a Broadway Musical Review to benefit Grosse Pointe Theatre, 30-minute performance outside, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. Face masks and distancing are required, 2 p.m.

10 TUESDAY

- Ford House One-on-One with Santa tickets GO ON SALE TO PUBLIC (if available) at fordhouse.org, give your child a moment to share their holiday wishes with Santa himself in a personal video call with your family during December

11 WEDNESDAY - Veterans Day

14 SATURDAY

- Ford House Maker Series: Holiday Cards, \$60, \$50 for members, tickets at fordhouse.org, design and create a hand printed card in this virtual workshop, pick up your supply kit at Ford House Nov. 12-14, then tune into Zoom Nov. 14, 1-3 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

- Mix Cocktails with Ford House, \$10, \$5 for members, tickets at fordhouse.org, in this Zoom virtual workshop, learn to make cocktails and hear stories about the holiday parties the Ford family hosted, list of ingredients and supplies will be provided in advance, 7-8:30 p.m.

20 FRIDAY

- The Family Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Hollyfest, silent and live

auctions from the comfort of home, more information and tickets at familycenterweb.org, livestream at 7 p.m.

26 THURSDAY - Thanksgiving

27 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, drive-through experience on Kercheval, all cars line up on

Join us for a special gift to the community from

Grosse Pointe Theatre's

Singin' in the Streets

Sunday, November 8, 2020
2 p.m. Performance

The Village
Downtown Grosse Pointe
Corner of St. Clair and Kercheval

Bring your portable lawn chair.
Face Masks and Distancing Required



Singin' in the Streets was created to share some live entertainment, joy and hope with the community during this challenging year. The program showcases talented Grosse Pointe Theatre members singing Broadway melodies in a 30-minute outdoor performance. Singers perform in face masks.

Grosse Pointe Theatre | 315 Fisher Rd. | Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 | gpt.org

December

Calendar

Kercheval starting at Lewiston, get there early, parade begins at 10 a.m. sharp

- 45th Annual Parcels Holiday Arts and Crafts Virtual Bazaar, free ongoing shopper access at www.parcelsbazaar.com, beginning on Black Friday at 9 a.m. and concluding Dec. 31



05 SATURDAY

- Ford House Maker Series for Families: Holiday Decorations, \$50 per family, includes supplies, tickets at fordhouse.org, learn to make vintage salt dough and straw ornaments to decorate your house or give as gifts, staff will tell stories about how the Fords decorated for the season, pick up supply kit at Ford House Dec. 3-5, then tune into Zoom workshop Dec. 5, 1-3 p.m.

10 THURSDAY

- Ford House Starry Nights: The Holy Nights of December, \$10, \$5 for members, tickets at fordhouse.org,

discover how the starry phenomena of the sky's darkest season wove into lore from across different cultures and seasonal celebrations of light in December, a Zoom talk, 7-8 p.m.

12 SATURDAY

- Ford House Maker Series: Candles, \$25, \$20 for members, tickets at fordhouse.org, a live candle-making demo, pick up supply kit at Ford House Dec. 10-12, then tune into Zoom on Dec. 12, 1-3 p.m.

17 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Show" on Grosse Pointe Theatre's YouTube channel, 7 p.m.

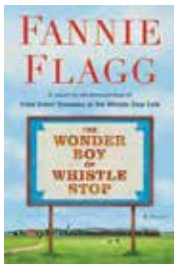
25 FRIDAY - Christmas Day

Peggy's Picks



By Peggy Kitchel
Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library

The chill of winter has settled in. Books are a perfect distraction to get us through the long days. They bring comfort during nights when sleep is elusive, or just during these generally troubled times. This book list contains some of my favorite authors — new and old to add to your stack. Happy Reading!



The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop

By Fannie Flagg

Ruthie receives a call from the retirement community to tell her that her father, Bud, is missing. Bud is on his way back to

Whistle Stop, to take one last look at his hometown. His disappearance becomes a major news story and an unexpected turn of events connects Ruthie with an older Evelyn Couch. When the two new friends hatch a plan to use Evelyn's wealth to restore Whistle Stop, the fun really begins.



Fortune and Glory

By Janet Evanovich

Grandma Mazur's husband left her the keys to a life-changing fortune. But as Stephanie and Grandma Mazur search for the treasure, they discover they're not the only ones on the hunt. The quest turns into a desperate

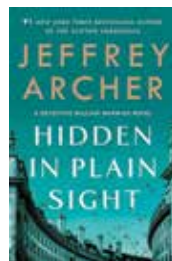
race against time. Even as she looks for the treasure and fights to protect her Grandma Mazur, Stephanie's deepest feelings will be tested. And she could finally be forced to choose between Joe Morelli and Ranger.



His Only Wife

By Peace Adzo Medie

Afi lives with her widowed mother. One day, a wealthy family offers her a proposal of marriage to their son, Elikem. But he sends a stand-in to his own wedding and Afi is installed in a plush apartment. It turns out Elikem is with another woman, and his family disapproves. Afi's job is to win him back on their behalf. Though reaching her breaking point, she learns to flex her power to pursue a life that she never could have imagined.



Hidden in Plain Sight

By Jeffrey Archer

William Warwick has been promoted to Detective Sergeant, and he and his team have been reassigned to the Drugs Squad. Their first task is to apprehend a notorious drug dealer. As the investigation proceeds, William encounters enemies old and new. While his team closes the net around a criminal network unlike any they have ever faced before, William

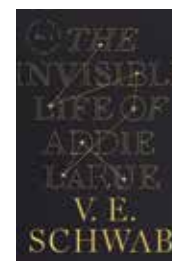
devises a trap they would never expect, one that is hidden in plain sight.



Anxious People

By Fredrik Backman

A desperate parent turns to bank robbery to help pay the rent. Unfortunately, it is a cashless bank. The would-be perpetrator runs into a nearby apartment building and interrupts an open house. The potential buyers assume they are in a hostage situation. As the authorities and the media surround the premises, these reluctant allies reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events that even they can hardly explain.



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

By V.E. Schwab

On the night before she is to be married off against her will, Adeline mistakenly summons a god of darkness. She makes a deal that will save her from marriage. She can live forever but she won't be remembered by anyone she encounters. Addie spends the next 300 years navigating this unusual reality, finding joy in small acts. Then she meets a boy named Henry who actually remembers her. Her world is turned upside down again. ♡

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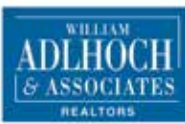

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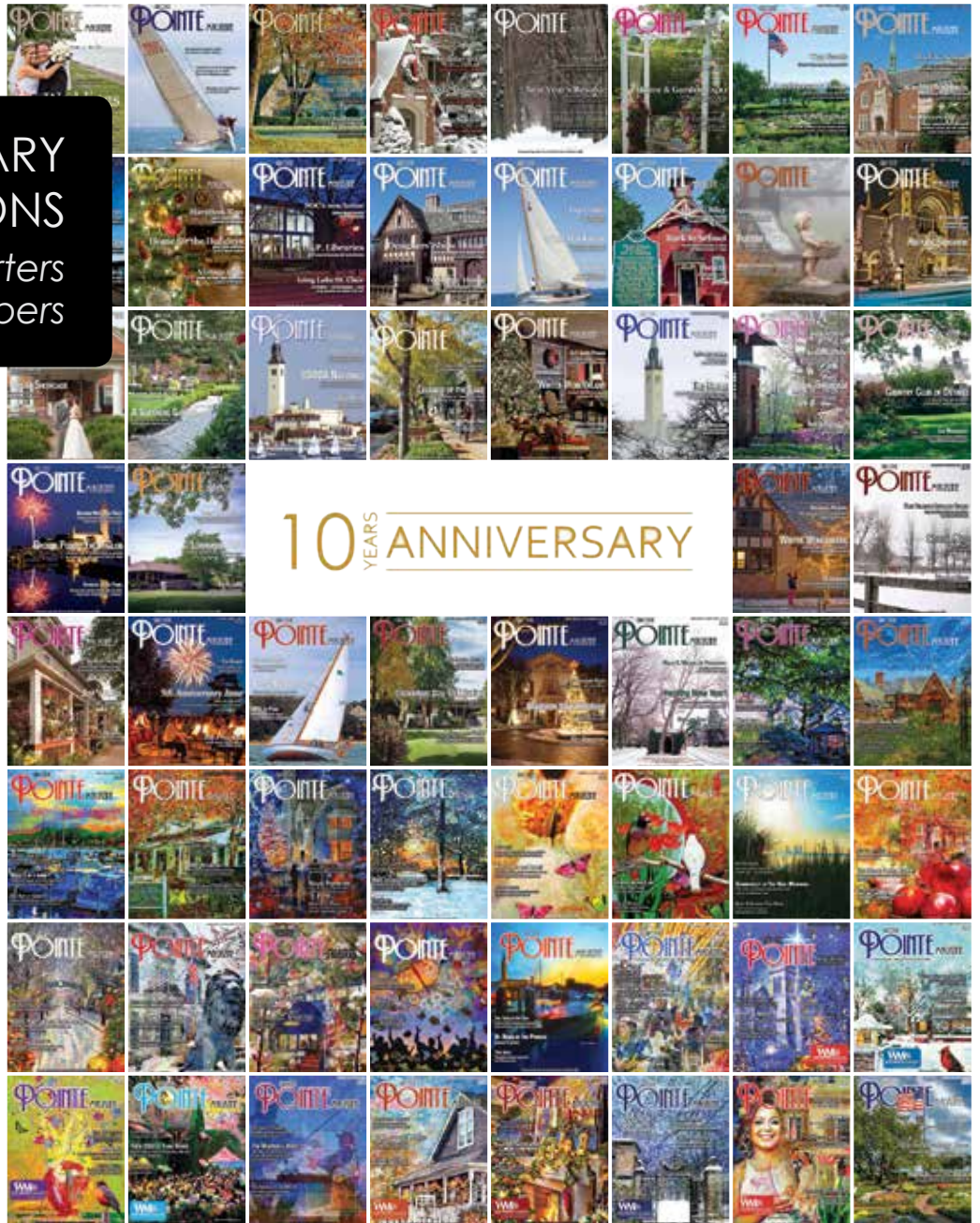
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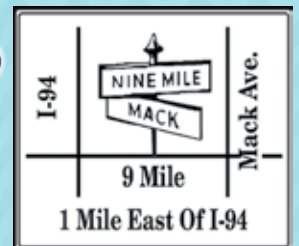
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