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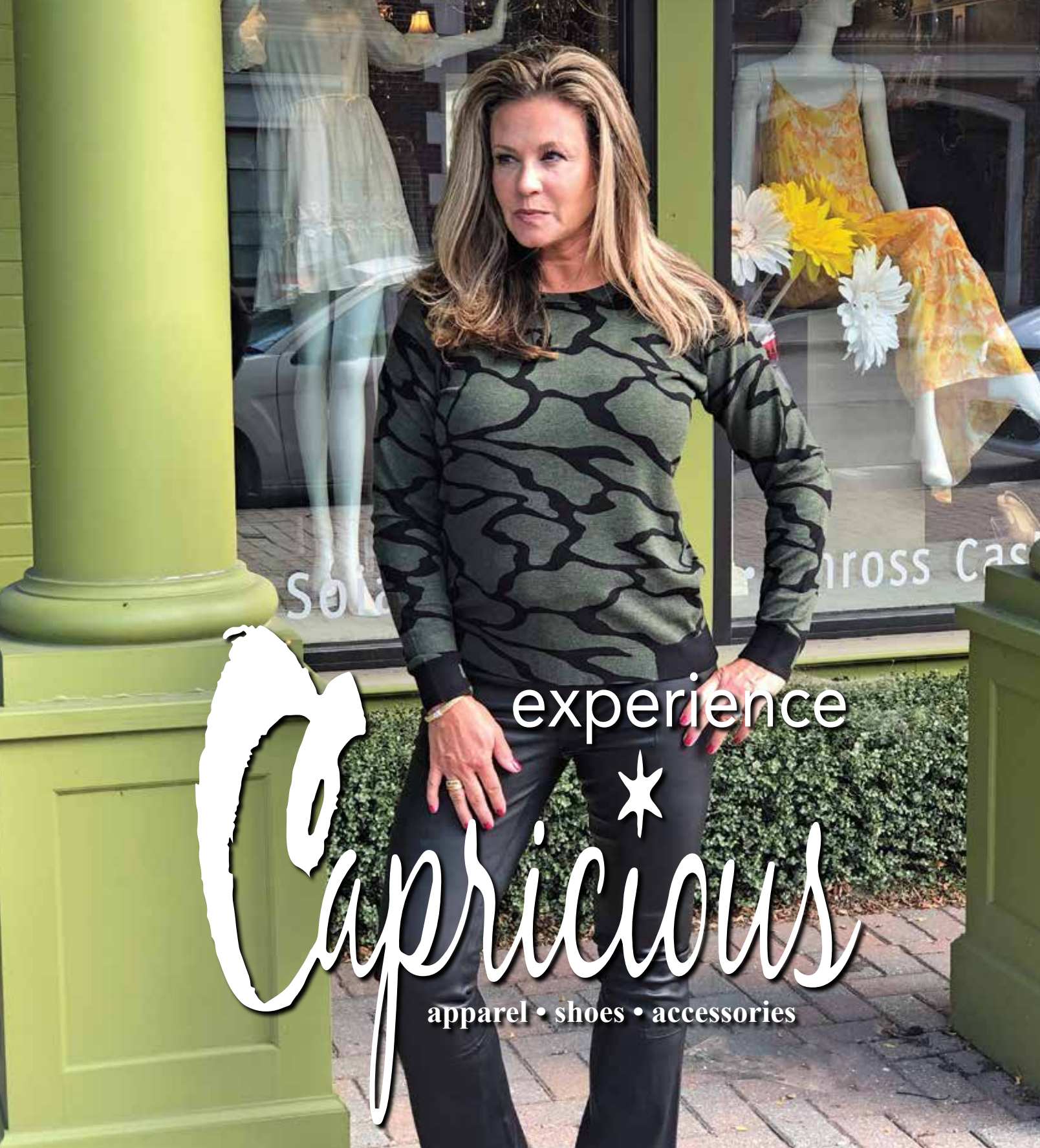
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Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this object? On Monday, Sept. 20, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to respond with the most specific answer will win a family pass to African Safari Wildlife Park. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Concessions at Ghesquiere Park)

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Galas and back-to-school fun

Earlier this year, I thought that by now the pandemic would be behind us, all schools would be welcoming maskless students and businesses would be back to pre-COVID activity. How naive I was!

Just when we thought we had it licked, the Delta variant came along and cured us of our hubris. Fortunately, the numbers do not look as bad in the Pointes as they do elsewhere; however, many of us are sometimes forced to leave our “bubble” for business and family matters.

Yet, all is not doom and gloom. Once again we have our galas — Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s “Legacy on the Lake” Sept. 16 at Ford House, The Helm’s 25th annual auction “Silver Dream” Oct. 14 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation’s “Masquerade for the Stacks” Oct. 23 at the Country Club of Detroit, and The Family Center’s popular “Hollyfest” Dec. 2 at the GPYC.

And, as Editor Lauren McGregor writes, school is indeed back. Can’t wait to see her 4-year-old Graham — “big brother” and protector to Maggie — go to preschool at Our Lady Star of Sea, right across the street from Uncle John and Aunt Terry! (That would be us!)

Further, business is picking up. We are seeing many of our faithful advertisers returning to *Pointe Magazine* after being shuttered — or nearly so — for over a year. The biggest problem right now seems to be getting workers to get businesses back to full strength. Yet this, too, will pass.

This time of year, Terry and I are preparing for our “working vacation” to The Villages and Orlando. Not to worry, as business owners, once we get settled with our makeshift office and laptops set up on the dining table, we’re back in business so we don’t miss a beat.

At these times, it is extra important that we patronize our many loyal advertisers and businesses and organizations that make this magazine — the only magazine that goes to every home Grosse Pointe — possible.

See you around the Pointe when we get back! ☺

John

Last year, like many other families, my husband and I made the difficult decision to pull our son out of 3-year-old preschool. By the time you read this, he will be in-person at 4-year-old preschool and I’m a bundle of nerves, excitement and trepidation just writing that.

This summer, he had his first taste of school. He attended Vacation Bible School, where his Aunt Lindsay teaches, and then had a blast at Grosse Pointe Superheroes Club (more on that in a future issue). So it was with extra enjoyment and personal interest, that I put together the Back-to-School pages of this issue.

And what a joy it has been, with every feature painting an increasingly normal picture. Unlike last September-October, this year’s back-to-school issue is truly a *back-to-school* issue. Kids on the Go, the annual North vs. South Tailgate, Haunted Garage Productions, Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Youth on Stage — all have returned to in-person events.

Our family is especially looking forward to the first-ever Story Festival at the Ford House. In partnership with Grosse Pointe Public Library and ECHO Library and Resource Center, it is a way to get kids passionate about reading and has all the markings of an annual must-attend event.

Then there is the annual North vs. South Tailgate, to take place on the South Lawn this year. But, unlike previous years, the 2021 Tailgate will serve as kick-off to Grosse Pointe Public Schools’ 100th anniversary celebrations.

When looking through historical photos collected by Suzy Berschback, I came across a picture of a tag tied to a piece of wood. A portion of it reads, “This is an historic piece of the original South gymnasium floor. The floor that Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher walked on at the Second Dedication Ceremony in April 1955. The floor on which the Detroit Pistons played their first ever NBA playoff game on March 12, 1960. The floor that Martin Luther King, Jr. walked upon three weeks before he was assassinated in 1968.” An incredible example of the history imbued in our schools.

I expect there will be much to celebrate during this 100th anniversary year and we will be sure to share it in future issues. Have a safe and happy school year! ☺

Lauren

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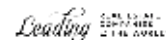
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Meet Gerri

Name	Geraldine Haselmire
Age	86
City	Grosse Pointe
Occupation before retirement	Registered Nurse



Gerri's Favorites

Season

Spring (everything is popping up)

Book

Any mystery

Food

Seafood

Movie

Gone with the Wind, The Ghost and Mrs. Muir

Vacation

Europe

Restaurant

Waves

Dessert

Cheesecake

Musical Artist

Classics, Mozart

Activity

Walking and dancing

What was your first job?

Working at S.S. Kresge, age 15

What did you want to be growing up?

A doctor

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Being in Europe

What is one thing you miss about being a kid?

Joining more activities

What accomplishment makes you proudest?

Becoming a nurse

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

Marrying my husband

What is one skill you'd like to learn?

Computers. But I always wanted to sing better.

Words to live by?

Smile and be forgiving.

About Gerri

Gerri was married to the late William Haselmire and has three children — Susan, William and Julee. The retired nurse enjoys reading, walking, exercising, playing bingo, crafts, going to craft shows, puzzles and singing.

“Life has been good to me. I loved my husband, my family and my church (St. Paul’s). Being able to get around with no difficulty has been a blessing and being grateful is uppermost in my mind. To be able to travel more would be nice, especially local places around Michigan.

God bless to all who read this.”

VA benefits offer real value

By Jonathan Boos

About one-third of people age 65 and older are either wartime veterans or married to a veteran. This allows them to qualify for Veteran Aid that can help pay for home care. Despite this fact, very few know the benefit exists; let alone take advantage of it.



Veterans and surviving spouses who have a medical or psychological condition (that makes them dependent on the aid or assistance of another) may qualify for monthly benefits beyond the basic pension. People who are confined to their homes because of permanent disability, those who need daily medication reminders, help with personal care or transportation to and from doctors appointments are just several ways to meet the requirements. Aside from that, veterans need to have at least 90 days of active duty (serve at least one day during war time) and receive an honorable discharge.

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sees uptick in essential support requests



Left, Meals on Wheels Coordinator Deborah Dufour and volunteer driver Bernie Beutel load up meals for delivery in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods; below, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, shower and bathroom accessories, aids for daily living and more are available at no cost at The Helm's home medical equipment lending closet

By Susan Bollinger

A community resource for everything related to aging gracefully, The Helm has served older adults and their families for 43 years. While it's a place to socialize, exercise and continue lifelong learning, it's also the place to find essential services.

According to Chris Brown, The Helm's information and assistance specialist, "The need for essential services remained steady during the COVID-19 quarantine. What was unexpected was the uptick since reopening. COVID-19 vaccinations allowed families to be together again, and we think many are discovering their older loved ones need some extra assistance." Services are offered at no cost. The Helm offers:

Meals on Wheels

When shopping and cooking become physically challenging, nutritious meals can be brought to the doorstep, along with a friendly "hello" from a volunteer. Delivery can be temporary, often following an illness or injury, or on a longer-term basis.

Home Chore Program

Home maintenance can become overwhelming, especially if health,

vision or mobility create limitations. The Home Chore program offers a helping hand to those 60 and above with minor home repairs such as changing light bulbs, replacing batteries in smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, and tightening door knobs. Trusted volunteers perform these tasks. A one-time fall leaf raking also is available as volunteers are available.

Medical Equipment Lending

Aging or an injury can lead to a need for home medical equipment. Wheelchairs, shower and bathroom accessories, aids for daily living and more are available at no cost. If you have home medical equipment you're no longer using, please consider donating it.

Medicare Assistance

If you are signing up for Medicare, making changes to your coverage, or navigating Medicare for a loved one, the experience can be confusing and frustrating. The Helm's experts are available with individual assistance.

Pet Food Assistance

Dog food and cat litter can

be hard for a senior to transport home for their beloved companion. The Helm wants seniors and pets to stay together, and offers assistance through the Mutts 'n Meows program. The Helm takes donations of unopened, unexpired cat or dog food and new pet supplies.

And More

Additional services include transportation, caregiving resources, tax preparation and case coordination. Learn more about the essential services and support available at The Helm by logging on to <https://helmlife.org/services-support> or calling (313) 882-9600. ☎



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Hall around the world

By Lauren McGregor

When Richard Hall was 17, his father announced he was moving the family of eight from England to America.

"I'm not going," I told my father. I was yanked out of a world I knew and dropped here in a world so very different." Though the original plan was to return to England after two years, the family decided to stay permanently. So began Hall's struggle between a British and American identity. "I don't ever feel fully British or American," he says.

Still, Hall planted roots in America. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering at Ohio State University and met his now-wife, Joan. The couple married and moved to Detroit for Hall's job at Detroit Edison in 1972.

The following year, they moved to Grosse Pointe. The birth of two sons, Ian and Kevin, followed. Since then, the Halls have made travel an important part of their life, including taking their children home to Hall's native England.

"When Kevin and Ian were children, I realized they knew more about the U.K. than their own country." So they took a trip out west by train. "To keep them engaged, we asked them ... made them ... write in a journal every day," says Hall.

His desire to travel, and particularly by train, can be traced back to his childhood spent trainspotting in England.

"In the late 1950s through late 1960s, the vast majority of boys were trainspotters. It was post-WWII, and the country was still rationing. We didn't have many things during this time of collecting things. Here (in the U.S.), it was baseball cards. In England, it was train numbers."

He recalls packing a knapsack with an egg salad sandwich and flask of coffee and spending the day trainspotting. "You



Top, on the train leaving Keighley on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway (KWVR); above, left, family arriving at Skipton Station in Yorkshire; above, right, the 2010 'family do' in England. "It's a bittersweet photo for me because while it was a fun day with lots of great memories ... five of the people in the image are no longer with us," says Hall.

would see 20 or so boys at the stations in Leeds or Doncaster. All you needed was a cheap train ticket."

Today, he still prefers traveling by train. "A steam train is like a living and breathing thing. A man shovels coal into it, feeds it. You see the motion of the train. Especially going uphill, it makes a lot of noise and produces a lot of visuals.

It smells of steam, oil and coal."

He adds, "Going by train, someone else is doing the driving. We can look out the window and read. Driving is more stressful and you don't see as much of the country. On trains, you are close to the land and meet interesting people."

Case in point — on a train trip to Glacier National Park, the Halls lost their



Joan in Quito, Ecuador; above, scenes from a South African safari; right, animals on the Galapagos islands



sons on the train. “We found them in a car playing checkers with grandparent-age passengers. They spent the afternoon with them,” something that wouldn’t have happened on other modes of travel.

Today, the family continues to travel together, sometimes with their five grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren are from their ‘daughter,’ Allison. “When Joan’s sister passed away, her daughter Allison became like a third child to us,” says Hall.

They take annual trips to the Cayman Islands. But an especially momentous trip took place in 2010.

“The entire family visited my extended family in England. It was a ‘family do,’ as we call it. With a welcome to ‘God’s country’ (Yorkshire) from Great Uncle Matthew,” he says.

An even larger family trip was planned for 2020. Hall had arranged for accommodations in the Yorkshire Dales for the entire extended family. “All anyone had to do was get there. We were taking care of the rest,” he says. The pandemic put a stop to those plans, and then again to arrangements in 2021. Fingers are crossed for a 2022 trip. It is an especially important trip to the family.

“You shouldn’t let go of your origin, your cultural heritage. I’m trying to teach my children and grandchildren about the family, about what I was like growing up,” says Hall.

One of Hall’s fondest memories was watching his father Richard with his great grandson Brian. The 91-year-old sang “Loch Lomond” to the small child.

“Every human being wants to be connected,” says Hall. “It’s important for the grandchildren to be part of something bigger.”

Aside from large family vacations, the Halls have taken several trips, including to China, Dubai, Japan, Newfoundland, Portugal, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Since Hall’s retirement as Director in Supply Chain at DTE in 2007, he and Joan have visited India, Italy, France, South Africa, the Galapagos, Canada, several National Parks and more.

“If you want to see land animals, go on a private reserve in Africa,” says Hall. “If you want to see sea life, go to the Galapagos.”

On the reserve, the Halls were an arm’s length from the animals. “Lions walked beside the vehicle.”

In the Galapagos, the Halls snorkeled daily, brushing past sea lions and swimming through a school of silvery fish.

“And on the last night, we anchored in the bay and turned all the lights on. It attracted tiny fish to feed on the plankton. Bigger fish then appeared and ate the small fish. Then flying fish ate

the bigger fish. Finally, sharks ate those,” says Hall. “There were so many sharks, you could have walked across them.”

During the pandemic, the Halls found solace on a train trip out west. They look forward to returning to South Africa and an upcoming trancontinental train trip.

Wherever he goes, he makes a point to spend time in the local grocery stores and small shops. “They tell you a lot about the people and their lives.”

Travel, Hall says, is about learning. “And I refuse to stop learning.”



Left, Hall still has all of his trainspotting books from 1961-66; below, the Halls in Alaska

Photos courtesy of Richard Hall





By Susan Bollinger

This year, The Helm’s Gala fundraising event will be extra special: “Not only is it our 25th Anniversary Gala, but our celebration will be back in person at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Thursday, Oct. 14,” says Peggy Hayes, Executive Director of The Helm.

Their largest single fundraising event, the Gala supports all the services The Helm offers – from Meals on Wheels and medical equipment loans to fun, social activities. All are geared to help older adults in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods continue living safely in their own homes. About 75 percent of The Helm’s funding comes from private donors.


Last year’s virtual Gala started a new tradition, the online auction. Beginning Friday, Oct. 8, get in on the fun and bid on restaurant packages, local trips, crystal, artwork and more at <https://helmlife.ejoinme.org/gala>. Bidding closes during the Gala, where a live auction will entice and entertain

Gala attendees, as well.

“You can also buy a ticket to our jewelry raffle at the event or by visiting The Helm. Prizes include a Tahitian South Sea pearl-and-diamond necklace generously donated by LaLonde Jewelers, a \$600 local restaurant gift card package and cash prizes,” says Hayes.

The honorees for this year’s Gala are Peter and Peggy Kross, recognized for their support of The Helm and contributions to the community. Event co-chairs Randall and Siglinde Tallerico, Lisa and Jon Gandelot, and Pam Stanton have been working diligently behind the scenes with a host of volunteers and staff.

“Because we had the support of the community, we could continue serving our seniors throughout the pandemic when seniors needed assistance more than ever,” adds Hayes. Learn about The Helm at helmlife.org.

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MICHAEL BAUMAN

The Grosse Pointe Woods builder's
worldwide legacy rooted in the
Motor City

By Lauren McGregor

Long before leading construction projects for Albert Kahn Associates or Ford Motor Co., Michael Bauman was a 4-year-old boy sketching buildings in his family's Livonia home.

"When I was six years old, my dad built the forts from my drawings," he says. His father, who designed and built their family home, brought to life Bauman's Western Frontier fort and A-frame style house — perhaps a portent of Bauman's illustrious career.

Bauman has known hard work his entire life. Since the age of 12, he has worked as a cook, security, hi-lo driver, even running the landscaping crew of an apartment complex at 15.

After high school, Bauman went on to Eastern Michigan University to earn a bachelor's degree in Art & Architectural History and a master's degree in Industrial Technology, Construction Management with a certificate in Historic Preservation. The path of study was unique for a builder, but a family friend took Bauman's resume to Albert Kahn Associates.

"They didn't know what to do with me," laughs Bauman. "I was different. But Dennis Spors felt I could work with the designers, because of my combined background in art, architectural history and construction."

Spors was right. Bauman managed to do what few were capable of — communicate effectively with designers to take their conceptual ideas and figure out a way to document in a manner to identify budget and schedule. This paved

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Bauman is so adept at honing in on every detail that he has never been over budget on a project. That's hard to imagine, with projects ranging from

contract with Wayne State University, and then the ultimate — a position in Ford Motor Company's real estate and development division, Ford Land.

Ford had been a longtime entity in his life. He is the third generation owner of a 1975 Ford Gran Torino, a club member of the Ford & Mercury Restorers Club of America, and board member of the Motor Cities National Heritage Area (of which, Ford House CEO Mark Heppner is current chair). Both his wife and son work at Ford House today. And if all of that wasn't enough — "Because of Ford's history, the projects I had the opportunity to do at Albert Kahn and the group of people I'd come to know at Ford Land, I was very passionate about getting

"I fill out the interior, making assumptions on how to make all the owner's needs reality ... I start when it's a designer's rough drawing or an idea in the owner's head."

\$300,000 to \$5.2 billion.

Following his work with Albert Kahn, Bauman became Senior Estimator for Commercial Project Development at Walbridge. In 2009, when the industry turned, Bauman decided to take some time off to be a stay-at-home dad to his two sons, Benjamin and Jacob, while wife Mary Ann worked as Donor Relations Manager at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"It didn't last long," he laughs. "Between my side projects and teaching as an adjunct professor at Eastern Michigan University, I was pulled back into the professional world." He got a

the job."

After what felt like the hundredth round of interviews, Bauman sat in his car in the Ford parking lot, feeling anxious and unsure of his impression. "I turned my car off and I went back inside to make closing arguments to the interview group. I had to get that job."

It worked. As Senior Construction Cost Estimator, Project Planner and Construction Coordinator, the next few years proved to be some of his proudest professionally. "I loved everything about working at Ford," he says. "The people I was working with made me want to go to

work every day.”

He also had the opportunity to do more international work. “With Albert Kahn, I did two projects in Brazil. With Walbridge, I stayed local. But then with Ford, I had projects in Mexico, India and China, working on Ford Corporate, Manufacturing and Ford real estate and commercial properties.”

Looking back, Bauman says his favorite projects have been Ford Motor Co. Dearborn Campus Renovation (including the Henry Ford II World Headquarters, Ford Motor Credit and Dearborn R&E Center Sites); Ford’s Wagner Place; Argonaut Revitalization Project for College of Creative Studies; Ford Motor Co.’s Driving Dynamics Laboratory; Ford Amazon Plant in Brazil; and Mercedes-Benz de Brazil, A-Klasse Assembly Plant in Brazil.

He has developed projects beyond these, including for Lear Corporation, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, State of Michigan, University of Michigan, Cranbrook Educational Community and more.

In 2019, Bauman took advantage of an opportunity at AVL, and again broadened his horizons. “AVL is based in Austria and is truly international,” he says. The automotive consulting firm and research institute is the world’s largest independent company for development, simulation and testing of powertrain systems. Bauman became the first manager of design and development in AVL’s North American facilities. His most recent notable project is the new headquarters for California Air & Resources Board, which sets the standards for vehicle emissions.

Today, the Grosse Pointe Woods resident enjoys participating in Motor Cities National Heritage Area and the Ford & Mercury Restorers Club of America. “These organizations and people are an incredible resource of automotive history, vehicle restoration knowledge and camaraderie. These guys have a deep understanding of what it takes to return these older cars to what they were when rolling off the assembly line.”

He looks forward to someday acquiring a DeLorean, 1963 Lincoln Continental convertible or a 1963 Galaxie convertible. “But next, I would like to get a 1968 Torino convertible or 1968 F-100 pickup, because I want a vehicle the same age as I am.” ☐



EyesOn Design returns to Ford House with 250 classic cars

By Robert Musial

Grosse Pointe’s own EyesOn Design car show returns to the Ford House grounds on Sunday, Sept. 19 to once again showcase more than 250 of the world’s best-looking and most interesting vehicles.

This year’s show theme is “Marques of Extinction: Significant Designs of Bygone Brands,” ranging from early sports and luxury cars to Big Three classics of the 1950s and 1960s as well muscle cars and exotic European touring and sports cars.

Among several other categories will be the popular “stock to rock” class that pairs restored cars next to their customized cousins – plus a special dream roadster display.

Also exhibited will be the one-of-a-kind precursors to today’s mid-engine Corvette and a round-up of significant Studebakers, including the cutting-edge Avanti.

Due to COVID-19, last year’s meet was likely the only outdoor car event in Michigan, evolving

into two separate outings with more than 200 cars parading before judges at Ford House, while spectators lined Lake Shore Road.

Now in its 34th year, EyesOn Design has been named one of America’s top five car shows by USA Today and “one of the best outdoor car events worldwide” by *Car and Driver* magazine.

Related events include a 75-mile driving tour of the Michigan countryside on Sept. 17 and the traditional EyesOn Design Awards honoring the best in car designs, to be given out at the Motor Bella car show in Pontiac on Sept. 21.

The events are a fundraiser for the non-profit Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park, which is part of Henry Ford Health System’s Department of Ophthalmology.

The EyesOn Design car show is 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 at Ford House. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.eyesondesign.org for more info and a complete schedule. ☐

Above, Danny Attalla’s 1970 Plymouth Superbird at the 2020 EyesOn Design. For more information about the car, turn to Driving Grosse Pointe on page 20.



DRIVING GROSSE POINTE

By Alex Kelly

Danny Attalla is a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe and a passionate car enthusiast. Throughout his time in Grosse Pointe, he has participated in the EyesOn Design car show at Ford House. His 1970 Plymouth Superbird has won multiple awards at the event. We sat down to talk about how his fascination with cars began and where it has led him.

How did your passion for cars begin?

My passion for cars began at an early age with Matchbox cars.

What drew you to your car? What makes it so unique?

I have always had a love for Mopar, which was Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler. They had fantastic designs back in 1970. They had great color

combinations and engine options.

What's one of your favorite memories with your Superbird?

My favorite memory was when I found my Plymouth Superbird. I met the owner and he was showing me the car. We became friends over a period of two years. I never asked him if he would sell it, but one day he asked me if I would like to be the next owner. We struck a deal and I trailered the car home. It was one of the best days of my life.


How are you involved in the automotive world?

I was introduced to the automotive world by my late father. He was very passionate about cars. He taught me quite a lot about them. My brother took my passion to the next level and made it happen.

You have participated in EyesOn Design at Ford House. What awards has your Plymouth Superbird won there?

I have showcased many cars at EyesOn Design. My Plymouth Superbird was voted People's Choice in 2020. The EyesOn Design event showcases some of the rarest and best examples of vintage cars. Classical and muscle cars alike. It is a tradition at the Ford House.

What brought you to Grosse Pointe?

My parents moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1976. I attended Grosse Pointe North High School. Then I purchased my own home in the Woods. I love the area, it's very private and family-oriented. It's been my home for 45 years. 

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Meet Leah



Name	Leah Celebi
Age	41
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What is your favorite thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

Living in a walkable community has made raising a family here in the Pointes so special.

What are your two best personality traits?

Patience and compassion

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Whitewater rafting trip down the Royal Gorge in Colorado

Favorite quotation?

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

What is one thing not many people know about you?

I'm a classically trained musician and studied viola and piano in college.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

1. Learn how to play a new musical instrument. I'm thinking organ and carillon will be next; 2. Finally go on a honeymoon with my husband; 3. See the Grand Canyon

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Simply put, my family. It hasn't always been easy but my husband and I are dedicated to raising four amazing, resilient, courageous and kind humans who care for and are accepting of all people. My proudest moments have been watching my kids mature over this past year and I am so in awe of their bravery and grit.

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Leah's Favorites

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Bike rides with my family

Hobbies

Music, traveling, discovering, spending time with friends and family

About Leah

"I grew up in Peoria, Ill. and lived and performed as a musician in Chicago and California before following my college sweetheart (now husband) to Michigan. Together, my husband John and I have four children — Evren, Milo, Adele and Isla — and we love spending time together, taking road trips to Lake Wawasee in Indiana, riding bikes, telling bad jokes and simply enjoying this season of life."




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ELEVATION

takes Bayview Mackinac Race's First in Class and Corinthian Trophy



By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

Tim and Cathy McGuire were on the cover of the first-ever *Grosse Pointe Magazine* in 2010, with a feature about their Grosse Pointe wedding inside. Now, Tim is back in the magazine with a long-awaited win.

In over 30 years, McGuire had never placed in a Bayview Mackinac Race. This year, his 21st attempt, he won Class D on his J/112E, *elevation*.

“On nine different boats, I never got a first, second or third,” he says. “It was just so sweet that the first flag I ever got on any boat would be a first place on my new J/Boat!”

McGuire and his crew had picked up their flag at the awards party and were exiting the stage when they were called back — they had also won the Corinthian Trophy, for the boat with the best finish crewed by an all-amateur crew.

It was a perfect race for *elevation*.

“The weather was what we prayed for,” McGuire says. “When it was downwind, we needed the winds to never go above 18 knots. Over 18 knots and the sport boats would have pulled away from us.”

“When we turned west into the Straits

of Mackinac, we were against the wind and against the wave action,” — two conditions that worked in the boat’s favor.

Crew member Tim Thompson of Grosse Pointe Farms agrees it was perfect weather for *elevation*. The second criteria, Thompson says, is the crew’s readiness to take advantage of the perfect conditions. That, he credits to McGuire.

“I’ve been on the boat a number of years and I’ve watched things come together,” Thompson says. “The guy really is just hyper organized and dedicated to it.”

As for the Corinthian Trophy?

“That’s quite an accomplishment,” Thompson says. “Maybe even bigger than First in Class.”

McGuire thinks he may have had the help of his late father, Frank McGuire.

There were plenty of signs. His father’s last boat was a 1987 Hunter Legend 37 — the same year and model boat rafted off *elevation* in Port Huron, just before the race. And, *elevation* won the Corinthian Trophy by 37 seconds.

McGuire’s mother then reminded him

that his father was born in 1937.

In four years, McGuire will earn the time-honored title of Old Goat, meaning he’ll have completed 25 Bayview Mackinac races. He’ll also be the Detroit Area Yacht-Racing Association’s Commodore the same year.

Maybe there will be another round of mysterious 37 symbols in that race, too. ☎

Clockwise from top left, Tim and Cathy McGuire; *elevation*; crew members Brian Smith, Rob Fleming, Cathy McGuire (shore crew), Tim McGuire, Kevin Meiselbach, Cameron Rylance, Steve Tepel, Damian McGuire and Tim Thompson; crew member pictured separately: Dan Rylance; right, Tim and Cathy McGuire on the cover of the May-June 2010 issue



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at home in the Pointes

By Anne Erickson

When Steve Makos, President of Makos Builders, was brought in to renovate

a kitchen and master bathroom in a Grosse Pointe Farms home, he had no idea what was in store for him.

What started as a small, basic project turned into a full home remodel — and the stunning result was worth all the

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hard work.

The more than 100-year-old house was originally a farmhouse for local servants.

The house's age meant Makos and his crew had to get everything up to code.

"It was a blessing in disguise that we went as far as we did, because when we demoed everything, we found many structural problems," he says.

The home started off as a single family house, then was turned into a duplex, and then, with current owners Kevin and Lisa Connolly, was returned to a single family residence.

Kevin and Lisa have owned the home



since 1990.

"I grew up on the eastside of Detroit, and our family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1977," Kevin says. "What's not to like? I like the proximity to the lake and location we're in. We're able to walk to all the restaurants and entertainment on The Hill. I love the community. It's a family-oriented community."

The vision for the remodel was an open, free space.

"They wanted an open kitchen concept coming into the living room, so we really opened up that first floor to have open living there, and it turned out awesome," Makos says. "We basically changed the whole house."

Makos, who has been in

the industry for 35 years, changed everything from plumbing to heating and cooling systems to electrical wiring to bring it into the 21st century.

When working on homes, Makos says it comes down to the vision of making it look period correct.

"We started with a farmhouse, because this is the kind in Grosse Pointe Farms," Makos says. "It's where they had a lot of servants working in close proximity to the larger houses. We wanted to keep it in period but bring in an open concept with a very traditional farmhouse look that wasn't over the top and fit their taste."


Makos adds, "I always try to work with the homeowner and designers and architects to come up with the perfect





plan — that is also what the homeowners want. We don't want to take a traditional house and make it look contemporary.”

Kevin is more than pleased with the outcome.

“I'm very happy with it,” he says. “When Steve told me what he was going to do, he did it. And he did it in the timeframe that he originally estimated — and at the cost. He kept us up to date on any changes, and we're really pleased with everything.” 



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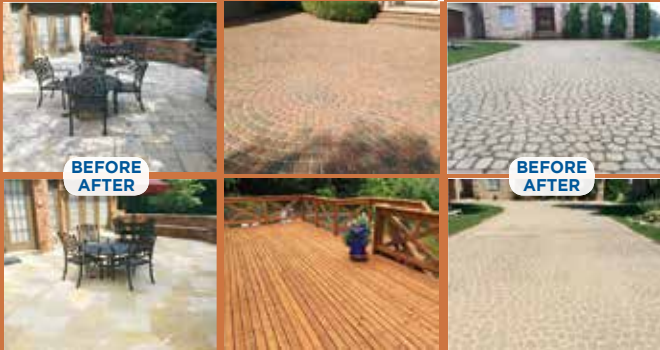


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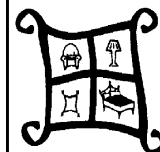
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Stress test

By Lina Bowman

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



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

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

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

Understanding what your investment portfolio will behave like in any market environment can help you feel more confident as you continue to invest for your future. A qualified financial advisor or wealth manager can help you stress test your plan.

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By Anna Bartolotta

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Time to start your impossible?

By Ken Welch

Zach Roloff, who stars in TLC's, "Little People, Big World," posted himself on Instagram doing a 390 lbs. squat. This is after he did warm up reps with 355, 370 and 382. He's 4'3" and 123 lbs. He started out with the weight-lifting goal of just wanting to pick up his kids.

Maybe you saw this summer, 100-year-old Edith Myrway-Traina who set the Guinness world record for being the oldest female competitive power-lifter. She's a great-great-grandmother and former dance teacher that started lifting weights when she was 91 after a friend wanted her to come along and be a workout buddy. She quickly became hooked, especially with the competitive aspect of it.

She dead-lifts 165 lbs. and bench presses 65 lbs. She's won several trophies over the last 10 years and even had a competition named after her, The 2018 Edith Traina Inspirational Open.

The thing she says she likes best about competing is the applause. When she's competing and her fans are cheering her on, Edith says, "I feed on that."

Edith said in her official Guinness winning statement, "I think in my 90s, through weight lifting, I became more aware of the need for people to be recognized for who they are, or what they are or how they are and it's the most beautiful thing in the world."

Both of these remarkable people started their journey with no idea of where it would lead.

So, as it said in that great Toyota commercial that was featured during the Olympics and Paralympic games; Is it time for you to "start your impossible?"

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By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Getting stung by a bee is a nuisance that can often be managed at home; however, occasionally, a trip to the ER is warranted.

Insects such as bees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets and even fire ants use stingers to inflict pain by injecting venom. Symptoms of redness, pain, swelling and itching typically last a few hours and occasionally a few days and remain localized to the skin site.

Honeybees have single-use, barbed stingers that, along with the venom sac, get stuck in the skin, while other stinging insects have smooth, re-



usable stingers. If stung by a honeybee, the stinger left behind will be visible and filled with extra venom. Scrape sideways with a hard edged instrument (credit card, dull blade, fingernail) so the sac is not squeezed as you dislodge the barbed stinger.

Neutralizing the acid in venom relieves the intense burning so apply baking soda (use water to make a paste) or other mild base like household ammonia (Windex). Take over the counter acetaminophen or ibuprofen for lingering discomfort.

Some people who are allergic to the venom may start to show symptoms beyond the sting site, such as feeling dizzy, light-headed, passing out, wheezing, coughing, hoarse voice, lip and tongue swelling or abdominal pain. This can be life threatening and requires an injection of epinephrine as soon as possible. If an "EpiPen" is available, use it by injecting into the middle-outer part of the upper thigh and then call 911 as additional care or doses may be needed.

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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LIVING THE HORSE LIFE IN THE POINTES

By Susan Bollinger



September marks the five-year anniversary of the transition of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club to the Krueger family, when it officially became Grosse Pointe Equestrian.

With an emphasis on horses and their riders, the Kruegers embarked on a series of improvements. Not always visible from Cook Road, they're particularly meaningful to the horse lovers, owners and riders who get their horse fix at Grosse Pointe Equestrian. "We are all about horses and their riders. We focus on what is most important for them," says owner Lynne

Krueger.

Two indoor and three outdoor riding arenas are equipped with state-of-art GGT footing, essential for the joint health of the jumping, working horses. Outdoor time makes for happy and relaxed horses, and the 23 paddocks mean horses can be turned out in smaller, safer groups and spend more time outdoors. For those learning to ride or honing their riding skills, a robust lesson program is available for jumping, dressage or simply getting comfortable on a horse. Krueger makes lesson-horse health a priority,

"We love our barn family. We all look out for each other's horses, and the staff love and care about the horses."



and ensures the lesson horses are all healthy, fit and loved.

For Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jessica Dara, boarding her equine partner Jazzy at Grosse Pointe Equestrian means she can see him as often as she wants.

“I love having my horse so close, for myself and my son, who also rides. I can walk there, bike there and even tuck him in at night,” she says. Dara enjoys evening rides with Jazzy and takes advantage of dressage clinics that bring guest trainers to the facility.

Cat Ruffner boards her three horses at Grosse Pointe Equestrian: Lucy Mae, her “angel sent from heaven;” Piggy, her daughter Isabella’s first horse who is enjoying semi-retirement; and Dash, Isabella’s competitive partner.

Lucy Mae and Piggy, in addition to being hunter-jumpers, have jobs

as mounts for the Grosse Pointe Equestrian’s special needs program, while Dash travels and competes with Isabella in high level hunter-jumper competitions. “He’s a big, beautiful Irish sport horse, and would do anything for Isabella,” says Ruffner.


Dara and Ruffner, who also lives in Grosse Pointe, agree that the location of Grosse Pointe Equestrian can’t be beat, but the atmosphere is extraordinary. “We love our barn family,” says Ruffner. “We all look out for each other’s horses, and the staff love and care about the horses.”

Dara echoes that sentiment. “There’s a feeling of family, generated by our shared love of our wonderful horses.”

A bucket-list item for Dara was having her horse Jazzy visit her Grosse Pointe Farms home. Together with Jazzy’s best friend Lucy Mae, an Irish sport draught

owned by Ruffner, the two horses spent an afternoon in Dara’s backyard, pictured above.

“They are each other’s security blanket,” says Dara. “Where Jazzy goes, Lucy Mae goes too.” Today, the pair enjoy life together at Grosse Pointe Equestrian.

To learn more about Grosse Pointe Equestrian, visit www.gpequestrian.com. 

Opposite page, top, Isabella Ruffner and Dash; clockwise from above left, horses in the Grosse Pointe Equestrian stalls; Carson, Trent and Jessica Dara with Jazzy at their Grosse Pointe Farms home; Jessica Dara, Jazzy, Dash, and Cat Ruffner; Cat Ruffner and Dash; Carson Dara and Jazzy; opposite page, middle, Lucy Mae with staff in the indoor arena; bottom, Lucy Mae and Snip with staff members

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Tau Beta Fall Market

Tau Beta Association will host Fall Market, Sept. 23-25, at the historic Grosse Pointe Club. After taking a pause due to the pandemic, Tau Beta presents Fall Market and will host 24 vendors — its biggest Market to date.

Half of the vendors are new to Fall Market, offering an opportunity to purchase both classic and on-trend women's and men's fashions and accessories, stylish golf attire, stunning jewelry, tasteful and fresh home accents, and specialty foods. The event provides a fun shopping experience, but its higher purpose is to raise funds for The Children's Center of Detroit.

"After 16 years of hosting Spring Market, we are excited to launch Fall Market this year," says Lauren Marchal, Tau Beta Fall Market Co-Chairperson.

"In addition to some of our favorite returning vendors, we have 12 new vendors from around the country offering rare items," says Kate Messacar, Fall Market Co-Chairperson. "This event is our largest fundraiser and our main goal continues to be to raise funds in support of The Children's Center."

A sampling of the new vendors includes Carson & Co., CBR Designs, Claudia T. Trina, Flutter Eyewear (pictured above) and Franklin Fine Goods. Shoppers will be delighted to know that popular vendors plan to return such as Asha, Carrie Dunham, Kathy Kamei, KP Designs and Edit New York.

Get a sneak peek of these specialty items during the Preview Party and Raffle on Thursday, Sept. 23, 6-9 p.m. Tickets to the Preview Party are \$75 per person in advance and \$85 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$25 or five for \$100. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The drawing takes place at 8:30 p.m.

Fall Market shopping days continue Friday, Sept. 24, from 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Those attending the Preview Party on Thursday will receive a drink ticket for the "Fall Market-tinis" event from 4-7 p.m. A cash bar will also be available.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, shop 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Enjoy a cash-only buffet lunch in the Fall Market café, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.taubeta.org. For more information about The Children's Center, visit thechildrenscenter.com.

The 19th Annual Festival of Tables, "Virtual Plus a Live Happy Hour" will take place Oct. 1-31 and benefit several women's charities.

The event will host 15 individually designed dinner tables created by women of the community, area businesses and groups, including Ascension St. John Providence Health System, Breast Cancer Center.

Visit www.dopfestivaloftables.com and "tip" donate to your favorite table or multiple tables. On Oct. 30, a live happy hour will take place at Assumption Cultural Center from 3-7 p.m., featuring theme decorated tables, an auction, shopping, hot and cold appetizers, music, cocktails and a tailgate party for those who want to enjoy the U-M vs. MSU football game. Tickets are \$55 per person.

Past events have raised a net total of \$160,000 for St. John Providence Health System Breast Care Program, AHEPA District #10 Educational Foundation Perpetual Scholarship, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Hellenic Museum of Michigan, Metropolis of Detroit Greek Orthodox Youth Camp, Vista Maria - Home for young girls - Dearborn, Mich., Empty Bowls, Juvenile Diabetes Association, Journey to Greece Scholarship Program, Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., Penelope House - Domestic Family Violence Centers, Penelopean Foundation Day Care Center in Athens, Greece, University of Miami, Sylvester Cancer Research Center (Papanicolau), Saint Basil Academy - Home for Young Children, Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena.

Visit www.dopfestivaloftables.com for more information. 

Using corporate trustees

By Jon B. Gandelot

When should you consider using a bank or trust company as a trustee in an estate plan? While most of our clients prefer to use a trusted family member or friend as their trustee, there are reasons why a professional trustee may be a consideration.

First, they don't die, become disabled or move away. While banks may merge and change names, they retain their ability to serve as a trustee, unlike individuals.



Second, banks are accountable if they make mistakes. They have deep pockets, unlike Uncle Charlie who, if he commits an error while acting as a trustee, may not be collectable.

Third, banks have systems to account for trust assets, income and expenditures. Many individuals who are named as trustees do not have such capabilities.

Fourth, banks can say "No" to an unreasonable request for funds by a trust beneficiary. This may take pressure off of a family trustee.

There may be some negatives to naming a bank or trust company as a trustee:

- Their fees are expensive.
- They are sometimes slow to act and reluctant to distribute funds.
- Their personnel change.
- A bank may decline to act if the estate is not large enough to meet their criteria.

The choice of whom to name as a trustee depends on a number of factors. An experienced estate planning attorney can help you determine the best choice for your circumstances.

Jon B. Gandelot is senior counsel at Trowbridge Law Firm, P.C., with offices in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

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The 2021 event to honor George R. McMullen, Jr.

By Lauren McGregor

Masquerade for the Stacks has quickly become one of the most anticipated fundraisers of the year. With whimsical details and an opulent atmosphere, the Oct. 23 event will celebrate the power of our libraries to bring the community together.

Proceeds from this year's Masquerade for the Stacks will support the expansion of the youth room at Grosse Pointe Library's Central Branch.

"This expansion is part of the Library Reimagined Capital Projects and will nearly double the current youth room, adding a story time space, family restroom, stroller parking and much more," says Beth Vernon, Executive Director of Grosse Pointe Library Foundation (GPLF).

The 2021 event will honor the memory of GPLF board member George R. McMullen, Jr, who passed away from pancreatic cancer last year.

"George McMullen embodied the spirit of giving. He believed it was his civic duty to help ensure that the Grosse Pointes have the very best schools, libraries, programs and services," says Vernon. "He joined councils, boards and committees of so many organizations, giving his time, his financial support and his never-ending good humor to further the missions."

Masquerade for the Stacks will take

place at Country Club of Detroit and include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a seated dinner, live entertainment provided by the Paxton Spangler Quintet, auction and more.

"It's a black tie optional evening. We hope to deliver an experience reminiscent of the Roaring 20s, when art, music and design were embraced and fun reigned supreme," says Vernon.

Vernon hopes that attendees will take a page out of McMullen's book when it comes to the auction.

"George was my dear friend for many years and an endless source of support of my work both professionally and personally ... I'll always remember him with his paddle raised, outbidding everyone, and

hope that Masquerade attendees will embrace his spirit in this way ... and finally have a chance to win!"



George R. McMullen Jr.



Tickets can be purchased online at gplf.org or in person at any library branch. Tickets are \$150 per person for a 7 p.m. start, or \$250 per person to attend the VIP Reception at 6 p.m.

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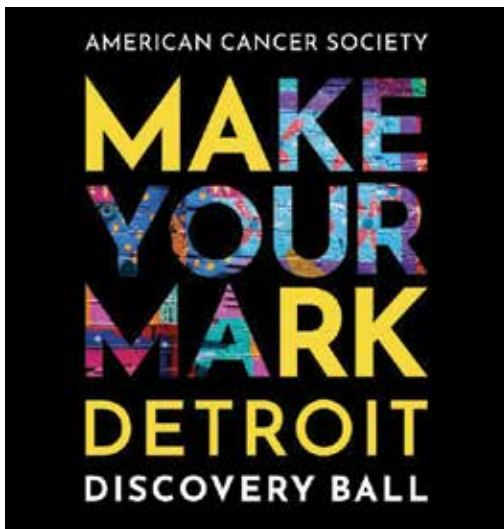
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TWO POINTE COUPLES CO-CHAIR DETROIT DISCOVERY BALL

By Melissa Bunker

Detroit Discovery Ball is the premier fundraising event benefitting American Cancer Society (ACS). Dubbed *Make Your Mark*, this year’s event, Nov. 12 at the historic Eastern Market, features a live and silent auction, entertainment, dinner, drinks and special guest Nicole Curtis.

The event is co-chaired by two dedicated couples.

Matt and Karen Cullen

Matthew Cullen is the chairman of JACK Entertainment. Previously, Cullen spent more than a decade leading gaming, real estate and other initiatives for Dan Gilbert’s family of companies. During that time, Cullen helped lead revitalization efforts within Detroit and Cleveland, totaling commitments of more than \$5 billion and served most recently as Chief Executive Officer of Bedrock Detroit.

Karen Cullen is happily retired following a 25-plus year career in public relations and communications. The University of Michigan graduate held several executive positions throughout her career at GM, Delphi Automotive and Ilitch Holdings, Inc. until her retirement in 2013.

“Like many families, we’ve been touched personally by cancer. We have lost family members and friends and we also know many courageous survivors. We know it takes a village to fight this


disease and supporting ACS of Michigan and the Discovery Ball is a way we can very tangibly support the fight against cancer right here in our community,” says Karen Cullen.

Tom and Mary Shafer

Thomas Shafer is Co-President, Commercial Banking of Huntington Bank and previously served as Chief Executive Officer of TCF National Bank and Vice Chairman of the Board of TCF Financial Corporation. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Detroit Regional Chamber, Michigan Bankers Association and is the past Chairman of Detroit Public Television.

“ACS makes a difference in all of our lives by funding national leading-edge research to very personally supporting the needs of those treating cancer. The 2021 Discovery Ball will help us make an impact right here in Detroit and all over America!” says Tom Shafer.

Mary Shafer serves on many boards including Detroit Regional Chamber, Michigan Bankers Association and Detroit Symphony Orchestra. A sustaining member of Junior League of Detroit, and a member of Tau Beta and DAR, she is past Chair of Detroit Public Television and is recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Detroit Chapter for her work with Ford House.

For more information, visit www.detroitdiscoveryball.org. 

Above, Karen and Matt Cullen; top, Mary and Tom Shafer

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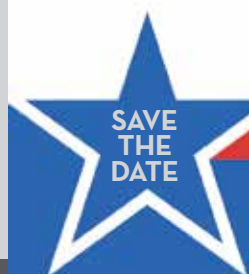
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DON'T BE A DOPE! CONTROL YOUR DOPAMINE WITH POKER

By Harry Burkey

There's a sucker born every minute. The earliest examples of that phrase were found among hucksters and gamblers in the 1800s. Today, we are attacked by gazillions of offers on the television and Internet. The con men designing those commercials offer big prizes. They say, "Come to our casino and win big!"

Do not be taken in! In the Grosse Pointe area, help is not far away. It comes in the form of, believe it or not, poker. "Yes, step right up, folks! Poker is the savior!"

Inside every person is a neurotransmitter called dopamine. Triggered by the brain, it provides an emotional rush of pleasure known as the 'risk vs. reward' concept. That emotional rush can become addictive.

For over 12 years, the Seniors of Competition Poker Club (SOC Poker) has been teaching newcomers how to avoid gambling with poker. Taught at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, lessons are free to members, and those coming to lessons hear the truth about the 'dopamine effect.'

In a casino, either online or in-person, a rush occurs every time a player pushes the button on a slot machine or rolls a pair of dice at the craps table. The excitement builds within the player as his/her mind whirls between will I win or lose? Be assured, they will win! However, they will also lose!

The casino, on average, takes 20% of every penny spun on those reels, while the percentages are up and down on a craps table. Players cannot beat the

odds and most leave the casino with less money in their pocket than when they entered. This is not true at SOC Poker!

Competitive poker can help alleviate the problem of addiction. Players at The Helm lose no money, but they get that same dopamine rush with every hand they play.

It is a fact that one member was addicted to gambling. He would openly brag about his winnings but never talk about his losses — until he joined the club. He passed away a few years ago. At his memorial, members of the family thanked the club for helping with his addiction.

In competitive poker, players receive points for their finishing position in a tournament. Those points are tallied for three months, and a Quarterly Champion is recognized. Points are also kept for the entire year and a Yearly Champion is crowned. Once a month, a special tournament, called The Blue Ribbon Championship, is held. The winner and runner-up are recorded by camera. The following week, a certificate is awarded to the champion by the runner-up.

In 2019, Hugh Sparkman of Harper Woods was the Yearly Champion. And while he was not on ESPN, he has been viewed on YouTube

numerous times. A link to the YouTube channel for SOC Poker and videos can be found at www.soc-it-to-me-poker.com.

So, if anyone wants to be a poker star, it is time to join the fun! After a year and a half of pandemic absence, SOC Poker is back! There is no experience needed and lessons take place every Tuesday at 10 a.m. After the lesson, join the poker tournament to practice.

SOC Poker is located at The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 882-9600 for more information. Or, give me, Harry Burkey, the Poker Director, a call at (313) 407-6225.

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Above, Harry Burkey; right, 2019 SOC Poker Champions

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Water, Water, Everywhere

By Kelly Aitken-Gwinnell

*I*t was summer, children were out of school and the holiday weekend was approaching quickly. On Friday, June 25th, 2021 the rain started and it did not stop. Many Grosse Pointe residents woke up to a sight they did not expect to see on that Saturday morning. For our agents, the phone calls, text messages and emails started coming in as early as 4:30 am with customers alerting us that they had water in their basements. Early Saturday morning we were reaching out to restoration companies to get the dry out started for many customers.

This is a familiar occurrence for too many of us (our Grosse Pointe office at 710 Notre Dame also was victim of this event...again).

We needed a game plan: Auto Owners Insurance brought their mobile claim truck as well as claims adjusters to the Grosse Pointe area for 3 days to assist in what they could for their customer's claims. Assisting with information to complete claims, uploading of photos, and even just being a sounding board for the community. The claim adjusters and staff on site showed empathy, care and compassion for all residents that were impacted by the water damages.

Insurance is another item you need to add to your annual check list. How often do you review all the changes and improvements you made to your home with your agent? Do you need to review your coverage endorsements and make the necessary changes to protect your home and belongings? Many residents are in the process or completed necessary repairs or updates as a result of damages to furnaces, hot water tanks and other basement items. It's time to reach out to your agent and see what changes you may need to make to your insurance policies covering your property. We are here to be of assistance! Feel free to reach out to us at 313-881-5322.



Meet Sam

Name: **Samuel Isaac Coon** Parents: **Phil & Nikki Coon** Siblings: **Gavin, (almost) 6**
 City: **Grosse Pointe Woods** Birthdate: **October 31, 2019** First word: **Dada, Nana**

Cute fact: **He holds up one finger and says “minute.”**

Favorite activity: **Cooking in the toy kitchen or with Mommy’s pots and pans**

About Sam in Mommy and Daddy’s words

Sam is a smart and social little man. He is the first one in the family to go and make new friends with the people we see out and about in our community. He loves his big brother and wants to do everything he is doing no matter how risky the task might be. He is extremely expressive and can have a whole conversation with you using only his facial expressions and hand gestures. Whenever he hears music, he can’t help but to dance and sing alongside his brother. He cares about others and how they are feeling and is a lover of all animals!

Meet Gavin

Name: **Gavin Coon** Age: **6 on Sept. 30** City: **Grosse Pointe Woods**
 Parents: **Phil & Nikki Coon** Siblings: **Samuel, (almost) 2** School: **Monteith**

Favorites

Vacation Lake Michigan with my family	Outdoor Activity Looking for rocks in the sea	Book <i>The Little Prince</i>
Food Apples	School Subject Science (animals)	Game Chutes and Ladders

What is her favorite thing to do with your family?
Whole family soccer game in our backyard

Who is her hero and why?
My mom because I look up to her and she’s the best mom ever.

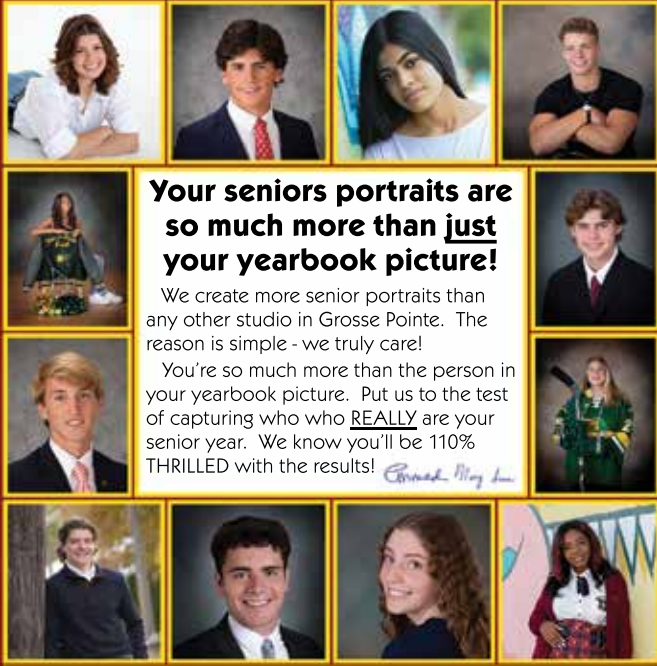
What is her favorite thing about going to school?
Making new best friends

What are some of your favorite hobbies?
Drawing, superheroes, soccer, running, building with LEGOs, forts and swimming



About Gavin

My name is Gavin and I am 5 and three quarters. I used to be in 5-year-old preschool. My birthday is September 30. I like science experiments.



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"I value each patient as a personal friend, appreciate the confidence they have in my ability, and am thankful for the support they have afforded me over the years," Dr. Hunt says. During these difficult economic times, Dr. Hunt reassures his patients that his office doors will always be open to them, regardless of their current employment status or financial situation.



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Meet Cornelius



Name	Cornelius Cousette
Age	17
City	Grosse Pointe Park
School	Grosse Pointe South
Siblings	Idalia, 9, and Illiyah, 4
Parents	Tapria & Cornelius Cousette

Cornelius's Favorites

School Subject

Math

Food

Baked macaroni and cheese

Television Show

Cooking with AB

Website

YouTube

Music Genre

R&B

Vacation

Miami, Fla.

Extracurricular Activity

Basketball

Teacher

Mrs. Harrison

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am most proud of overcoming many challenges.

What are your favorite interests?

Playing basketball, cooking and going to new restaurants

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

As a child, I wanted to create garbage cans that are more effective. Now, I am gaining culinary skills to become a chef.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

In five years, I hope to be working as a chef and have traveled a lot.

About Cornelius

“I appreciate living in Grosse Pointe Park, my school and friends. I have met many wonderful people. My life can sometimes be challenging being on the Spectrum, but with all the love and support I have, I don’t let it stop me.”

Peggy's Picks

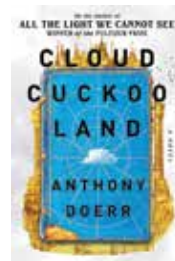


By **Peggy Kitchel**
Assistant Director, Grosse Pointe Public Library

I'm going to suggest that reading fiction, that reading for pleasure, is one of the most important things one can do." - Neil Gaiman. My sincere apologies to the rest of the novels on your TBR list, but these books deserve to be at the top of the list. Just for the record, I heartily agree with Mr. Gaiman. Happy Reading!

two warring forces, they decide to run from their land with the murderous Nazi officers they despise to escape the Soviets. Emil and Adeline must overcome horrific trials to pursue their hope of immigrating and starting over in a beautiful green valley surrounded by mountains.

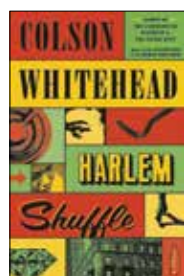
bonding over books. Reading fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.



Cloud Cuckoo Land
 By Anthony Doerr

The heroes of Cloud Cuckoo Land are trying to figure out the world around them: Anna and Omeir, during the 1453 siege of Constantinople; Seymour in an attack

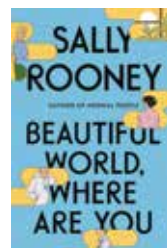
on a public library in present day Idaho; and Konstance, on an interstellar ship bound for an exoplanet, decades from now. A Greek manuscript — the story of Aethon, who longs to be turned into a bird so he can fly to the paradise Cloud Cuckoo Land in the sky — reflects our interconnectedness with each other, with those who lived before us, and with those who will be here after we're gone.



The Harlem Shuffle
 By Colson Whitehead

To his customers, Ray is an upstanding salesman of furniture. Few people know he descends from a line of uptown crooks. Cash is tight and if his cousin

Freddie occasionally drops off the odd ring or necklace, Ray doesn't ask where it comes from. Then Freddie falls in with a crew who plan to rob the Hotel Theresa and volunteers Ray's services as the fence. Can Ray avoid getting killed, save his cousin, and grab his share of the big score, all while maintaining his reputation?



Beautiful World, Where Are You
 By Sally Rooney

Alice and Eileen are best friends. Alice, a novelist, meets Felix, who works in a warehouse, and asks

him if he'd like to travel to Italy with her. Eileen is getting over a break-up, and slips back into flirting with Simon, a man she has known since childhood. Alice, Felix, Eileen and Simon are still young — but life is catching up with them. They get together, they break apart. They worry about their friendships and the world they live in. Are they bearing witness to something? Will they find a way to believe in a beautiful world?



The Last Green Valley
 By Mark Sullivan

In late March 1944, as Stalin's forces push into Ukraine, young Emil and Adeline Martel must make a terrible

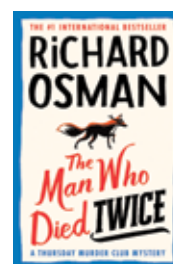
decision. The Martels are one of many families of German heritage whose ancestors have farmed in Ukraine for more than a century. Caught between



The Reading List
 By Sara Nisha Adams

Aleisha is working at her summer job at the library when she discovers a list of novels that she has never heard of before. Intrigued, she

decides to read every book on the list. When widower Mukesh arrives at the library, desperate to forge a connection with his bookworm granddaughter, Aleisha passes along the reading list. The two form an unlikely friendship by



The Man Who Died Twice
 By Richard Osman

Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim are looking forward to a bit of peace and quiet at Cooper's Chase. But they are out of luck. An

unexpected visitor has been accused of stealing diamonds from the wrong men and he's seriously on the lam. Then the first body is found. But not the last. The friends are up against a ruthless murderer who would happily knock off four septuagenarians. Can they catch the killer and find the diamonds, too? Never fear, the Thursday Murder Club is here. ☺

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Grosse Pointe Schools bid farewell to Dr. Niehaus & welcome Dr. Dean

By Susan Bollinger



Paige and Gary Niehaus at the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education benefit at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on June 3

Photo by Cherished Candida by Erin

Gary Niehaus, Ph.D., led the Grosse Pointe Public School System in the position of Superintendent for six years. In July 2021, he and his wife Paige moved to Tampa, Fla., where she began a new position as President of the Dale Mabry Campus of Hillsborough Community College.

“Right now, I’m taking a break and enjoying some much-needed ‘me time,’” says Niehaus. “I’m not officially retired, but I am taking this time to refocus, reflect and think about what I would like to do for the rest of my life.”

During his tenure in Grosse Pointe, Niehaus focused on strategic planning and aligning system

protocols and curricula, culminating in OneGP. In 2018, he worked to pass the Safe, Warm, Dry and Connected Bond, the first such bond to pass in 16 years.

He is most proud of the technological advances the school system gained. Niehaus advocated for improved technology in classrooms and a fiber network, crucial during the pandemic and an advantage going forward.

Niehaus passes along to Jon Dean the importance of listening to the community. He says, “Together with the board, determine priorities for the school system and renew the strategic plan so you have a solid direction. With listening mechanisms and a plan in place, you will bring people together.”

Jon Dean, Ph.D., officially stepped into the role of Superintendent of Grosse Pointe Schools on July 1, 2021. For the past nine years, Dean has served Grosse Pointe as Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services. After an unprecedented school year, his priority is to help the community heal.

“It’s been a hard time to be an educator and a student,” he says. “COVID-19 meant we had to make a lot of tough decisions. Part of healing is listening, and giving everyone a chance to be heard.”

Dean is a parent in the Grosse Pointe school district and has lived

in the community since 1997. His wife Sally works in Grosse Pointe’s preschool program, and this year, will return to Ferry Elementary where she student taught 25 years ago.

“We have outstanding teachers, families and kids in Grosse Pointe,” he says.


“The greatest joys for my kids are their experiences in school, and it’s because of the teachers and the opportunities we offer. I want every family, teacher and staff member to have experiences and opportunities that bring them joy,” says Dean. 



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Robbie Buhl



Teen Street Skills is a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational community program designed by former Indy Racing League competitor Robbie Buhl. The 3-1/2 hour program puts teens behind the wheel to learn skills used for a lifetime.

“This is not driver’s ed,” Buhl said at the Aug. 19 session on Belle Isle. “This is advanced driver’s training. When you leave here today, you will be more confident, more aware drivers ... and you will have a fun time doing it.”


Participants learn how to maximize car performance to properly react to adverse conditions.

What is the most important body part in driving? Buhl asked the Aug. 19 participants. “Your eyes,” he said. “Your hands follow your eyes.”

The program then had students participate in a series of real life situations like skid control (including speeding over and then braking on water), driving basics, defensive driving behavior, emergency braking, accident avoidance and more.

“It’s nice that they get the exposure to what *could* happen, to be one step ahead, to know what to do,” says Lisa Kort, whose son Mitchell took part in the Aug. 19 session.

The educational program is put on throughout the year at the Teen Street Skills proving ground in Corktown and on Belle Isle. Along with lead instructor Buhl, the team of instructors is made up of those with racing and vehicle instruction in their background. Teen Street Skills is free to participants and relies on sponsor support to underwrite costs.

Visit teenstreetskills.org for upcoming dates. 

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at KIDS ON THE GO

By Joyce Wiswell

In these days of COVID-19 and polarizing politics, we hear a lot about negativity and infighting. But the exact opposite has occurred at Kids On The Go, whose staff, volunteers and families have responded to current challenges by becoming even closer.

“Our families have become so unified and more bonded than ever,” says Executive Director and Founder Kristy Piana Schena. “We don’t at all feel the divisions we hear about on social media and in the news.”

Instead, Kids On The Go marches forward with increased programming to provide children with special needs ages 3 to 17 with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies. What started as a summer camp 23 years ago is now a year-round program that fosters opportunities for growth, inclusion and skill development.

Especially popular is a new bucket drumming class. “Music therapy is so powerful. It teaches them teamwork and how to follow directions, and gives them the opportunity to exercise and to be successful,” says Schena. “We have 10 enrolled in that class from ages 5 to 17, all with different abilities, and they are having so much fun together.” One 5-year-old, whose family had mightily struggled to find something he enjoys, loves it so much that he wakes his



Photos courtesy of
Kids On The Go

parents in the wee hours to ask, “is it time to go yet?”

Teens of Work, which helps children ages 14 to 17 find employment, also continues to flourish. The kids learn how to interview, dress for success, navigate social media and run their own non-profit store (open by appointment) of hand-crafted items like greeting cards, coasters and wreaths. When three teens graduated from the program this year, Kids On The Go established an ambassadorship in which they work at other non-profits like Big Family of Michigan.

As always, the organization relies on community fundraisers for support. New this year is Sunday Funday on Nov. 7, 2-5 p.m., at Top Golf in

Auburn Hills. Groups of up to six can purchase a bay for \$300 that includes golf, appetizers, cash bar and a silent auction. Twenty percent of sales from Monday Pizza Nights at Cloverleaf Pizza in Macomb, Roseville, St. Clair Shores and Sterling Heights benefit Kids On The Go on Sept. 20, Oct. 19, Nov. 22 and Dec. 20.

Not surprisingly, the pandemic placed special challenges on the non-profit. “Virtual learning was the hardest part, because parents did not get the rest they normally would by dropping off their kids for an hour or so. Plus, we couldn’t use volunteers,” says Schena. “But we did it!”

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Youth on Stage

a theatrical return to in-person programs

By Anne Erickson

Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Youth on Stage program was faced with a dilemma in 2020. With the global pandemic making in-person events nearly impossible, how would they connect with students and parents in the Grosse Pointe area?

As Nick Marinello describes, Youth on Stage rose to the challenge.

“Last year, we didn’t have a production but offered Zoom classes,” says Marinello, Youth on Stage Program Director. “It was really successful. Parents were interested in continuing their kids’ theater education, and our instructors and staff did a great job with everything, so we did Zoom in the fall and spring.”

By this summer, things started to open up. Youth on Stage was able to return to in-person for summer camp with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

Students met outside in small groups and socially distanced for week-long

summer camp sessions. When it rained, they went indoors and wore masks.

“In terms of numbers, it was our most successful summer camp in a number of years,” Marinello says. “I think there was a lot of pent-up demand for kids to re-engage and do things. Parents were very excited and appreciative for having an in-person option.”

He adds, “The kids were great and learned a lot, and we had performances at the end of each week.”

Now, Youth on Stage is prepping for their fall and spring sessions. They’re opting for in-person instruction, using smaller class sizes and keeping COVID-19 safety the priority.

They’ll forgo a traditional, large production in the fall, instead focusing on the theater education aspect of the classes. Students will learn everything from theater basics to the art of performing a monologue.

“For those thinking of doing theater at

the college level, the first step to getting in is an audition. Part of that is always a monologue,” Marinello says. “We want our students to be the best prepared in that area when they are auditioning for college or decide to stay here and be part of Grosse Pointe Theatre.”

Fall classes start in mid-September and late October. Sessions run six weeks.

For information and to sign up, head to www.gpt.org.

Marinello says his favorite part of being involved with Youth on Stage is seeing the confidence it brings kids.


“My favorite moment is the student who doesn’t believe that they’re talented or doesn’t believe theater is something they can do, and through one of our opportunities, they think, ‘I am good. I can do this!’ That to me is the ultimate reward.” 

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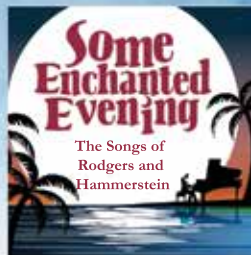
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First-ever *Story Festival* comes to Ford House

Families will be immersed in a day of spectacular stories, creative activities and fun performances at the first-ever Story Festival on Sept. 25 at Ford House.

The event, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the ECHO Library and Resource Center, promises to be a fun day out with a lot of learning mixed in!

The festival will feature performances from witty children's singer-songwriter Jim Gill, Wayne State Dance companies and Brenda Ban of Built to Thrive. In addition, Detroit's Arts & Scraps will lead creative hands-

on activities.


Visitors will roam the grounds and gardens to visit stations with fun and immersive activities for the whole family, all meant to spark a love of reading. Story themes draw from the lakeside estate, and include the water cycle, gardens and sustainability, art, home, nature and transportation.

"Ford House provides the perfect storybook setting for

the festival," says Emily Sullivan, Education Programs Coordinator. "When families enjoy reading activities together, children are more likely to become lifelong lovers of books

and stories. This will be a fun way to introduce children to new books, and have stories come alive through our activities and performances."

"This event embodies everything ECHO was created for: bridging education, fun and community with the emphasis on early childhood individuals and their families," says Cate Williams, of ECHO and a preschool prep teacher at Trombley Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park. "As we kick off the new school year and the beginnings of educational careers, this Story Festival will be one for the books, literally, by meshing stories and reading with hands-on and movement activities."

Story Festival tickets are available online at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222. Tickets are free for kids ages 5 and under, and \$5 for everyone ages 6 and up. The festival is Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 

"This Story Festival will be one for the books, literally, by meshing stories and reading with hands on and movement activities creates fun for the whole family!"

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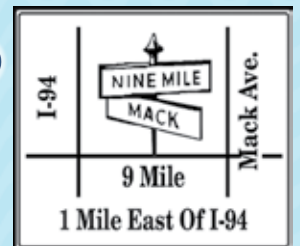
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North vs. South Tailgate to kick off district's 100th anniversary celebration

By Eleni Tecos

Following a year of restricted sports attendance, the annual North vs. South Tailgate will be returning alongside the centennial celebration of the school district. The Tailgate is scheduled to begin on the front lawn of South Oct. 22 at 6 p.m., as long as there are no official restrictions on outdoor gatherings.

Jennifer Boettcher, President and Executive Director of Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, says that the Tailgate might look slightly different this year, but promises it will contain all the fun of years past. “The Chamber is looking forward to the Tailgate of celebration — bringing the community together for some fun, food and football!”

In addition to the Chamber’s usual Tailgate festivities, Grosse Pointe Public School System will also host an interactive display at Clemenson Hall showcasing the district’s history over the past 100 years. According to GPPSS Communications Coordinator Mary Anne Brush, the exhibit will travel throughout the school year and make its way to North’s Performing Arts Center for Grosse Pointe North and South’s

annual Holiday Concert and Tea.

“We’re eager to share the historical knowledge we’ve accumulated alongside teachers to make this a community-wide, OneGP effort,” Brush says. “We have several fascinating photos and artifacts for people to see, including a bell from the old Kerby school and a doorknob from the original school building.”

Alongside GPPSS administrators, community organizations and volunteers have been thoroughly involved in preparations for the event. One such volunteer is South alumna Suzy Berschback, who is looking forward to celebrating a friendly rivalry between schools and telling the fascinating story of the district.

“Even though we have had 10 decades of changes, the important things remain: great academics, teachers, friendships and parenting,” Berschback says. “These are things to take great pride in. As the author of four local history books, I have often thought about creating one more: the history of the school system. This celebration is a great opportunity to share the story with the community.”

Similar to Berschback, GPPSS Superintendent Dr. Michael Jon Dean is also anticipating the centennial anniversary of the school district. As the newly inducted superintendent, Dean is hoping to reunite the community post-shutdown.

“I’m looking forward to bringing people together,” Dean says. “Last year, because of COVID-19, we weren’t able to gather. So, this year, everyone will hopefully be able to come together in a normal way and do some of the things that make our school district and our community so special.”

“There are not many school districts that get to be 100 years old,” Dean says. “One of the great things about our district is our history of service to our community. We have this one hundredth anniversary this year, this celebration of our history, while at the same time we’re trying to map out our future. We’re going to do those things at the same time, and I look forward to doing both of them.”

Above, Grosse Pointe High School shortly after opening in 1928 (the oldest district building is Defer Elementary School)

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*GPPL celebrates
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Listing and looks forward to
Phase 2 of renovations*



By Lauren McGregor

It's an exciting time for Grosse Pointe Public Library. Not only is the community icon entering Phase 2 of the Library Reimagined renovations, but Central Branch is officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Department of the Interior.

Built in 1953, the building was designed by renowned architect Marcel Breuer. Jessica Keyser, Director of Grosse Pointe Public Library, says that the only reason Breuer was not at the Central Branch ribbon cutting ceremony was because he was in Paris receiving an award. He, along with two other architects, designed the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Paris. Central Branch is his only Detroit-area building.

"It's an honor to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places," says Keyser. "There is a rather rigorous application and review process that we had to complete to be added to the register. The effort and investment the Library made to be added to the register is a signal to the community and the world that we understand the historical significance of the building, and we are committed to maintaining it and making improvements that follow the standards and best practices for historic preservation."

In 2013, Grosse Pointe Public Library established the Breuer Preservation Fund to preserve and maintain the art and architectural integrity of Central Branch. With all of this history in mind, the Library looks forward to Phase 2 of its renovations, beginning this December with the Woods Branch.

The latest renovations at Woods Branch will include refreshing interiors, transforming the first floor audio visual room into a lounge space, and creating room for Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library to sell books on the first floor. On the lower level, a state-of-the-art 'Makers Space' will be installed, with a recording studio, editing software, 3D printer, sewing machines, cooking stations and more. Finally, the outdoor space will see inviting renovations, with new courtyard landscaping and seating.

"We are thrilled by how much the plaza has been utilized at Central Branch and would like to do something similar at the Woods Branch," says Keyser.



She expects Woods Branch to be completed in May 2022. Phase 2 of Central Branch will begin in June 2022 and go through September 2023.

At Central Branch, visitors can expect all new, expanded, handicap-accessible restrooms. The youth area will be nearly doubled in size and provide a stroller parking area and family restroom. Those worried about renovations to the youth area entryway need not worry — the beloved fish tank and colorful entryway will remain.

Central Branch will also add a second program room, a drive-up service window and a handicap-accessible surface at the reference desk. At the back of the building, an addition will feature an enclosed ramp and a terracotta rain screen facade to let light in. Staff space will be moved to the second floor to increase first floor public space and fire suppression




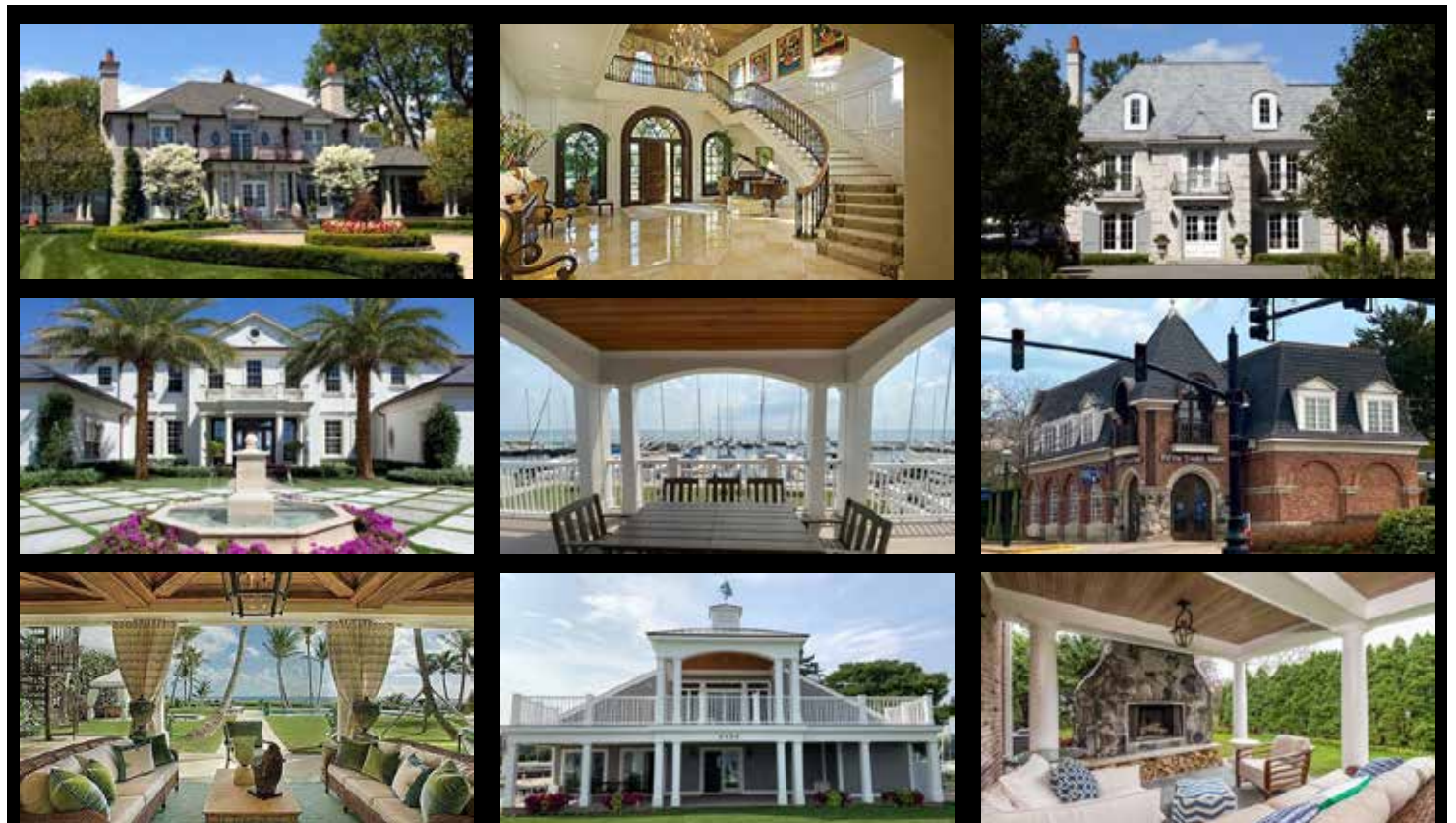
Phase 2 renderings; far left, Woods Branch courtyard; opposite page below, Woods Branch lobby; left, above, Central Branch exterior addition; left, Central Branch youth area

measures will be updated and added throughout the building.

All of these renovations are made possible by donors, Grosse Pointe Library Foundation and bonds paid by the current millage. To raise \$500,000, Grosse Pointe Library Foundation has

started a matching program to match up to \$250,000 in donations.

“All of these improvements will make the Library more accessible and more inviting for the whole community,” says Keyser. “It will be a dream come true to make these goals a reality.” 



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the return of Haunted Garage Productions

By Eleni Tecos



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“We’re not a standard haunted house. We’re here to entertain our customers, not terrify them. Spread the word — the Haunted Garage is open and better than ever.”

The past year and a half has been defined by tragedy — not only pandemic related, but weather-induced as well. After the newsworthy June 2020 storm, a tree collapsed on Haunted Garage Productions, resulting in the cancellation of the 2020 season. However, in the midst of hardship, Haunted Garage Productions founder Glen Williams has persevered.

In Williams’ words, the Haunted Garage is a “cast of thousands.” With help from staff members like Ron Carloni, Daris Silcox and Jim Weime, Haunted Garage Productions has been restored and revamped for its reopening on Oct. 8.

“Last year, without the Haunted Garage, we were empty,” Williams says. “It was a huge void in my life. I missed the camaraderie of having people here and seeing their joy and excitement. I’m so happy to reopen because Haunted Garage Productions gives me

a purpose.”

In addition to the reopening, updates will be made to over 25 percent of the garage’s features, Williams says. Notably, the Haunted Garage will showcase a one-of-a-kind prop, shipped all the way from Colorado.

“We try to upgrade the show every year, be it lighting, theatrical components, props, etc.,” Williams says. “We have some new facades and props I believe our customer base will love. We’re working many hours a day to create this very cool image without popping any circuits. I’m really excited.”

As in previous years, the Haunted Garage will raise money for local elementary schools and charities including Full Circle, 4 Paws 1 Heart, Kiwanis Club and Cops For Kids. However, everyone is welcome to visit and support any organization throughout the tenure of the Haunted Garage, according to Williams.

“I can’t wait to reconnect with everyone and see the kids come through here, just blown away by what we produce,” Williams says. “We’re not a standard haunted house. We’re here to entertain our customers, not terrify them. Spread the word — the Haunted Garage is open and better than ever.”

Haunted Garage Productions, at 19520 Mack Ave., will be open 6-9:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-24, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-30. General admission tickets will be available for \$13 and VIP tickets for \$20 at www.hauntedgarageproductions.org and at the door. [P](#)

Haunted Garage Productions is sponsored by Flagstar Bank, Foster Financial, the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Magazine, Hackett Home Care, Syphus Training, LPL Financial, College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving, and Keystone: Dr. Brock and Dr. Anthony Kasper.



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Advanced Physical Therapy presents generous donation to Detroit Dog Rescue

Advanced Physical Therapy therapists offered massages at Detroit Dog Rescue’s annual golf outing fundraiser at Lochmoor Club. The clinic donated all of its tips from the event, for a grand total of \$1,451!

On July 15, Advanced Physical Therapy presented the check to Janet Pepler, Director of Detroit Dog Rescue Board of Directors.

“The Grosse Pointe community means a lot to us at Advanced Physical Therapy, as a small business and a staff of dog lovers,” says Melissa Radner, Clinical Director of Advanced Physical Therapy. “It was our pleasure to give back our time to the community at Lochmoor Club and donations to Detroit Dog Rescue.”

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Above, Melissa Radner, Janet Pepler, Chelsea Bedwell and Ashlyn Kelly

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Finn

Finn, a Yorkie mix, will be 2 years old on Sept. 28. He loves chicken, hiding his bones around the house, chasing squirrels, and both of his grandmas. Mom and Dad, Amanda Fillmore and Brady Baetens, love him so much.



Killian & Ash

Killian, left, and Ash, right, enjoying a fire during the Halloween season.



In Memory of Patsy Lou

Patsy Lou was adopted as a senior dog and was so gentle with her parents' grandchildren. "She's still our darling girl who gave us much more than we gave her," says mom Laurie.



Kalla & Hector

Kalla (on the couch) and Hector are 5-year-old twins. The Great Danes are big brother and sister to Emma, 3, Wyatt, 2, and Madeleine, 1. They take their role as older siblings *very* seriously, showing them how to love, share, get into mischief and play.



Donovan & Madalene

Donovan loves his sister Madalene, being held and jumping hurdles. Madalene loves being out of her cage practicing jumps, twirls, spins and finishes her gymnastics by stretching out on the floor. Both enjoy free roaming, being held, daily brushing and monthly fur cuts.



Sofie

Sofie, a 4-year-old Golden Retriever, loves attention and meeting new people. She loves getting scratched and giving kisses and hugs. Sofie is a loving big sister to her human baby brother.

When is it an emergency?

By Dr. Nancy Pillsbury

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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14 TUESDAY

- The Grosse Pointe Badminton Association will begin its 89th year of play in the Grosse Pointes Sept. 14, for information, email agnotarangelo@gmail.com

17 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe North Class of 1971 Reunion Tour of Grosse Pointe North at 1 p.m.

18 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary's Grosse Pointe Run at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, register at grossepointerun.com, see box for more details
- Grosse Pointe North Class of 1971 50th Reunion at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, tickets and info at gpn1971.org
- Grosse Pointe Park Charlevoix Street

Party, Saturday Night Throwback celebrating the 80s and 90s, food drinks and live music by Rockstar

19 SUNDAY

- EyesOn Design car show at Ford House, \$30 per person, tickets available at eyesondesign.org or at the gate, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

23 THURSDAY

- Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe Auction at Ford House, tickets at grossepointechamber.com, \$75 per person includes strolling cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and auction, 5:30 p.m.
- Tau Beta Fall Market Sneak Peek

Preview Party and Raffle at the Grosse Pointe Club, \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door, raffle tickets are \$25 or five for \$100, raffle to take place at 8:30 p.m., cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and shopping sneak peek, 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.taubeta.org.

24 FRIDAY

- Tau Beta Fall Market at the Grosse Pointe Club, featuring trendy shops, cash bar available, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, visit www.taubeta.org.

25 SATURDAY

- Tau Beta Fall Market at the Grosse



Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary invites participants of all ages and abilities to Grosse Pointe Run on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Pier Park.

Event Start Times:

1-Mile Fun Run - 8:30 a.m.

All other walks and runs - 9 a.m.

Event Packet Pick-Up:

Race Day, 7-8:30 a.m.

The 1-Mile and 5K Leisure Walk are not timed events. Explore virtual options at grossepointerun.com.

All money raised is returned to the community through scholarships, grants and support of local charities.

Sept. 18

Register at grossepointerun.com

Post a photo of your run and tag Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary on Facebook!

Pointe Club, enjoy a cash-only buffet lunch in the Fall Market café, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and shop, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, visit www.taubeta.org.

- Ford House Story Festival in partnership with Grosse Pointe Public Library and ECHO library science resource center, \$5 per person, tickets at fordhouse.org, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Tunes on the Terrace at Ford House, featuring Opera MODO, general admission includes concert admission and lawn seating, \$20 adults, \$12 youth, premium seating \$50 (includes chair in reserved seating area and shuttle to concert), tickets at fordhouse.org, grounds open at 5 p.m. and the concert starts at 6 p.m.

01 FRIDAY

- The 19th annual Festival of Tables, featuring 15 individually designed dinner tables, visit www.dopfestivaloftables.com and “tip” donate to your favorite table or multiple tables, online through the month of October

08 FRIDAY

- Haunted Garage Productions opens at 19520 Mack Ave 6-9:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, through Oct. 24, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-30. Tickets are \$13 and VIP tickets are \$20 at www.hauntedgarageproductions.org and at the door

14 THURSDAY

- The Helm 25th annual gala, Silver Dream, at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, featuring dinner and auction, for tickets, contact The Helm Development Director Liz Johnson at mejohanson@helmlife.org or call (313) 649-2104

17 SUNDAY

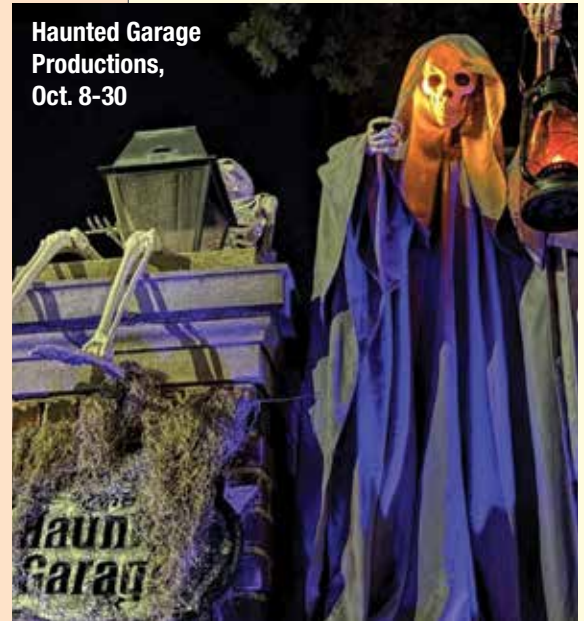
- Grosse Pointe Symphony concert conducted by Joe Striplin at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available online at gpsymphony.org.

22 FRIDAY

- North vs. South Tailgate at Grosse Pointe South, including a special exhibit to kick-off the 100th anniversary of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, 6 p.m.

23 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Library Foundation’s Masquerade for the Stacks to benefit Grosse Pointe Public Library, features cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, seated dinner, live entertainment, auction and more. Tickets can be purchased online at gplf.org or in person at any library branch. Tickets are \$150 per person for a 7 p.m. start, or \$250 per person to attend the VIP Reception at 6 p.m.



Haunted Garage Productions, Oct. 8-30

30 SATURDAY

- Festival of Tables live happy hour at Assumption Cultural Center, featuring theme decorated tables, auction, shopping, appetizers, music, cocktails and a tailgate party for the UM-MSU game, \$55 per person, 3-7 p.m.

31 SUNDAY - Halloween



'We've only just begun ... the next 51!'

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1971 will celebrate its 50th class reunion with three days of events, Friday, Sept. 17 through Sunday, Sept. 19.

On Friday, Sept. 17, the Class of 1971 is invited to tour Grosse Pointe North High School at 1 p.m. Organizer Carol Holloway says attendees can meet in the parking lot and enter together.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, a 50th reunion party will take place at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at 6 p.m.

"Our theme when we graduated in 1971 was 'we've only just begun,'" says Holloway. "For the reunion, it is 'We've only just begun ... the next 51.'"

The reunion will take place in the main ballroom and feature multiple food stations attended by a chef, large sit-down tables and high tops, music and a cash bar. The attire is business casual, with no denim allowed.

Finally, on Sunday, Sept. 19, a class picnic will take place at a graduate's house at 12 p.m.

For tickets to Saturday's reunion (\$55 per person) and information about the school tour and class picnic, visit gpn1971.org. The website also features photo albums, a list of reunion attendees, classmate profiles, class directory, an In Memoriam section and more.

Holloway adds, "We're looking forward to catching up with everyone!" ☺

Above, Class of 1971 Don Steepe and Tom Peek protecting Big Boy at Grosse Pointe North as part of the senior prank

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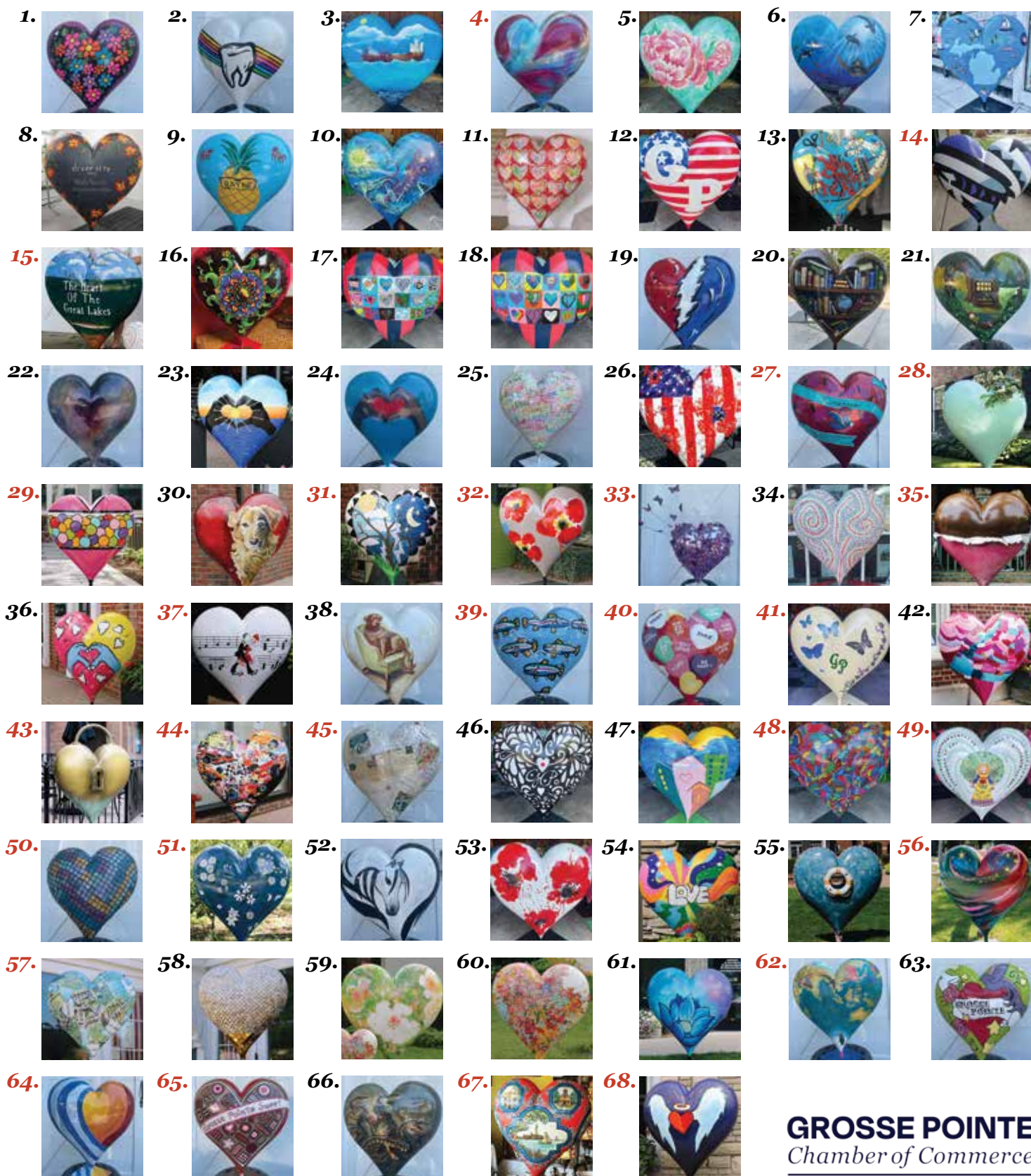

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1. Love In Bloom
by Karen Lynn Berg

2. Love Is Never-Ending
by Detroitland Vending

3. A Day At The Lake
by Jennifer Coleman

4. Sunset On Lake St. Clair by Patricia Andrews

5. Life To The Fullest
by Tracy Bischoff

6. Heart Of The Ocean
by Mary Brigid Distel

7. Home Is Where The Heart Is by Iyla O'Connor

8. Di-ver-si-ty, Many Hearts One Community
by Mary Brigid Distel

9. Our Heart Is Full
by Elizabeth Wakefield

10. Woozy
by Ryan Wheeler

11. The Heartbeat Of Grosse Pointe by JoElle Slaughter

12. The Heart Of America
by Michelle Montone

13. You Gotta Have (He) ART! by Steven Lees

14. Razzle Dazzle
by Hugh O'Connor

15. Fish Of Lake St. Clair
by Hugh O'Connor

16. Color Burst
by Johanna Curtis

17 + 18. Heart + Design
by 5th Graders + Mrs. Osman

19. Grateful Love
by Ryan Steiner

20. Gallimaufry
by Mary Brigid Distel

21. Juniper
by Mary Brigid Distel

22. Heart To Heart
by Michelle Montone

23. Lakeshore Love
by Sherry Piccione

24. Two Hearts Are Better Than One
by Scott Brown

25. Graffiti love
by Jennifer Coleman

26. America
by Dominic Pangborn

27. The Table Of Thy Heart by Denise Carozza

28. As Though I Were More Of Me by Callie Lewicki

29. A Piece Of My Heart
by Detroitland Vending

30. Unconditional Love
by Lena Duffy

31. Take Heart
by Dana Constand

32. Passion For Fashion
by Dominic Pangborn

33. Flight
by Holly Rutherford

34. Heart Waves
by Iyla O'Connor

35. Foiled
by Mary Brigid Distel

36. Home Is Where The Heart Is by Ryan Steiner

37. Jazzy Heartbeat
by Hugh O'Connor

38. Rocky
by Ryan Wheeler

39. Fishing Rodeo
by Ryan Steiner

40. Sweet Inspiration
by Linda Boyle

41. Grosse Pointe Butterflies by Linda Ireson

42. Art From My Heart by Leah Nadeau

43. Bronze Lock
by Michael Stapleton

44. Love of Racing
by Dominic Pangborn

45. Letters From The Heart by Iris Steinberg

46. Heartbeat Filigree
by Donna Zetterlund

47. Home
by Karen Fish

48. All Pieces Fit
by Karen Lynn Berg

49. The Heart Of It All by Lillian Li, Victoria Li + Maggie Mazzara

50. Pieces Of A Beautiful Heart by Moniquee Sobocinsk

51. Flowers For Eleanor by Zach Ziemba

52. Equestrian
by Holly Rutherford

53. The Heart Of Community by Dominic Pangborn

54. Max Love
by Pamela Palms McShane

55. Looking Forward
by Andrea Baetens

56. Hearts + Stars Of Grosse Pointe by Scott Brown

57. Around Town
by Mary Sue Stonisch

58. Pearly Whites
by Sue Majewski

59. White Wild Garden
by Dominic Pangborn

60. Heart Of Speckles
by Dominic Pangborn

61. BLOOM
by Cole Brazle

62. WING BEATS
by Sophie Grillet

63. Grosse Pointe Ink
by Linda Boyle

64. The Waves Of Home by Karen Fish

65. GP Sweet
by Linda Allen

66. King Snakes
by Ryan Wheeler

67. Je t'aime Grosse Pointe by Lisa F. Chalker

68. Angel Heart
by Daniel Stewart

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Nominations were accepted from July 4th until August 1st, 2021. After serious consideration to each nominee, Dr. Stonisch and her Faircourt Dental Smile Studio team decided on a winner.

John Warn will be one of the recipients of a brand new smile. He lost his smile in Desert Storm. John served in the United States Army for six years where his fear of dentists began. He also was a MP (military police) while in the army. He did not have the best of dental care while in the military and has horror stories of needles and drills that still haunt him today. "It is my honor to be able to serve a man that served us and our country by giving him his smile back," says Dr. Stonisch.

He is coming upon his 23rd year as a deputy for the Macomb County Sheriff's Department. In his spare time, he is a volunteer firefighter for the city of Richmond and a voted in member of City Council as well. In addition, he is also a board member on the Richmond Good Old Days Festival Committee..

He is currently in treatment at Faircourt Dental and his smile will be revealed the week of September 11th, 2021 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 911.



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