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On the Cover
The coffee table of our featured 'At Home in the Pointes' home

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Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this? On Monday, Nov. 27, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to comment with the correct answer will win a gift card to a local restaurant. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Provencal-Weir House's LaBelle Country Store)

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May your season be Merry & Bright!

Whenever my father wanted us to do something immediately or pick up the pace, he would say, “What are you waiting for? Christmas?” Well, the holiday season has arrived in this issue of *Pointe Magazine*.

There is no better place to spend the holidays than in the Pointes. We go all out for “exterior illumination,” as Clark Griswold would say. All we need to do is travel Lake Shore to be convinced. There’s the annual extravaganza of the Mack-Moross home and, just up the boulevard, the tree covered in white lights from the base to the apex and every branch in between.

Of course, the light show doesn’t end there. Many of our local businesses are picking up the tradition of facades covered with curtains of lights made popular in Rochester.

Grosse Pointe’s many churches bring out their Nativities, and homeowners bring out their icicle lights, wreaths, garland and other goodies to make the season bright. Of course, the interiors of our homes are just as festive, as our “At Home in the Pointes” cover bears witness.

The season kicks off with the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on the day after Thanksgiving. There is no more uniquely Grosse Pointe event. Did you know the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade debuted in 1975? This year’s parade, dubbed “A Musical Christmas,” will feature Santa’s brand new sleigh. We applaud the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce board for stepping up — just in time for this Christmas!

As our good friend Jenny Boettcher, Chamber president and executive director, says, “There’s no place like home for the holidays!”

As always, be sure to patronize our many loyal advertisers this holiday season and tell them you saw them — or not! — in *Pointe Magazine*.

See you around the Pointe! ☺

John

It is hard to believe this is our sixth year publishing *Merry & Bright*, alongside our spotlights on holiday shopping, in the November-December issue.

Since starting these shopping features, I’ve watched countless businesses open and remain open. Bookstores, boutiques, salons, restaurants. You’d be hard-pressed to find an empty storefront these days. I’m grateful to live somewhere where shopping small is not only valued, but expected.

People joke about ‘The Bubble,’ but it is extraordinary how little we have to leave town for! I recently joked to another mom at school pick-up that I’ve grown too used to driving on roads that never exceed 35 mph. Even heading downtown, where we love to celebrate the holidays, we can easily take Jefferson at a leisurely speed. We are spoiled for shopping and dining in this special little enclave of metro Detroit. In each issue, but especially the November-December issue, we seek to celebrate this.

Like Kasey Malley, co-owner of Small Favors, told me, now that we have entered a new era following the pandemic, I am more grateful than ever to live in a community where shop owners remember me by name and relationships are made everywhere I go.

She said, “It’s about being a part of this community. It’s about relationships. It’s why we love what we do.”

I couldn’t have said it better myself. At this time of year, the community feels just a bit more magical. I look forward to running into friends while last minute Christmas shopping, attending the multiple tree lightings, taking my kids to see Santa Claus at Ford House, waving at familiar faces in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Let’s do our part to keep enriching the community we love so much and shop small this holiday season.

Happy Holidays! ☺

Lauren



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Name	Diane Karabetsos
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
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Diane's Favorites

Season

Fall, soccer season and leaves changing

Book

The Invention of Nature: The Adventures of Alexander von Humboldt, the Lost Hero of Science by Andrea Wulf and *Santorini Poems* by John Karabetsos

Musical Artist

Evan Perri and Scott Gwinnell

Movie

Dr. Zhivago

Outdoor Activity

Swimming and soccer

Restaurant

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About Diane

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

Wyoming, Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole for the Millennium

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Rose Bowl Parade

What is one thing not many people know about you?

I almost became a nun. Instead, I had five sons.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

My five sons all graduated from the University of Michigan.

Favorite quotation?

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand." Gaelic Blessing

"Teaching was my first love. I taught English at East Detroit High School and Education at Wayne State University. Free summers allowed lovely trips to Japan, the Middle East, Russia and Europe. While teaching I also met my husband of 31 years, Evan, a fellow teacher, lawyer, artist and wonderful father.

We raised our five sons, Frank, John, Nikos, Dimitrios and Aris, in the Pointes, and our family loved playing sports together: soccer, tennis, swimming and skiing. I spent years as a Cub Scout Den Mother, PTO Officer, soccer coach, President of the Grosse Pointe Soccer Board, State Secretary and currently the Treasurer of the Michigan Youth Soccer League Board. But my greatest honor is the founding of Grosse Pointe's TOPSoccer, a community-based soccer program for young athletes with disabilities. I had the pleasure of coaching for TOPSoccer for 20 years.

My husband sadly passed away from a heart attack in 1999. We've kept his memory alive through his sons — two lawyers, an art teacher, a writer/film director and businessman/lighting designer.

I like to stay engaged in the community, which includes volunteering with the Daughters of Penelope and Special Kids, fun activities with my Gardening Club and serving as a member of the Grosse Pointe School Board Policy Committee.

Currently, I'm working as a real estate agent for Real Estate One and I'm excited we will soon open our new office on The Hill. At my age, staying active keeps me young, but to quote Abraham Lincoln, 'In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.'"

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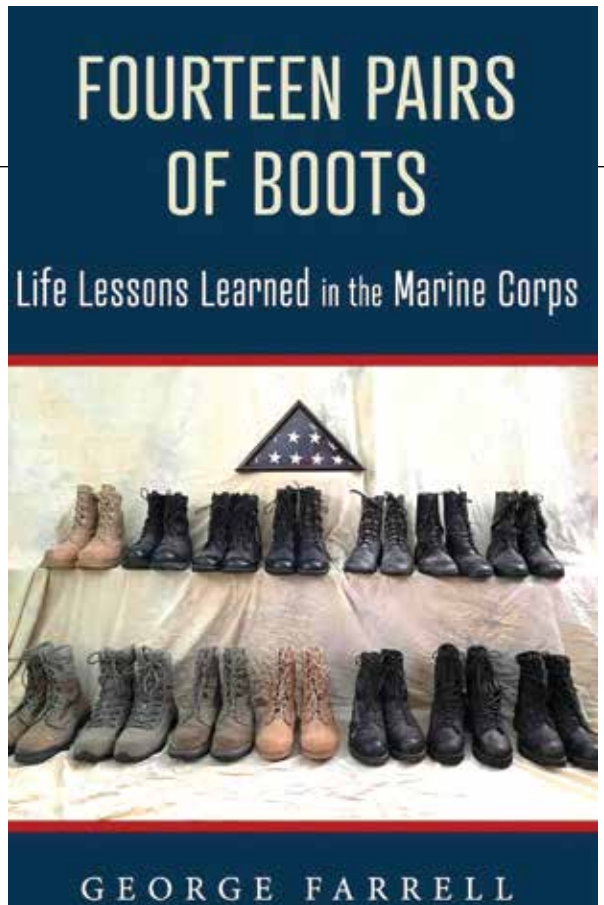
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VETERANS DAY SPOTLIGHT

George Farrell shares 'Life Lessons Learned in the Marine Corps'

By Anne Erickson



Former Grosse Pointe Woods and current St. Clair Shores resident George Farrell spent decades serving America in the Military Reserves, Marine Corps Reserves and Air National Guard. Now he has taken those experiences — often harrowing and ultimately inspiring — and compiled them into a book about lessons learned.



“I just became a grandpa, and my grandson could read the book someday and say, ‘Wow. This is what my grandpa went through.’ I hope they can take some of my advice and lessons I learned and use it in their own lives.”

Fourteen Pairs of Boots: Life Lessons Learned in the Marine Corps is a memoir followed up by life lessons and his 14 keys to happiness and personal growth.

“After writing my first book (*Stuff in the Basement: Influences of James Dean*) I wanted to write more about my military experience,” says Farrell. The ‘Fourteen Pairs of Boots’ are his own 14 pairs used during his military service and pictured on the cover. “I wrote my second book about what I learned in the Marine Corps, and I plan to write a sequel about life lessons learned in the Air Force.”

One of his biggest life lessons is to “dream big.” Farrell says that “a little progress in pursuing a bigger dream is better than none at all.”

Farrell hopes the book will offer readers valuable advice on how to navigate life’s hurdles.

“I think if a reader can benefit from my own experiences, then I’m helping,” he says. “I feel like it’s a nice way to help others and pass on my life lessons.”

He adds that writing the book was

cathartic.

“I feel like everyone has a story to tell, and by telling my story, even if the book isn’t a major seller, I have shared something,” he says. “I just became a grandpa, and my grandson could read the book someday and say, ‘Wow. This is what my grandpa went through.’ I hope they can take some of my advice and lessons I learned and use it in their own lives.”

His grandson will certainly be impressed with everything Farrell has experienced, starting with cold weather training 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Norway in 1989. The following year, Farrell was activated in support of Operation Desert Storm and sent to Okinawa.

In the book, Farrell details several challenging, sometimes terrifying, experiences while serving abroad. Among them is his 1991 service in the Philippines, where he witnessed the eruption of Mount Pinatubo.

“We remained there to clean up and assist the evacuation of civilians,” he says.

In 1993, Farrell left the Marines and



Above, George Farrell with The War Memorial plaque that now bears his name for service in Desert Storm

Photos courtesy of George Farrell

was reassigned to the IRR (In Ready Reserves). On July 14, 1994, he was honorably discharged.

However, he again heard the call to serve. “After September 11, 2001, I enlisted in the Air Force Reserve. I served for three years and was honorably discharged on August 19, 2005.”

Farrell then enlisted in the Air National Guard, where he served from 2006 to 2014.

“I finally got the chance to serve overseas in the United Kingdom in April of 2015,” says Farrell. “On January 9, 2017, I retired from the Air Force Reserves with 20 years of credited service.”

With two decades of military service, Farrell is passionate about sharing the lessons he learned.

“Endurance and persistence will be rewarded no matter what challenges come your way,” says Farrell. “There’s something you can learn from every experience. If you have a negative experience, you learn from it, and you learn to move on from there.”

He adds, “It goes hand-in-hand with one of my other 14 keys to personal growth and happiness, which is to laugh at least once a day. If you can laugh at yourself, that helps too. Don’t take life too seriously, and cherish the little things. You don’t need fancy cars or a boat. Just enjoy a sunset or something free.”

Today, Farrell works at Stellantis in the Mopar Parts Distribution Center. He enjoys staying active in Grosse Pointe Theatre and spending time with his two daughters, Courtney, 23, and Heidi, 18. This August, he celebrated the birth of his first grandson, Harvey Schwarz.

To purchase the book about Farrell’s service to our country and lessons learned, search for *Fourteen Pairs of Boots: Life Lessons Learned in the Marine Corps* on Amazon. [📖](#)



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By Anne Erickson

Show Times

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 Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m.
 Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.
 Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.

Photo by Dale Pegg

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the timeless musical, *Anything Goes*, starting November 10 at Pierce Middle School. For Director Don Bischoff, *Anything Goes* is familiar territory. This marks his fifth time being involved with the show. In fact, *Anything Goes* holds a special place in Bischoff’s heart.

“I’ve been doing theater since I was a teenager,” Bischoff says. “Then, you go to college, get married, take a break from theater and have kids. When my kids got a little bit older, I got back into theater. My first show when I got back in was *Anything Goes* at Grosse Pointe Theatre in 2001. I was able to land the leading role of Billy. So, the show has been a passion for me.”

Anything Goes also marks Bischoff’s 15th show that he’s directed at Grosse Pointe Theatre.

“My friends at Grosse Pointe Theatre are my second family,” he says. “It’s about who you want to spend 10 weeks of your life with, because just doing the production is 10 weeks of rehearsal, plus pre-production meetings and planning. When you spend that much time with people, you want them to be people you know and love. Almost everyone here wants to do their part, and it’s the best thing about being part of this organization. I’ve never seen it like this anywhere else.”

In *Anything Goes*, the main character,

Billy, stows away on a ship in the hopes of winning over the heart of his dream woman. The only problem is that she’s already spoken for. Along the way, quirky characters make this a match made in heaven.


Bischoff is drawn to the energy and tap dancing in the show.

“The shows I primarily do are big dance shows,” says Bischoff, who is an expert tap dancer and has been dancing for 40 years. “Tapping is what I love to do. This is a great ensemble show for tapping, too. I love the 1930s and 1940s era of musicals, the ‘Golden Age,’ with all the great classic songs.

“I love the big production numbers,” he adds. “Whenever you can get the audience to clap during the middle of a song, you know you did something well. The energy and dance and music make people feel emotion.”

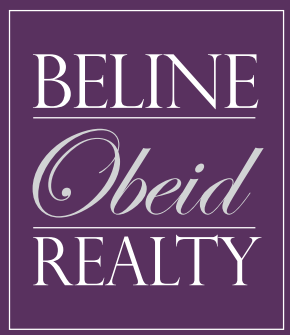
Anything Goes is fun for all ages. Bischoff hopes families come out for an evening of exciting music and theater to make them forget their worries.

“I hope they leave humming a song or tapping their toes, because they saw something they really enjoyed watching.”

Anything Goes runs November 10-12 and 15-19 and will be performed at Pierce Middle School Auditorium, 15430 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets are available at gpt.org/anything or by calling (313) 881-4004. 



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By Ted Everingham



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The Race to Alaska (R2AK) has been described as the world’s wildest, weirdest boat race. It’s 750 nautical miles from Port Townsend, Wash., to Ketchikan,

Alaska, and completely engineless — you either sail, row or paddle. The fleet includes everything from custom-built sailboats to kayaks.

Two Detroit-area sailors — Matthew Declercq and Elliot Lee — were part of “Team Dacron & Denim,” a six-man crew that sailed the 2023 R2AK in a 34-foot sailboat ... equipped with paddles in case the wind died.

Declercq grew up sailing at Bayview Yacht Club while Lee sailed at the Detroit Yacht Club. Declercq went on to sail for Michigan State, and Lee sailed for Grand Valley State University.

They were competitors all those years until they both joined Team Dacron & Denim for the R2AK.

Team Dacron & Denim was less than halfway up the spectacularly beautiful British Columbia coast along the 700-nm Victoria, British Columbia-to-Ketchikan stage of the race when they hit a log, damaging their rudder. A crew braved the 55-degree water in a dry suit and used zip ties to stabilize the delaminating rudder until repairs could be made in Bella Bella, BC, some 80 nm farther up the course.

Team Dacron & Denim sailed on until they were becalmed and had to paddle — yes, paddle! — the last 20 nautical miles.

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The broken rudder and subsequent rebuild, right



two days after arriving, they again were sailing toward Ketchikan. Competitors that might have passed Team Dacron & Denim while they were getting the new rudder took refuge from a weather system with 30-knot winds, enabling the team to maintain its lead and sail to a 4th place finish with an elapsed time of 7:22:59.

Asked whether they would sail R2AK again, Declercq and Lee had the same answer: “Absolutely!”

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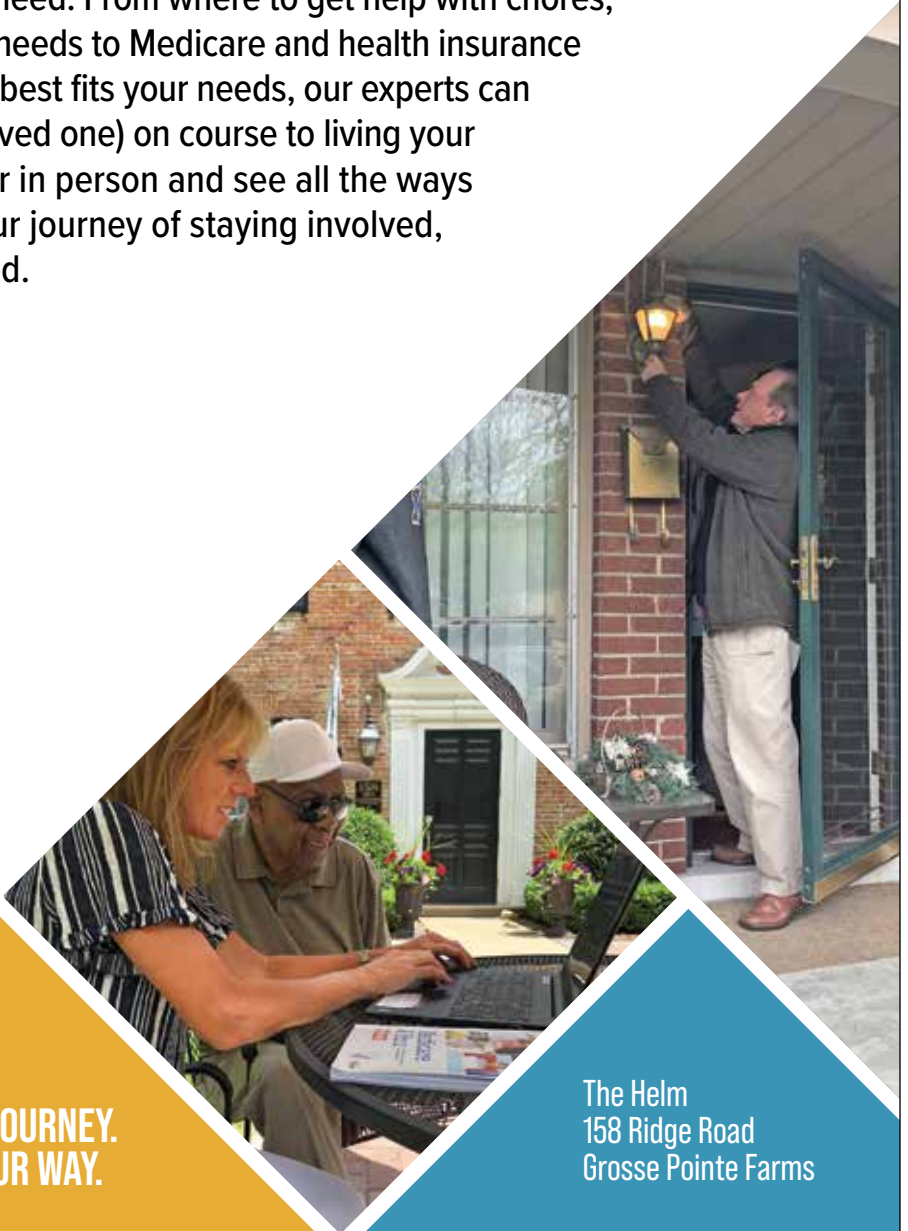
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In Memory of Ted Colborn

Theodore (Ted) Reynolds Colborn, Jr., 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away on his birthday, September 30, 2023, following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

As a longtime crossing guard, Ted was a beloved fixture in the community, known either personally or in passing by all who traveled near Mack and Vernier during the school year. The community's mourning at news of Ted's passing was widespread. His protective, kind and encouraging manner made a daily impact on the countless people who shared their stories of him online.

"Children in our community noticed right away that Ted wasn't at his corner," says Grosse Pointe Woods Council Member Vicki Granger. "He was a steady presence in their lives for so many years."

One of the students Ted helped to safely cross the road was Beppo Mazzara, who dressed up as Ted for Halloween last year.

"Beppo considered Mr. Ted a friend," says Beppo's mom, Erica Mazzara. "Mr. Ted was a magical fixture in our

community. He knew everyone's names and the kids all adored him. He was always in a jovial mood. Beppo loved his jokes and they shared a love of the Detroit Tigers."

"Dad served as a crossing guard at various posts around Grosse Pointe Schools since I was in kindergarten at Kerby in 1997," says Ted's daughter, Hannah. "He was at Kerby and Beaupre for a short time and Mack and Cook for a short time, but his longest post was at Mack and Vernier. Dad was a Norsemen sports fan until the end."

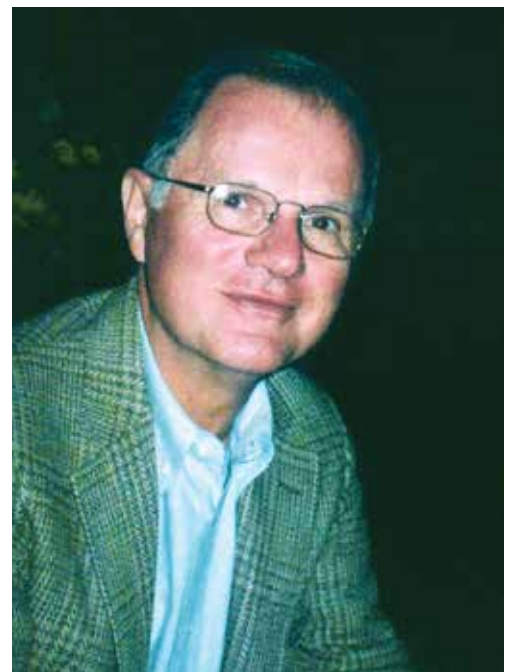
Long before seeing kids safely to school, Ted was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was one of four children, including Deborah, Ann and Paul. He served as senior class president at Western Reserve Academy, went on to attend Brown University and Wayne State University and was a student at the U.S. Army Language School, where he studied Russian. He also served in the U.S. Army.

An avid tennis player and runner who proudly completed the Detroit Free Press Marathon, Ted met Margaret Fabinski while starting his career at General Electric. They married in 1968 and had two children, Emily Estelle and Constance Monique. Ted was a devoted father to both girls. He loved to travel and took them each summer to visit Chautauqua Lake in upstate New York.

Following their divorce, Ted married Catherine (Kate) Renouf in 1990. The couple had two children, Hannah Elizabeth and Will Paget. His family loved to play soccer and attend Detroit Tigers games together, alongside frequent trips to the bookstore. In recent years, Ted and Kate enjoyed walks with their dogs and watching local productions, particularly at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit.

Ted was also a member of several fellowship groups at St. Michael's Church, including serving as the Junior Warden of the St. Michael's Vestry.

While Ted's career included positions



"Our community has lost an extraordinary person."

at the Detroit Port Authority and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, in his

later years, he was a familiar face in the community, working at Barnes & Noble, as a crossing guard for the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety and



Ted, Hannah, Will and Kate Colborn

as a gate guard at Lake Front Park.

"He greeted people warmly at Lake Front Park, served on the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission, and even worked elections!" says Granger. "I got to know Ted many years ago when he worked at Barnes & Noble, and saw him regularly as he walked his dog around the neighborhood. Our community has lost an extraordinary person."

"Many others knew him better than I did but everyone he ran into was treated as his longtime friend," says fellow Grosse Pointe Woods crossing guard




Beppo Mazzara dressed up as Ted Colborn on Halloween 2022

Home for the holidays

By Terri Murphy

Karen Kaled. “One summer day, Ted and I crossed paths repeatedly. That evening on my walk around the neighborhood I had my fifth encounter with Ted! I introduced him to Daisy, the dog I was walking. We broke into a duet of the song ‘Bicycle Built For Two.’ I will so miss bumping into this very, very kind man who I considered my friend.”

Ted is survived by his wife, Kate, and his ex-wife, Margaret, his four children, Emily, Connie, Hannah and Will, as well as six grandchildren, Julien, Chloe, Ashton, Hope, Mack and Lucy. Ted is also survived by his siblings and many loving nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund at St. Michael’s (edomi.org/give), Covenant House Michigan (covenanthouse.org) or the Detroit City Football Club (detcityfc.com). 

The holiday season is a time for joy, togetherness and reflection. It’s also an opportune moment to check in on your aging parents and ensure they receive the support they need to maintain their independence.

Here are some signs to look for during your visit that may indicate they require additional assistance with daily living activities:

Changes in mobility: Observe how they move around the house. Difficulty walking, frequent falls or unexplained bruises can be red flags.

Forgetfulness: Forgetfulness, missed medications or difficulty managing finances may suggest cognitive decline.

Neglected home: A cluttered, dirty or unkempt home can be a sign of difficulty with housekeeping.

Weight loss: Sudden weight loss could indicate issues with cooking or appetite.



Social withdrawal: If your parents are less social than before, it might indicate feelings of isolation or depression.

Unopened mail or unpaid bills: Overlooked bills and unopened mail can be a sign of cognitive decline or financial difficulties.

Medication mismanagement: Ensure they are taking medications as prescribed, as missed doses or incorrect use can lead to health problems.

Spending time with your aging parents during the holidays is an excellent opportunity to assess their needs. Early intervention and support can help them maintain their independence and avoid the need for more extensive assistance in the future. Open communication and a loving approach are key to ensuring their well-being and making their golden years truly golden.

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40-year dream comes to life at Mike's

By John Minnis

In June 1965 when Robert and Mary Lou LeFevre brought home their baby girl Susan, little Michael was more excited about the Snoopy doll in his dad's arms than his baby sister.

Mike adopted Snoopy as his own. That Christmas, he received a Snoopy



music box. The gift tag read, "To my brother Mike. Merry Christmas. Love, Your Sister, Susan."

Mike's Snoopy collection grew. "At my birthday when I was 10, I had like 15 pieces on my dresser," Mike recalls.

Though Michael would grow up to be a successful businessman traveling the world, "Uncle Snoopy" remained close to his little sister and his nieces and nephews. When Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, Mike gave up his travels and came home to Grosse Pointe to be with her.

Over the years, his collection of Snoopy collectibles has grown to over 15,000. "I spoke to the Grosse Pointe Questers in my house some 23 years ago," Mike recalls. "I said one day I'm going to build a bar with a museum in it. I did it."

Adjacent to Mike's on the Water on Jefferson on the Nautical Mile, the Snoopy museum is a former sail barn painted black and white. Featuring black and white concrete pups from a Grosse Pointe Chamber charity auction, the museum bears no name. "There's nothing out here that tells you it's Snoopy," Mike says.

Two plaques outside quote *Mike-isms*: "If you build it, they will come, but you better be good when they come" and "This place is highly recommended by the owner."

In the vestibule, visitors are greeted by chef figurines from 129 countries around the world all collected by Mike on his travels. (There is also a donation box. "It's all about charity.")

The hallway contains a display cabinet of Baby Boomer toys. "All the stuff that we played with, the old View Masters, The Little Rascals, the Superman, the Hot Wheels,





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Mrs. Beasley, Tonka toys, Suzy Homemaker, Barbie and Ken,” Mike explains. “I put all the stuff that my sister and I played with in this cabinet to tease you.”

The suspense is built for the black curtain to open. The view is overwhelming. One man cried upon seeing it, Mike says. “If this doesn’t move you, nothing will.”

Mike’s collection includes his sister’s original Snoopy with a missing nose and grandma’s many stitches, along with Mike’s old bike and the toboggan he used to race down Vernier and Balduck hills.

While he personally acquired many of his Snoopys — some in garage sales, others in auction and more costly — most of his 15,000+ pieces have been given to him over the years by family, friends and customers. They include many homemade items, even edibles such as cookies that have been lacquered to preserve them.

One corner features Captain Snoopy motoring past the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Nine Mile Tower and Mike’s on the Water on the Nautical Mile. Another wall features a world map depicting where Snoop has been. “I’ve

been to all seven continents and 129 countries,” Mike says. There’s Snoopy at the Iditarod, Snoopy in Rio, Snoopy in Antarctica, Snoopy in Paris, Snoopy at the Taj Mahal, Snoopy at the Great Barrier Reef. Like country singer Hank Snow, Snoop’s “been everywhere.”

Mike’s on the Water is now booking parties in the banquet room through November and December. Dates are filling quickly.

The room holds 40 to 50 people. Larger groups in January and February when Mike’s is closed can

be split up between the museum space and restaurant. Since this is “all about charity,” the room charge goes to local charities: Kids on the Go, Racing for Kids, Wigs 4 Kids, The Helm, Full Circle Foundation, JT Mestdagh Foundation, The Family Center, Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, St. Clair Shores Cops for Kids and the The Holley Institute at Ascension St. John Hospital.

For more information or to make party reservations, call Mike’s on the Water at (586) 872-2630. [Φ](#)



Mike’s on the Water owner Mike LeFevre, a.k.a. ‘Snoop’ donning a Snoopy cap, poses in front of the Nautical Snoopy mural.

Photos by John Minnis



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New addition
to the youth area

Central Branch Reopens

By Lauren McGregor

What began four years ago as a multi-phase Library Reimagined capital improvements project is now coming to completion.

“Central Branch’s reopening is the capstone of the longer term project,” says Grosse Pointe Public Library Director Jessica Keyser.

Of the improvements to Central Branch, the expanded youth area will be the most dramatic to visitors.

“It is surrounded by windows and the space was doubled in size,” says Keyser. “It is refreshed, cheerful, colorful, with dedicated stroller parking and a family restroom.”

Children will be excited to see the installation of a wall mounted interactive light board like the one at Woods Branch.

For teens, there is the library’s first ever designated teen space with plenty of outlets and desk space.

The new drive-thru window has made a significant change to the parking lot. Patrons must now enter off of Fisher and exit onto Kercheval. Its benefits will be well worth the new flow. “Not only can you drop off books at the drive-thru, but you can also pick-up,” says Keyser. “There will even be a ‘drive-thru pick-up’ option when you have a hold.”

Those who have taken advantage of the tool lending library — started during WWII and the the oldest in the country — will notice a massive upgrade to the tools’ storage with a newly built tool lending room.

There are also vital improvements that the public won’t notice.

“We are now up to code on fire safety,” says Keyser. And the staff will benefit from a newly installed elevator.

The restrooms have been completely renovated and are more accessible.

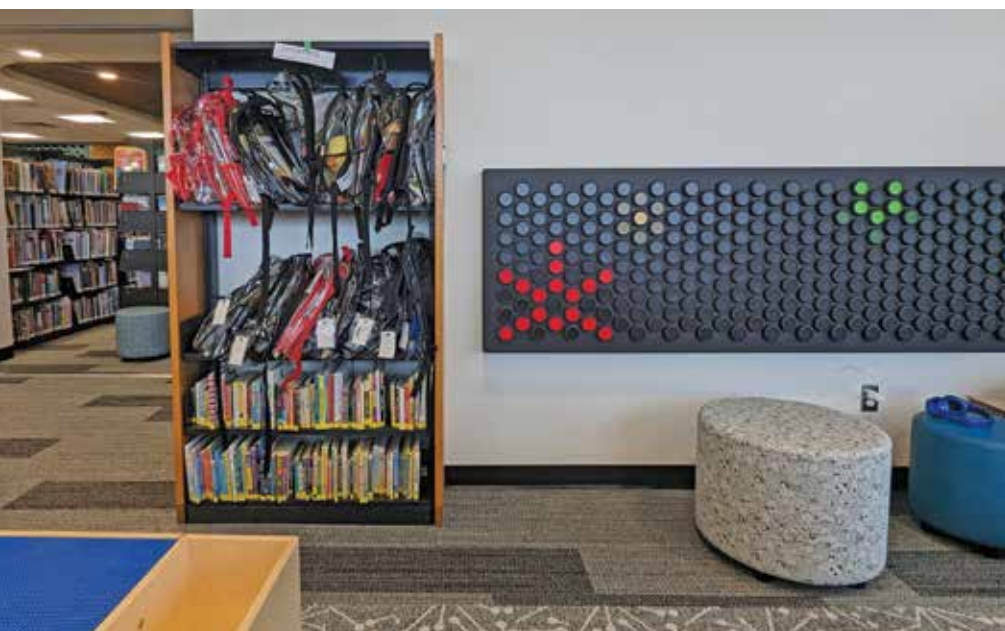
A grand re-opening celebration is

planned for early November. “We will have a band, face painting, balloon animals, giveaways. The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library are going to help us do tours and explain the new areas,” says Marketing & Programming Coordinator

“I have heard that a library is a reflection of what the community thinks of itself. It’s meaningful that the community was invested in this way. We are committed to preserving and enhancing this institution for future generations.”



Clockwise from far left, new tool lending library; new drive-thru; Mary Ann Short and Jessica Keyser; teen room; interactive light board in the youth area Photos by Lauren McGregor



Mary Ann Short. “It is an opportunity for the entire community to come and see what we’ve done.”

“It’s our 70th anniversary as well,” adds Keyser. “We’re very proud of what we’ve been able to do over the years.”

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“Jessica (Keyser) has transformed the library since she’s been here,” says Short. “Central is finally expanded and we are providing services the community demands.”

“I grew up in this library. I learned the Dewey Decimal System here. I went to Richard Elementary and we would walk

over here from school,” says Short. “To be here now and prepare for the reopening is a full circle moment.”

Keyser says the library is constantly looking for ways to be more accessible and inclusive. “We incorporated more seating at all three branches. This is a place to go for all ages. Somewhere you don’t need to spend money. Everyone is welcome here. And for those who are homebound, we bring our resources to you.”

All three branches have upgraded outdoor space where the Wi-Fi signal is strong. “The pandemic brought welcoming outdoor space to the



forefront,” says Keyser. “We intentionally make our Wi-Fi coverage reach outside.”

“This is a hub of the community. I hope people continue to use the library and share their feedback. We’ll always be evolving and paying attention to how people use the library.”

For more information about Central Branch’s reopening, visit grossepointelibrary.org. 

Holiday stress

By Ken Welch

One of the biggest obstacles we all face in regards to exercise is distraction. Everyone goes through it: Nagging thoughts of undone tasks on your list, interrupting your intention to exercise. All kinds of stuff, swirling around in your head.

With the holidays coming up, these feelings switch into overdrive, especially for women. Getting the house decorated and ready for Christmas; obligations, errands, last-minute favors for people and just simply getting the bills paid. There are a hundred things to do — and exercise too?

When you try to push through it, there's an overhanging sense of being irresponsible for avoiding "the more important things that need to be done."

Often the solution is, "Start back up in January."

I like being in the gym, but I still have a lot of days when my responsibilities outrun my motivation to workout. Advice? All I can tell you is what I do:

First, I get done what I have to do with an eye on what slots in the week I'll be able to catch up — and I will. I make sure it's at least 3 to 4 days in a week as days will allow. I don't have a rigid schedule.

I keep a simple log of my last workout (I walked, lifted weights, etc.) so I can refer back and pick up where I left off in order to stay consistent.

I don't obsess about days missed. Good health and strength are my purpose. It's big picture, not goal or deadline oriented.

Not every session is my "A" workout but as long as I do something, I'm good.

Finally, every day I remind myself that I'm really lucky to be able to work out. It's a gift I don't want to waste.

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Smile more in '24

By Dr. Horatio Falcón

The start of a new year is the perfect time to say goodbye to the old and offer a welcome to the new. As you are considering your goals and aspirations for the new year, have you thought about investing in your smile? Many people spend money on gym memberships and weight loss programs — why not prioritize your self-care by getting the smile you've always dreamed of?



If you have big goals for 2024, then you need a confident smile that makes it easy to connect with others. Not only does a beautiful smile have an impact on personal and business relationships, but it feels good to look in the mirror and love what you see.

Research shows that those who consciously or subconsciously smile more live better and longer. Your body releases three hormones that make you feel good when you smile. They include dopamine, endorphins and serotonin. These signal to your body that you're happy, and in turn, you feel happier.

Dental aesthetic procedures, such as porcelain veneers, are minimally invasive and can help turn any insecurities you may have about your smile into your best asset. In most cases, it can make a person look and feel 10 years younger.

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Happy Holidays and warm wishes for 2024!

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Year-end planning

By Lina Bowman

The holidays are fast approaching, which means much hustle and bustle in preparation for a joyous, happy and hopefully stress-free time with loved ones. Preparing the home for the holidays can be lots of fun in anticipation of the special moments. But let's not forget to get your financial house



in order as well. Make this a priority, and the rest will fall into place.

This year's end is quickly moving in on us, but there's still time to make smart money moves. To be as tax efficient as possible, it's imperative to be proactive. This means reviewing your investment portfolios as soon as possible. Review mutual funds in after-tax accounts, which may pay out either short-term or long-term capital gains even if you've accrued losses in those funds. Why pay taxes on "gains" you may not actually have received, also known as "phantom income"?

Would "tax harvesting" help you reduce your 2023 taxes? If able, try to max out your contributions in tax-deductible accounts such as your 401(k) or Health Savings Account (HSA). Depending on where you are in your current tax bracket, you may want to consider doing a Roth Conversion. By paying taxes on the conversion amount now, you would enjoy tax-free growth in the future.

A good wealth manager can help you plan and strategize. What you do before December 31st can have a big impact on what Tax Day looks like in 2024. Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season!

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Are you maximizing your rental potential?

By Anna Bartolotta

It may be hard to imagine raising the rent on your long-term tenant or the tenant who maintains your rental property to perfection, but in today's changing rental market it is something that must be considered.



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Lumps & bumps

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

Two of the most common and benign lumps and bumps people are concerned about are lipomas and epidermoid cysts.

Lipomas are the most common non-cancerous soft tissue tumors. They are a collection of mature fat cells usually encased in a thin fibrous capsule. They can occur anywhere on the body, most commonly on the arms, thighs, chest, back, shoulders and neck. They are soft, movable, and range in size from 1 cm to greater than 10 cm. They usually cause no symptoms and

do not need to be removed. Occasionally, lipomas can become large, occur in a place where they restrict movement or can invade into the surrounding muscle and cause some discomfort. When this occurs, they can easily be removed and usually do not recur.

Epidermoid cysts appear as a dome-shaped lump, often with a central punctum which is a dark colored dot-like opening on the surface of the cyst. They are formed from a part of a hair follicle and can occur anywhere on the body including the face, neck and genitalia. The cysts are filled with keratin. They grow slowly and often remain asymptomatic for years or a lifetime. Sometimes these become red and painful and may drain a cheesy foul smelling substance. This may resolve on its own but can recur. The cysts can also become infected and may require incision and drainage and antibiotics.

As always, any skin lump or bump that grows quickly, changes in appearance or becomes painful, should be evaluated by your doctor.

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A New Year

By Jon B. Gandelot

As we move into a new year, the importance of an estate planning review is crucial. Early 2024 is a perfect time to revisit and reassess your estate planning documents, ensuring that your wishes are accurately reflected and your loved ones are well-protected.

Estate planning is not a one-time event. It is an ongoing process that requires periodic reviews. Life is dynamic, marked by changes in personal circumstances, financial status and legal regulations. Marriages, divorces, births, deaths, career shifts and fluctuations in assets may impact the effectiveness of your estate plan.



A thorough estate planning review serves many purposes. First, it allows you to confirm that your beneficiaries and designated representatives are up to date. Ensuring that your assets are distributed as intended requires accurate and current information.

Second, a review enables you to evaluate the tax implications of your estate plan. Tax laws can change from year to year, potentially affecting the financial burdens your heirs may face. By staying informed about the latest regulations, you can implement strategies that minimize tax liabilities.

Beyond these practical considerations, an estate planning review allows you to revisit your overall objectives. Have your goals shifted over time? Perhaps your philanthropic aspirations have evolved, or you wish to incorporate new provisions to reflect changing values.

Early 2024 serves as an ideal time for a comprehensive estate planning review, making for peace of mind — both yours and your family's.

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at home *in the Pointes*

By Lauren McGregor



“We go to Eastern Market on Saturday and pack the car with fresh greens, then crack a bottle of wine on Sunday while we decorate to Christmas music. We unwind and relish the process.”

Holiday décor showcases fresh greens, family heirlooms and stress-relieving traditions

Philip and Cynthia Menna transform their Grosse Pointe Park home for the holidays with fresh greens, three Christmas trees, family heirloom

ornaments and a “more is more” philosophy that works.

Decorating their 1919 Tudor-style house is a team effort that began when the Mennas were first married. “It’s



a tradition inspired by our families,” says Cynthia. “We decorate together, and for me especially, it’s stress relief. We go to Eastern Market on Saturday and pack the car with fresh greens, then crack a bottle of wine on Sunday while we decorate to Christmas music. We unwind and relish the process.”

The couple creates the showy

Photos by Lauren McGregor

decorations themselves with the greens from Eastern Market, including exterior pots that are packed with pine and cedar boughs, birch branches, ribbons and



red accents. “I constantly overbuy and layer, but sometimes I’ve augmented the pots or filled in bare spots by foraging in the backyard,” confesses Cynthia.

Fresh greens are draped over the fireplace, cabinets and archways in the dining room and front room, where the traditional live tree is adorned with ornaments from parents, grandparents and the Mennas’ own collection of sentimental ornaments. “The front room is

my favorite room and my favorite to decorate, with so many places for fresh greens,” says Cynthia.

Throughout the home, ornaments from generations past are inventively displayed atop cabinets and glasses, and tucked inside jars and bowls.

Two whimsical artificial trees brighten the kitchen eat-in area and family room. “The tree in the kitchen is more playful, while our family room tree is cozy and warm, with feathers and soft, subtle accents,” says Cynthia.

The couple recently celebrated 20 years of marriage and 12 years in the house. “Every corner of the house needed work when we first bought it, but we had a vision,” remembers Cynthia. “It was our second 1919



“The tree in the kitchen is more playful, while our family room tree is cozy and warm, with feathers and soft, subtle accents.”



home. Today, everything has been updated or remodeled, there is nothing that hasn't been done.”

The Mennas' home is currently for sale, and they are excited about their next home adventure — just a block away. 



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The Courtyard Senior Super Tent provided exercise and fitness evaluations, balance and fall risk assessments and BMI screenings. The over 100 lecturers, workshops and exhibitors included Food is Medicine, Ask the Elder Law Attorney, Medicare Counseling, Ask the Physician and Ask the Nutritionist. On-site health screenings included spine evaluation, blood pressure, knee pain/arthritis/physical therapy screening, carotid artery, mini chair massages and ultrasounds from area health facilities.

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This year's committee is pictured below. 



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By Karen Pope

The seventh annual Your Old Mansion lecture series is the perfect antidote to the chills of winter.

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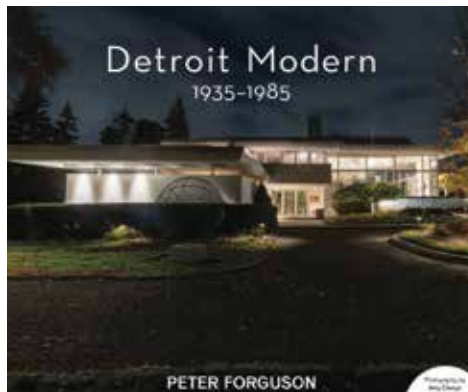
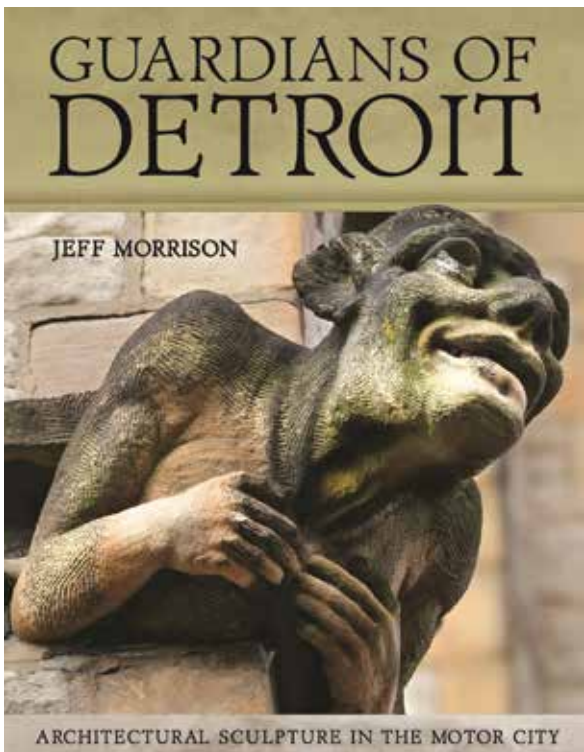
The lecture series is the Grosse Pointe

Artists Association’s primary fundraiser. Presenters donate their time and all proceeds go to support the Association’s programming for veterans, senior citizens and art students from local high schools.

This year’s lecture series opens on Sunday, Dec. 3, with photographer and award-winning author Jeff Morrison

sharing his photographs of interesting sculptures in Michigan’s buildings along with the back stories of the architects and sculptors including Corrado Parducci, noted for his work with Albert Kahn.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, Jonathan Quint, a PhD student in history at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will take us back to colonial Detroit. He will talk about the working relationships between the Indigenous people and the Europeans and how they parlayed the Detroit River into an important highway of



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Clockwise from bottom left; the first lecture with author Jeff Morrison about his photography and book *Guardians of Detroit*; the second lecture with Jonathan Quint about colonial Detroit and the relationship between Indigenous peoples and Europeans; the third lecture with the staff of Planet Detroit about ‘Venice of Detroit;’ fifth lecture with Peter Forguson about his book *Detroit Modern: 1935-1985*



The fourth lecture with Ken Colman and John Gallagher about the restoration of Black Bottom after it was torn apart to make room for I-375

commerce.

The staff of Planet Detroit follows on Sunday, February 11. A report by the nonprofit news outlet titled “Venice of Detroit” about the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood drew worldwide attention.

On March 10, journalist Ken Colman of Michigan Advance and John Gallagher, a Detroit Free Press contributor, will take a close look at

how the City of Detroit and MDOT plan to use funds from a federal grant designed to restore Black Bottom, a neighborhood that was torn apart by I-375 that opened in 1964, connecting three major expressways to downtown Detroit.

This year, the lecture series has been expanded to include five lectures. On April 7, Peter Forgyson will talk about putting together his book *Detroit*

Modern: 1935 – 1985, which uses stunning photos to tell the story of 73 mid-century modern homes in the metropolitan area.

Tickets to the five lectures can be purchased separately or in a series package. Those purchasing the package will get all five lectures for the price of four.

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Hollyfest

The Family Center

By Anne Erickson

The beloved annual Hollyfest is set for Thursday, Nov. 16, at The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Each year, the event raises money for The Family Center.

“Hollyfest is a celebration of all the ways we’ve served our community and all the families we’ve helped,” says Executive Director Jennifer Bingaman.

“I look forward to being in the same room with so many of the people who make our work possible: our board of directors, sponsors, colleagues, Association of Professionals, friends and loved ones,” says MaryJo Harris, director of programs and administration. “It’s humbling that people are willing to give their time and money to help others, and I also feel so proud of the contribution we’ve made to our community.”

The Family Center’s mission is simple: to help build happier, healthier families. The organization has been connecting families to diverse programs, curated resources and compassionate support for 23 years.

“We fulfill our mission by partnering with and supporting our local schools, organizations and our Association of

Professionals to provide free programs and resources on a variety of topics important to families, such as family dynamics and mental health,” Bingaman says.

Also, according to Bingaman and Harris, The Family Center is now leading the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Coalition, with representatives who are dedicated to understanding and reducing substance abuse and improving mental well-being in the local community.


This is why Hollyfest is so important. The event raises a significant portion of The Family Center’s budget. This past year, The Family Center hosted or participated in more than 100 programs and events that help families become more resilient and connected to their community.

“I can honestly say every day at The Family Center is rewarding because every day we are interacting with a parent, school personnel or community partner who is looking to make things better, to learn or grow or improve themselves or their environment,” Bingaman says. “The best days are when someone calls or emails to tell us we made a difference.



MaryJo is incredibly compassionate and involved in the community beyond just her work at The Family Center and leading the Coalition which really informs the way we approach our programming and is why we’ve been able to reach so many people.”

“We continuously seek to understand and support the diverse and emerging needs of our community by proactive empowerment, excellence in programming, building family skills and resilience and promoting physical and mental health,” Harris adds.

To make a donation or for more information about The Family Center, visit www.FamilyCenterHelps.org. 

Top, Mark and Carolyn Bollozos; above, Marcia and Ted Everingham and Diane and Ron Strickler

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Dear friends of The War Memorial,

As we near the end of 2023, it fills me with immense pride to write to you as the new president and CEO of The War Memorial – an organization which began in 1949 with the mission of enriching the community and honoring the heroic efforts of our brave servicemen and women. In 2024, The War Memorial will reach our 75th year, and we are poised to celebrate this historic milestone with our community, but we cannot do so without your continued support.

With an even brighter future on the horizon, our family at The War Memorial is ever conscious of our ability and responsibility to impact



lives and support our community in meaningful ways. We invite you to live inspired and sincerely hope that as you contemplate your year-end charitable giving, you might consider The War Memorial worthy of a gift.

The programs and services offered by The War Memorial are only possible because of your generous donations. Thanks to your contributions, our diverse programming and services as a nonprofit institution reach over 70 community partners and thousands of individuals annually. Your gifts are critical to our ability to fulfill our

mission of being a contemporary patriotic, cultural, and community leader.

In 2023, Les Braves II: At Water's Edge was dedicated on the grounds of The War Memorial during our 2023 Memorial Week Celebrations. We are honored to house one of the Midwest's most important public art installations right here on our cherished grounds, serving as a global twin to the original sculpture that lives on the beaches of Normandy.

We would not be here, on the brink of this momentous year, without your continued support. We urge you to consider making a donation today. Please visit: <https://www.warmemorial.org/support> to learn more. Your support will ensure that the stories of valor and sacrifice continue to inspire future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Best,

Maria Miller
CEO and President
The War Memorial

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SPOTLIGHT

TERENCE THOMAS



Age: 54

City: Grosse Pointe

Current job: Co-Founder of Activate Detroit

First job: Stock boy at Sibley's Shoes in Detroit

Fun fact: Champion high school sprinter

Family: Wife, LaShanda Thomas, and five kids, ranging in age 8 to 25

As the son of a Korean War veteran, Terence Thomas appreciates the mission of The War Memorial- to be a patriotic, cultural and community leader.

"It's been quite exhilarating," he said in response to how the first few months as a board member have gone. "I've learned things I didn't know, both of the challenges and opportunities of The War Memorial."

Thomas was one of five new board members who took their seats on the governing body of The War Memorial in July, along with Jodie Rappe, Richard Swaine, Jessica Taub and Aaron Turk.

Thomas' father, Richard Andrews, served in the Army.

Thomas was recruited to join the board by current Board Treasurer Ed Russell.

"Ed and I are part of a Bible study and he asked me about my interest, and he suggested I take a close look at serving on The War Memorial board," he said. "Most people know me as

a connector who enjoys listening to other people's stories and finding a way to knit those stories together because I find commonality in all people."

Expanding on what his skills are that he brings to The War Memorial, Thomas noted his experience of participating in civic work across the state on behalf of Ascension Michigan, formerly St. John Providence Health System.

"Due to those relationships and experiences, I understand the different needs, goals, and aspirations of a variety of people and understand how their stories fit into The War Memorial," he said. "I want to ensure that The War Memorial is inviting and inclusive to our broader southeast Michigan community."

Thomas indicated that The War Memorial's ability to become self-sustaining in an authentic way in commemorating veterans and making sure that their stories and experiences never die is a great strength of the organization.



Grosse Pointe resident who served in the Air Force proud to work with veterans

Retired Air Force Col. Nancy Bozzer's passion for military veterans is clear.

Bozzer, of Grosse Pointe, is the former director of Gratiot County's Department of Veterans Affairs, leaving that job earlier this year to become a Rating Service Veterans Representative with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Detroit. She and her husband, Jim Thompson, attended this year's 9/11 Service of Remembrance at The War Memorial.

"I love being able to sit down and talk with veterans, to listen to their stories," Bozzer said.

In September, Bozzer was the Detroit Lions Hometown Hero for the game at Ford Field against the Atlanta Falcons which the Lions won, 20-6.

"It was amazing to be able to represent the military, and women in the military, because it was all focused on women in football," Bozzer commented about the Lions gameday experience. "It was quite an honor."

Bozzer spent over 25 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2016 with the rank of colonel.



She has logged over 2,800 flying hours in the KC-135 Stratotanker and C-9 Aeromedical aircraft, accumulating more than 500 combat and combat-support hours.

"I relate my last job of being a wing commander to the Super Bowl," Bozzer said. "I was in charge of a lot of airmen that were carrying out missions across multiple continents."

While in the military, she served as an aviator, command pilot, and instructor among several other duties. She earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and master's degree from the University of Phoenix.

"I hope that I was a role model to women that you can have it all," Bozzer said. "You can be a mother and have a career."

Born in Detroit, Bozzer earned her private pilot's license when she was 16. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant, entering active duty in 1990. She commanded at all levels, both in garrison and at deployed locations, ascending to the rank of colonel. Bozzer was promoted to colonel in April 2012. As a Senior Command Pilot, Bozzer instructed and evaluated aviators in the KC-135 and the C-9 aircrafts. She commanded multiple missions in

Southwest Asia in support of the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It was exhilarating," Bozzer said. "Watching the tankers take off every 30 seconds, knowing we were up there doing the mission. We did special ops along with other operations. Knowing you were making a difference, and in something bigger than yourself, was great. Your job is to get fuel to the fighters so the fighters can protect people on the ground. You really felt you were doing something that was worthwhile."

Upon retiring from the Air Force as the Commander of the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, Bozzer managed a small business in Newaygo County in Michigan, and worked for Hormel Foods Corporation. As commander, Bozzer oversaw two groups, 10 squadrons, and eight operating locations spanning over 5,000 miles throughout Europe, Africa, and Central Asia. In February, the Heroes Center in Gratiot County opened. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing veterans and their families with the necessary resources and services to help them heal, grow, and succeed in civilian life. Bozzer spearheaded the founding of the center.

Bozzer has been awarded The United States Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service medal, air medal, and many others. Bozzer and her husband have been married for 31 years and have a son, Dillon, who is currently an officer in the Marines.

ARTS AND CULTURE

UPCOMING EXPERIENCES



Annual Veterans Day Breakfast

Our annual Veterans Day Breakfast includes the presentation of thank-you notes handmade by local students, an uplifting service song medley, keynote remarks, and a gourmet breakfast.

The War Memorial is pleased to offer a space for local service-members to experience camaraderie over a meal together. Reservations are required. Due to limited space, each veteran may bring one guest.

Reservations: Free for veterans, \$15 for guest.

When: Friday, November 10

Time: 8:15 am, Breakfast served at 9 am



Comedy and Cocktails: The All-Star Showdown

For an evening, The War Memorial becomes the setting of an energetic comedy club where laughter flows and themed craft cocktails tickle your taste buds and your funny bone. Immerse yourself in the world of interactive improvised comedy, where the audience becomes part of the action while two comedic teams compete for your amusement in a high-energy battle of wits and humor. This event promises to be a barrel of laughs you won't want to miss.

When: Thursday, November 30

Time: Cocktail Reception at 7pm, Show at 7:30pm



Swingin' in the Season

Don your dancing shoes and join us for the perfect night – delicious hors d'oeuvres strolling amid the ambient Alger House fireplaces, sipping on lavish signature cocktails designed to warm the spirit, a swing dance lesson led by expert instructors, and an evening capped off with the vintage stylings of the Rhythm Society Orchestra! This 15-piece dance band, specializing in true nostalgic swing-era big band music of the 30's and 40's, will delight and dazzle guests with a performance of swinging seasonal favorites. Don't miss this unforgettable night of music, merriment, and holiday magic!

When: Thursday, December 21

Time: 6:30pm

HISTORY CORNER

Did you know that The War Memorial is home to a piece of art that was once the center of an FBI investigation?

Our beloved sculpture, unofficially nicknamed "The Bronze Nymph," was once stolen from her perch above the reflection pool in our past Memorial Garden.

In May 2001, the sculpture was stolen overnight. After an international investigation, it was determined that she was gone forever. However, eight years later, Detroit Police divers were searching for a sunken car when they located what was thought to be the remains of a woman. As it turns out, that woman belonged at The War Memorial!

To learn more about the sculptures and history of The War Memorial, you can schedule a tour with our Historical Preservationist, Betsy Alexander by contacting her at balexander@warmemorial.org.



UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Make-and-Take Charcuterie Boards with The Cheese Shoppe

Nov. 8 | 6:30pm

Modern Manners for Children

Nov. 12 | 1pm

The Wine Counselor: Super Sparklers

Dec. 7 | 7pm

Seasonal Serenades with Detroit Opera

Dec. 10 | 3pm

Bedtime Stories with Santa

Dec. 14 & 17 | 4 - 8pm

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 16 | 9:30am & 12pm

FOR FULL DETAILS ON THE CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES LISTED ON THIS PAGE,
PLEASE VISIT WWW.WARMEMORIAL.ORG/ACTIVITIES OR CALL 313.881.7511

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES



The War Memorial's classes and activities are open to the public!
Everyone is welcome – membership or residency is not necessary.
We continue to offer new and engaging programming for all ages throughout
the year. Be sure to visit our website for full details and calendar.

SPORTS AND DANCE

BEGINNER FENCING

Mondays, 6 – 6:45pm
November 20 – December 18

INTERMEDIATE FENCING

Mondays, 6:50 – 7:35pm
November 20 – December 18

ADULT FENCING

Mondays, 7:40 – 8:25pm
November 20 – December 18

BEGINNER BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 7 – 7:50pm
November 2 – December 14

INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, 8 – 8:50pm
November 2 – December 14

BELLYDANCE FOR EVERYBODY

Tuesdays, 7 – 8pm
November 7 – December 12

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

SELF DEFENSE FOR KIDS

Thursday, 5:30 – 6:30pm
October 26

SELF DEFENSE FOR KIDS

Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30pm
October 26

ADULT & PEDIATRIC CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Thursday, 6 – 9:30pm
December 7

ARTS, CRAFTS, & HOBBIES

LEARN TO PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS

Saturday, November 25 | 1 – 4pm
Saturday, December 16 | 1 – 4pm

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm
November 1 – November 29

YOUTH AND FAMILY

FUSED GLASS WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Saturday, 12 – 2:30pm
October 21

MIXED MEDIA ART FOR KIDS The Great Outdoors

Sundays, 11am – 12:30pm
November 5 – December 3

Fall Into Winter Workshop

Friday, 6:30 – 8pm
December 15

TUMBLEBUNNIES BALLET (AGES 3 - 5)

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6pm
November 15 – December 20

TUMBLEBUNNIES GYMNASTICS

Wednesdays, November 16 – December 21
Ages 18mo – 3: 5:30 – 6pm
Ages 3 – 5: 6:10 – 6:40pm
Ages 5 – 7: 6:50 – 7:20pm
Ages 8 – 10: 7:30 – 8pm

Enriching Children's Futures Funds

We are delighted to introduce our new Enriching Children's Futures Fund - a children's scholarship fund to nurture the potential of every child by providing access to high-quality classes and activities to those who are experiencing monetary difficulties. Financial constraints should never be a barrier to a child's access to education, artistic expression, or recreation. To learn more about how you can contribute to this fund, visit www.warmemorial.org/childrensfund

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please visit www.warmemorial.org
or call 313.881.7511

Cyber Shopping Tips

As fall turns to winter, online shopping increases and has made things much easier. Many companies offer discounts to entice customers during the holiday season. But it's also a time that scammers hope to use to lure victims with offers that are often too good to be true. From fraudulent auction sales to gift card, phishing, and social networking scams, cyber hackers are ever evolving and unfortunately, still successful. Here are a few tips you can use to avoid becoming a victim of cyber fraud.

- Purchase merchandise only from reputable sellers and be suspicious of websites that do not provide contact information. Also be wary if the seller only accepts wire transfers or cash.
- Do not respond to or click on links contained in spam emails.
- Be cautious of emails claiming to contain pictures in attached files, these files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- If the email appears to be from your bank, credit card issuer or other company you deal with frequently, your statements or official correspondence from the business will provide the proper contact information.
- Contact the actual business that supposedly sent the email to verify that the email is legitimate.
- If you are encouraged to act quickly or there is an emergency that requires your attention, it may be a scam. Remember if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

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Home for the Holidays *at Ford House*

By Lauren McGregor

There is a glittering new holiday event at Ford House and it is one that the estate plans to cultivate and grow for years to come.

“Home for the Holidays at Ford House presented by Landscape Services Incorporated is a twist on what we’ve done in the last two years,” says Mary Ann Bauman. “We listened to visitors and this year we will do both a lit walk around the grounds and an indoor tour.”

The event will wrap visitors in a traditional holiday atmosphere with warming firepits, hot chocolate and glittering grounds, including Christmas trees beside the lagoon and a light installation on Bird Island.

“It will be an inclusive holiday event that displays the understated elegance of Eleanor Ford and is true to the family,”



Above, Ford House glittering similarly to how it will for ‘Home for the Holidays at Ford House presented by Landscape Services Inc;’ below left, Cookies with Santa; below right, a Ford House Christmas tree

Above and bottom right photo by John F. Martin Photography; photos courtesy of Ford House

says Bauman.

Home for the Holidays will take place Nov. 24 through Dec. 30. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$10 for member children, \$30 for non-members, and \$15 for non-member children.

“There will be free hot chocolate, but for an added cost, adults can make the drink a bit funner,” laughs Tommy Karr.

Another special feature of the event is that guests will exit the family house through Apple Court, the courtyard beside the Gallery. “It’s a different perspective. Then guests can continue on to the concessions, the firepits and

the gardens.”

There will be no shuttles during the event, so Ford House reminds visitors that this is a three-quarter mile walking path. In keeping with the estate’s attempt to be inclusive to all visitors, an aluminum deck will be installed over the garden for a smoother journey over the gravel path.


“Our goal is to keep this holiday event going and growing each year,” says Bauman.

Ford House will host several other holiday events, but Bauman warns that they will likely sell out quickly.

The Holiday Tea and Tour on Dec. 10 will have two available times, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with tickets sold by tables of two, three and four.

“Come and enjoy a traditional English tea and seasonal menu,” says Bauman. “There may even be a special guest stopping by.” After the tea, enjoy a holiday themed tour of the house.

Other upcoming events include Mistletoe Mingle, Dec. 14, a 21+ event and, of course, Breakfast with Santa and Cookies with Santa, Dec. 2-17.

For tickets and additional event information, visit fordhouse.org. 





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Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade celebrates 'A Musical Christmas'

By Anne Erickson

The Grosse Pointe Chamber's Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will return for another exciting year at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving. The parade begins on Kercheval Avenue, starting at Lewiston Road and ending at Cadieux.

It takes a team of elves to put together the annual parade and this year's are Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jenny Boettcher, Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, Director of Finance Lisa Frasier and Director of Social Media Rachele Wright.

"This year's theme is 'A Musical Christmas,'" Boettcher says. "So much of the parade revolves around festive music, so we encourage participants

to dress, perform and build floats accordingly.

"The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade is one of the Chamber's favorite events to organize," she adds. "It's like throwing a party for the whole community to celebrate and welcome the holiday season."


"The parade is a wonderful display of tradition and holiday spirit that holds a place in some of my earliest memories," says Turnbull. "The parade also allows our community to shine and show off the variety of organizations that make Grosse Pointe unique."

At the parade, expect themed floats, dancing groups, marching bands, characters, singing performances, animals and all things Christmas. Oh, and don't forget about Santa and the

debut of his new sleigh!

"There is no place like home for the holidays," Boettcher says. "Nothing quite compares to the joy of seeing the Pointes bedecked with holiday decorations with great shopping, dining, entertainment and activities for all ages."

In the Chamber's efforts to encourage residents to support their local businesses this holiday season, businesses are invited to participate in a snow globe decorating contest. A snow globe map will be available the day of the parade, online at grossepointechamber.com and at the Chamber office at 106 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, visit www.grossepointechamber.com. 



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On **Friday, Nov. 17**, all are welcome to celebrate the start of the holiday season at The Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Foundation and City of Grosse Pointe, this annual tradition kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with the official tree lighting at 6 p.m. Enjoy hot chocolate, s'mores and more!

On **Friday, Nov. 24**, Santa Claus is coming to town in Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade at 10 a.m. 'A Musical Christmas' is sure to be a joyful theme for the debut of Santa's new sleigh!

On Santa Saturdays, **Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 16**, visiting Santa is the highlight of the season for Grosse Pointers of all ages. Take photos, enjoy story time and even get a treat to take home.

On **Saturday, Nov. 25**, start the shopping season in The Village on Small Business Saturday. Enjoy games and giveaways while crossing off items on your gift shopping list.

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"There's no place like The Village for the holidays!" says Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock. "Gathering with friends and family for a bite or a beverage, looking for just the right gift for everyone on your list, or getting ready for the holidays with a new 'do, you can do it all in The Village. With 27 retailers, plus holiday pop-ups, grocery stores, 19 spots to eat, drink and be merry and more than a dozen places to pamper yourself or someone else, The Village has something for everyone. So, while you're making your list and checking it twice this holiday season, be sure to include a stop in The Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe!" ☺

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Santa in The Village Nov. 25 & Dec. 2, 9 & 16
Photos with Santa | Story Time | and More

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48th Annual Parcels Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar

Parcels Middle School PTO will host its 48th Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar on December 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Parcels PTO has prided itself on offering the community an all handmade holiday arts and crafts bazaar annually. Established in 1975 and held the first Saturday in December, the Bazaar is the oldest running and largest arts and crafts show in the Grosse Pointes.

This year, Parcels Middle School is excited to welcome Dr. Sara Delgado to the tradition. The school's new principal is a dedicated and experienced educator who is passionate about promoting leadership opportunities for students and adults.

"I have followed the Bazaar for years as a community member. It is always such a well run event," says Dr. Delgado. "I am very excited to be part of it as the Parcels

principal this year!"

Bazaar planners are expecting 150 artisan craft vendors and hundreds of shoppers to our event.


Shoppers will have the opportunity to shop local artist creations representing a wide variety of hand-crafted items such as purses, bags, beautiful knits, hand embroidered products, apparel, jewelry, handmade pens, custom doll clothes, pet accessories and bath and body products. Discover vendors featuring home décor including pillows, beach glass mosaics, wooden signs and other wood products, paintings and prints, ceramic and glass gifts and candles. In addition, there will be holiday themed decor, ornaments, stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, wreaths and cards.

Food and beverage vendors will feature

roasted coffee beans, rum cakes, sweet treats, BBQ sauces, salsa, breads, jar mixes and jams to name a few.

Parcels Middle School is located at 20600 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$3, and free for children 12 and under plus all Grosse Pointe Public School System staff with an employee badge. This event is stroller

friendly and parking is available behind the school in the parking lot and on Sunningdale Park. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each, 7 for \$5, 15 for \$10.

Online registration information for vendors who wish to participate this year can be found under the "Vendors" tab at www.parcelsbazaar.com. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available, with information on the website under the "Partner Businesses" tab. Event updates will be posted to the Facebook page, Facebook event page and website. 



shop local



By Lauren McGregor



Bitzee – “There are 15 different pets that are virtual and interact with you. This is going to be the next hot toy.”

For 53 years, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy has offered an unparalleled toy shopping experience. Co-owner Julie Everitt is passionate about ensuring an easy and fun visit for every customer.

“If anyone needs help, we’re happy to tell you what is new and popular for each age group. If you’re in a hurry, call us. Tell us the age of the child and the price point, and we will send photos of toys to your phone and do a curbside pickup,” says Everitt.

The customer service goes beyond shopping assistance to beautiful gift wrapping that Everitt says the staff are enthusiastic about crafting.

“We want kids and adults to come in and feel the magic.” That is evident




Photos by Lauren McGregor

Warmies – “These are microwavable plushes, scented with calming lavender, to give kids warm hugs.”

in the interactive play zones, including a play kitchen and diner, the tabletop model train, and, of course, the train that winds around the entire store.

And though Whistle Stop prides itself on having a specialty selection of toys, Everitt says she couldn’t ignore the repeated requests for Barbies. “We have added some Barbie toys to our shelves,” she laughs. Other popular gifts are Pokemon cards, LEGO, puzzles, books, arts and crafts, Magna-tiles and STEM toys, plushes and an enormous variety of pretend play toys.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting Whistle Stop on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For updates, visit whistle-stop.com and follow them on Facebook and Instagram. 



Julie Everitt with holiday plushes



Manhattan Toy Celestial Star Explorer – “Filled with sensory experiences, it fits easily in a corner, is made of wood, and lasts forever.”

shop local



By Lauren McGregor

Manager Jennifer Kendall is excited for the third holiday season at Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe. She's been feeling the love since day one, "People are still coming from far away."

That is no surprise. A bookshelf winds its way up to a now iconic flaming sun at the center of the two-story bookshop. Wall-to-wall fairy tale murals depict favorite stories and serve as the perfect backdrop for the shelves of curated books, board games, specialty items and more.

"This holiday season, you can come in, explore, and find a treasure of a gift for under \$15," says Kendall. "One of the most in-demand items this holiday season will be the latest Rick Riordan book, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Chalice of the Gods*."

Readers understand that a bookstore is the best place to go when new releases hit shelves. "We had someone come in and say that they had pre-ordered on Amazon expecting the book to arrive on the release day and it didn't. So they came in and bought the book here."

Other hot titles this year are ones adapted to the screen, like Jenny Hahn's *The Summer I Turned Pretty* series. And, of course, *The Night Before Christmas*.

After the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 24, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will visit with children in the magical Theatre.

Aside from Santa's visit, the Theatre will transform into the wrapping room for complimentary gift wrapping.

Kendall reminds visitors that purchases made locally go back into the community. Among others, Coreander's donates to and sponsors events and programs for Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe Public Library and The War Memorial.

Follow Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe on Instagram, visit [coreanderschildrensbookshoppe.com](https://www.coreanderschildrensbookshoppe.com) and stop by at 15118 Kercheval in the Park.



Above left, classic characters, like Corduroy, available in plush; above right, the latest installment of *Percy Jackson*

Top photo by Lauren McGregor

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Duffey & Co.
inspired goods

By Lauren McGregor

You would be hard pressed to find a shop in Grosse Pointe as eclectic as Duffey & Co.

“Duffey & Co. curates a collection of thoughtful, inspired and keepsake gifts for the home, soul and body of all your loved ones,” says owner Anne Duffey-Leo.

Ornaments, Christmas decor, candles, greeting cards, plenty of stocking stuffers and sweets are just a few of the holiday goodies in stock. There is also a wide variety of gifts from handmade home decor to eclectic jewelry and beyond. Spiritual gifts range from incense to crystals to the Virgin Mary figurines and Santos reproductions. For those unfamiliar with them, Santos



figures are small wooden or ivory statues in the likeness of holy figures.

“These are gifts to be treasured, gifts as beautiful and unique as the receiver,” says Duffey-Leo.

Gifts are available at every price point, from \$1 to \$600 (for the mantel), with most falling between \$10 and \$50.

Visit Duffey & Co. on Facebook, Instagram and at 15120 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. [P](#)

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By Lauren McGregor



the season is what makes the holidays in a small town so great,” says Enders.

“Yes, we give back and employ locals, but for us, it’s about relationships and helping our customers spread a little joy. It’s why we love what we do. It’s about relationships and being able to help people.”

“It’s easier than ever to hop on a computer to shop, but we’ve curated a selection for you to browse and find the perfect gift. If we make your life easier that feels like an accomplishment.”

Both Enders and Malley agree, “We are ready to celebrate the season!”

Visit Small Favors at shopsmallfavors.com, on Facebook, Instagram and in person at 17112 Kercheval Ave. in The Village. [P](#)

Small Favors owners Betsy Enders and Kasey Malley are celebrating the start of the most normal — and festive! — holiday season they have had since 2019.

“We are really ready for Christmas. The supply chain issues over the past few years have improved. We’re well stocked with so many great gifts for the season,” says Malley. “There are so many great ornaments, sweet

treats and hostess gifts.”

Some favorite gifts at Small Favors include Scout bags, Michigan themed gifts and Michigan Boxes, Jellycat toys, ornaments, jewelry, personalized frames and more.

Get yourself into the holiday spirit at the Small Favors Holiday Open House on Nov. 28, 5 to 8 p.m. “It’s a great chance to get started shopping early. There will be treats and fun giveaways all night!” says Enders. “And the first 25 customers who spend \$50 or more will receive a special holiday swag bag full of Small Favors favorites.”

Holiday hours will be expanded to 8 p.m. through late December.

“We’ll be celebrating Small Business Saturday every day,” says Malley.

“Without the support of our community, none of us would be here. Being able to help our friends and neighbors celebrate



Top, a wide selection of fun ornaments; above middle, the popular Michigan Box; right, Jellycat toys; right bottom, Scout bags

Top left and two right photos by Lauren McGregor; exterior photo and Michigan Box photo courtesy of Small Favors

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FORD HOUSE

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Not only do memberships make excellent gifts, but so do the countless treasures found in the Ford House Shop.

“Our Christmas event this year is ‘Home for the Holidays at Ford House,’ so the Shop is stocking products reminiscent of the different eras of Christmases the Fords spent here, from the 1920s up through to the 1970s,” says Retail Manager and Buyer Maggie Devins.

The home decor includes vases, bowls, glasses, ornaments, candle sticks and more.

“Pictured here are some of our more traditional, timeless pieces, but we also have some more retro-inspired 50s and 60s collections,” says Devins.

The Shop also carries children’s toys, books, model cars, Ford House memorabilia, jewelry and more.

For more information, visit fordhouse.org or visit The Shop inside the Visitor Center at Ford House. 




Right, Mercury Glass Candle Sticks; far right, Silver Etched Mercury Glass Footed Compote Dish, available in two sizes, and Mercury Glass Vases, available in three sizes

Photos courtesy of Ford House

Shaw’s Books is the perfect place to find one-of-a-kind literary gifts for the bookworms in your life.

Owner Hank Zuchowski prides himself on having books of every kind, in every category. The store is also teeming with charming ephemera and art. Look out for the very special chair in the children’s section and the decorative signs, art and historical busts above every doorway.

Stop in at 14932 Kercheval in the Park. 



SHAW’S BOOKS



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Ahee

By Lauren McGregor

*I*t's 75th anniversary year may have ended, but Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers still has a lot to celebrate. To start, the beloved family-owned jewelry store has started construction on a 3,200-square-foot addition slated to open next fall.

"The interior is being done by architects from Paris and Geneva," says Stefan Ahee. "We are hoping for a grand opening next summer."

"With the increased demand for luxury goods, it's more important than ever that the store is properly suited for our clients," says Ahee.

Ahee Jewelers is known for giving back to the community and it did so in a new way last year. For its 75th anniversary, the store paid for all parking meters in Grosse Pointe Woods throughout November and December. This year, they've decided to do it again.

"Last year, we were trying to think of something creative that would give back to the community for our 75th anniversary. The city was nice enough



to let us do it," says Ahee. "There was such an unexpected response. People even sent us cards, notes. We decided we had to do it again."

Look out for those signature red Ahee bags covering meters starting on Nov. 1.

While Ahee Jewelers spreads holiday cheer outside its doors, staff is also busy readying the store for holiday shoppers.

Top picks, Ahee says, are Patek Philippe watches, "more in demand than ever," and diamond classics. "Diamond tennis necklaces, layered with pendants or worn alone for a dressier look," says Ahee. "And classic tennis bracelets."

Ahee Jewelers focuses on classic lines and pieces that will stand the



shop local IRIS

By Lauren McGregor

If you want holiday fashion and gifts bursting with personality, don't miss out on the holiday shopping at IRIS.

"I'm always excited about dressing for the holiday season. This year I am loving the feathers and continued use of sequins. A sleek black blazer with feathered detail is so cute when paired back with a bootcut jean or a faux leather pant!" says owner Jenny Buda. "All you need is to slip on some fabulous booties and statement earrings to be both 'merry and bright.'"

Once you are dressed for that holiday party, check out IRIS's wide selection of gifts, from funky jewelry to home goods and accessories.

"It is vital to shop local for both fashion and gifts this season. Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is based on and shopping locally not only ensures you receive the best help in choosing an outfit but also a unique look," says Buda. "Local businesses are passionate about what they do. Their product knowledge, enthusiasm and service should reflect that — meaning a superior sales experience for you!"

Save the date for **Black Friday, Nov. 24**, and **Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25** with free gift wrap, door prizes, Tom's spiked cider, and, as always, champagne all weekend!

Friday, Dec. 8 and **Saturday, Dec. 9** Little Cottage Designs will be popping up at IRIS with its hand painted wonderments available for purchase.

Visit IRIS online at irisgrossepointe.com, on Instagram and in-person at 19794 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods. [P](#)



Funky dusters, hostess gifts, jeans, woven fabric bags and more await you at IRIS

Top photos courtesy of IRIS; bottom photos by Lauren McGregor



test of time. "I'm really excited about our selection of exceptionally rare blue sapphire pieces that we have in stock at the moment.

"We want to make sure our pieces are built to last, timeless in design and can be passed down through the generations," says Ahee.

For more information about the store's construction, history and, of course, inventory, visit ahee.com or stop in at 20139 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. [P](#)

Clockwise from opposite top left, sapphire and diamond earrings and ring; emerald cut and oval cut diamond bands in 18k yellow gold; Roberto Coin Love in Verona Collection diamond bracelets in 18k white and yellow gold

Photos courtesy of Ahee Jewelers

Capricious

By Lauren McGregor

Capricious manager Gigi Badalamenti and buyer Erica Panagopoulos are busy preparing for the holiday season. Racks of faux fur and vegan leather are about to hit the floor and Badalamenti and Panagopoulos are expecting them to sell quickly.

“Faux fur and vegan leather are huge this year,” says Badalamenti. “Blazers, tops, pants, moto jackets. It’s nice because it’s also not as pricey as authentic leather.”

“Brown is definitely the new black for this season,” says Panagopoulos.

“All the shades of red, burgundy, pink.”

Badalamenti is especially excited for the Shoshanna midnight collection, with longer evening dresses.

“Sequins are big this time of year. Sequins on dusters, tops, pants,” says Badalamenti. “A sequin top as hostess of a house party.”

On the casual side, Capricious’s denim collection focuses on Le Jean jeans.

“We have an unbelievable staff that fits denim very well. They’re knowledgeable in getting women in the right jeans,” says Badalamenti.



“They’re also knowledgeable about trends. Crop, wide leg, bells, skinny — we have a wide selection of styles.”

Last year, Capricious increased the lines it carries to bring in a younger clientele while still catering to its loyal customers. The major brand to pull off the evolution was Generation Love.

“The customers seem to love it,” says Panagopoulos. “Generation Love has such a cool take on a classic blazer.”

She says there are also plenty of gift options, including cashmere travel wraps, candles, Soia & Kyo faux fur



Left, Generation Love faux fur coat; right, Julie Voss jewelry

Top photo by Lauren McGregor



zippered mittens, jewelry and customer favorite Julie Voss. And don't forget their large selection of bags and fashion forward shoes.

Badalamenti and Panagopoulos are looking forward to two special holiday events. A Spanx Activewear Trunk Show will take place in mid-November and a White and Warren Trunk Show will take place in December.

For details, visit capriciousgp.com and find them on Instagram. Capricious is located at 74 Kercheval Ave. on The Hill. [!\[\]\(666e09182d4cd268646ea700ea60dcdf_img.jpg\)](#)



shop local



By Lauren McGregor

El's Boutique Pop Up is back! Open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December 31, El's is located on the lower level of Apple Blossom Baby & Decor in The Village.

"Though my customers know my style, there is always something different each season," says owner Ellen Durand. "I try to find three new companies on each buying trip."

Even with rising prices, Durand has managed to keep everything in the store under \$100, a rule she's followed since the beginning.

"The style is classic with flair."

Favorites include Coco & Carmen jeans that "hold you in."

Combined with El's large collection of oversized

sweaters, leggings and ponchos, any customer will be set for the winter.

The large bag selection includes many crossbody pieces. On the larger end, the vegan leather Ostrich bags are excellent for travel. "They are my number one selling bags. At \$60, they travel well, zip up and fold."

The vast gift selection includes blanket scarves, guitar bag straps and Sea Lily jewelry.


Sea Lily jewelry "is so different," says Durand. "It's in a lot of museum shops. The pieces are lightweight and magnetic."

Other favorites are stylish gloves, at just \$25, in plaid, suede, fur and more, and Element Tree Essentials candles.

"It is the only candle I sell. I've carried it for five years. I'm very smell sensitive. These have a woody, spicy scent," says Durand. "They are made in the U.S. out of Asheville, North Carolina. You burn it and in the middle is an essential oil you



can pour onto your hands. They save my cuticles all winter long."

For shop updates, visit elsboutique.net, on Facebook and Instagram or stop in on the lower level of Apple Blossom Baby & Decor at 17110 Kercheval Ave. in The Village. 



Top left, Coco & Carmen jeans; far left, Sea Lily jewelry; left and above, a poncho two ways: one with a chunky necklace and Myra bag, the other with a large scarf and Myra bag; above middle, Ostrich bags

Photos by Lauren McGregor; Coco & Carmen jeans photo courtesy of El's

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SAVVY
CHIC
boutique



By Lauren McGregor

Owner Lanna Young is looking forward to a wonderful third holiday season in Savvy Chic Boutique's new space in The Village.

"This year, we are seeing a lot of velvet, a lot of color and pattern," says Young. "Velvet suiting, joggers, tops. And slip skirts. What's great about a slip skirt is dressing it up or down. Pair it with a

chunky sweater and sneakers for daytime or with a blouse for evening.

"We have them in several colors. They're really flattering and a great addition to any closet."

Savvy Chic Boutique's most popular lines include Steve Madden, Sanctuary, Spanx and Liverpool, among smaller L.A. boutiques.

"In outerwear, we are seeing lots of fur, like our day to night short bomber jackets," says Young.

Sherpa or sherpa-lined coats and teddy bear coats are also popping up. "It's about making a statement with your outerwear."

Likewise, Young is seeing a comeback in statement jewelry. "Chunky necklaces and earrings are coming back, earrings with fur and sequins."


For gifts, Savvy Chic has a great

selection of sweaters from \$40 to \$60, cute pajama sets and slippers.

All Black Friday weekend Savvy Chic is hosting a scratch off special. Everyone will win between 10% and 25% off, a gift card or a gift.

"Shop small, shop local. We support so many of the schools and businesses in the community," says Young. "It creates more of a relationship with the community, knowing our clientele."

Young reminds shoppers they can make wishlists. "Shop and we scan each item with your size. The wishlist keeps track of what has been bought as well."

For more information, visit savvychicgp.com, on Instagram and Facebook, or stop in at 16822 Kercheval in The Village. 



Left, Lucille Skirt by Steven Madden; above, pajama set in gnome print; top right, faux fur Jayne Coat; above right, chunky earring sets

Top photo by Lauren McGregor

Meet Margot



Name	Margot Kim
Age	12
City	Grosse Pointe Park
School	Pierce Middle School
Parents	Sabrina Hiedemann and John Kim
Siblings	Johanna Kim, 9

Margot's Favorites

School Subject

English Language Arts

Book

Esperanza Rising by Pam
Muñoz Ryan

Outdoor Activity

Trampoline

Food

Salad

Thing To Do with Your Family

Taking our dog Kodiak to the
Detroit Riverwalk

Vacation

Going to Duck, N.C.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to work at the Disney Archives.

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

My favorite thing is eating lunch with my friends.

What are your favorite hobbies?

Grosse Pointe Theatre, singing, basketball and piano

Who is your hero?

My parents

About Margot

“I was born at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC. My family moved to Grosse Pointe Park when I was five. During COVID-19, my mom found online theater and improv classes for me. My interest in theater grew after attending the Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Youth on Stage summer camps and classes. This December, I will perform in Grosse Pointe Theatre’s *Annie, Jr.*, my third show with Youth on Stage. When not rehearsing, I love playing piano, basketball and hanging out with my sister and friends.”

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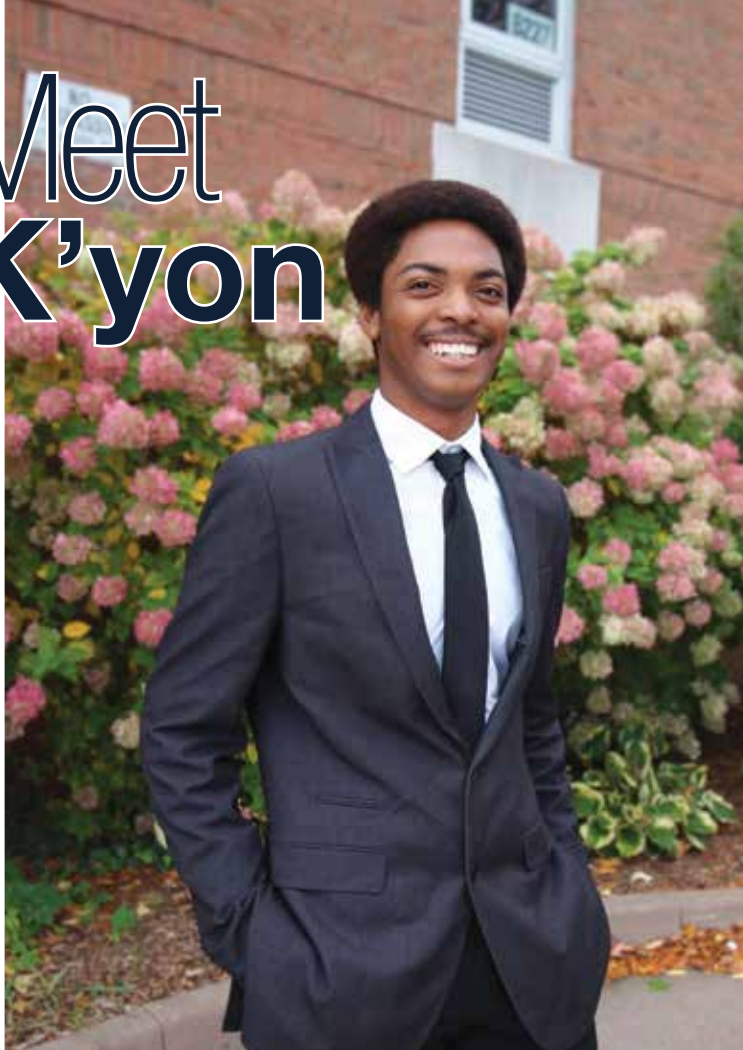
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Meet K'yon



Name	K'yon Hudson
Age	18
City	Grosse Pointe Woods
School	Grosse Pointe North
Parent	Myrna Hudson

K'yon's Favorites

School Subject

Film Literature

Book

Wake by Lisa McMann

Movie

Status Update

Musical Artist

The Backseat Lovers

Food

Pasta

Extracurricular Activity

Marching band

Teacher

Ms. Smith

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

1. To be able to travel anywhere, any time that I want
2. To be financially stable, to not have to worry about any expenses like college or bills, and to be prepared for saving for the future
3. I would want to have the ability to fly

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

It had been six years since I played any instruments, but when I started playing music again last year, I quickly adjusted. Now I'm in my second year in band and marching band, improving my skills throughout the year.

What are your favorite qualities about yourself?

I'm ambitious, hardworking, high goal achieving, a leader, well organized, stubborn, creative and very caring.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Ireland

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I see myself succeeding in my acting career and pursuing my passion for volleyball, improving my skills and technique to work myself towards pro. It is a very difficult challenge but when I have the motivation to do something, I work very hard to complete that goal.

About K'yon

"I'm a child of five. I am the most academically inclined in my family and also the most involved in school activities. I see myself as hardworking, ambitious and a problem solver when it comes to completing set goals for myself. My friends know me as caring, giving, protective, funny and helpful.

I am dedicated to my work and always put in a lot of effort, whether it's planning an event or helping within my community. Everything I do has meaning and a purpose that benefits not only me but also everyone around me. My aim is to make a difference for others and to show that anyone can achieve their dreams or goals, no matter how big or small. It's not impossible to take that next step in your life and become something beyond just money, dreams and goals."

In his free time, K'yon enjoys screenwriting, acting, event planning, music, baking, cooking, skateboarding, thrifting, video editing, volunteering, volleyball, walking, filmmaking, sewing, musical instruments, photography, reading and creative writing.

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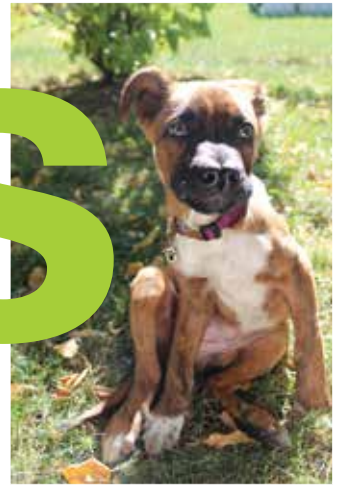
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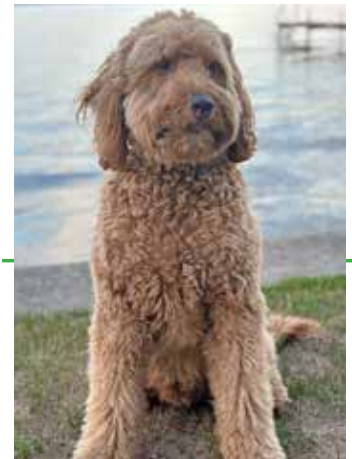
In Memory of Cooper

Cooper grew from fear to love after being rescued from a puppy mill. He was 18 years young and enjoyed daily neighborhood walks, treats, dinner time and observing life from his perch on the couch. His owner Lillian Korbus will miss him very much.



Lincoln

Lincoln loves going on walks and saying hi to his neighbors and pup friends. He is full of energy besides when he wants to snuggle! His favorite treat is a pup cup at Starbucks.



Bauer

Bauer Bahr is a 9-year-old Golden Doodle who is loving life with owners Mike, Ashley, Olivia and Mackenzie Bahr in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Bronx

Bronx, 3, is a Cocker Spaniel/Shih Tzu mix who loves to play ball and hang out with sister, Coconut, and mom, Brenda.



Coconut

Coconut, 3, a miniature Australian Shepherd/Toy Poodle mix, loves running around outside and spending time with sister, Bronx, and mom, Brenda.

Rabies: What you need to know

Dr. Jennifer Khalifah

It's 2023, and rabies is still a concern in our world. Rabies is a fatal, but preventable, virus. It only affects mammals (warm-blooded animals with fur, this includes people). Rabies is transmitted in the saliva of an infected animal, typically through a bite wound. The most common sources of rabies in the United States are wildlife, like bats, skunks, raccoons and foxes. In other countries, dogs are also a source of rabies.



According to the Centers for Disease Control, rabid bats have been found in all 49 continental states, only Hawaii is rabies-free. In the State of Michigan (as of Sept. 25, 2023), there have been 44 cases of rabies identified: 28 bats, 15 skunks and one kitten. Macomb County accounts for 11 of the positive skunks and one bat. Oakland County had one rabid kitten, the rest of the cases were bats or skunks. Wayne County had three positive skunks. The good news is that not all wild animals have rabies.

The best way to protect your pets from rabies is to see your veterinarian on a regular basis to keep rabies vaccinations up to date on all cats, dogs and ferrets. In addition, keep cats and ferrets indoors, and dogs under direct supervision while outside to lessen exposure. If your pet is bitten by another animal, either owned or wild, contact your veterinarian. If you are concerned about any stray or wild animals in your neighborhood or home, call your local Animal Control officer.

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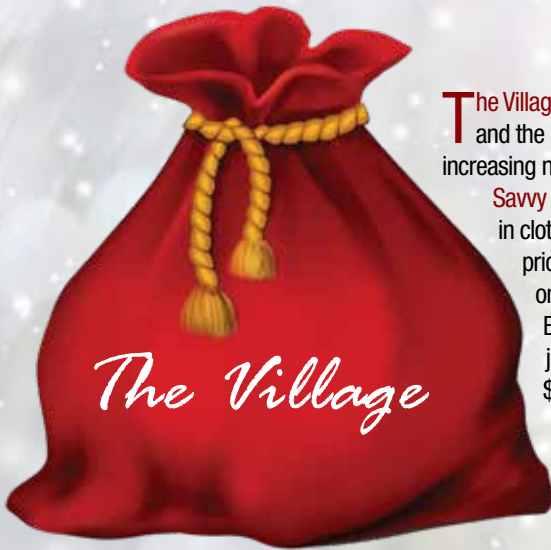
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Ornaments at Duffey & Co.



Shop Grosse Pointe this holiday season





The Village

The Village, home to Main Street Grosse Pointe and the Loop social district, has a constantly increasing number of stores, salons and dining!

Savvy Chic Boutique boasts the latest trends in clothing and accessories at a reasonable price. **El's Boutique**, now a pop-up shop on the lower level of Apple Blossom Baby, is home to unique ladies fashion, jewelry and accessories — all under \$100!

Small Favors also has gifts for the littles, a Michigan gift section, SCOUT products, jewelry, engravable frames and much more.

If you are feeling quite worn out by all the hustle and buttle and want to regain some of that youthful glow in time for the holidays, treat yourself to the endless cosmetic services offered by **Dr. Shauna Ryder Diggs**.

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The shopping scene is varied and unique, ranging from multiple bookstores to antique shops to athleisure wear to gift shops.

Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe boasts two floors of books and gifts, with an interior so fantastical children and adults alike will be swept away by the magic.

For keepsake, one-of-a-kind gifts, **Duffey & Co.** has treasures at every budget. Customer favorites include candles, cards, ornaments, handmade figures, incense, sweets, crystals, home decor and jewelry.

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Mack Avenue is home to **The Avenue in the Woods**, where the range of offerings includes high end designer clothing, home decor, paint, framing, jewelers, salons and much more. For dining, find some of the eastside's best restaurants, including international cuisine, burger joints, bars, fine dining and more.

While everyone is sharing photos online, make those memories concrete with a framed gift from **The Great Frame Up**. The shop's experts will help you in making the perfect choice of frame, glass and matting to fit your taste and budget.

No one loves their pets more than Pointers. In fact, there is even a veterinarian clinic exclusively for cats. **Kitty's Doctor** has been a Grosse Pointe pet staple for over 20 years and is accepting new patients!

The Avenue in the Woods hosts several special shopping days each year. For up-to-date details about special events, visit facebook.com/theavenueinthewoods.



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Book Buzz



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By Librarian Priscilla Burns

A round-up of Librarian Priscilla Burns's top book picks for the holiday season:

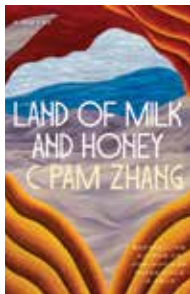


Vaster Wilds

By Lauren Groff

A young servant girl flees into the wilderness on a winter night escaping from a 17th century settlement similar to Jamestown. Despite harsh conditions,

she survives by hunting and gathering, encountering bears, a wolf, smallpox and an unruly Jesuit priest on her journey. Despite the extreme hardship she endures, she revels in the beauty of her natural surroundings, detailed in Groff's inspired writing. The story of how she came to the settlement and why she escaped is slowly revealed in flashbacks.



Land of Milk and Honey

By C Pam Zhang

A cloud of smog has enveloped the Earth, blocking much of the sun and killing most of the planet's food crops. A young chef trying to survive

the environmental disaster takes a position at an elite research community on the mountainous Italian-French border. Here, she prepares meals of rare ingredients for the ultrawealthy. Wrestling with her own appetites for food, love and excitement, sumptuously

described by Zhang, she faces what survival looks like in a world split by gross inequality.



Reykjavík: A Crime Story

By Ragnar

Jónasson and Katrín Jakobsdóttir

Fourteen-year-old Lára is spending the summer working for a couple on a small island off the coast of Reykjavík, Iceland in 1956. Later that summer, she disappears without a trace. The mystery becomes Iceland's most infamous unsolved case. Thirty years later, as the city of Reykjavík celebrates its 200th anniversary, journalist Valur Robertsson begins his own investigation into the case. It soon becomes clear that Lára's disappearance is a mystery that someone wants to keep unsolved.



Elon Musk

By Walter Isaacson

Isaacson, the author of best-selling biographies of Steve Jobs and Albert Einstein, now examines Elon Musk, the contrarian billionaire whose businesses

include Tesla, SpaceX and now X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter. Musk has aroused awe and admiration for his accomplishments, scorn for his outrageous behavior and trepidation at the power he wields.

Weighing in at 670 pages, there is more than enough here to enhance your understanding of the man purported to be the world's richest human.



Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe

By Carl Safina

Ecologist Carl Safina took in a bedraggled nestling screech-owl that was found on a sidewalk looking "like a wet washcloth." He and

his wife nursed her back to health, but her flight feathers were slow to emerge, and it was a year and a half before they were able to set her free. Safina lyrically recounts his observations of and interactions with Alfie, while he reflects on spirituality, reverence, philosophy and our estrangement from nature. Of course, it has some adorable photos.



The Hive and the Honey

By Paul Yoon

Themes of migration, displacement and collective memory are woven throughout this collection of seven stories about the Korean diaspora.

Spanning several centuries, the stories are set in Japan, Russia, Maine and Korea. Yoon's elegant writing resounds with loss and regret, juxtaposed with moments of love and understanding. 📖

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SCHOOL POINTES

Good news from the Grosse Pointe Public School System



GP North – Homecoming



GP South – Homecoming



Ferry hosted Zot Art

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

This fall, we find ourselves in a state of transition which can be unsettling or exciting. We choose to look at this as an opportunity -- an opportunity to recruit and retain staff and trustees who are committed to providing the educational experience each student needs, and we all expect, for our community's children. We encourage you to reach out to our wonderful staff and principals at your local school or contact us with questions.

We would particularly like to thank all those who offered to serve our community as a trustee filling the recent school board vacancy, and to thank all those who participated in the survey or community meetings regarding the Superintendent search. These are key roles in setting the vision for our district as we move forward.

In the last Pointe Magazine, we shared a glimpse of our annual report data. If you missed that or would like the full report, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 313-432-3003.

This time, we will update you on the bond projects designed to keep students safe, warm, dry and connected. We also include key points you can share with others about our continued excellence, and opportunities to help us recruit students to GPPSS. Thank you for your commitment to learning and growing together.

- Christian A. Fenton, Interim Superintendent
- Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr., Deputy Superintendent

POINTES OF PRIDE

- 2 Grammy Winning Music Programs
- 2 Spartan Award Student Newspapers
- 27 Advanced Placement Courses
- 7 Career & Technical Ed (CTE) programs
- A+ Niche grade for teachers, academics, college prep and sports
- 30 Varsity sports, 120 teams
- 18:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- 1123 Average SAT score (122 above state)
- 70 Grads at a top 50 college/university
- 15 Grads attending Trade School
- 33 Grads committed to a college team
- 88% teachers with Master's degree or higher

SAFE



Pierce – Plaza & Secure Entrance

WARM



South - Hydronic Condensing Boilers

SAVE THE DATE

Parent Info Nights:

- 1/8/24 Rising 5th Grade
 - 1/10 Rising Freshmen
 - 1/11 Young 5/Kindergarten
- attend at your neighborhood school

Calendar Items:

- 12/15 South Jazz Yule Be Boppin
- 12/18 South End Band O Rama
- 12/19 String Extravaganza
- 12/20 North End Band O Rama
- 12/22-1/2 Winter Break
- 1/15 MLK Day, No School
- 1/25-26 Parcels Musical
- 1/31 South Choir Winter Spectacular
- 2/7 Pierce/South Band Concert
- 2/8-9 Brownell Musical
- 2/12 Pierce/South Orchestra
- 2/14 Parcels/North Orchestra
- 2/14-15 South Drama One Acts
- 2/15 Parcels/North Band
- 2/19-23 Midwinter Break
- 3/25-29 Spring Break
- 5/27 Memorial Day, No School
- 6/3 North Graduation
- 6/5 South Graduation
- 6/14 Last Day of School

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South - Art Department 1A to Main

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North – New Media Center

Additional information on the bond is available on our district website. Click the Bond Updates icon under District News. Dashboards have been updated regularly to show progress through photos.



BOND PROGRAM UPDATE

2023 Projects:

- Pierce Middle School plaza completion, second floor renovation, steam boiler activation
- North High School media center
- GP South hydronic boiler activation
- GP South RTU delivery and install
- GP South completion of drafting, computer graphics, ceramics/metals, kiln, drawing, photography rooms and millwork

For times, locations and ticket information, visit gpschools.org and click Calendar.

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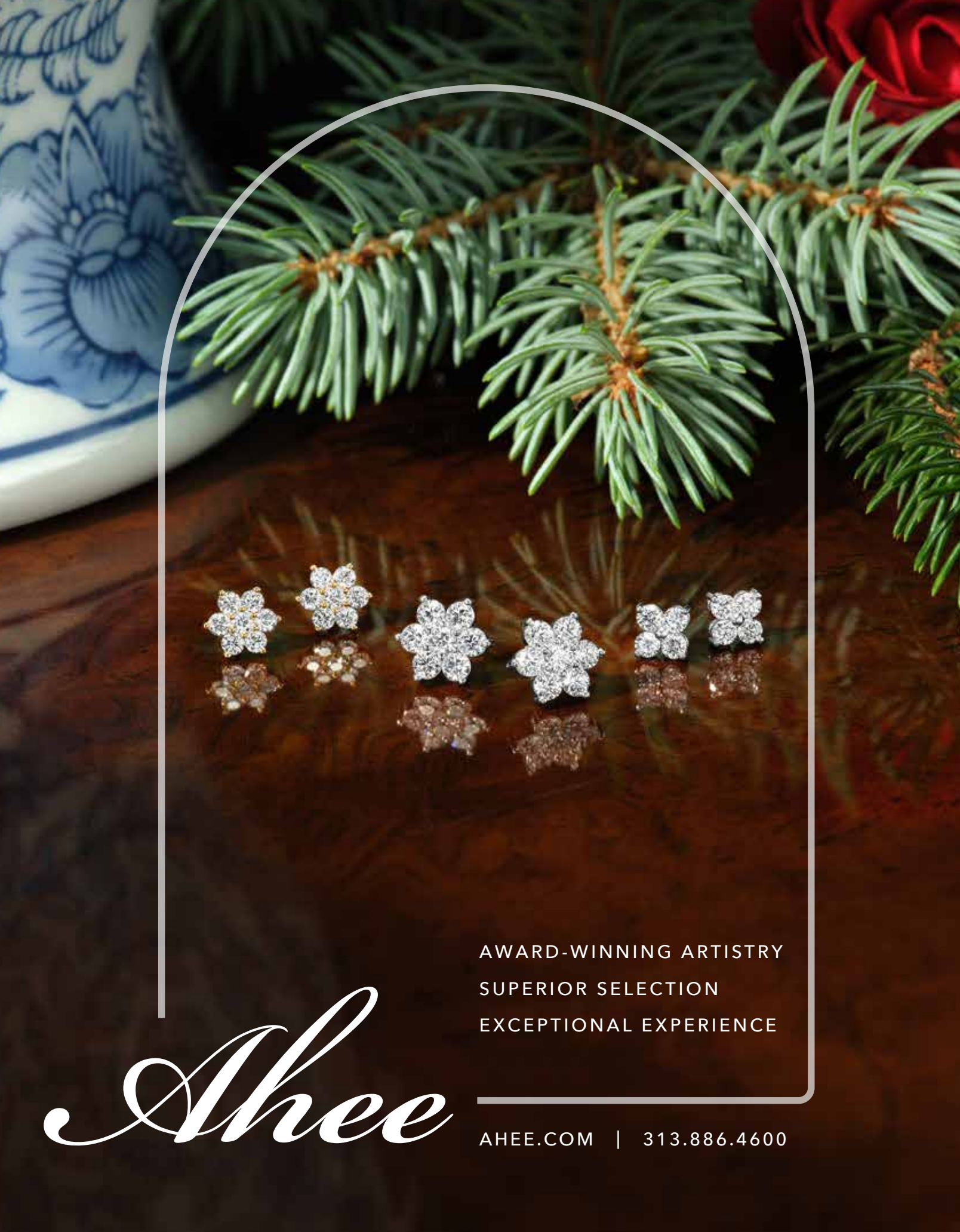
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