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Where in the Pointes?



Where in the Pointes is this? On Monday, March 18, we will ask this question on our Facebook wall. The first person to comment with the correct answer will win a family pass to African Safari Wildlife Park. Participants MUST wait for the question to be posted by Pointe Magazine. Good luck! (Last issue: Central Branch, GPPL)

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Lauren McGregor

On the road again!

s I write this, we are only five days (or "sleeps" as our nieces and nephew used to say) from departure for Detroit Tigers Spring Training in Lakeland, Fla. Our suitcases are already packed, just awaiting our overnight travel bags.

For those who don't know, we always drive. When we were younger, we could make the drive in two days with just one night stay "on the road." Now, depending on how early a start we get, it can be two or three nights' stays. If we get a late start, we usually stop in Florence, Ky., just below Cincinnati, and have dinner with my brother and his family.

We prefer to leave Grosse Pointe Woods before noon, getting us as far as Lexington, Ky., before stopping for the night. We like to get to the other side of Atlanta and past Macon, Ga., before stopping for our second night on the road.

If we are running late, we will stop in Marietta, Ga., just north of Atlanta. (A consolation prize for running late and staying in Marietta is going to Pappadeaux, the best New Orleans seafood restaurant in the world!) The next day, we try to get up early to get through Atlanta as soon as possible. Going through Atlanta is like running the gauntlet. There is no good way through it or around. It is a punishment that has to be endured.

In the olden days, we would drive to Orlando from northern Georgia. Nowadays, we stop in The Villages, Fla., which we hope to make our winter home someday. We will spend a few days in The Villages, touring open houses and enjoying the lifestyle. Then it is on to Orlando, our home base during Spring Training. Can't wait! Go Tigers!

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Pointe Magazine*. As always, remember to patronize our many loyal advertisers, without whom this magazine would not be possible. Be sure to tell them you saw them in *Pointe Magazine!*

See you around the Pointe when we get back!



John

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n every March-April issue, we highlight weddings in the Pointes. This year, we share an engagement story featuring a photo session at Ford House and in The Village, a wedding that took place at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church with a reception at Assumption Cultural Center, romantic wedding hairstyles from Skye Salon, ring picks from Ahee Jewelers and private event details for bookings at The War Memorial and Ford House.

I can't help but recall my own special day 12 years ago. Corey and I had a June wedding at St. Jane Frances de Chantal with a reception at the Hunt Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.

This last December, I drove by Grosse Pointe Equestrian as the excavator tore through the roof of the old clubhouse. I couldn't help but pull over, walk up and take a few photos as the two-story interior was newly exposed to the elements. There was the room where we swayed to "Make You Feel My Love," where several now deceased family members danced, another room where we displayed a dessert table featuring French macarons and Scottish shortbread to represent where we would honeymoon, the upstairs lounge where we escaped for a few minutes, deliriously tired.

The clubhouse is also where, years ago, I enjoyed many an after-work dinner with our publisher and my aunt and uncle, Terry and John. I can remember Chef Frank popping out of the kitchen each time we dined to get our feedback on the food and to tell us the subject of his next magazine column. I also remember the warm greetings from regulars like the McNeills.

More happily, the grounds will be put to use for the horses. I love to walk up to the fence with my children and watch them wave to the enormous animals. It was also where my grandmother, who passed away last year, and I would walk when the trees lining the driveway were in springtime bloom. Those blossoms will be back soon and I'll take that walk with my children. Farewell to the Hunt Club clubhouse. And thank you for the memories.

I imagine all of the lifelong memories being made from moments we share in these pages. I hope you enjoy reading and are inspired to reminisce about your own happy day.

Lauren



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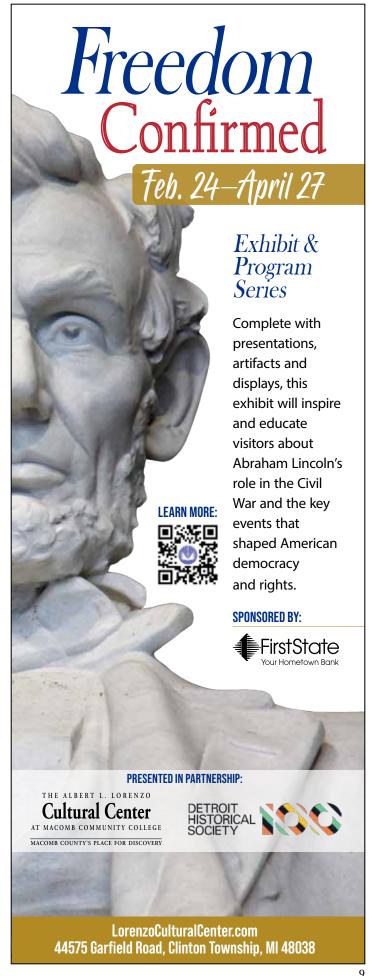
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FLOWER SALE

By Karen Kaled

inter weary Pointers can take comfort in the fact that they can soon trade in warm mittens for gardening gloves. The Grosse Pointe Woods 49th Annual Flower Sale will take place Friday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center.

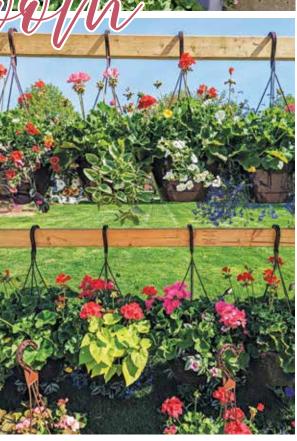
The annual sale, held by the Beautification Advisory Commission (BAC), is a spring shopping favorite, proven by selling out the past three years. Conveniently held on Mother's Day weekend, it is the solution to gift giving quandaries.

"We have patio pots, hanging baskets, flats of annuals, perennials, selected vegetables, the sought after compost that we get every year that people love... and one-of-kind specialty items!" says Gloria Arslanian, BAC member and Flower Sale co-chair.

Last year was the first year the Flower Sale featured tile making. On Saturday, Grosse Pointe North honor students will be on hand to assist little artists who want to create a personalized tile for Mother's Day gifting.

Between the variety of offerings and the easy location and parking, the shopping experience is a breeze. What makes it even easier is that "we have people that will help," says Arslanian. "A lot of hardworking people will get those flowers and put them in your trunk and give you that individualized attention that you don't get at big

Photos by Lauren McGregor



box stores."

For those who cannot attend the sale or would prefer to pre-order, a link will be available on the Grosse Pointe Woods website for submission April 9-24. Order pick up is May 9, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., at City Hall. Orders that are \$250 and over may receive free home delivery.

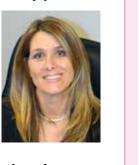
When asked when she will start thinking about and planning for the milestone 50th Flower Sale, Arslanian says, "It's something we always are thinking about. We're always planning ahead. The seed is planted somewhere in your brain." Spoken like a true gardener.

Warmer weather, better health

By Ronda Maniaci

s the warmer weather begins to emerge, it's the perfect time for seniors to embrace the outdoors and enjoy the

numerous health benefits that come with it. Engaging in outdoor activities during springtime not only promotes physical fitness but also contributes to the overall well-being of our senior population.



Increased mobility is a key advantage of outdoor activities for seniors. From leisurely walks in the park to gardening or yoga, these activities can help improve strength, flexibility and balance, reducing the risk of falls and related injuries. Furthermore, exposure to natural sunlight allows the body to produce vitamin D, which is essential for maintaining healthy bones and muscles, aiding in the prevention of osteoporosis and fractures.

Moreover, the sense of independence and freedom that comes with being outdoors can significantly improve mental and emotional health. Outdoor activities and connecting with nature can lead to reduced stress, anxiety and depression. The stimulation of the senses through exposure to nature's sights, sounds and smells can also enhance cognitive function and overall mood.

Additionally, outdoor activities promote better cardiovascular health, sleep and strengthen the immune system, contributing to a higher quality of life for seniors.

As the spring arrives, let us encourage our seniors to take advantage of what the season has to offer. By fostering mobility, independence and overall well-being, we can help our seniors lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.

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Aitken & Ormond Insurance, Inc. celebrates 75 years

By Lauren McGregor

or 75 years,
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Insurance, Inc.
has been a family owned
and operated independent
insurance agency, guided by a
family first philosophy.

"A lot of companies don't make it to 75 years. We've enjoyed what we're doing and being part of the community," says second-generation owner and President Dan Aitken, who joined his father's business after serving in the Army. "We strive to make sure our customers are happy. They get personalized service. We know their names. They aren't just a number to us."

The 'family first' approach of Aitken & Ormond is evident in Dan's steadfast rule: "We will always answer the phone. There will never be an automated prompt when you call."

"We aren't just selling insurance. We

"We strive to make

sure our customers are

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a number to us."

are building long lasting relationships with customers. We remember details and reach out about appropriate insurance at every milestone," says Vice President Katelyn Aitken-

Meyer. "We want to support our customers throughout life."

This exemplary service harkens back to December 1948, when John Aitken and Ray Ormond founded Aitken & Ormond Insurance, Inc. in Detroit. Little did Aitken know that his son, Dan, and his granddaughters, Kelly and Katelyn, would continue the family's legacy.

"My family has been in the community since my grandparents moved here over 75 years ago," says Vice President Kelly Aitken-Gwinnell. "I'm very proud of the



relationships we have with customers and businesses."

When it comes to something as important as insurance, Kelly stresses the need to work with an agency that has an in-depth knowledge of multiple insurance products, companies and guidelines.

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Katelyn agrees, "We're comparing more than price. We compare coverage options, bundle packages, look for discounts. We meet the needs of our customers while taking into account their family and history. Our

goal is to be their trusted insurance advisor."

"With us, you have options," says Kelly. "And we always answer the phone. A lot of the calls we receive start off with 'what should I do?' and we have those harder

conversations."

For example, when drivers find themselves in a traffic emergency, there is a good chance that it will be Kelly answering the call.

"When there is a problem, we will find the solution," says Kelly.

She will never forget the great flood of the Pointes. Kelly was on the phone around the clock, aiding Grosse Pointe clients.

"Our office flooded as well," says Dan. "We knew what the community was going through."

Through trials like the flood, the agency has evolved to meet the needs of its customers. "We keep alive our tradition of relationship building while also improving

our technology and processes so that our customer service is at the highest caliber," says Katelyn. It's all a part of the legacy the third generation at Aitken & Ormond continues to build.

"My sister and I are trying to uphold the legacy of both my father and grandfather and to keep this agency going for at least 100 years," says Katelyn.

Working for family, Kelly says, "is the best and hardest thing I've ever done. It is about wanting my dad and grandfather to know they can trust us, and that they would be proud of the legacy."

"After celebrating our 75th anniversary," says Dan, "it's my hope that Kelly and Katelyn will be here to celebrate its 100th anniversary."

Above, Katelyn Aitken-Meyer, Dan Aitken and Kelly Aitken-Gwinnell

Following the agency's founding in Detroit, new offices popped up in New Baltimore, Eastpointe, Grosse Pointe and St. Clair. Agency growth continued over the decades. The Eastpointe office expanded to Sterling Heights before moving to New Baltimore in 2008. Today, Aitken & Ormond Insurance Inc. operates offices in New Baltimore, Grosse Pointe and St. Clair. The Grosse Pointe office is located at 710 Notre Dame St. #1.



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Dr. Hunt believes this is a very exciting time to be a dentist. "There are several new techniques available for smile-enhancement, and there's no reason for a patient to be anything but delighted with their smile," he says. Dr. Hunt is quick to point out that achieving Top Dentist recognition is a team effort. With the help of his experienced and dedicated staff, and a highly skilled group of specialists, he is able to successfully transform smiles and restore dental health.

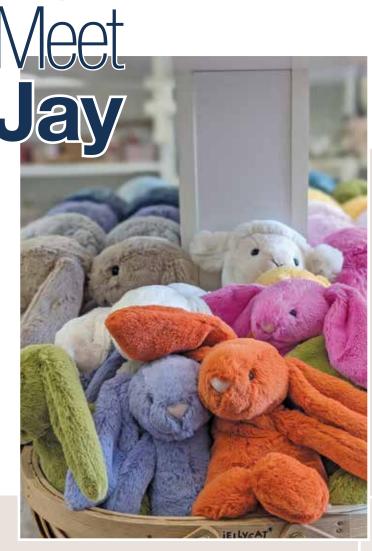
"I value each patient as a personal friend, appreciate the confidence they have in my ability, and am thankful for the support they have afforded me over the years," Dr. Hunt says. During these difficult economic times, Dr. Hunt reassures his patients that his office doors will always be open to them,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





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What is	your favorite	thing	about	living	in Grosse
Pointe?					

Living in small community where we can walk or bike to just about anything.

What are two of your best personality traits?

I am consistent in thought and action and I take responsibility seriously. Those traits together add up to dependable.

What is the best trip you've ever taken?

When I retired, a friend and I crossed the Drake passage to Antarctica.

What is at the top of your bucket list?

I have no bucket list. I am grateful to have the time, health and resources to take advantage of any opportunity or adventure that may find me.

What is one thing not many people know about you?

I am the fourth of my parents' eight sons. We all meet weekly via Zoom.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Helping my wife raise three beautiful daughters who are confident and independent, with impressive careers and beautiful families of their own.

Name	Jay G. Kaiser		
City	Grosse Pointe		
Age	76		
Occupation		Retired Partner,	
		Plante Moran	

Jay's

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About Jay

Jay has been an avid sailor for over 50 years, "racing on Lake St. Clair, the Great Lakes, east and west coasts, Florida (SORC), the Caribbean and others." He has participated in the Bayview-Mackinac race approximately 20 times and won first overall aboard Seawise in 2006.

When not sailing, Jay enjoys volunteering with Grosse Pointe Theatre. "I worked backstage and with scenery off and on since 1973, usually when my wife took roles in various productions. I got more involved in stagecraft in 1996 when my daughter had roles in the Grosse Pointe South musicals. It was Dan Vicary at the Performing Arts Center who drew me in and taught me to build illusions with styrofoam and muslin. We became great friends and I continued to volunteer there after my daughter graduated."

After retiring in 2006, Jay had more time to spend with Grosse Pointe Theatre, working on flats, decks, staircases and beyond. "I especially enjoy the 'trick' pieces, set pieces that serve unusual roles (the vintage refrigerator that yields a dead body in *Clue*, the torture rack in *Addams Family*)."

Jay and wife Christine are proud parents of Mary Beth, Catie and Bridget and loving grandparents of five grandchildren.

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Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House

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Held biennially since 1976, the Designers' Show House invites local, regional and national interior designers to transform the rooms of the house as a showcase for public tours. The house will also feature a marketplace, café and special events.

Proceeds will support the JLD's partnership with Brilliant Detroit, a nonprofit organization that addresses early childhood development and kindergarten readiness. The unique model establishes family centers in underutilized housing stock, developed with direct input from the neighbors themselves. These homes offer holistic services for children from birth through eight years of age as well as providing a place for fellowship and learning for



families.

"We are so grateful to the greater Detroit community for supporting all of the different Designers' Show Houses over the years, and while 2024 marks our final year of presenting a Show House to the public, the JLD will continue to plan and host events that positively impact our communities and partners," says JLD President Mary Hollens.

For more information, visit JLDetroit.org.

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the beloved musical *Newsies*

By Anne Erickson

rosse Pointe Theatre will present the iconic Newsies May 3-12 at Parcells Middle School Auditorium. Newsies: The Musical is a riveting stage production based on the 1992 Disney musical film of the same name and inspired by the Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City.

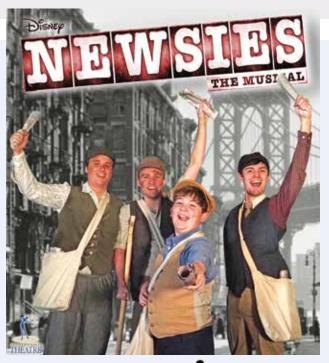
Director and co-choreographer Tim Higgins says he's delighted to direct the production.

"I love the message of this musical, the dynamic score, the storyline and everything that *Newsies* inspires," says Higgins.

"When you see these upstart kids wanting fair pay for a sustainable living, you feel it's the kind of change the world needs to see," he says. "At the same time, the show doesn't get too message-based, because people are there to be entertained, and with the music and dancing, we're also doing that."

Grosse Pointe Theatre is one of the first theater groups in the region to present *Newsies*, according to Higgins.

"It's a very challenging show, in that the set requires scaffolding, moving platforms, moving stairways, newspaper



stacks and more," Higgins adds.
"With the scale and complexities of
this set, we made the decision to rent
the set from a company that builds
sets to emulate Broadway."

Higgins says the dancing is simply thrilling in *Newsies*. He and Christine Campbell-Cormier are cochoreographers.

"These are galvanizing anthems," he says. "And who doesn't love back flips and choreography that's dynamic?"

For tickets, visit www.gpt.org/newsies or call (313) 881-4004.

Charles Kruse as Jack Kelly, Alex Quinlan as Crutchie, Ryan Roetker as Davey, Macklan "Mack" Kohler (front) as Les

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For *Newsies*, Grosse Pointe Theatre is partnering with **The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit**, founded in 1914 by James J. Brady. The theater group is asking patrons to bring new items to donate for children served by Detroit Goodfellows, including winter hats, gloves or mittens, socks, coloring books, small packs of colored pencils, crayons and small stuffed animals. Collection bins will be in the lobby at each performance. For nearly 110 years, the Goodfellows have made sure that there was 'no kiddie without a Christmas' in Detroit and beyond.

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Spring fun at Ford House



By Lauren McGregor

on't miss out on springtime fun at Ford House. The unique offerings include everything from dance lessons and afternoon tea to live music and a solar eclipse viewing!

Ford House will — literally — kick off April with dance lessons. The four-week series will take place once a week and be led by trained professionals. Space fills quickly, so sign up as soon as possible!

On Monday, April 8, Ford House will host a special Solar Eclipse event, featuring a house tour and eclipse glasses to view the special celestial moment.

On April 14, Spring Tea will take place in the Lake Shore Room and feature traditional tea sandwiches, pastries and teas. Reservations may be made for several table sizes.

"The Peacock Room and The Beaute



Loft will also have items for sale," says Manager of Engagement and Public Events Mary Ann Bauman.

Before long, visitors can look forward to the upcoming outdoor concert series.

"We are very excited to be welcoming the Killer Flamingos," says Bauman. "We are planning bigger concerts this year."

June 28 will feature the Gabriel Brass Band, July 19 is the Killer Flamingos, Aug. 9 is Dave Hamilton Band and Aug. 23 is the Michigan Philharmonic.

For more information on these and other events, visit fordhouse.org.

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The Play That Goes Wrong

By Anne Erickson

lot can go right in the theater world, but a lot can go wrong, too. That's the idea behind the hilarious Broadway play *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Literally anything and everything that can go wrong does.

The Play That Goes Wrong is by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields of Mischief Theatre Company. The show was on Broadway from 2017 to 2019 and is currently performed off-Broadway.

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents *The Play That Goes Wrong* April 5-14 at Parcells Middle School Auditorium.

Nick Marinello has been a member of Grosse Pointe Theatre since 2014. This marks the third show he's directed with the company.

"It's a hilarious new show, and I'm super excited to have the opportunity to direct it," he says. "Because it's so new, we're blazing that trail. We're the first area theater company to present the show.

"It's a really funny show with an interesting take on the theatrical experience," he adds. "If you've ever done a play or gone to see one live, you've seen

some variation of all these things that have gone wrong. To be able to spoof that and do it with a level of professional execution that makes it look like it's not supposed to happen that way is a real challenge."

Marinello remembers *The Play That Goes Wrong* coming through the Fisher Theatre a few years ago. "Everyone said it was so funny, so when I went to New York City, I saw it off-Broadway," he says. "It was so great, and now to have

the ability to direct it locally is such a thrill."

Tagg Smith, Bridget Hillver, Kevin

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Phillips, Mario Simone, Hannah Roth

and Zak Shugart recreate the iconic

Haversham Manor at Ford House.

"It's going to be a great time for anyone who comes out," he adds. "This play doesn't have a lot of depth to it. It's not something that will make you cry or reevaluate your life in any way, which we love those, too. But, sometimes you just need to go out and laugh, and that's what this play will do."

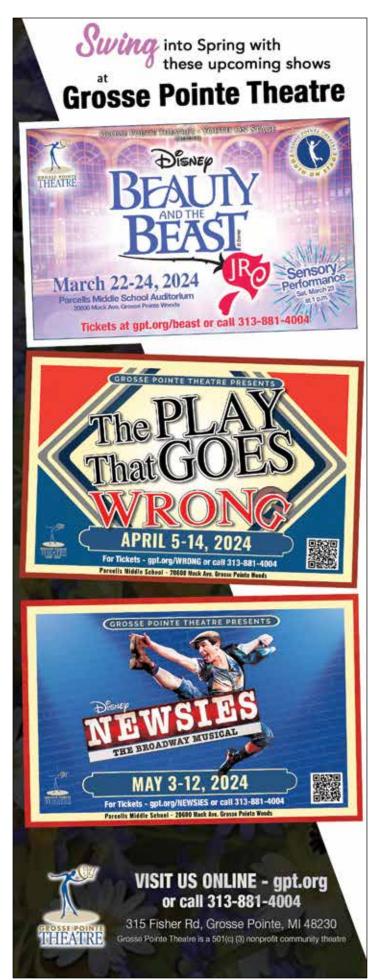
Marinello says he felt instantly connected to Grosse Pointe Theatre.

"Everyone here was welcoming to me, and it was a place where they said, 'Come and let us be your home theater'," he says. "I've made friendships here and met my girlfriend here. It's a place where you can make real relationships, and then you get to do plays, too."

He hopes audience members will enjoy "a good evening out and get to enjoy the work that goes into what we do. Theater is a unique, shared cultural experience that's rare in our society anymore."

For tickets, visit http://gpt.org/wrong.







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e all remember with great fondness, the adorable sculpture at the Eastland Mall of the Lion and the Mouse. Happily, Ascension St. John secured the piece to use as a feature in the hospital. In order

to make this a reality, funds must be raised. Fontbonne Auxiliary has answered the clarion call to have the Lion come roaring back, with his miniscule mouse sidekick joining the pursuit!

Fontbonne Auxiliary presents **Wild for Fashion**, featuring a fashion show, auction items and raffle prizes. The event will take place **Wednesday**, **April 17 at**



Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Cocktails (cash bar) are at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Fashions will be presented by Cheryl Hall Lindsey. Tickets are \$125.

Co-chairs are Camille Cracchiolo and Stephanie Berri. For information or to purchase tickets, please contact President Lorna Zalenski at llz523@aol.com or (313) 590-5607.

PONTE | fitness

It's Spring

By Ken Welch

pring means we're finally able to shake off winter and expand our fitness routines to include the great outdoors. With that in mind, it's also a good time to appreciate the most important body part that will support all of your activities: your feet.

All the benefits you gain from running or walking — weight control to cardiovascular improvement — starts with the condition of your feet. When strength training,



the development of power and balance doesn't happen without the proper posture and positioning on the solid base your feet provide.

Consider this: Most people take an average of around 6,000 steps per day, which translates to over 2 million steps a year. With each step, you may be placing 1.5 times your body weight on your feet. Feet work hard.

Also, over the course of our lives our feet change due to stress and wear. Our arches become less pronounced and flatten out. Our feet become longer and wider and our heel pads wear out reducing shock absorption. They also stiffen up reducing range of motion and balance. Different types of fungus and joint deformities are not uncommon. Gross but true.

It's important to recognize these changes and address them as they happen. For example; the shoe size you may have worn when you were in your 20s is not the shoe size for you in your 40s or 50s. Personally speaking, I use to be a size 11, narrow. The last running shoe I bought was a size 14, wide. It happens!

Respect your feet. Keep them properly fitted, clean, supported and maintained. A good exercise program starts by putting your best foot forward.

Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: pointefitness.com.

Missing teeth?

By Dr. Horacio Falcón

eplacing missing teeth is essential not only for aesthetic reasons but also for maintaining oral health and functionality.

Fortunately, there are several options available to address the gap left by missing teeth, each catering to specific needs and preferences.



Dental implants

are a popular and durable solution for replacing missing teeth. They involve the surgical placement of titanium posts into the missing area, acting as artificial tooth roots. Dental implants not only look and feel natural but also help prevent bone loss and maintain the overall structure of the jaw.

Another option is a dental bridge, which consists of artificial teeth anchored to adjacent natural teeth. Bridges are effective for replacing one or more consecutive missing teeth, restoring both function and appearance. They offer a non-surgical alternative to dental implants, making them suitable for individuals who may not be candidates for implant surgery.

For those seeking a quick temporary minimally invasive solution, removable partial dentures or dental flippers may be considered. Dental flippers are acrylic devices that can be quickly inserted and removed. While they are not a permanent solution, they provide a temporary aesthetic and semi functional improvement.

Ultimately, the choice of replacing missing teeth depends on factors such as budget, overall health and personal preferences. Consulting with us or your dental professional is crucial to determine the most suitable option based on individual needs, ensuring a confident smile and optimal oral health.

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Beneficiary reviews

By Lina Bowman

hat do life events such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of children, death of a loved one, or other financial situations have in common? The

need to update beneficiaries.

Updating the beneficiaries on your existing financial accounts is relatively simple, yet it's one of the most important



steps you can take to ensure that your loved ones are taken care of. Failing to update your beneficiary information can lead to unintended consequences, such as your assets going to an ex-spouse, rather than to your intended recipients.

In general, employer life insurance and retirement accounts such as 401(k)s or 403(b)s will automatically make your current spouse your beneficiary.

When opening a new financial account or insurance policy, make sure you designate who you want to inherit the proceeds in the event of your death. Add both primary and contingent beneficiaries. Listing a named beneficiary on every account can help eliminate probate as well as potential legal disputes and heartaches among your heirs. When you name a beneficiary directly to an asset, such as an IRA or life insurance policy, it typically takes precedence over the provisions of a will or trust.

Your financial advisor should be reviewing your beneficiary designations every year as part of your annual review. If they don't bring up the topic, make sure that you do. Reviewing beneficiaries should be done regularly, especially after major life changes. You'll have peace of mind knowing your wishes will be met, and your loved ones will thank you for it!

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Be ready, stay ready, to move

By Anna Bartolotta

o, you want to move out of your current rental home and into another rental space. This can be an easy process — if you plan for it.

First, figure out your reasoning.

Are you moving because you have outgrown the home? Is it because your landlord isn't holding up his/her end of the bargain? Is it to downsize your space or to upgrade?



Whatever your motives for moving, there are numerous things on your list that must be checked as "DONE" before you ever hire a moving truck.

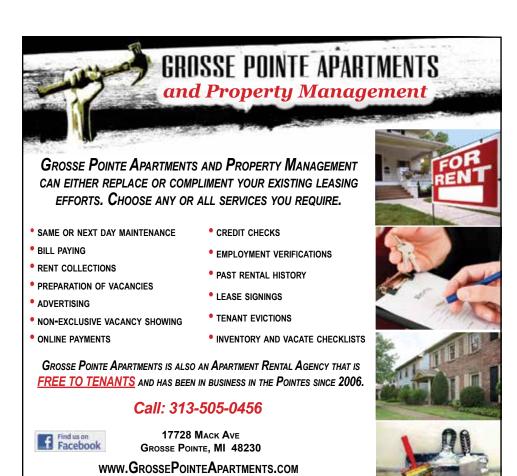
YOUR CREDIT How is your credit? Do you know? Take your credit seriously. Good credit vs. bad credit will determine if you are renting a fantastic place or a place you would never choose to move into voluntarily.

YOUR MONEY Do you have any? Standard move-in costs are first month and a security deposit. Security is either another month or another month and a half. Basically, do you have 2.5x the rent for your new place? If you do not then you are not ready yet.

YOUR TIMEFRAME We all know that you must give notice to your current landlord. Thirty days is ideal, and more time than that is not usually needed to find your new place.

ANNA TIP We are now nearing springtime, but winter in Michigan is an ideal time to move. A landlord with a winter vacancy is a nervous person, and you can most likely negotiate a lower rental rate. The number of available homes will be extremely lower and you will have fewer options but, hopefully, the rental rate will be lower too.

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



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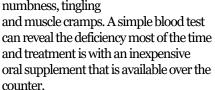
Magnesium

By Dr. Saima A. Khan

agnesium is an element with important functions in our body including sugar control, blood pressure regulation and maintenance of a normal heart rhythm. It also helps us build strong bones and make DNA. It is present in foods such as green leafy vegetables, nuts,

seeds, legumes and whole grains.

Symptoms of magnesium deficiency include fatigue, weakness, nausea, heart palpitations, loss of appetite, numbness, tingling



Low levels of magnesium can be caused by not eating enough healthy foods that contain this element, not absorbing what is eaten or by losing what is absorbed. The average American's diet is heavy in processed foods which have lower amounts of magnesium. Magnesium absorption is impaired in certain diseases as well as by some medications. Chronic diarrhea causes magnesium loss so people with diseases such as Crohn's or Celiac as well as those who have had specific types of bowel surgeries are at increased risk for deficiency. Common medications called "proton pump inhibitors" such as Prilosec and Nexium as well as diuretics such as Lasix and Hvdrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) can also lead to magnesium deficiency with chronic use. People who have diabetes and those who drink alcohol heavily can have increased loss of magnesium via their kidneys and bowels. Unfortunately, several of these risk factors occur in the elderly who are therefore at even higher risk for magnesium deficiency.

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

Spring: Time to de-clutter!

By Jon B. Gandelot

s individuals age, the task of de-cluttering and organizing personal property becomes increasingly critical, especially if parents want to ensure a smoother transition for their loved ones after their deaths.

Purging a home of clutter is an act of thoughtful preparation that both lightens the emotional burden on surviving

family members and helps to prevent family disagreements.

An important reason for this proactive action is the reduction of stress on grieving family members. The process of



sorting through a lifetime of belongings can be emotionally overwhelming, and by taking the initiative to de-clutter, parents lessen this burden. It allows the children to focus on grieving and healing rather than being consumed by the challenge of navigating through personal items and deciding on what to keep, pitch or donate.

As a practical matter, de-cluttering promotes efficiency in administering the estate. A well-organized home ensures that important documents, legal papers and sentimental items are easily accessible. This reduces the risk of overlooking crucial details during the administration process. It also helps prevent conflicts among heirs, as a clear and organized estate plan can reduce potential disputes over various possessions.

Parents who choose to de-clutter their homes before death demonstrate a pragmatic approach to their legacy. By doing so, they provide their loved ones with the gift of a smoother transition, both emotionally and practically, thus creating a sense of closure and harmony during a difficult time.

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Support Big Dreams at The Grosse Pointe Academy Annual Action Auction

By Susan Bollinger

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"The theme this year, 'DREAM BIG, live your story,' celebrates the stories of our







students and the role The Grosse Pointe Academy plays in their lives," says Olivia Paluzzi, one of the event chairs, together with her husband Dominic Paluzzi and Erica and Peter Panagopoulos. "This year we chose the GPA faculty to be our honorary chairs as we wanted to honor them for having the greatest impact on molding our children's stories at The Academy and always encouraging big dreams," adds Paluzzi.

Director of Development, Emily Scupholm, encourages everyone to check out the online Silent Auction, opening Monday, May 6 at noon. "Anyone can register for free on the Auction landing page and receive a bidder number. All our Silent Auction items will be on display at the event for preview and bidding during the cocktail hour. After a seated dinner, the Live Auction will begin and will include many exciting items, such as jewelry, trips and unique experiences," she says.

After the Live Auction, guests can continue the fun by dancing to the live band, Your Generation in Concert (yourgenerationinconcert.com).

Erica Panagopoulos, co-chair of this year's Auction adds, "This Action Auction

marks our 56th year, making it one of the oldest and longest-running independent school auctions in the country.
Funds raised will support curricular programming, continuous learning for faculty, enhancements to The Academy's historical campus and bridge the gap between tuition dollars and the cost of educating each child."

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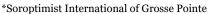
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Stephen & Sonyta

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hough the couple lived just minutes away, one in Grosse Pointe Woods and the other in Windsor, Stephen and Sonyta LaBarge (née Yik) met in Kingston, Ontario.

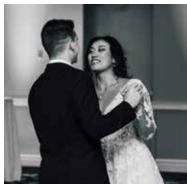
"I was in the Army, stationed in upstate New York. She was visiting a friend in Kingston," says Stephen. "We met at a bar."

That was in 2018. Four years later, in 2022, Stephen got down on one knee outside of the Belle Isle Aquarium. The couple tied the knot on Oct. 7, 2023.

Here, they share the details of their special day.







It's all in the details

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Stephen: She had always wanted to see the Belle Isle Aquarium, so I took here there and planned to propose in the courtyard outside of it. I had a friend she'd never met follow us to capture the proposal. I was anxious to propose, so I was rushing her through the aquarium.

Sonyta: I said, 'We're here to see the fish! Don't rush me!' When we got to the spot









outside, in my head I was thinking, this would be a great spot for a proposal. Then I turn and he is down on one knee. At the same time, I see this kid running toward us with his phone up.

Stephen: I had this whole speech prepared that didn't happen. I just dropped to one knee.

Sonyta: I don't think I reacted properly. I said, 'Are you serious?' He couldn't spit out any words.

What did you love about having your reception at Assumption Cultural Center?

Stephen: The food was the most important part and we knew how wonderful Marchiori Catering was. It couldn't have been more perfect.

Sonyta: Everyone was so accommodating. I used to work at a wedding venue in Windsor, so I am

very picky. They took care of every special request, were kind, attentive and communicative. The bar in the foyer, separate from the hall, was so nice. It created two different spaces and you didn't feel cramped. Plus, it was right off the dance floor.

What was your favorite moment of the day?

Stephen: The speeches. And our first look.

Sonyta: He had the biggest smile.

What do you love most about each other?

Stephen: Her food. How endlessly devoted she is.

Sonyta: He is very kind and caring. And very patient with me.

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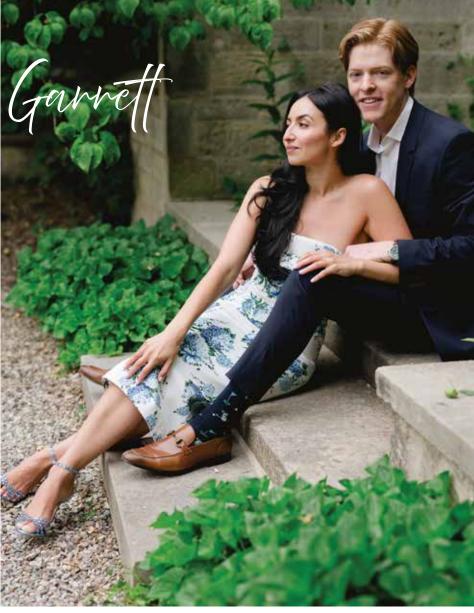
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Brittany & G

an engagement story

By Lauren McGregor





rittany Scott, a buyer at General Motors, and Garrett Freismuth, a Business Valuation and Advisory Associate, share roots in Grosse Pointe. The two didn't meet, though, until studying at Wayne State University in 2016.

After being introduced by a mutual friend at a college party, Brittany and Garrett spent the entire evening talking. At the nudging of fate, the two ran into each other shortly after the party when their classes were scheduled directly across the hall from each other. They've been inseparable since.

"I love Garrett's humility and integrity," says Brittany. "And how genuine he is."

"Brittany is the most compassionate and enthusiastic person I know. She is always there for you when you need her," says Garrett. "She is ambitious about everything. She inspired me to develop my own goals and ambitions."

Speaking of ambition, it was during a 2022 work trip that Garrett got down on one knee.

"I was in New York for work and Garrett had never been there, so he joined me," says Brittany. "We took a morning walk through Central Park and the Conservatory Gardens. It was perfect. There was no one there."

"I had hired a photographer to capture

the moment," says Garrett. "She told me when to head to the location, at a time when it was empty."

"I didn't know it was happening," says Brittany, except for one strange request. "Garrett told me to take off my sunglasses," she laughs.

"I was shaking so much that I couldn't get the ring on," adds Brittany.

Brittany had been told that most engagements are a blur and nearly impossible to remember later. "So I immediately wrote down what he said. It was perfect," she says. "When he used my full name, I got chills. Garrett blacked out."

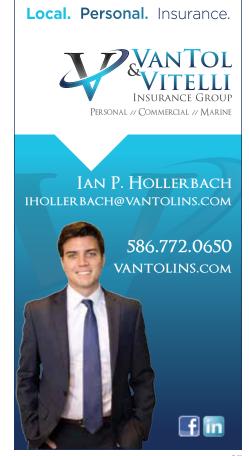
Following the proposal, Brittany and











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Brittany in a strapless dress by Emilia Wickstead, shoes by Aquazzura; long sleeve dress by Zimmermann

Photos by Niki Marie Photography

Garrett hired Niki Marie Photography for a Grosse Pointe engagement photo shoot.

"Ford House was the perfect backdrop," says Brittany. "We love the flowers, the estate, the atmosphere." The estate's varied landscape offered the couple a host of background options, from the lake to the house to the rose garden.

"Then we went to The Village, which was a full circle moment for us," says Brittany. "As a kid, we'd have family visits to The Village, then it was different going there on our first date for ice cream. When we returned for engagement photos, it brought up old memories and new ones. It was a surreal, full circle moment that tied everything together."

The couple look forward to their August 2024 wedding at the Country Club of Detroit, followed by an African safari honeymoon.









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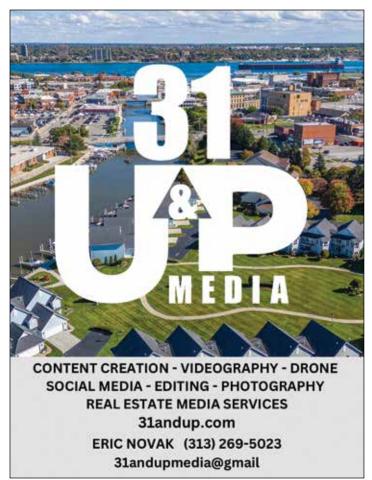


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This romantic look features loose curls with the hairpiece woven through as the focal point.

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By Alex Szwarc

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"We provide a unique and special experience for couples," says Hospitality Director Alondra Kennedy. "Our staff is excited to work with them leading up to the wedding and on the day of the wedding. Our executive chef prepares delicious food that always leaves guests talking about how great their meal was."

The Ballroom, the crown jewel of the Fred M. Alger Center, opened in the fall of 2022 and provides the perfect setting for receptions. The expanded space can seat up to 300 guests.

"One of the things that makes us really unique is our view," Kennedy says. "We have the lake as a beautiful backdrop and having Les Braves is unlike any other venue."

Last year, Les Braves II: At Water's Edge was dedicated at The War Memorial. The sculpture is the official twin of Les Braves in Normandy, France.

A wedding reception package includes a one-hour cocktail reception, four tray-passed hors d'oeuvres, a fourhour deluxe bar, sparkling wine toast for the head table, choice of salad, plated entrée, cake cutting and service, coffee and tea service, dinnerware and

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Folks interested in having a War Memorial wedding can fill out an inquiry request at warmemorial. org/weddings, or reach out to Sales and Special Events Manager Nicole Holowaty at nholowaty@ warmemorial.org, or Sales and Special **Events Coordinator Lauren Meredith** at lmeredith@warmemorial.org. Currently, weddings are being booked through 2025.

To learn more about hosting a wedding at The War Memorial, visit

Above, Ryan and Alyssa Cassar

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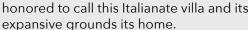
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or the past 75 years, the striking 1910 Alger House, originally named The Moorings, has stood as the cherished abode of The War Memorial. Crafted by the skilled architect Charles A. Platt for Marion and Russell Alger, Jr., this architectural gem is proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since 1949, the esteemed Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association has been



Embarking on a new chapter, we are thrilled to announce the establishment of the **Historic House Fund**, dedicated to the meticulous restoration and enhancement of the Alger House. Our inaugural Phase 1 project will concentrate on water mitigation measures for the exterior, as well as the restoration of plaster, woodwork, and French doors within the house's interior. This crucial endeavor is



set to breathe new life into this historic dwelling, ensuring its endurance for the next century.

We invite you to continue to support The War Memorial's mission to be a patriotic, cultural, and community leader for the next generations to come! For more information, and to contribute to the fund, visit www.warmemorial.org/housefund.

HISTORY CORNER

Easter has long held a special enchantment at The War Memorial, a tradition that stretches back to at least April 1953. Throughout the years, the holiday celebrations have taken on various forms, each contributing to the rich tapestry of memories.

In the early years, The Center Club took the lead, hosting events like the "Bunny Hop" and an Easter Parade, giving the



community a chance to come together in festive spirit. 1956 saw the introduction of Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating, a captivating affair guided by two expert Ukrainian women who not only provided detailed instructions but also showcased prize-worthy Ukrainian Easter eggs. Following their guidance, both adults and children enthusiastically participated in separate categories, vying for the coveted title of Most Beautiful Ukrainian Easter Egg. The event resonated so deeply with the community that it evolved into a beloved semi-annual tradition, which endured for decades. 1957 saw another celebration that added a puppet show in addition to the cherished Easter egg decoration contest.

By 1958, The Grosse Pointe Coterie embraced the Easter celebrations by sponsoring an elegant Easter dance, combining the pleasures of dining and dancing into a memorable evening. The evolution towards our modern-day Easter festivities began in 1997. The "Easter Bunny Brunch" emerged as a resounding success, resulting in a second date being added to accommodate the public demand.

The War Memorial's Veterans Committee is full steam ahead in 2024!

The War Memorial Veterans Committee, composed of dedicated War Memorial staff, formed in the fall of 2023 with a primary purpose – to deepen our commitment to our mission to honor, serve, and advocate for veterans. Through diverse programming and events, the committee will focus on offering meaningful opportunities for connection, support, and enrichment within the veteran community.

The committee kicked off this initiative in December 2023 with an inaugural Vet-to-Vet coffee hour hosted in the Reception Room of the historic Alger House and an educational seminar on veterans benefits sponsored by the Troy-based Disability Law Group.

For more details, please visit www.warmemorial.org. If you're a veteran with an idea for the committee, or have a topic you would like to hear about, contact Veterans Committee Chair, Alex Szwarc at aszwarc@ warmemorial.org.

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SERVICE SPOTLIGHT:

World War II veteran honored as part of War Memorial's **Veterans Day gathering**

is service to America did not go unnoticed at The War

In November, Dave Wigley was one of two World War II veterans honored at the nonprofits Veterans Day Breakfast.

At the breakfast, The War Memorial remembered the bravery and

sacrifices of our veterans. The event, attended by over 200 people, featured a speech from keynote speaker Army Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor. As part of his remarks, Lalor took time to acknowledge a couple World War II veterans in attendance, one of whom was Wigley.

The 98-year-old Wigley has resided in Frankenmuth for nearly 60 years. His sonin-law Brian Kaufman was the featured speaker at The War Memorial's 9/11 Service of Remembrance last year.

Born in Saginaw, Wigley graduated from Vassar High School in 1943. Recalling the attack on Pearl Harbor from Dec. 7, 1941, Wigley said a radio program featuring Jack Benny was interrupted on that Sunday night for an announcement about the news of the attack.

Little did he know then, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was where Wigley would be stationed for the majority of his time in the Navy.

Soon after being drafted in 1944, Wigley went to the U.S. Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois.

While not involved in combat during World War II, Wigley was a witness to a maritime incident that took place on May 21,1944 - the West Loch Disaster. The situation happened at Pearl Harbor U.S. Naval Base. The incident began following an explosion in a staging area for Landing Ships, Tank and other amphibious assault ships in West Loch. It's estimated that more than 160 naval personnel died and nearly 400 were injured.



World War II veteran Dave Wigley, is honored at The War Memorial's Veterans Day Breakfast on Nov. 10, 2023.

"They were getting ready to send seven LSTs down to Saipan, preparing for the invasion," he explained. "That never came about because these ships were all loaded with personnel and gear. They were sitting in the harbor and there was an ammunition shift and all seven of them blew up, loaded with personnel. It was horrible."

At the time of the incident, Wigley was stationed at a section base, next to Hickam Field, standing quard. He estimates he was about a mile and a half away from where the ships exploded.

"We could feel it," he said. "I knew it was something awful when it happened and something that you don't want to experience."



Dave Wigley is pictured in the bottom row in the middle. This photo was taken on May 1, 1944 at U.S. Naval Station Great Lakes in Great Lakes, Illinois.

While based in Pearl Harbor, Wigley said his responsibilities included doing night patrols on boats.

"We'd eat at 6 in the evening and by 6:30, we'd be dispatched to our stations in the harbor which we would patrol during the night," he said. "We slept on our boats. There were six men on a boat."

He explained that in peacetime, the boats were placed on battleships and used by captains to go from ship to shore. In wartime, they were converted to be utilized as patrol

"We also had to watch the harbor for the locals that would fish there," Wigley said. "They would fish for Samoan crabs. They weren't supposed to be fishing there and were arrested. What some did was place magnetic detonators on the hull of a ship and they could blow them up."

Reflecting on his service to America, some 80 years ago, Wigley views it as a growing-up

"You go from being a boy to a man overnight," he said. "I don't view it as time that I lost."

After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Wigley returned home to Vassar, which is where he lived until he moved to Frankenmuth in 1966.

Wigley and his wife, Alice Wigley, married in 1958. The couple has two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



One for the Foxes, featuring Dublin's Tadhg Ó Meachair, Galway's Dave Curley, and Denver's Joanna Hyde, offers a mix of Irish and American folk music and song – both traditional and newly-composed striking a tasteful balance between the stories found in ballads across both sides of the Atlantic and the respective instrumental music traditions of these places.

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TIME 7:30pm

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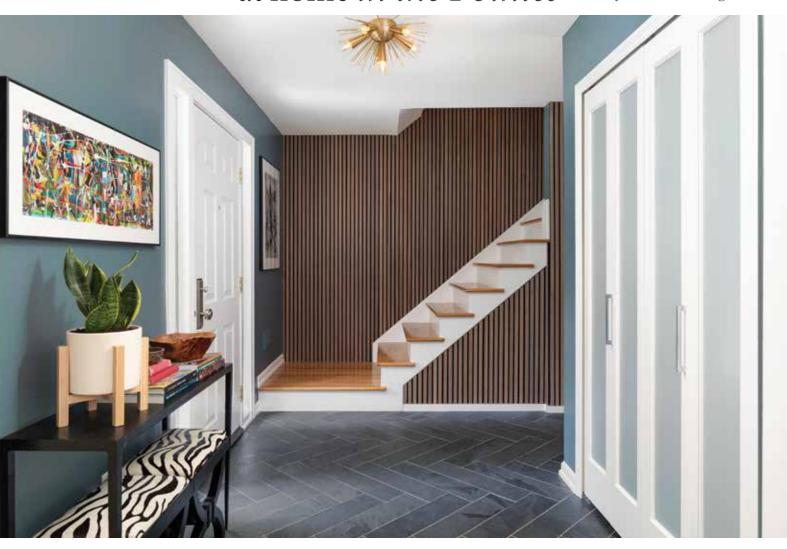
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at home in the Pointes

By Lauren McGregor



"We wanted something that matched the South African aesthetic of the kitchen and flowed seamlessly into the heart of the home."

he Potts family, of Grosse Pointe Park, transformed their kitchen and foyer using a combination of Scandinavian minimalism and South African warmth.

First, they enlisted the design expertise of Rob Wood to make their kitchen dreams a reality.

"We extended the kitchen by six feet and made it the center of the home," says Charissa Potts.

It was important to Potts that the heart and soul of the home evoke the feelings she has about her home country.

"My family is from South Africa," she says. "I wanted to bring some elements of that into the design. The kitchen backsplash and island feature mahogany, popular in South Africa.

"The way Rob designed it, it is built

to be useful for entertaining and for efficiency," says Potts. "I cook a lot. I have my own area of the kitchen. From behind the counter, I can cook and hold court."

For the foyer, Potts worked with Paige Loperfido of Decor & More Designs in Grosse Pointe Farms. "I run my own business and like to support other women business owners," says Potts, who is owner and Principal Attorney of Freedom Law, PC.

Potts had met the designer at the Junior League of Detroit's Designers' Show House, where Loperfido had designed a bedroom.

"Paige undersells what she provides. She is absolutely fantastic," says Potts. "She handles everything, stays on top of contractors and is very communicative."

For the foyer, Potts wanted something

that flowed seamlessly into the kitchen and matched the South African aesthetic of the space.

"We removed the existing wall moldings and ceramic tile and replaced them with this beautiful slatted wall system and natural slate flooring," says Loperfido. "We continued the slate tile into the powder room and updated the vanity with a similar slatted style piece, deep blue paint color and a fun wallcovering."

"I wanted African flavor weaved into every design. It's who I am. Paige took that very seriously," says Potts. "While I was on a trip to South Africa, she told me to find pieces and send her photos. She perfectly integrated what I bought."

"Custom zebra hide ottomans and original artwork really helped pull everything together," says Loperfido.

The home now has the perfect space for both working and entertaining, along with reflecting the family's roots.

"It has worked out exactly as we hoped," says Potts. P

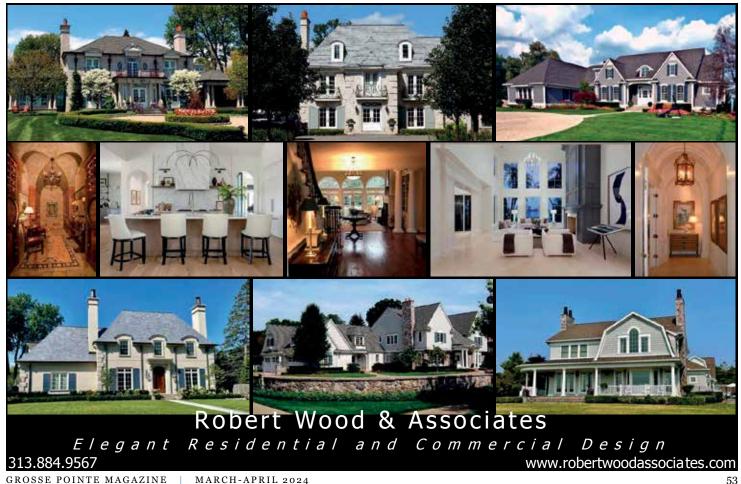






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Foyer and powder room design by Paige Loperfido, Decor & More Designs Kitchen design by Robert Wood & Associates





By Lauren McGregor

fter working in federal law enforcement for seven years, Paige Loperfido, of Grosse Pointe Farms, made quite the career change.

"When I was working in law enforcement in Washington, I made an Instagram account called Decor and More Designs, featuring DIY projects in our home," says Loperfido. "I was always interested in interior design, from childhood."

In 2017, she started asking members of local moms' groups in Washington if she could do design jobs for free to gain experience.

"When we had our first child, I made the hard decision to resign from law enforcement," says Loperfido. The family returned to their Michigan

roots in 2020 and Loperfido has been growing the business ever since so much so, that Michigan Design Center invited her to be a featured designer.

"It was an honor to be nominated for that," she says.

Loperfido also participated in Junior League of Detroit's Designers' Show House in 2022. "It was a huge learning experience," she says.

Today, Decor and More Designs offers it all – from virtual designs to purchasing to installation.

She is looking forward to a grand opening at her new office at 319 Fisher.

"Having three kids at home is hard.

Working in a coffee shop wasn't working. It's only been a few weeks in the new location, and it has been a game changer," says Loperfido.

The new space also allows her to take on much-needed employees for dayto-day management. She looks forward to freeing up some of the workday to continue growing creatively and professionally.

"When I get full creative freedom, I use a lot of color and funky details. My style is transitional or traditional with a twist," says Loperfido. "It is timeless, but with personality. I like matching the client's personality to the space's aesthetic."

Some of her go-to design tools are bold wallpaper, decorative woodwork and picture molding. "Picture molding will never go out of style. It's a great way to dress up an empty wall or a two-story fover."

One way of finding inspiration, she says, is choosing one object as the nucleus for the design. "A piece of artwork, a piece of décor. I will choose a single piece and then run with it."

For those interested in working with Loperfido, the designer offers

a complimentary 'discovery call.'

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Above, Paige Loperfido; left, **Decor and More interiors** throughout the Pointes

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By Lauren McGregor

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The Grosse Pointe Park couple started the franchise in 2022. "We researched eight different franchises. Floor Coverings International was head and shoulders above the rest," says Ken. "We shared the company's values and were impressed by the way it provided support."

One of the many benefits to the Floor Coverings International experience is the mobile showroom that pulls right up to your house.

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hardwood, luxury vinyl, laminate, carpet and tile," says Amy.

"It was a real need, to have a shop-athome experience," says Ken. "It's hard lugging samples back and forth."

The focus is always on customer service. "We have the best customer service in the industry," says Ken. "We work with any budget, any project size. And we always offer free consultations."

On top of all that, the process is speedy. "More and more of the products are being made in the U.S.," says Ken. "After an order is made, it's usually



delivered within a week, and then there is another week or two for installation."

With the abundance of hardwood floors throughout the Pointes, the Kishes remind readers that Floor Coverings International also offers refinishing services.

Perhaps because of these old homes and the Michigan cold, their franchise's carpet sales top all others. On the higher end of those options is wool.

"Wool is a durable, hypoallergenic, allnatural product and lasts a really long time," says Ken. All of their products have impressive warranties, including their wide range of other carpet types.

"These aren't like the carpets that people are replacing," says Ken. "These are stain and fade resistant, better and longer lasting, with features like LifeGuard Technology."

LifeGuard has a waterproof backing, making it very kid- and pet-friendly.

"Liquid won't get under the carpet," says Ken. "It's more hypoallergenic than hard surfaces. Dust settles in and stays in the carpet until vacuumed, rather

than getting stuck in cracks."

But speaking of hardwoods, new Design Associate Bella Harper comments on the current trend of "vintage modernism." "It's a combination of old and new," says Harper. "We are getting out of the neutrals era and seeing darker walls with lighter floors."

Not only did the franchise's growth call for the addition of a third staff



member, but Amy and Ken were also asked to take part in the popular HGTV show *Bargain Block*. They partnered with the remodeling team to make their flooring dreams a reality for seasons three and four.

The importance of long-lasting, high quality, beautiful flooring is personal to Amy. "I grew up in this house. We have a lot of history in Grosse Pointe," she says. "It means a lot to own a business here. We are always coming across people we have a history with."

In fact, in that same house, the couple raised their three children and now regularly host their four — and soon six! — grandchildren.

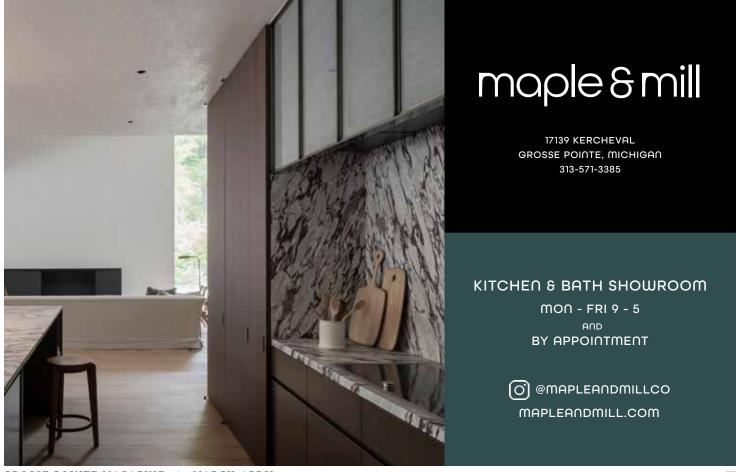
"We always offer personal service," says Ken. "We treat people the way we want to be treated, to give people what they want."

For more information or a free inhome consultation, call (313) 884-8145.

Opposite, clockwise: mobile showroom; staircase carpeting by Floor Coverings International for Bargain Block; carpet sample; Ken and Amy Kish; opposite, below: Ken Kish at The Pointe's Art Festival; flooring by Floor Coverings International for Bargain Block

Bargain Block and mobile showroom photos courtesy of Floor Coverings International; other photos by Lauren McGregor





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Book Buzz

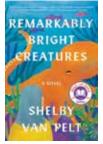


By Librarian Alexis Smith





ibrarian Alexis Smith shares her list of must-reads for this spring.



Remarkably Bright Creatures

By Shelby Van Pelt Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus residing in the aquarium where Tova Sullivan works, flexes his clever mind at the reader as he begins

piecing together clues about Tova's missing son's demise. Forming an unlikely friendship, the two find ways to communicate and enjoy one another's company while Tova works the night shift.

Enter Cameron, a whiny, down-onhis-luck kid who is trying to work out the kinks of adulthood. Responsibility does not come naturally to Cameron, and when he begins hunting for his biological father, he starts to understand that actions, regardless of intention, do have consequences.

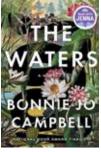


Sword Catcher

By Cassandra Clare An orphan, an outcast and an attempted assassination. Just a few elements Clare uses to bring her heroes together in the

chaotic city of Castellane, where magic is outlawed and corruption is abundant. Kel is a sword-catcher, a body double for Prince Conor Aurelian, whom he loves like his own brother. Lin has magical abilities, and is therefore an outcast of the city. But as a physician, she cannot resist seeking out the sick and dying to help them.

The Ragpicker King, the criminal ruler of Castellane's underworld, knows exactly what Kel and Lin want most. and entices them into his world of corruption. What will it take for our heroes to keep Castellane out of war?



The Waters

By Bonnie Jo Campbell

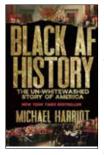
Delve into this captivating swamp setting (in Michigan, no less) to be enriched in Campbell's vibrant descriptions and complex herbalist

characters. A divided community with a scarred past upends the idyllic atmosphere of the island, "The Waters." Only confronting scary truths of Campbell's charming characters can bring the community back together.

Black AF History

By Michael Harriot

"American history is black history." Whitewashed, sugarcoated, rewritten, America's backstory is in dire need



of truth. Harriot, a homeschooled columnist whose work has appeared in the Washington Post, The Atlantic and more, brings in-depth research and skilled storytelling together. With brutal honesty

and witty, lyrical writing, Harriot is bound to make you laugh out loud while also coming to terms with the horror laced in America's legacy.



Never Whistle at Night: An **Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology** By Shane Hawk

An anthology of indigenous dark fiction, these short stories are bound to have you sleeping

with the lights on. Contextualized and introduced by beloved Stephen Graham Jones, this collection will wow you on every page. Each story is unique, and both celebrates various indigenous backgrounds as well as illustrates terrifying happenings that an ill-advised whistle might summon. Read this anthology to immerse yourself in diverse cultures, mythologies and spooky tales.

Top photo courtesy of University Libraries



Friends Bookstore

The Friends Bookstore is on the first floor by the building entrance of the Woods Branch. Inventory comes from two sources: Books removed from circulation by the library and books donated by generous individuals.

The Bookstore is open during all normal library hours.
Payment can be made to a Friends Volunteer, if present, or the Library Circulation Desk.

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The Friends of the GPPL support important library programs such as Authors to the Pointe, Books on the Lake and Summer Reading. Your membership is key to that support.

Plus you will enjoy benefits such as early entry to sales, invitations to members only events and the opportunity to buy tickets early to in-demand Library events.

The Friends also offers many rewarding hands-on volunteer opportunities at community events and in the library!

You can renew or join via the membership page on our website!

\$5 Book Sale

On the last Saturday of each month the Friends opens up our storage area to shoppers! Shoppers can fill a grocery bag from our large selection of books, CDs, DVDs and Puzzles for only \$5. The sales are held on the lower level of the Woods Branch from 10am - 1pm. Friends Members can shop starting at 9:30am. Hope to see you there.

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HIPPITY HOP TO SMALL FAVORS

By Lauren McGregor

rom sweet treats and cozy socks to games and books to plushes and beautiful felt baskets, Easter goodies abound at Small Favors in The Village.

Jellycat has become Small Favors' number one seller and the store has stocked up on every color of Jellycat bunny imaginable for Easter.

"The collection is ever expanding. It is such a fun thing to curate because

> it spans every holiday and age

group," says coowner Betsy Enders. "A customer bought a plush diamond ring for a newly engaged friend. We had someone buy the Jellycat flowers in a pot for someone in a nursing home."

This year marks Jellycat's 25th anniversary. To celebrate, the original Jellycat is also for sale in store.

"Plan ahead for Easter. It's early this year and we know many families are going on trips," says co-owner Kasey Malley. "We are focusing on Easter gifts that are travelthemed and easy to take on vacation with you."

In keeping with the travel theme, Enders and Malley anticipate a big year for clip-on Jellycats, perfect for luggage and backpacks.

Left. SCOUT and felt Easter baskets; right, Jellycat toys; below, Katie Loxton gifts for **Mother's Day**









AND IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT MOM....

"We love helping people spoil their mothers," says Mallev.

"Since our very first store on Mack, the dads and kids fill it the Saturday before Mother's Day," says Enders. "It's always fun to see the excitement for kids to pick out their very own present for mom."

Favorites include jewelry with special messages for mothers, Barefoot Dreams

cardigans and blankets, engraved frames and Katie Loxton scarves and bags.

"SCOUT bags are a great gift to prepare for the summer months and travel," says Malley. "The colors and prints make you feel happy but its also made for utility, especially for all the activities people in this community do in the coming months."

Visit Small Favors at 17112 Kercheval and online at shopsmallfavors.com, on Facebook and Instagram.

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Amigos Street Tacos

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Amigos Street Tacos has been a huge hit since it opened its doors in June 2022. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week, Amigos has welcomed hungry eastside customers looking for authentic homemade Mexican favorites. The breakfast menu at \$5.00 each item features Huevos Rancheros (3 eggs, grilled onions, cilantro and tomatoes) plus 4 other favorites. Quesadillas come in 3 choices: Chicken, California and BBQ chicken. Of course, they have Tacos, Gourmet Tacos and Burritos (all 6 choices each!) and the popular Bowls (5 choices). The most popular dish is Birria tacos! All are made with the freshest of ingredients including homemade guacamole and corn chips made fresh daily in-house. Handmade Mexican smoothies, fresh tomatoes, beans, house-made salsas and rice all seasoned with authentic Mexican spices. And on top of the all this are the 17 "AMIGO SPECIALS." 25-year restaurateur Jose Perez and his staff are friendly and will accommodate any special request, and make suggestions for dishes to try.

LUNCH COMBO - \$12

FAMILY PACK - \$40

2 - Burritos / 6 Tacos 1 Quesadilla

2 - Tacos Beans * Rice Beans - 12 oz • Rice 12 oz Chips & Salsa Chips & Salsa

Hours: Mon-Sat 8am-10pm; Sun 8am-8pm













Amore da Roma

3401 Riopelle, Detroit • (313) 831-5940

We are Detroit's oldest eatery that delivers nostalgia via old-school décor & traditional Italian fare with mindblowing specialty cocktails. The Roma Café building was built by the Marazza Family in 1888. It served the vendors and farmers of Eastern Market and officially became Roma Café in 1890.

In 2017, then Executive Chef Guy Pelino decided to revitalize the property but continued the tradition of Roma and re-opened as Amore da Roma. It is a rich tradition of family and friends combined with delicious food and great wines. Enjoy the experience. We can't wait to see you.



Hours: Tue-Thu 11:30am-8pm; Fri-Sat 11:30am-9pm

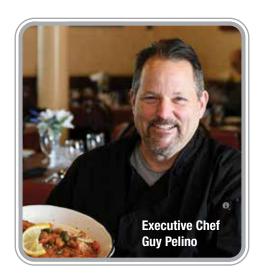
Web: amoredaroma.com











Big Boy

20710 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods (1 blk. N. of Vernier) • (313) 886-1991

42 years in business and same proud owner who has served this community with pride! We are newly remodeled and we have a completely NEW look inside and out. You can still get your signature sandwiches. such as the Double Deck Big Boy and the Original Slim Jim, but also breakfast is served all day, as well as soups, salads & appetizers. Our menu has many specialty sandwiches, entrees, seafood specials desserts and more. We also serve our hand dipped shakes. We have a Senior Discount Program. Gift Cards are available.

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18584 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 332-0050

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Happy Hour Monday - Thursday 2:30-5:30pm

Hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-10pm, Sun 4-10pm

Web: WWW.BLUFINSUSHI.COM













Bogart'z Food and Spirits!

17441 Mack Avenue, Detroit • (313) 885-3995

Bogart'z Food and Spirits was established in 2005 and was started by Gary Van Biervliet. Gary's son, Jason, quickly began helping his dad out in the kitchen. Before he knew it, Jason realized that the kitchen of any restaurant is the main vein in the business. He later quit his second job to focus more on the dining experience. Seeing the passion that his son had to change and redevelop the business, Gary made an offer to his son to inquire about buying the restaurant from him. Jason accepted and saved up for a few years, working harder to make a down payment. After finishing culinary school at the Art Institute of Troy, and three years of hard work and savings, Jason's vision of serving up delicious, real, honest food came true. Since the switch, Bogart'z has exemplified the eatery experience by mixing Detroit's Eastern Market resources with in-house freshness and skill. From the infamous Bogart'z Burger, to the raved about Bread Knots, Bogart'z has become a hot spot right at Detroit's Grosse Pointe border. Jason changed the name to Bogart'z Food and Spirits after expanding the menu to feature a larger variety of craft beer, wine and liquor. He is set on making the next 10 years even better and making Bogart'z a great staple for anyone looking to watch the game, grab a beer with a friend, enjoy a delicious pizza, or for anything in-between. We look forward to serving you soon!

Hours: Tue–Sat 3-11pm; Sun 4-9pm **Web**: bogartzfoodandspirits.com









The Bricks Pizzeria

15201 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 209-4229

Located in the heart of the Park, The Bricks serves up hand-tossed and wood-fired Neapolitan Style pizzas alongside Italian fare. House-made pastas are a real fan favorite, in addition to weekly features and desserts. An impressive beverage program boasts an extensive, worldly wine list with house cocktails, local beer, and more. With a spacious dining room, all season patio, and legendary arcade, what's not to love? It's always lit at The Bricks!

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Champs Rotisserie & Seafood

20515 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods (3 blks. S. of Vernier) • (313) 886-7755

Champs is located on Mack just three streets south of Vernier. Our soups, sauces and dressings are housemade daily using only the freshest ingredients from Michigan companies when possible. Champs is known for its Rotisserie Ribs and Chicken, served with our homemade BBQ sauce for which Champs has been known for the past 55 years since it was the BBQ House of Grosse Pointe. We also offer an exquisite variety of seafood, salad entrees, sandwiches, appetizers and a full children's menu. We also offer daily specials that we have become known for. For those warm nights, enjoy our patio with a big screen TV or you may choose to stay inside and snuggle by our beautiful fireplace. With this unique atmosphere, comes a full-service bar to make your dining experience complete. Call ahead on those busy days for a carry-out. Our specially designed carry-out boxes will ensure your food gets home fresh and hot. We will cater your next event. Call and speak to one of our catering specialists. Order off our catering menu or create your own.

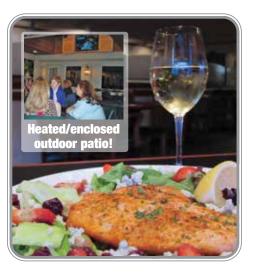
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Da Edoardo - Grosse Pointe

19767 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods • (313) 881-8540

Da Edoardo Grosse Pointe has been a place for families to gather since 1978. Enjoy traditional Northern Italian Cuisine and quickly become family at Da Edoardo. For over forty years the Barbieri family has taken great pride in the fact that they have cared for generations of families. Children that once came in are now bringing their children to dine at Da Edoardo. Customers quickly become family here and they are treated as such. Nestled in Grosse Pointe Woods, the décor truly makes guests feel that they are dining at a true Italian restaurant. The booths are wrapped in deep mahogany, leather and the wooden beamed ceilings make the space cozy and comfortable. Eclectic Italian art adorns the rustic brick walls while fireside booths provide a romantic and intimate setting. During the warmer months the restaurant's patio is perfect for enjoying a meal al fresco.

Dinner for Two with Bottle of Wine \$65.95*

*Mon-Thu see menu for details

Hours: Mon closed; Tue-Thu 4-9pm; Fri-Sat 4-10pm; Sun 4-8pm; Live Music Fri 6-9pm

Web: daedoardo.com











Frontera Grill — New Owners!

15318 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 332-0037

Frontera Grill features authentic Mexican cuisine, adding the culinary touch of other traditions and flavors, and excels in the combination of flavors of home cooking. Everything is freshly prepared every day. Breakfast, lunch or dinner — or even "Grab & Go" — Frontera has you covered. Breakfasts include quesadillas, burritos, chilaquiles or just eggs and turkey sausage. For lunch burritos, tacos and quesadillas go without saying, but burgers...at a Mexican place? Sure enough, Frontera offers its on namesake burger as well as the Diablo and BBQ varieties. For dinner, you won't want to miss Frontera's many specialities, including Carne Assada, Grilled Chicken, Chimichanga and Birria, Fish or Shrimp Taco Dinners. While waiting for your entree, you might want to try Frontera's Botana, Choriqueso Dip with Chips or Chips & Salsa, Queso or Guacamole. Desserts include Tiramisu, Chocolate or Tres Leches Cakes, Churros, Flan and ice cream. When you come to Frontera, bring an appetite!

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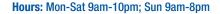
















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18666 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms • (313) 881-5675

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Hours: Sun-Mon 5-11pm Grill open until midnight Fri&Sat





Little Tony's Lounge — VOTED #1 CHILI IN DETROIT!

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

Little Tony's is Grosse Pointe's favorite Bar & Grill. A place where families and friends have gathered for 53 years for great food and good cheer. Cozy, quaint and warm. A real neighborhood bar, where locals meet and everyone really does know your name. Serving only the freshest of Ground Rounds (never frozen), Little Tony's has made a name for itself as "the place" to go on the east side for Great Burgers. Cooked to order and served with an array of extras, you are sure to have your burger craving satisfied here. Our extensive bar is complemented by a great selection of beers, liquor and wines. Dine on our beautiful, open-air patio during the summer months. Tony, Ellen, Tony Jr. and Jack are keeping up the tradition of serving the "Best Burgers on the Eastside." So stop in, they would love to serve you!

Lunch Specials \$9.95 Tues-Fri Noon - 3:00pm Happy Hour Tues-Fri 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Hours: Tue-Sat Noon-10pm **Web:** www.littletonyslounge.com











Luxe Bar & Grill

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Now in our 10th year, we are so grateful that we were able to be here for our community over this time and, of course, we are incredibly grateful that you were so supportive of us. We couldn't have made it through this time without you all! Now let's get back at it! We believe the character of a bar is its patrons, and we welcome all seeking food, company and friendly conversation to enjoy our charmed local bar. An eclectic menu features fantastic Prime Burgers on homemade brioche buns, as well as scratch soups, salads and entrées, including chicken, salmon, lamb chops and steaks in a variety of different daily preparations. Please be patient with us as we, and our loyal suppliers, continue to return to normal amid labor and supply challenges impacting all of us.

Carryout and curbside pickup available.

Hours: Daily Mon-Fri 11am-midnight; Sat 9am-midnight; Sun 9am-10pm

Brunch: Sat & Sun 9am-2pm **Web:** www.luxebarandgrill.com











Mack Avenue Grille — It's a destination!

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

As the Mack Avenue Grille enters its 10th year by kicking things up a notch by offering premium beers premium wines by the glass — Caymus and Quilt to name but a couple — along with their full-service bar. And the highlights of their popular **brunches** are their unique **Bloody Marys** and, of course, **fresh squeezed Mimosas** available nowhere else on The Avenue! Mack Avenue Grille also offers a full-service bar, perfect for the holidays! Of course, they are not forgetting what made Mack Avenue Grille more than a diner. They will continue to offer three homemade soups du jour or freshly homemade chili daily, burgers and all manner of diner sandwiches, fresh-squeezed orange juice and three-egg, whipped omelets of all combinations. All ingredients are fresh — no frozen fish here! Mack Avenue Grille: It's so much more than a diner. It's a destination!

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Web: mackgrille.com











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Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm; Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-2pm

Web: www.nothingbundtcakes.com













The Pepperoni Bar and Grille

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

As its name implies, Pepperoni Grille is a cheerful spot set in a welcome, casual atmosphere. The eatery features a small bar and dining room on one side of the central open kitchen, and a second dining room on the other side. It offers notable pizza along with a number of popular dishes from Calamari and Chicken Picatta to Filet Mignon and New York Strip Steaks. The staff is friendly and courteous. The full bar offers wine, liquor and beer. Tuesday is half-off pizza all day, dine in or carry out. Come see our remodel and have dinner! We are so excited! Make TONIGHT date night! (Reservations recommended.)



WEDNESDAY PASTA NIGHT FOR 2 — \$54.99*

Your choice of 2 pasta dishes and a bottle of our house Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot or Pinot Grigio. All pasta dishes are cooked to order and served with a houses salad or a cup of soup. *Subject to change.

Hours: Sun-Mon-Closed: Tue-Thu 4-9pm: Fri-Sat 4-10pm

Web: www.pepperonigrillescs.com









Sidecar Slider Bar/Shift Kitchen & Cocktails

17051 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe

- The Village

Sidecar Slider Bar: You will always feel welcome from the second you sit down. Sidecar's menu is simple yet tasteful — focusing on quality custom sliders, hot dogs and sides. Simply put, Sidecar is your neighborhood watering-hole with good beer, good food and good people.

Shift Kitchen & Cocktails: "Meet us at the Bar." Shift is a romantic lounge focused on craft cocktails, thoughtfully arranged small plates, and an impressive wine by the glass list. Join us for daily happy hour!



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Hours: Sidecar Slider Bar: Mon-Sun 11am-2am Shift Kitchen & Cocktails: Check website for current hours of operation

Web: www.sidecarsliderbar.com/grosse-pointe www.shiftbirmingham.com











Telly's Place — Celebrating 40+ Years!

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

As a staple of the Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood since 1982, Telly's isn't your normal bar and grill. Walk in off Mack and you'll instantly notice that with 40+ years of history, a sense of warmth, friendliness and contemporary atmosphere abounds. Everyone is welcome at Telly's. Everyone is family at Telly's. Owners and native Grosse Pointers Ty and Jimmy are committed to bringing you the atmosphere, quality and service that has made Telly's an institution.

> Monday - \$6 Margaritas Wednesday - \$8 Martinis **Lunch Specials \$9.95**

Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-Close: Sun Noon-Close: Kitchen closes at 10 p.m.

Web: tellysplace.com











The Continental at Ford House

1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores • (313) 884-4222

Experience the lakeside restaurant at the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, with gorgeous views of Ford Cove on Lake St. Clair. The food is as extraordinary as the setting, featuring a modern twist on classic American fare. The menu features classics like the Maurice Salad and baskets of popovers, as well as fresh seasonal entrees and salads. A full bar is available, and we serve lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Take a meal to go from The Speedster counter and enjoy a picnic on the estate. Ford House members receive a 20% discount on all food purchases.

Reservations recommended.

Hours: Lunch: Tue-Sat 11am-3pm; Dinner: Thu-Sat 4-8pm; Brunch: Sun 10am-4pm

(Closed Mondays) Web: www.fordhouse.org











Watermark Bar & Grille @ Jefferson Beach Marina

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

Watermark's extensive menu and hand crafted premium cocktails make it your year-round waterfront destination. Enjoy the signature lobster mac and cheese in our dining room or a shrimp po' boy by the water on the largest patio on the nautical mile! Live entertainment returns on Thursdays with other nights coming soon. Host your next event at the Watermark! Our banquet room boasts a glass wall allowing for a picturesque waterfront view for your wedding, corporate events, or any other special occasion. Whether you're hosting 50 or 150, we do it all to make your event a success. Located in the heart of the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores, Watermark is open 6 days a week for lunch and dinner along with Breakfast Sunday morning.



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The Whiskey Six — Under New Ownership!

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Located in The Village of Grosse Pointe, The Whiskey Six is a family friendly gastropub that serves great food alongside classic cocktails, craft beer and boasts a well provisioned wine cellar. The name and establishment pay homage to a day when Detroit was the nation's rum-running port. Under new owner Dino Ropotos, the emphasis is on not just fine whiskey, wine and craft beers, but also on a friendly, family environment with great menu items — including amazing Salads and Shareables (Butter Board, Caprese Bites, Lettuce Wraps) Burgers and Tacos (including the crowd-pleasing Smokehouse Burger), Pastas, Pizzas and unforgettable Entrees, including Filet Mignon, Atlantic Salmon, Pork Chop Marsala, Fish and Chips, Kabobs, Octopus Char Grilled, Chicken Milanese and Hunan Shrimp, Menu prices range from \$10-\$39. Keeping with the emphasis on families with a menu for kids as well. Clearly, there is something for everyone at The Whiskey Six, including the atmosphere! [7]

Hours: Closed Mondays. Tue-Sun 4-10pm; Web: www.thewhiskeysix.com















... THE UNTOLD STORY

By John Minnis

hen Jason VanBiervliet graduated from Grosse Pointe North in 2002, it was natural for him to work in the family's longtime collision shop, Van & Son, on Mack at Neff. But when his parents bought the former Captain's bar next door in 2005, his career trajectory changed.

"I've been working here since I was 21," recalls Jason, now 39. "I would work in the shop during the day and in the bar at night. I was dropping fries one day and the next thing I knew they threw me on the grill. People started asking me to cook their food. because I liked to

do a good job. I take a lot of pride in my presentation."

Individual customer service remains a tradition at Bogart'z to this day.

Originally called "Bogart'z Sports & Music Café," Jason changed it to "Bogart'z Food & Spirits" when he bought the business in 2013. While customers still watch sports on new (bigger) TVs added this year, and spirits remain a big part of the Bogart'z lineup along with craft beers and their own Bogey's Blonde Ale, food became a major emphasis with Jason. His made-in-house "bar food" — burgers, wings, onion rings, hand-cut fries, etc. — became "upscale," a cut above typical gin joints.

"I remember my father calling me into his office when I was working at the shop," Jason says. "A customer was telling him how he doesn't go to Bogart'z because it was the same as all the bars. Those words still ring in my ears. He expected me to fix that."

He did that by attending culinary school in the morning, working in the shop in the afternoon and in the kitchen at night.

Along the way, he tore off the dated dark paneling on the front of the building and inside, exposing the classic loft-style brick, built the patio out back (which was a godsend years later during the pandemic) and expanded the arcade

area for families.
He did this all with
the help of friends
— and a patio tent
from Allemon's up
the street.

The business was doing well ... until the pandemic hit. "2020 was probably our best year," Jason recalls, "until everything shut down." But, with his mother Leslee's help, Bogart'z survived. Leslee

was an old hand in the bar back in the day, and since Jason worked his way from the bottom up, he knew all the jobs required to run the business and was not afraid to where many hats.

(Jason is grateful for his friend's Cyber Tooth Media promotional work for helping get through the tough times.)

While the return of lunch service depends (for now) on getting the right team in place, Bogart'z night crowd is back, especially on Wednesday night with 1/2 off wine and trivia presented by Quizzo Detroit. Bogart'z also offers 1/2 off pizza on Tuesday and happy hour from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

"I like visually appealing food," Jason says. "I'm not just serving you a burger or whatever, I'm giving you a piece of my art. The beauty is being the owner and the chef and the creative force, I can do whatever I want. So if I see something I'm inspired by, I'll create it."

That is what makes Bogart'z a destination and the beginning of a beautiful friendship.





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Name: Robbie Drain

Age: **7**

City: Grosse Pointe Woods

Parents: Robbie Sr. and **Andrea Drain**

Siblings: **Two brothers** and a sister

School: Monteith **Elementary School**

Favorites

Sport

Food

School Subject

Family Activity

Basketball

Disney World

Pizza

Gym

Travel

Vacation

Outdoor Activity Bike ridina Book

"There was an Old Lady Who

Swalled a Bat"

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A scientist

What is your favorite thing about going to school?

Getting to learn different things in my special classes (Gym, Library, Art, Music)

Who is your hero and why?

My mom because she teaches me everything and my dad for coaching me in sports.

About Robbie

My name is Robbie Drain. I'm an athlete and I love to play sports. My favorite two are basketball and flag football. I've been in swim lessons since I was six months old. I enjoy traveling with my family. So far my favorite two states are Florida and California because I love to be warm.

Name: Birthdate:

Aria Drain Grosse Pointe Woods September 5, 2023

Sibling: Parents:

Robbie Sr. and Andrea Drain Three brothers

Cute Fact:

Favorite Toy:

I wear pretty bows every day.

Purple monkey rattle

About Arfle

My name is Aria. I'm the youngest of four children and I'm the only girl. I love to look at my brothers play with their toys. They're really funny to me. I smile and laugh throughout my day and, of course, I take lots of naps

to get my beauty rest. My favorite song is "Barbie Girl." My dad plays it every day for me. I'm already following in my brothers' footsteps by taking swimming lessons. Kicking and splashing in the water is my favorite.





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

- 1. Cure for diseases
- 2. The ability to visit any world of my choosing, real or fake
- 3. Be able to speak all languages

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Using my lifeguard training to help save others. When I went on a trip to Europe with my school last summer, a woman collapsed at the Eiffel Tower, and a classmate of mine and I helped her. Once at a concert two years ago, someone collapsed and I had to provide aid. A few summers ago, friends and I were swimming off the dock in Lake St. Clair at night. One of my friends had a seizure and started to go under. My lifeguard training kicked in and I helped her to the dock and my friends helped her out of the water.

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

My favorite skill that I possess is my ability to think quickly and react accordingly. Something I want to learn is how to be a better dancer

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

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Working toward obtaining the needed education to work in the forensic field.

Name	Mia Pyenta
Age	18
City	Grosse Pointe
School	University Liggett School
Parents	Kimberly and Mike Pyenta

Mia's

Favorites

School Subject

Science

Book

Crescent City

Show

Criminal Minds

Musical Artist

MGMT

Vacation

Park City or Italy

Extracurricular Activity

Skiing

Hobby

Drawing, skiing, sailing, swimming, rock climbing and reading

About

"I love the outdoors, reading, music, sports and traveling. Currently, I am a senior at University Liggett School and plan to attend the University of Michigan in the fall. I hope to pursue a career in forensic science because I find it interesting. I am also a huge college football fan. My favorite team is the University of Michigan Wolverines. I'm a lifeguard at the Country Club of Detroit and also a babysitter."









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Molly welcomes your hi-res Pointe Pets pictures at Lauren@grossepointemagazine.com.





In Memory of Lexi

"Lexi was the light of our lives. She was 11 years, 6 months old when she passed away in my arms on January 2, 2024 at home. She was a beautiful purebred Maine Coon. I had Lexi when I met my new boyfriend online. I soon realized that he was allergic to cats and had no experience with them. Instead of moving on, Paul started getting allergy shots and he adopted Lexi. She is loved and missed so much. RIP Baby Girl." Peggy McQuillan



Coqui

Coqui, a Yorkshire Terrier, is 20 months old and loves people and walking on Lake Shore Drive.



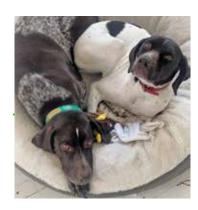
MeowMeow

MeowMeow just moved to Grosse Pointe Woods with his human parents!



Max

Max, a 9-year-old cattle dog mix from Grosse Pointe Woods, loves herding his people and will do anything for a tasty snack. Max says, "Go Blue!"



Belle & Rae

Belle, 5, and Rae, 3, are German Shorthaired Pointers who live in Grosse Pointe Woods and love to point(e) birds!

International pet travel

Dr. Jennifer Khalifah

e love our pets and want to take them everywhere we go, and sometimes that includes foreign countries. Unfortunately, this is not always as easy as you may think. Every country has their own specific rules and

requirements regarding importing an animal (bringing a pet into that country).

Pet travel to a foreign country can be complex and time-consuming, and requires an international health certificate and other



documentation. A veterinarian has to be USDA Accredited to be able to issue an International Health Certificate.

Before you start the process, you will need some basic information: the destination country (address of where you will be going), the date and location of departure from the United States, and whether the pet will be traveling alone, as cargo or with a person in the cabin of the plane. Next, you should visit the USDA Pet Travel website. This will give you an outline of requirements for individual countries. Once you have compiled this information, contact your veterinarian.

Working with your pet's veterinarian, the next step is to determine the destination country's requirements, including any necessary vaccinations, blood tests or treatments (like having a microchip implanted or preventative medications). We recommend creating a schedule to make sure all requirements are met within the specified timeframe, which can sometimes be multiple months. Along with the requirements, there are fees associated with the International Health Certificate, and again this is dependent on the destination country and paperwork and/or testing required.

Traveling internationally with your pet may be challenging, but it is also rewarding to have your fury friend with you.

Dr. Jennifer Khalifah graduated from Michigan State University in 1997. She joined Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital in 2016.

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- 6/14 Last Day of School

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

During the month of February, we join the nation in celebrating the achievements and contributions that career and technical education (CTE) programs provide in preparing students for high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand careers. Through Career & Technical Education programs (formerly known as Vocational Education), all Grosse Pointe students have the opportunity to acquire skills that prepare them for successful career entry and/or continuing education. These skills are transferable as well as job-specific and basic to students' general education, providing them with the foundation for life-long learning. The mission of Grosse Pointe Schools Career and Technical Education Program is to empower all students to be successful citizens, employees, life-long learners and leaders in a global economy.

The primary objectives for Grosse Pointe Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs are:

- To give students the specific skills needed for job-entry positions and broad transferable skills, allowing students further employment/education flexibility.
- To create an awareness of the structure and future trends within high-demand, high-skill, and high-wage industries to increase each student's options for career choices as well as providing a foundation for post-secondary education.
- To provide both school and work-based learning experiences.
- To bridge the gap between education and the world of work.

CTE programs must include classroom and laboratory experiences, work-based experiences, and competency-based instruction aligned with state level program standards.

Career Technical Education (CTE) in Grosse Pointe Public Schools provides students of all ages with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. CTE programs offer students a sequence of courses that provide rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards as well as relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare students for both further education and careers in current or emerging professions. These programs often include an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, and articulated college credit.

Grosse Pointe Schools have a vivacious commitment to all our academic programs and our CTE program is no exception. Grosse Pointe high schools proudly offer tremendous opportunities for college and career bound students and we are continually expanding all programs to meet the demand of our local and global economy. CTE class offerings are at the forefront of the diverse course offerings only available to Grosse Pointe students.

Go GPPSS, Andrea Tuttle









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 - Finance and Financial Management Services
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- Since 2015 the CTE program has generated an additional \$2,529,748.70 in funding that is required to be spent in these programs

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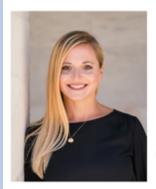
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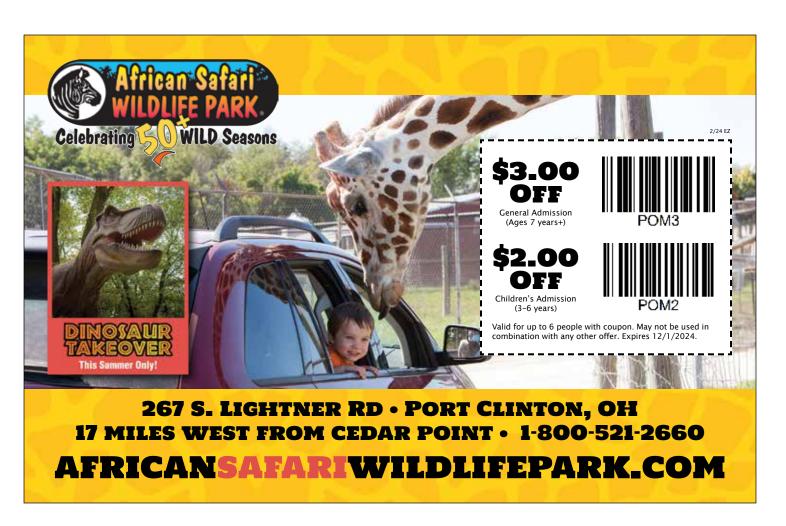
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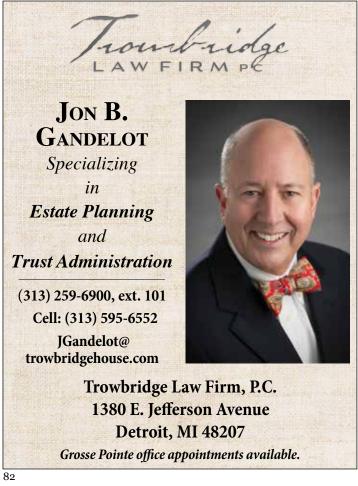


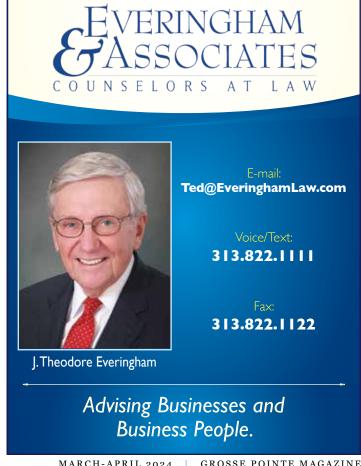




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