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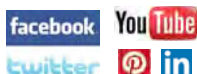
Soon it will be the most wonderful time of the year and as you prepare for holiday guests, meals galore and tree trimming fun, be sure to keep this issue close all season long. Themed "Holiday Style", this month our colorful pages connect you with festive people, places and things throughout the western suburbs. From **10 Local Faces at Holiday Places** to **7 Spectacular Santa Sightings**, it's all about making spirits bright. You'll enjoy every feature!

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It takes a village at this charming coffee shop on Main St. in Oswego. Celebrating 20 years this past September, the Village Grind is a community treasure. You won't find Wi-Fi here where owner Jodi Behrens prefers to hear the small town banter. What you will find is a warming quaint cafe to enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a piece of pie. It is a place that employees are family and trained to live by the Golden Rule. It is a place that welcomes all and provides the canvas to create your own comfort.

You will often find one of Jodi's four children or four grandchildren helping out. Daughter Katie bakes up the muffins and cookies. Jodi enjoys being creative in the kitchen and encourages her loyal customers to trust her and try new things on the menu. A variety of bagels and twenty different gourmet cream cheeses are picked up daily. Although the rosemary garlic was delectable, the original on a toasted multi grain bagel topped with the Caprese was our favorite.

The Caprese salad is made with garden fresh tomatoes, cucumber and lots of asiago cheese. Try it with the Black cherry lemonade. If you love a Thanksgiving feast try a lighter version with the Signature sandwich. A croissant is topped with turkey, cranberry relish and crushed pecans and perfectly pairs with a slice of pumpkin pie. All sandwiches come with a side of carrots and ranch dip. Lunch to go is ready all day but sells out quickly. If you want a little something more add a cup of soup. Daily selections change from the sweet and savory green pepper, cream of mushroom, to spicy creamy chicken wild rice.

A favorite memory growing up was our Grandma Schmoker helping out at our family restaurant baking pastries and sweet treats. We are reminded of her as we hear about kind and humble Joanne Johansen (pictured) who shows up daily with piping hot pies and baked goods. Joanne has been baking since the third grade. Make sure to save room to try her blueberry crumb top pie or upside down German chocolate cake while enjoying a hot sweet potato latte served in a locally made mug. Everything here is made and served with love and warmth.

ABOUT THE CRITICS Stephanie (right) & Tiffany (left) Schmoker are west suburban sisters who have always shared a love for dining out and they also enjoy cooking together. They came from a family of 7 and grew up on farm with fresh fruits, veggies and more. Watch for their review of a different west suburban restaurant in each issue of Glancer Magazine.



Dining CABARET

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I'm sure most of you remember the movie, *Sideways*. That's the movie that literally devastated Merlot sales with one quote, "If anybody orders any Merlot I am leaving. I am not drinking any ____ Merlot!" Paul Giamatti's character was a huge fan of Pinot Noir and as a result of the movie's cult following, Pinot Noir sales skyrocketed. Look, I'm as much of a fan of Pinot Noir as the next guy but Merlot has always been one of my favorite go-to grapes – blended or straight up it's a beautiful wine!

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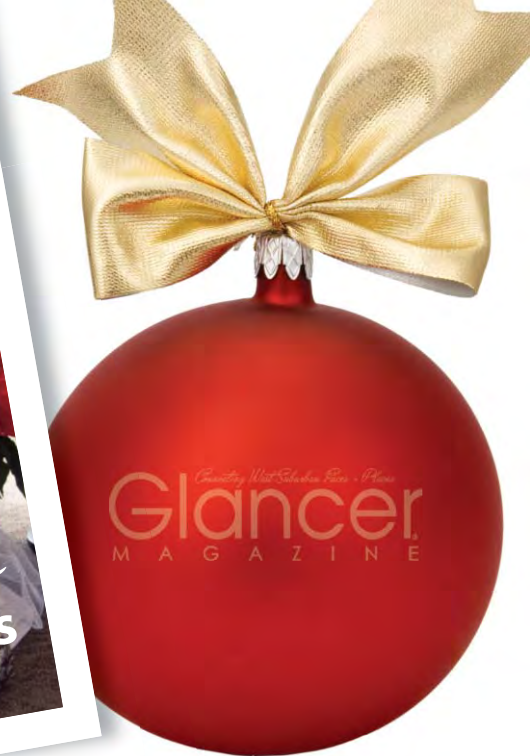
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Duckhorn Vineyards Merlot, Napa Valley, 2013 (\$55): A blend of 88% Merlot, 7% cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc barrel aged for 15 months. This has intoxicating aromas of ripe cherries, cedar, Asian spice and orange peel with delicious flavors of black raspberries and sweet plum. It's ridiculously balanced. This is another wine you could drink now or age for several years.

Both of these wines were absolutely inspiring but you can easily find some excellent Merlot at a lower price point. So let's contribute to the movement of #MerlotMe and drink more of it. Sláinte!

ABOUT THE WRITER Eric McMillan, *The Chicago Wino*, is your source for light-hearted reviews of wine. thechicagowino.com also features links to fun tools like wine/food pairing, ideal serving temperatures, and "must try" bottles! Visit thechicagowino.com for a simple look at some complex flavors. "Like" Eric on Facebook—The Chicago Wino





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1. Fred Zimmerman of Downers Grove | Breakfast with Santa at The Arboretum

22 year Downers Grove resident, Fred Zimmerman (pictured above as Santa), is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hinsdale, father of two college kids, and is also a respected Chicago actor who has appeared in award-winning Broadway Touring Companies; as well as, various comedies, dramas, and musicals around the country. During the holidays, Fred looks forward to the Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Downers Grove, all the Luminaria around town, and their family tradition of going to Starved Rock Lodge; but, most of all, he loves visiting with hundreds of children in his role as Santa. Fred began as Santa for Marshall Fields in the 90s and then started working for private events, including the annual Morton Arboretum's Breakfast with Santa experience. "It's the one appearance I truly look forward to each year, and that I hold as a benchmark against which I measure all others," Fred shares. He loves this time of year because people are on their best behavior, trying balance the fun of getting Christmas presents with the underlying goal of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. -KK

2. Marguerite Ledone of Sugar Grove | Holiday In the Grove

One of Marguerite Ledone's favorite holiday traditions with her husband, Rich and their three children, Tyler (17), Max (15) and Mia Rose (14), is to decorate their Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving and then put out a huge 1500-piece puzzle that they do together over the next couple of days. Perhaps it is that kind of challenge that helps her organize, as this year's President, all the events, volunteers and fundraising of Sugar Grove's Holiday in the Grove celebration. "My favorite part of this event is seeing the kids with Santa," says Marguerite. "They get so excited." She and her committee work hard to make a family-fun day that will be truly memorable including breakfast and pictures with Santa, decorating cookies with Mrs. Claus and Mrs. Santa's Sweete Shoppe amongst many other attractions. Marguerite is thankful that many residents and students volunteer to help her pull it together. "I love having family together during the holidays," she says, "and this really brings families and our community together." -MK (Marguerite is pictured to the left at top right)

3. Lt. John Mammoser of Glen Ellyn | Holiday Walk & Tree Lighting with Santa

Growing up in Glen Ellyn and having attended St. Petronille and St. Francis, John (pictured left) was taught to always give back. In high school, he volunteered as a math tutor, Special Olympics basketball coach, and at food pantries. "Volunteering as a firefighter is no different than volunteering with other local organizations," Johns says of his commitment to the Glen Ellyn Fire Department for the past five years. "As a child growing up in Glen Ellyn, I remember hearing a loud siren and that's how the firefighters knew to go to the station; so, from an early age, I had some understanding of how the fire department operated." Now a husband and father of three children, John supports his family by working as a fire protection engineer. During the holiday season, he enjoys taking his kids to the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce Holiday Walk and Tree Lighting with Santa. With the help of the Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company, Santa walks from the fire station to greet children and then lights the tree in town with the help of Snorkel fire truck. -KK

4. Dr. Mary Hopper of Glen Ellyn | Wheaton College Christmas Festival

The Wheaton/Glen Ellyn area has been home to Dr. Mary Hopper (pictured left) for the past 37 years and for 36 of those years, she has worked at Wheaton College where she is currently the Professor of Choral Music, the Director of Performance Studies, and conductor of the Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale. Mary also expresses her passion for music throughout the community by actively serving as the Minister of Music at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville. Her ultimate desire to express herself through melodies is filled especially during the holiday season. "I love Advent, the anticipation of Christmas, and celebrating the birth of Jesus," Mary says. As the Artistic Director of the upcoming Wheaton College Christmas Festival, Mary works with her colleagues in planning the music, decorations, and guest artists for the production that features a variety of carols and other Christmas music featuring over 200 Wheaton College Musicians. The holiday season is always very busy, but Mary is sure to have a party each year, after their last church service on Christmas Eve, to celebrate the true meaning of the season with friends.-KK



5. Craig Foltos of Batavia | Celebration of Lights Festival

If you've ever been to Batavia's Celebration of Lights Festival, you have probably seen Craig Foltos (pictured left standing to the far right). He is the guy with the microphone. Every year, for the last eighteen years, Craig volunteers to take on the role of MC and Sing-A-Long Leader as the community gathers to welcome Santa to town. "I love seeing all the kids singing as loud as they can," says Craig, who reveals he takes time before each fest to make sure he memorizes the words to each song. Craig, who owns Foltos Tonsorial Parlor in town, was born and raised in Batavia and currently lives there with his wife, Rona and son, Sam (11). He loves being a key part in the festival which includes wagon rides, a holiday craft market, free roasted chestnuts, tree lighting and of course, the community sing-a-long and visit from Santa. "I make sure to promote the event in my barbershop," explains Craig. "It is so great to see a huge part of our town come out to celebrate the upcoming holiday." -MK



6. George Ball of Aurora | Festival of Lights

For over sixty-two years, George Ball (pictured left) and his wife, Kathy have lived in Aurora. For the last ten years, since its inception, he has been a part of creating Aurora's annual Festival of Lights. When he retired in 2015, George accepted the role of Director of the event and still holds that position today. One of his favorite aspects of the holiday season is the music and lights which makes his work in creating a drive-through wonderland of lighted and animated displays so satisfying. The festival takes place in Phillips Park, and it is presented in partnership between the Aurora Rotary Club and the City of Aurora. It is a free event; however, they do accept donations that benefit multiple local charities. "One year," explained George, "we had four generations of my family taking collections." Last year there was a record-breaking 29,000 cars that rode through the display. My favorite part of the event is greeting the cars and seeing children excited and pestering to go around again," he says. "It feels like a gift has been given and received." -MK



7. Erin Venezia of Downers Grove | Gingerbread House Contest

Erin Venezia (pictured left) of Downers Grove is looking forward to all the fun holiday traditions she and her husband, Tony, can share this year with their children, Hilary (4) and Frankie (8 months). Traditions like decorating a Christmas tree and baking cookies, but special favorites include carriage rides through downtown and making their own gingerbread house. It was these kinds of traditions that inspired Erin, who is also the Marketing Director for the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corp., to research and create a city-wide Gingerbread House Contest as part of their downtown holiday festival. The contest has now been a part of the city's tradition for eight years.

"We have families that have participated every year as well as businesses, non-profit organizations and scout troops," explains Erin. You can vote for your favorite house the same dates as the festival, and the houses remain on display in the downtown businesses through December 14th. "I am always amazed by the creative talent that is on display," says Erin. "It's such a fun way to kick-off the holidays." -MK



8. Maren Biester Priebe of Des Plaines | Christkindlmarket Naperville

For the past 10 years, Maren Biester Priebe (pictured right), General Manager of German American Events, LLC., has played an active role in the Christkindlmarket bringing vendors from around the world to share their products in this multi-cultural event. This holiday season, the Christkindlmarket is coming to Naperville, and area residents will soon appreciate what Maren experienced as a child growing up in Germany. "Our spruce pine tree was adorned with silver tinsel strands, real red candles, ornaments, nuts and apples, all of which we thought the Christkind decorated when she came to leave a burlap sack stuffed with gifts," Maren shares. "The Christkind (pictured left) is as a mythical being, with blond locks that are topped by a golden crown, and she wears long golden/white robes." She is the bearer of gifts to those that believe and rings a bell once gifts have been left on Christmas Eve. Just as in Nuremberg, Germany, the Christkind will open the Naperville market with her traditional prologue; and share holiday traditions while spreading the message of peace, goodwill and harmony. -KK



9. Sacha Urban of Geneva | Snowflake Shuffle

Sacha Urban (pictured left with a group of race participants) has a passion for running. She has run 5K's, 10K's, half marathons, the Chicago Marathon and this year challenged herself and completed a half-ironman race. She was a perfect fit for being on the committee to launch Geneva's Snowflake Shuffle three years ago and then take over this year as race director. As Manager of Community Giving for TriCity Family Services, she enjoys facilitating the festive run that raises money and awareness for quality and affordable mental health services.


The Snowflake Shuffle is a 5K/10K run and walk. "It's a race for the whole family," says Sacha. "We see so many families with strollers and their dogs and donning spirit wear. There are even prizes for best and runner-up costumes."

Sacha, who was born and raised in Switzerland, enjoys many of her homeland holiday traditions with her family, but loves to get a jump start into the season with the challenge and fun of running a 10K in the cold. "And of course," she says, "I enjoy the cookies and hot chocolate afterwards." -MK



10. Bradley Armacost of Evanston | A Christmas Carol at Drury Lane

As an artistic associate with Provision Theater and the radio drama UNSHACKLED, Bradley (pictured left) shares their mission to create works of hope and redemption through the performing arts. He especially treasures the opportunity to bring A Christmas Carol tale to young audiences through a special breakfast event at Drury Lane this holiday season. "It's a glorious time of year and an honor and delight to be able to tell this story and be a small part of so many young audience member's Christmas memories," Bradley says. Outside of his impressive acting career, which includes working on stage at the Chicago Symphony, Beyond The Score series, Goodman, Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare; as well as acting in Chicago Fire, Mind Games, Empire, Patriot, and The Exorcist on Fox network - Bradley is also a Saint Nicholas parishioner in Evanston; ensemble member at the Irish Theatre of Chicago; and an Irish American Heritage Center member. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Bradley values quiet moments with his wife and son, sitting by the fireplace, celebrating their faith, friends and family. -KK



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When my girls were younger, I struggled to find volunteer opportunities that our entire family could participate in together. Many organizations have age restrictions; but, not **Ronald McDonald House**; and now there is a location right in the west suburbs near **Central DuPage Hospital** allowing any age to volunteer so long as a parent is present.

My girls and their friends have gravitated toward volunteering over the years. They find so much joy in the gift of giving back. We recently volunteered for the **Meals from the Heart** program and prepared lunch for about 20 people that were staying at the house.

Like many homes, the kitchen is the heart of the Ronald McDonald Houses, and after a long day at the hospital, many families are in need of a home-cooked meal. Meals from the Heart volunteers work as a group to plan the menu; purchase the ingredients; and prepare the meal in the full service kitchens, allowing families to find nourishment and comfort in a shared meal.

Our group of teenage girls filled the space with laughter while they chopped and prepped a Taco Bar complete with dessert and drinks, and served the patients and their families. The entire group enjoyed themselves so much they all want to come back! Lucky for us, there are so many opportunities; such as, serving as Family Ambassadors, Green Thumb Volunteers, House Refreshers, Home Improvement Volunteers, Meals from the Heart,

Special Event Volunteers, and Family Program Volunteers.

Since the Family Program Volunteers provide special activities at the House such as baking, arts and crafts, yoga, massage, and much more, the girls were busy making plans for their next adventure – what kind of cookies to make, how about a hot chocolate bar; what about a drive-in movie theater with cardboard boxes; etc... the energy was high and the girls cannot wait to come back - to give the best gift of all this season – the gift of giving back!

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ABOUT THE WRITER

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Believe it or not the Turkey Trot has been around for 100 years. However, growing up in a Greek household the thought of anyone actually leaving the kitchen on Thanksgiving to go running was absurd. Unless you were running to "The" Jewel, Dominic's or White Hen. Fast forward to 2016. A family of my own. We do a turkey trot, followed by Starbucks for good measure because it doesn't get more American than that.

One of Chicagoland's "Top 10 Turkey Trots" takes place in Batavia. **The Fox & The Turkey** is the premiere race in Fox Valley on Thanksgiving morning. What I love about this race, all participants donate a bag of nonperishable food.

Let's face it folks, we anticipate the day after Thanksgiving more than the holiday itself. I admit, I'm guilty of wanting to move onto Christmas. Mostly because I like to quote ELF.

Nothing like a craft show to get you geared up for the upcoming holiday season. **The Geneva Woman's Club 42nd Annual Craft Show** will be held November 12th at Geneva HS. There will be 100 crafters, bake goods and even lunch available. A \$5 admission fee supports local charities.

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Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing your family many blessings and a low rating on the dysfunction scale.

ABOUT THE WRITER Theoni Limouris is a graduate of St. Cloud State University. She credits her degree in Education for setting her up to succeed in both the classroom and Corporate America. As a busy wife and mother of 2, you will find her buzzing around the western suburbs in her VW Beetle watching people slug each other all day long.



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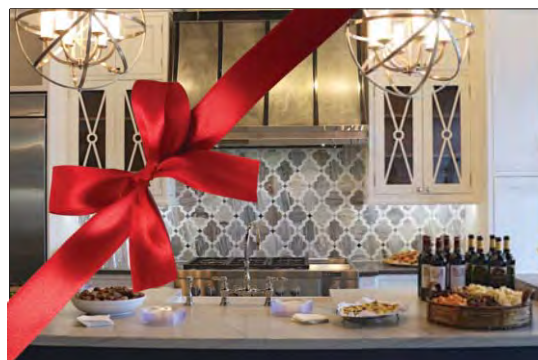
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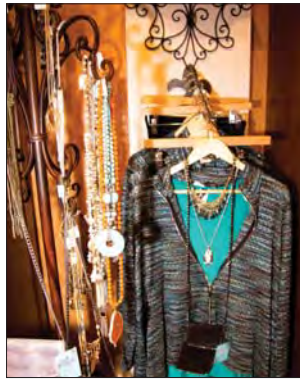
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–Mindy Kyle

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ABOUT THE WRITER

Mindy Kyle graduated from the University of Illinois in Communications and has a masters degree in creative writing from DePaul University. She is a regular feature and column writer for Glancer Magazine and a Naperville mom of three. She enjoys spending rare free time shopping in the small neighborhood stores and boutiques to find fashions and treasures – and of course, shoes! - that uniquely portray her personality and style.



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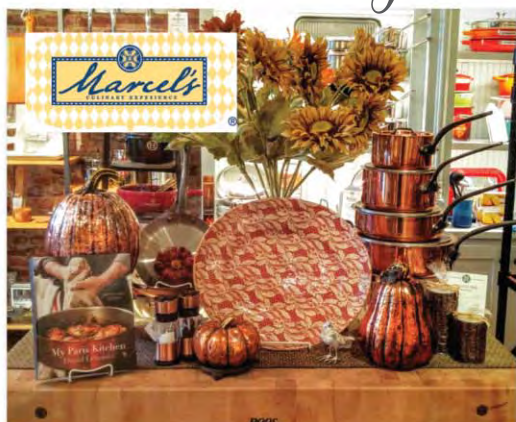
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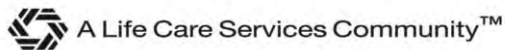
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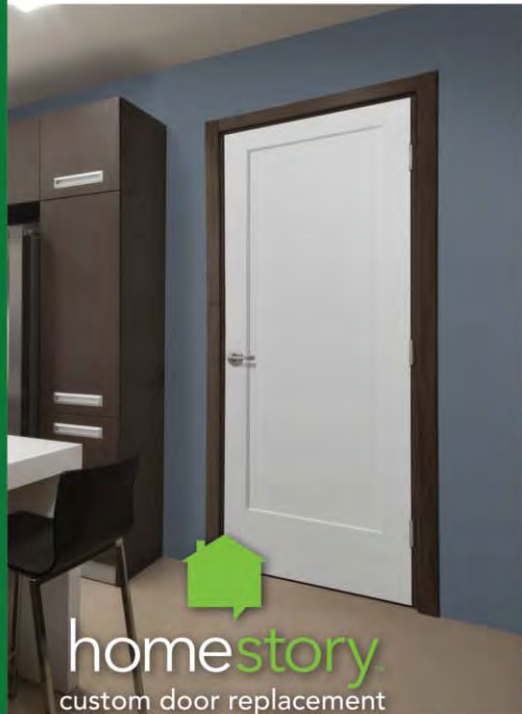
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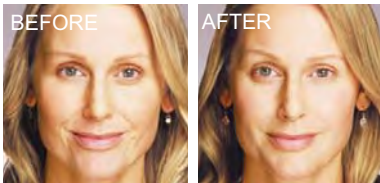
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them of the specific heart condition (do provide a list of medications) to help choose the safest medication for the cold.

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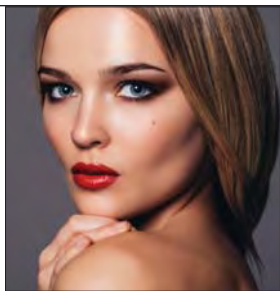
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MONTHLY FEATURE

HERO Mom



LearningRx Naperville Celebrates Its 5th Year of Brain Training

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ask an expert Hank Ebeling is the Owner and Lead Coach at H4 Training. His training systems have helped countless clients achieve their goals and get into the best shape of their lives. Hank has a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology from University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine. Hank has been in the training industry for 8+ years working on his craft at numerous health clubs and private training studios. With a passion for fitness, he strives to empower his athletes and clients with knowledge so that they may continue to improve throughout their lives.



NANCY NYHEIM, HINSDALE HCS Family Services

Who knew that in the very affluent suburb of Hinsdale that hunger exists? Like most, Nancy was shocked to learn that 200 people in her home town of 16 years struggled daily to put food on the table.

"I knew immediately that this is where I wanted to serve as a volunteer," Nancy says. "I was humbled to find out that HCS Family Services provides food to over 21,000 hungry people in and around my zip code every year!" HCS Family Services is committed to solving hunger in southeast DuPage County through their pantry programs; and will also soon be opening a food pantry in Anne M. Jeans Elementary School in Burr Ridge.

In addition, during the holidays, Nancy aids with their Holiday Assistance Program, which provided 1,161 people with gifts last year. Nancy matches community donors to families' wish lists, and then assists the donors in distributing their gifts through a festive event. "It is a very moving experience for me to witness such local generosity and respect for those in our community who have less," she says.

As a mother of three grown daughters and the owner of Stop & Smell The Roses, Nancy further volunteers for Random Acts of Flowers in Evanston by creating floral pieces to be delivered to people in hospitals and nursing homes who

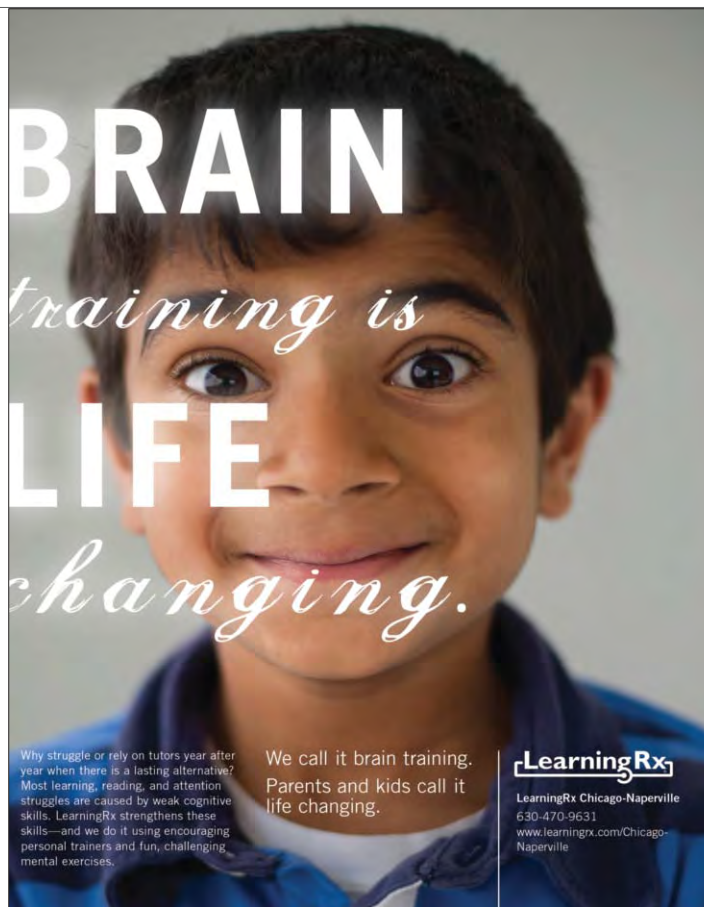
have no one to support them.

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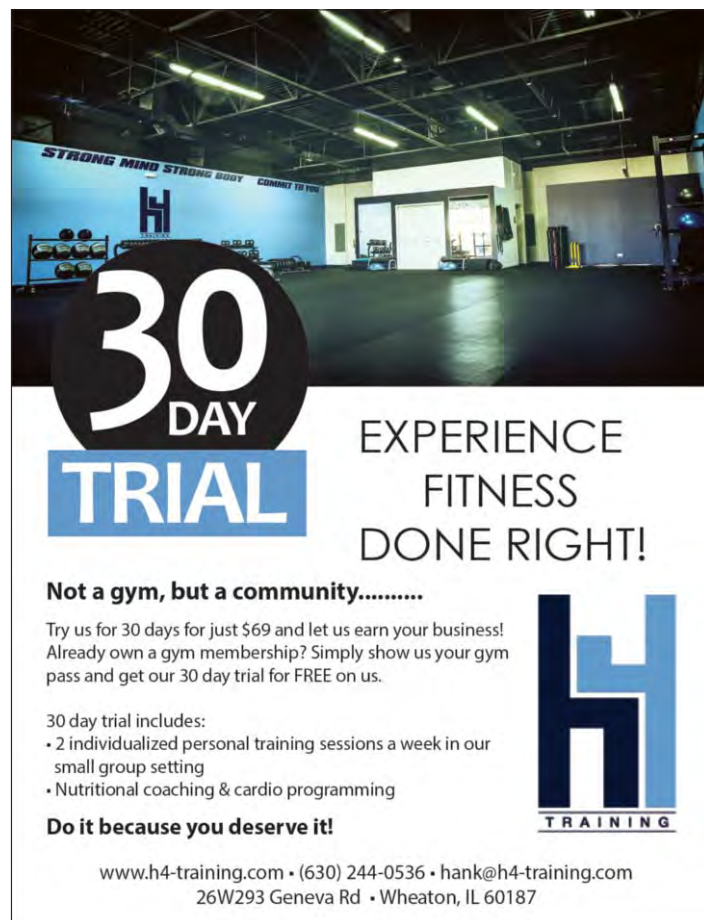
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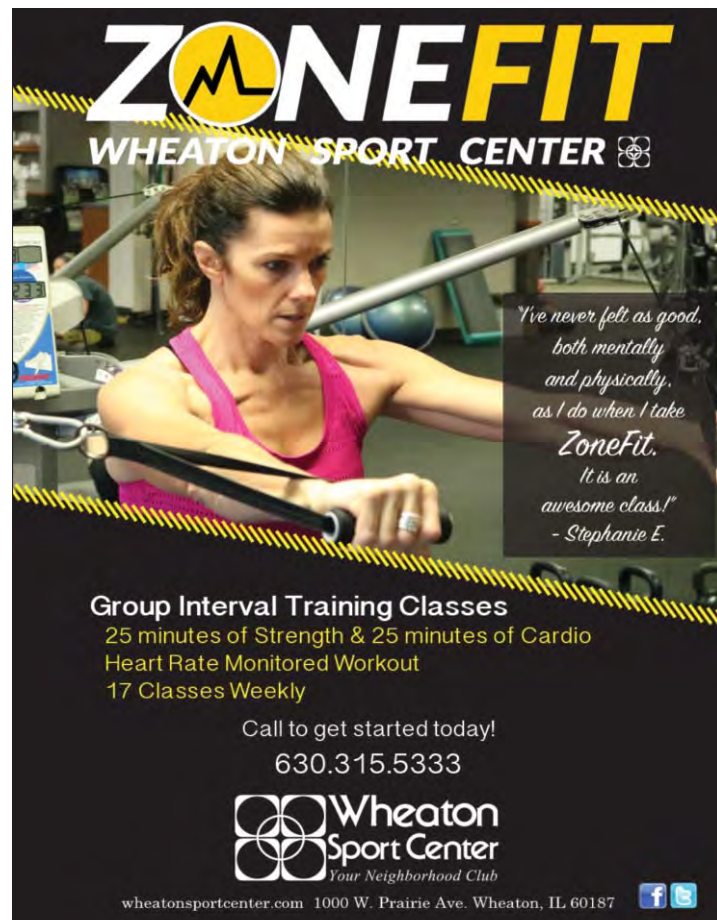
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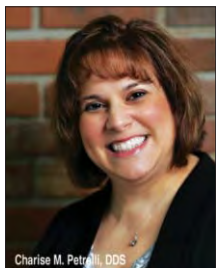


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MONTHLY COLUMN

Beautiful-Inside & Out

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When I think of the month of October, it is hard not to think of the color pink. During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, their signature pink color permeates the landscape. I walk through our downtown shopping area and spy pink fashions and t-shirts displayed in the boutique windows and bakeries with pink ribbon cookies and cupcakes. My Sunday afternoons are filled with my favorite NFL teams donned in pink shoes and gloves. One of the more unique shows of support that has quickly gained popularity over the years is the pink streaks that show up in the hair of young girls and women all over the nation. Even my daughters and I joined in on the bandwagon this year.

Elizabeth Gutowski and her mother, Anita Koch, owners of the Beautiful You Salon and Spa in St. Charles, have been proud supporters of this initiative through the Pink Hair for Hope Foundation. "I love to be a part of this program," says Elizabeth, "and help all who are battling breast cancer. My mom and her best friend, Gina, are both survivors, so it is a cause that is close to my heart."

For a \$10 donation per extension, guests were able to decorate their "do's" in pink. The stylists donated their time, and Hair for Hope donated 100% of the net proceeds from the donations received for financial support to cancer patients and research.

"It's a pink symbol of hope," explains Elizabeth. "I think it is a fun way to show your support and raise awareness, and customers felt good about their contribution and new style." Sometimes doing one small act can make a difference. Both Elizabeth and Anita believe this as they attempt to make a difference one strand at a time.

—Mindy Kyle

about the writer

Mindy Kyle is the owner of Be Inspired Studios and currently teaches classes in creativity at the Alive Center in Naperville. She has her Masters in Fine Arts degree in creative writing from DePaul University and is enjoying her first year of being a feature writer for Glander. Mindy lives in Naperville with her husband, three children and brand new puppy. You can find Be Inspired Studios on Facebook at www.facebook.com/beinspiredstudios/?fref=ts.





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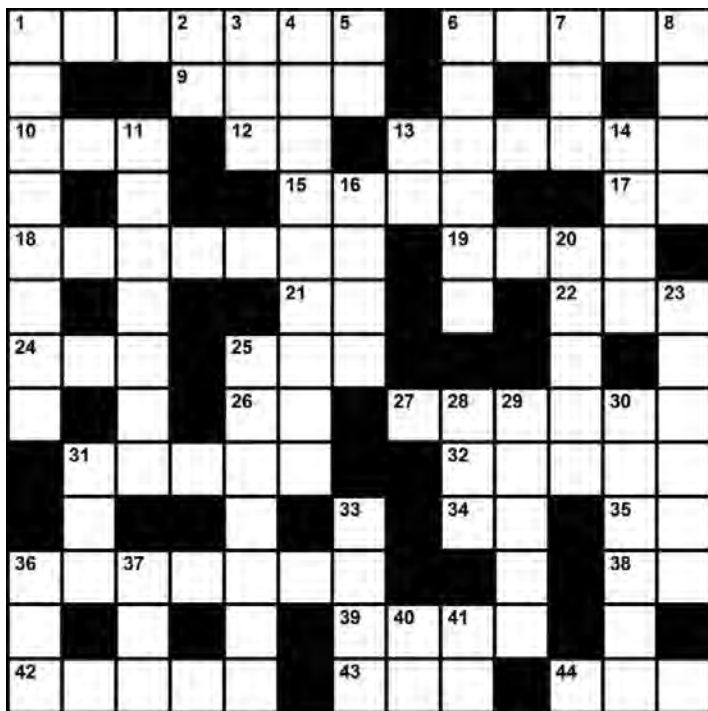
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Crossword Puzzle



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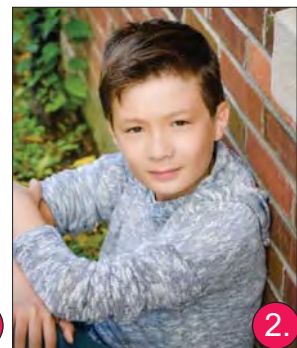
ACROSS

- 1 Savory & Sweet _____
- 6 In Naperville: Santa _____
- 9 Winter blanket
- 10 The _____: GE Theater
- 12 Big party
- 13 Little Friends _____
- 15 Playful mammal
- 17 Good grades
- 18 Raised, as a flag
- 19 Turkey _____
- 21 Roman 6
- 22 Clothing retailer
- 24 The Bulls are part of it
- 25 Matching collection
- 26 Elevated railway, for short
- 27 Downtown _____: Along the Fox
- 31 Do together
- 32 Wine related
- 34 For example, abbr.
- 35 Compass point
- 36 Wine Time at Bottle & _____
- 38 Exists
- 39 Trendy high level apartment
- 42 Oakbrook _____ Resort
- 43 "Bingo!"
- 44 Pen fluid

DOWN

- 1 Elgin _____ Orchestra
- 2 Poet Eliot
- 3 Stopping point
- 4 _____ Road, After a President
- 5 Mount Greenwood is to the _____ of Chicago
- 6 AMITA _____
- 7 Land of the brave and free
- 8 Dots on smiley faces
- 11 Cupboards _____
- 13 Sound system, for short
- 14 Computer information
- 16 Improve copy
- 20 Rt. 34, Runs Through Lisle
- 23 Glancer Magazine Faces & _____
- 25 Monthly Feature: Boutique _____
- 28 The night before Christmas
- 29 NJWC Ladies _____ Out
- 30 For College Kids: Career _____
- 31 Key executive
- 33 Nov 19, Best Day Evuh _____
- 36 "A Christmas Carol" cry
- 37 TV's "Shop _____ You Drop"
- 40 Expression of surprise
- 41 Musical scale note

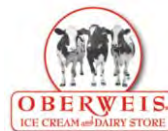
Cute Kids



And the November 2016 Winners Are...

1. **Lennox (2)** He is so full of life, always smiling and just a joy to be around. He makes our lives so happy. Thank you for allowing us to share him with you. (Western Suburbs)
2. **Aidan (10)** This adorable kid just turned 10 and has a model with Lily's Talent, too! (Naperville)
3. **Riley (1)** She's a wild child with a mind of her own! She marches to the beat of her own drum, unless her big sister is drumming in which case, she marches to her beat! (Geneva)
4. **Sheridan (5) and Rodger (3)** They love to learn, grow and play with Naperville YMCA's—Spirit of the YMCA® statue, Fry Family YMCA in Naperville. (Naperville)

Each child is the lucky recipient of a \$10 Gift Card to Oberweis Ice Cream, compliments of Glancer Magazine. Send your CUTE KID photos to editorial@glancermagazine.com for publishing consideration. First name, age and city requested. Caption should be no more than 25 words. If you are a business and would like to sponsor our contest by donating a prize for each of our monthly winners, contact Lindy Kleivo at lkleivo@glancermagazine.com.



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COOKIE LOVE

Mindy Segal, Lincoln Park

A new, edgier take on baking cookies, from a James Beard Award-winning chef and the owner of the popular Chicago restaurant, HotChocolate. Mindy Segal is serious about cookies. And Cookie Love is your go-to, never-fail reference for turn-out-perfectly-every-time cookie recipes. Mindy, award-winning pastry chef and self-professed "cookie nerd," shares all of her secrets for turning classic recipes into more elevated, fun interpretations of everyone's favorite sweet treat. From Peanut Butter Peanut Brittle Cookies and Fleur de Sel Shortbread with Vanilla Halvah, to Malted Milk Spritz and Peaches and Cream Thumbprints, Segal's recipes are inspired and far from expected. Inside you'll find more than sixty perfected recipes for every kind of cookie including drop cookies, bars, sandwich cookies, shortbread, thumbprints, and more, as well as the best tricks and tools of the trade and everything you need to know to build the ideal cookie pantry. A must-have for anyone looking to up their cookie-baking game, Cookie Love is a celebration of the most humble, delicious, and wonderful of baked treats. Available on Amazon.



ANDREW J: THE CORGI WHO RESCUED ME

Janet Sutherland, Glen Ellyn

Author and former Chicago radio reporter Janet Sutherland, who grew up in Glen Ellyn, nearly died from a brain aneurysm. When she recovered, she adopted Andrew J, a Pembroke corgi who became Janet's best friend and protector. Her book "Andrew J: The Corgi Who Rescued Me" explains to children how pets play in an important role in helping those who are sick or injured. A portion of the proceeds from this unique collection of stories will be donated to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, the globally recognized leader in brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy and research funding. Proceeds will also be donated to Corgiaid, a nonprofit organization that assists in the rescue and fostering of corgis and corgi mixes. Among other places, the book was donated to Arbor View Elementary School in Glen Ellyn. Available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Lulu.com, www.janetesutherland.com.

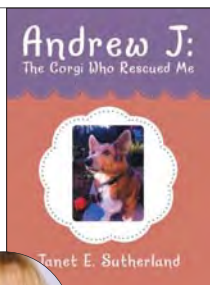


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Trendy TRAVELER

PLAN A WINTER SKI GETAWAY

Winter is here! Now's the time to plan a ski trip the entire family can enjoy. We found the perfect spot in the heart of Wyoming and .

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) is a ski resort in Teton Village, Wyoming. Located 12 miles northwest of Jackson and due south of Grand Teton National Park in Teton County, it is named after the historically significant Jackson Hole valley. Jackson Hole is known in the U.S. for its steep terrain and its vertical drop is one of North America's highest, at 1,262 metres (4,140 ft). Jackson Hole Mountain Resort is one of the highest in vertical drop in the U.S. Snowmass has the highest vertical drop at just over 4,400 ft.

If you love winter travel, then this is the perfect place for you and yours! The resort thrives as one of the only independently-owned premier ski resorts thanks to the Kemmerer Family, whose enduring commitment to Wyoming is intertwined in the State's history.

Jay Kemmerer, Connie Kemmerer, and Betty Kemmerer Gray's ties to Wyoming date back to the turn of the century, when their great grandfather founded a southwest Wyoming town that today bears the family name. The family's business interests in coal mining and banking started in 1897 and prospered through the 1900s.

Complete with all of your favorite resort amenities, including a Mountain Sports School offering ski & snowboard lessons, a Kids Ranch with many fun activities and complimentary mountain tours always, this makes for the perfect ski getaway.

Teton Village, Wyoming is 12 miles northwest of the town of Jackson and families can fly direct from Chicago on Delta. Frontier serves Jackson Hole with direct flights from Denver as well, so a connecting flight would do. Have some time to plan a roadtrip? Plan on a 20 hour drive straight through, but don't sweat it. There's many fabulous stops along the way in Iowa and Nebraska. Make this one your best family trip yet. Enjoy! www.jacksonhole.com



Christkindmarket

Merry AND BRIGHT

Enjoy the Season at Naper Settlement

Make new holiday traditions this season as Naper Settlement's 12-acre property is transformed into a winter wonderland. From Nov. 8 to Dec. 24, enjoy the sparkle of hand-made ornaments at **Merry & Bright: Glass Ornaments from Around the Globe Exhibit**. From Nov. 25 to Dec. 17, the Weed Ladies will be selling holiday floral arrangements. Visitors can enjoy **Naper Lights** and **Christkindlmarket**, as it transforms the grounds into an outdoor German marketplace, from Thursday to Sunday, Nov. 25 to Dec. 24. Take a beautiful **Martin Mitchell Mansion Holiday Tour** from Nov. 26 to Dec. 18. Learn about Mrs. Claus' past at History Speaks on Dec. 14. On Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 17, bring your children to Santa at the Settlement. www.napersettlement.org

All About the Christkindlmarket.....

The Christkindlmarket Chicago is excited to host a suburban location of the Christkindlmarket you have come to know and love at **Naper Settlement**. The Christkindlmarket Naperville is a German outdoor holiday market featuring over 35 vendors from around the world who display hand-crafted ornaments, crafts and unique holiday gifts as well as traditional German foods, sweets and beverages. The Christkindlmarket Naperville will celebrate the season at their new home at Naper Settlement (523 S. Webster, Naperville) with all the joy and tradition of the original market in Chicago. Experience this beloved Chicagoland tradition Nov. 25-Dec. 24: Thurs 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat until 9pm, Sun until 6pm. Special dates include Dec. 19-23: 11am-9pm. Admission is FREE! Visit www.christkindlmarket.com/naperville or call (312) 494-2175.

Wilder Mansion's 6th Annual Holiday Market

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Spectacular Santa Sightings Not to Miss

♪♪ You better watch out. You better not cry. Better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town... ♪♪ Families love this time of year because it's time to see Santa Claus! Though he will be very busy this season, we found a few local area favorites that he'll be visiting, so be sure to mark your calendars.

1. Glen Ellyn's Holiday Walk on November 25

This favorite event started in 1975 and now is an Annual Tradition passed down through generations! The Fire Department lifts Santa Claus as the countdown begins and he lights the tree to the cheers of residents filling the streets. Children follow Santa to the Fire Department to share their wishes & get a candy cane. www.glenellynchamber.com

2. Christmas Brunch with Santa at Drury Lane In Oakbrook

Celebrate the holiday season with this exquisite brunch! From eggnog and cinnamon rolls to green bean casserole and hand carved roast turkey, they will have all of your holiday favorites. Gather around the 20-ft sparkling Christmas tree for a family photo before seeing our dazzling production of Crazy for You. Don't forget to say "Hi" to Santa! Dates: Sun., Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, and 18. www.drurylane.com

3. Santa Arrives In St. Charles on Friday, November 25

Santa opens his house for the first time on Friday, November 25, after the "Lighting of the Lights" in St. Charles. This is your chance to have the kids visit Santa and get pictures at his house. Weekends in December. Santa visits are free but a photographer is not available so be sure and bring a camera. www.downtownstcharles.org/events/holiday-homecoming/

4. Oswego Holiday Express 2016

Book your Magical Journey! The tradition continues for the holidays. Oswego Holiday Express will leave the Santa Station (South Point, 810 Preston Lane, Oswego) for the North Pole the weekend of December 9, 10, & 11. All Aboard to kiddos young and old! Put on your pajamas, don your warmest apparel, and we will stamp your tickets at the trolley on the way to the top of the world. Real reindeer will greet you, you'll enjoy hot

cocoa from the Village Grind and meet Santa! www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org

5. Breakfast with Santa at Your Favorite Downers Grove Restaurant

Join one of these delicious restaurants for a Breakfast with Santa. Nov. 27 10:15-11:15am Pinecone Cottage (630-963-9130); 11:30-12:30pm Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant (630-969-0600) Reservations Required. Please contact the individual restaurant to make your reservation; December 4, 11:30-12:30pm Emmett's Ale House (630-434-8500) Reservations Required. Please contact the restaurant to make your reservation.

6. Santa House In Naperville Presented by Woody Buick GMC

December 2-23 – Take a magical trip to visit Santa on the Naperville Riverwalk at Jackson Avenue and Webster Street. Admission is free. Photos can be purchased for \$8 each or two for \$15. Special needs times available. www.napervilleparks.org/santahouse

7. Santa House and Gingerbread Cookie Tent In Hinsdale

In Hinsdale's Storybook Village you'll find Santa at Santa House, that and the Gingerbread Cookie Tent are open on Saturday's in December in Burlington Park. On Friday, December 2, Santa will also visit children at the Santa House following the Tree Lighting Ceremony from 5:30 to 8pm. Plus, he will be there all season long! Check online for times and details. Visits are free. There is no photographer so be sure to bring a camera. www.hinsdalechamber.com

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**YOU'VE BEEN GLANCED...
Celebrating the Life
of Pauly D (Oct 1)**

This special event brought together friends, loved ones and community supporters of the Pauly D Foundation. Held at Q Center in St. Charles, with a Superman theme in memory of Pauly DelleGrazie who lost his life to a drowning incident on June 14, 2014. The Pauly D Foundation was established to advocate for water safety and drowning prevention.

www.paulydfoundation.com
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**YOU'VE BEEN GLANCED...
Ellsworth's Harvest House
Walk (Oct 2)**

Guests enjoyed an autumn stroll through the lovely homes on display at Ellsworth's Harvest House Walk in early October. This self-guided walking tour took them through several distinguished homes downtown Naperville's well-preserved historic district. Each ticket purchased will directly benefit Ellsworth Elementary by helping its Home & School continue to fund and support resources for its students, teachers, and staff.

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