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October 10, Sat. Bark for Life @Angel's Pet World (105 2nd St.)

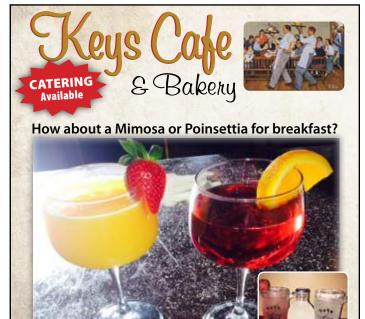
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www.hudsonwi.org October 24, Sat.

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Dear Residents,

While just weeks ago we wrapped up a spectacular summer, with lots of sunshine, and not too many super humid, hot days, I am already savoring the sights and smells of autumn. Multihued landscapes full of red, orange and yellow leaves contrasting against blue skies. The reflection of those beautiful leaf color combinations in the water of a lake or ambling river. The smell of the crisp fall air and the feeling of a warm ray of sunshine on your face on a gorgeous fall afternoon.

What's not to love about this time of year? According to area meteorologists, the fall color this year is supposed to be at its best (thank you rainy spring and plentiful summer storms).

So it's the perfect time to take a walk in the woods, explore a state park or enjoy a cruise along the St. Croix River. It's the perfect time to head to one of the many area apple orchards and savor nature's bounty and all the fun activities they host this time of year. It's the perfect time to get outside as much as you can before winter hits.

It really is such a perfect time of year. Take time to savor it!



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The Daultons: A Family Rooted in Faith

BY LEAH NOEL

olene Daulton often is asked how she does it all—running her own physical therapy business and being a mother to seven children, ranging in age from 21 to 9. She quickly points out that her husband, Ron, who is also self-employed, also works out of their Hudson home, which helps manage their family's busy schedule.

"If he didn't help out and take the kids to places, I probably wouldn't be able to do everything I do," Jolene says. "Being selfemployed enables us to be flexible enough to really be involved in our kids busy lives," Ron says. "With the risky economy and such a large family, it takes both of us these days to bring in an income and help with the household duties. We are finding that these teen years take a lot more teamwork than when they were little!"

Jolene, who launched Daulton Physical Therapy in 2014 and has been a physical therapist for 28 years, works out of two offices: one in her home and one at 131 Carmichael Road, which is expanding in January. Her husband Ron owns his own corporate search firm, Daulton & Associates, and often works to find upper level executives and sales managers for heavy equipment and machinery companies, including John Deere, Caterpillar and Case.

Their children are Ryan, 21; McKenna, 19; Jaron (J.J.) 18; Devon, 16; Jacob, 14; Brienna, 12; and Zachary, 9.

Ryan is a senior at Marquette University, majoring in information technology and entrepreneurship. He's a self-taught coder and iPhone app developer. He's completed nearly seven apps in the last two years, four of which have been offered in Apple's app store. "I'd love to work at a large IT company such as Google or Apple when I graduate," he says. Ryan is also a proud member of the National Guard.

McKenna is a sophomore at Concordia University Wisconsin, majoring in both biomedical sciences and Spanish. She competes on the track and field team in the pole vault and javelin, as well as on the acrobatics and tumbling team. During her freshman year, she came one inch short of breaking the school record in the pole vault and received recognition as one of the top three athletes on the acrobatics and tumbling team. She hopes to go to dental school one day, specializing in orthodontics. "I'd love to someday travel the world doing mission work as a bilingual dentist," she says.



Jaron, better know as J.J., just graduated this past spring from Hudson High School, where he played football as a freshman and was varsity goalie for the hockey team in his junior and senior years. This fall, he's taking flying lessons from his uncle in Appleton as he considers a career in aviation. JJ says, "I am looking for a career that I would really enjoy that provides a great income, and time off to do what I really love, which is hunting and fishing!"

Devon is junior at Hudson High and is on the varsity football and baseball teams. This summer he worked for Winzer Stube Restaurant and did a lot of traveling: to Canada fishing with his dad, brothers, and sister, to Colorado Springs on a Catholic Heart work camp mission trip and on his annual trip to Florida with a buddy.

Jacob is a freshman at Hudson High School this year, playing halfback for the freshman football team, and he is looking forward to basketball this season for Hudson High and AAU in the spring. When he is not at the Y, he loves spending time with his siblings as well as his friends.

Brienna is in seventh grade and Zachary is in fourth grade at St. Patrick school. "Both are avid soccer enthusiasts, Instagram gurus and love hanging out with friends," Jolene says. Brienna traveled with her U13 team to Winnipeg, Canada, to watch the Women's FIFA World Cup this summer and participate in a soccer tournament. Zach, who is playing soccer this fall, is looking forward to playing football next fall and also likes comic books and playing piano.

A big part of the Daultons' family life is being involved in St. Patrick Parish and school. "We really like our church and school community," Jolene says. "It's where we first connected with people when we moved here. Going to church and spending time as a family in prayer are an anchor for us every Sunday."

Ron served on St. Patrick's Parish Council for four years and many of the Daulton children have served on church mission trips, including two trips to Guatemala.

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"We encourage them to be self-disciplined and to value sacrifice," Jolene says about her children. "That comes with being in a big family."

So does chore duty. "My kids would say chores is my middle name," Jolene says jokingly. "We all share in the tasks of keeping the house in order, and when all seven kids help out, it's not as hard. Everyone usually has only one or two things to do."

Because their family is so large, it is hard to coordinate vacations where everyone can come along. But some of their favorite trips have been to Orange Lake Resort in Florida and to Lake Geneva. "We also rented a houseboat in Voyageurs National Park and everyone says that was their favorite family trip," Jolene says.

The Daultons have lived in Hudson's St. Croix Estates since 2000. They moved here from Colorado, where Jolene and Ron met while working in employee wellness at Coors Brewing Company.

"Living in Hudson is awesome," Jolene says. "The school system is great, we're so close to the river. We have great neighbors." Ron says, "We chose Hudson because of its small-town charm and its access to a larger metropolitan area. Jolene is a Wisconsin native so we wanted to move closer to family. We have a close-knit neighborhood, and with all the running around we do, we think our location is ideal!"





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TEXT & PHOTOGRAPHY BY LEAH NOEL



hile the leaves are just beginning to fall off trees around the region, it's never too early to think about starting your Christmas shopping. And whether your mom or dad, spouse, sibling or friend is hard to buy for, purchasing a gift certificate for a massage or facial is a great option.

"Massage is such an important part of keeping healthy and pampering yourself," says Gloria Wahren Brock, owner of the Massage Envy locations in Hudson and Stillwater. "So it makes a great gift—for yourself and others. We are bringing wellness to the world. We really believe in our brand promise: 'We help you take care of you.'"

With introductory 1-hour massages beginning at \$49.99 and 1-hour facials at \$59.99, Massage Envy has an array of services to

choose from, such as a Swedish massage, deep tissue massage, hot stone Envy massage, deep muscle therapy and sugar foot scrub therapy. And that is just a sample.

Also the massage therapists at both Hudson and Stillwater Massage Envy locations work with many clients dealing with arthritis and sports injuries. "I hear from people who come in about how much massage has improved their lives and how glad they are that Massage Envy is available to them, which is wonderful," Gloria says. Massage Envy annually partners with the National Arthritis Foundation for the Healing Hands event in September each year.

Promoting health and wellness and helping people have been longtime interests for Gloria, a 22-year Hudson resident who has lived in the Troy Burne neighborhood for 20 years. In fact, these were integral reasons why she decided to open the Massage Envy location in Hudson nine years ago and then in Stillwater eight years ago. She is also the creator of The Salt Room, which offers salt therapy to treat respiratory conditions, asthma, allergies, colds, eczema and more. It is located in Woodbury.

"Being able to be a part of people's healing is very rewarding," she says.

One aspect Gloria has especially enjoyed about establishing her Massage Envy locations is to see how much the franchise has grown over the years. "This is a franchise that didn't exist 12 years ago and to see what it has become, to offer massage therapists a career opportunity and for them to do it well, has been great," she says.

She doesn't like to consider herself the boss when it comes to dealing with her employees, though. "I want to help them, to take the roadblocks out of their way," she says. "I'm inspired by young people, and anyone I talk to I try to learn something from."

Both Hudson and Stillwater are dynamic, exciting communities to work in, she says. Because she is a Minnesota native and a graduate of the St. Catherine University, she knew working on both sides of the St. Croix River would be a good fit for her. Currently, she is also assisting with Globe University to coordinate its massage therapy program curriculum and grow the career opportunities for massage therapists from their schools.

To find out more about Massage Envy's services, visit massageenvy. com. Appointments can be made at the Hudson location by calling 715-377-1444. For Stillwater appointments, call 651-430-0300. The Hudson Massage Envy location is at 1007 Pearson Drive and the Stillwater Massage Envy is at 5901 Norwich Avenue N.



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By Tori S. Bevens

Using the handprint of a child or multiple children, this makes a fun, unique and simple gift or decoration.

WHATYOU NEED

- Construction paper for background, eyes, nose and feet
- Fall colored crayons
- Fall colored paint and brush

Simply draw a tree trunk and branch on one edge of the paper; paint the hand(s) you will use; stamp the hand(s) with the fingers pointing down/hanging below the bottom of the branch. When the paint is dry, have the child cut out circles for the eyes, add pupils and glue on eyes, nose and feet. Use a paintbrush or a small fingertip to create leaves on the branch and below the tree.

HAPPY FALL!

meet Guinness By leah noel

Photography courtesy of Marnie Marie Photography

uinness, a 4-year-old chocolate lab, really, really loves playing with tennis balls. "He will do anything for a tennis ball," says Anne Wasmund of Hudson. "We often joke that he would be an amazing hunting lab if birds resembled tennis balls. During the winter months, he hides his tennis ball in the snowbanks and digs until he can find it."

Anne and her family adopted Guinness into their home because it became very quiet once the Wasmunds' youngest child went to school. "I'm an online teacher and work from home. Breaking up the day with a walk has been wonderful for both of us," Anne says.

Guinness' puppy phase lasted longer than expected, though. "Although we provided chew toys in every room, he enjoyed gnawing on the legs of wooden chairs and the occasional corner of drywall. After two years, we finally patched the holes," Anne says.

Guinness received his name because the color of his coat matches that of the Irish beer Guinness. "We often call him by his nickname, Guinney Pint," Anne says.

He loves to play with other dogs, especially at the dog park. He is hoping a dog park will open soon in Hudson. He also likes to snuggle at the feet of his owners Anne and Ben and their children. He will literally lie on your feet if you let him.

The Wasmund family loves taking Guinness along with them on their family trips. "His most recent trip was to Lake Vermillion where we rented a cabin on a lake. Of course, he spent all day retrieving his tennis ball in the water," Anne says.



In the Next Issue

We would love to feature your pet in the next issue of *Hudson Neighbors!* Simply email Leah Noel at lnoel@bestversionmedia.com with your nomination. We look forward to hearing from you!



Local Market Update – AUGUST 2015 A RESEARCH TOOL PROVIDED BY THE SAINT PAUL AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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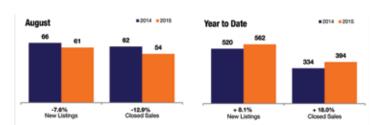
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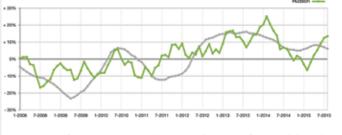
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	2014	2015	+/-	2014	2015	+/-
New Listings	66	61	-7.6%	520	562	+ 8.1%
Closed Sales	62	54	-12.9%	334	394	+ 18.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$241,200	\$260,963	+ 8.2%	\$228,000	\$258,118	+ 13.2%
Average Sales Price*	\$257,403	\$281,939	+ 9.5%	\$246,603	\$276,068	+ 11.9%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$116	\$126	+ 8.5%	\$112	\$121	+ 7.5%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	96.0%	96.7%	+ 0.7%	95.6%	96.6%	+ 1.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	112	80	-28.6%	125	98	-21.6%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	229	216	-5.7%			
Months Supply of Inventory	5.8	4.7	-19.0%			

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Tips for Taking on a Bathroom Remodel

BY MARK MCNAMEE

eady for that next big home project? Maybe it scares you to think of

undertaking a project like a bathroom remodel. Wherever your skills and comfort level might lie on the DIY continuum, with these tips, you'll be able to make those enhancements, add value to your home and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

A bathroom packs in more functionality than any other room in the house. There is no room for improvisation, however, in a bathroom remodel. Before ripping out the toilet, make plans for how you will use the space, what materials and fixtures you would like, and determine your budget. Start researching a few months ahead of time so you can gather ballpark costs, determine what fixtures you prefer and draw up plans for what you want to change in your bathroom. One quick tip if you don't have a large budget: Keeping the same footprint is key to save on demolition and reconstruction dollars.



EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR

You can follow certain guides to help maximize the functionality of your bathroom. Consider the following:

- > Replace tub and shower inserts with ceramic tile.
- > Add multiple head showers for the rainfall feel.
- Shower stalls should allow room for adjustable shower heads, a grab bag and shower bench.
- ➤ A toilet paper holder should be no more than 8-12 inches from the toilet.
- When laying out the bathroom, be sure there is enough clearance/distance between the vanity, toilet, tub and doors.
- Make lighting a priority. Ensure that the bathroom ventilation is intact to ensure that excess humidity is removed to reduce the growth of mold and mildew.
- > Replace linoleum floor with tile.
- Think vertically—use the upper wall space by placing freestanding, multi-tiered shelves in your bathroom.
- > If installing a bathtub, sit in it first, as bigger isn't always better.

As the cool air of fall is surrounding us, dare we say it . . . winter is on its way. This is a perfect time to consider a bathroom remodel project as we begin to hibernate indoors.

Mark McNamee is the owner and operator of Handyman Matters, which handles home remodeling and improvement jobs, big and small, in Hudson.







OCTOBER 3, SAT. Willow River Trail Challenge

@Willow River State Park This race is scenic mix of challenging steep climbs and descents through Willow River State Park. Choose from completing a 10.6K or 6.6K. While mom or dad are racing, kids 12 and under can participate in the free 1K kids dash. This is one of the Friends of Willow and Kinnickinnic State Parks' largest fundraisers. All proceeds help better the park.

Time: Registration begins at 7:30am, race begins at 9am Cost: Free admission to the park, \$45 to race

www.willowkinnifriends.org

OCTOBER 4, SUN.

Davina and the Vagabonds @Phipps Center for the Arts

With influences ranging from Fats Domino and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Aretha Franklin and Tom Waits, this rollicking quintet has created quite a stir on the national blues scene with its highenergy live shows. **Time: 7pm**

Cost: Adults \$25, students of all ages \$18 www.thephipps.org

OCTOBER 8 & 22, THURS. Outdoor Fitness Hike

@Lake Elmo Park Preserve Come explore the Washington County Parks Trail system in a guided fitness hike. The one-hour hike involves a warmup and fitness challenges along the way. Trails used are a mix of turf, gravel, grass and paved routes. If it is raining lightly, the hike will go on as planned. Those under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. **Time: 9-10am**

Cost: Free with \$5 daily vehicle admission fee (or \$25 annual pass) www.co.washington.mn.us

OCTOBER 10, SAT. Running by Grace

@Faith Community Church (777 Carmichael Rd.) In this LATTE program for women, Deb Breen shares about the freedom experienced in finding her true identity in Christ, along with the joy and peace that has brought to her life. Come for a time of fellowship, a light breakfast and to learn how God's grace can free a woman to be who God created her to be. LATTE is an acronym for Ladies Achieving Togetherness Through Encouragement. *Time: 9-11:30am Cost: Free*

www.fcchudson.org

OCTOBER 11, SAT.

Fall Festival @Kinnickinnic State Park, Lower Picnic Area You and your family are invited to come and play in a giant pile of leaves go on a sequencer bunt

of leaves, go on a scavenger hunt, make some fall crafts and visit a fall story corner. *Time: 2-4pm*

Cost: Free with \$5 vehicle admission pass www.willowkinnifriends.org

OCTOBER 11, SUN. Fall Colors Cruise

@Afton Hudson Cruise Lines (98 Walnut St.) Enjoy the stunning fall colors along the St. Croix River on this 1-hour-and-45-minute cruise. See all the beautiful bluff views of the riverbanks along with scenic fall

foliage. Time: 3:15-5pm

Cost: Adults \$23, children 3-10 \$16, \$12 kids 2 and under www.stcroixrivercruises.com

OCTOBER 11, SUN. Amazing Animals @Angel's Pet World

Learn about the stewardship of nature and responsible pet ownership in this program from Carpenter Nature Center and Angel's Pet World. Find out about various kinds of wild animal groups, discover what kinds of animals make appropriate pets and receive valuable information about proper care for domestic animals. *Time: 1-2pm Cost: Free*

www.carpenternaturecenter.com

OCTOBER 12, MON. Homer Hickam Author Appearance

@River Falls Library Chapter2Books and the River Falls Public Library will host this event with the author of *Rocket Boys*, which was turned into the hit movie *October Sky*. Hickam will read from some of his work, including *Carrying Albert Home*, his book being released Oct. 13. If you attend this event, you can get a signed, first edition copy. *Time: 7pm*

Cost: Free to attend www.chapter2books.com

OCTOBER 17, SAT. John Lauter on the Wulitzer

@Phipps Center for the Arts The staff organist of the Fox Theatre in Detroit, who has performed in Canada, England and throughout the United States, will play popular and light music from the 1920s to the present in this concert. The Phipps' Wurlitzer console, opus 2131, is a one-of-a-kind art deco model built for the Oriental Theatre in Boston in 1930. **Time: 2pm**

Cost: Adults \$23, students and youth \$16 www.thephipps.org

OCTOBER 22, THURS. Girls Night Out

@Downtown Hudson Bring all your girlfriends for a night shopping and dining in downtown Hudson. Many local businesses will be offering special promotions, samples and treats. *Time: 5-8pm Cost: Free www.hudsonwi.org*

OCTOBER 30, FRI. Halloween Bash

@Willow River Nature Center Come experience a fun and spooky evening at the nature center. Activities include games, crafts, snacks, storytelling and more for the family to enjoy.

Time: 5:30-7:30pm Cost: Program is free with \$5 vehicle park admission www.willowkinnifriends.org

OCTOBER 30, FRI. Trunk or Treat

@Trinity Church & Academy (614 Badlands Rd.)

For a safe, fun way to gather up some treats for your little ones, come out to this event where kids can go from vehicle to vehicle in the Trinity parking lot gathering goodies. There will also be a children's devotion time, pumpkin carving and activities in the gym. *Time: 6pm Cost: Free www.trinityhudson.org*





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HUDSON'S HILLTOP PUMPKIN PARTY OFFERS LOTS OF FAMILY FUN BY LEAH NOEL



f your family is looking to spend an afternoon having lots of free Halloween and fall fun, you might want to check out Hudson's, annual Hilltop Pumpkin Party. The event is scheduled on on October 24 from 10am at 3pm at the YMCA Camp St. Croix (use daycamp entrance).

Of course, children are welcome to come in costume and there will be both a kid's costume contest and pet costume contest.

"This is one of the very few activities where everything is absolutely free," says Bjorn Nesvold, a lead financial consultant with Thrivent Financial and one of the event's main organizers. "There are all sorts of activities that parents and kids can enjoy."

Some of those activities include:

- · Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Games
- Bounce house

- St. Croix K-9 demonstrations
- Magic shows
- EMS and fire department vehicle displays
- U.S. Army vehicle displays
- · Arts and crafts boutique
- Ghost stories tent
- Music and food

"The petting zoo is very popular, and so are the K-9 demonstrations," Nesvold says. "The kids like to see the K-9 dogs and how they follow commands."

Also as part of the event, a re-creation of a voyageur fur trading site will be set up, so you and your family can learn more about the history of fur trading and the voyageurs in this area.

The event is organized by the Hudson Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by many local businesses, including Hudson Neighbors magazine.



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Supercharged Storptime: Local Libraries Host Special Weekend Events

BY DANIELLE MAGNUSON

ith superheroes making an appearance at storytime, it's no wonder kids have been flocking to their local library. It's all part of Hudson Area Library's effort to keep grade school children reading throughout the summer and school year. The library's SuperSaturdays program launched earlier this year and has featured a well-received visit from the reading-

powered superhero Super Why, a live animal show by Rachael Kroog, scavenger hunts, craft days and a superhero obstacle course complete with laser hall.

"We believe that the SuperSaturdays program will encourage school-age children to get into the habit of visiting the library as part of their weekly routine," says children's librarian Mary Davis.

Fun SuperSaturday events will continue in October with Creepy Crafts and a Spooky Scavenger Hunt—"along with a couple other surprises," promises Davis. Come November, children can look forward to a Saturday dinosaur bone dig.

In addition to the special Saturdays, Hudson Library's regular schedule of weekday storytimes, aimed at children ages birth to 5, starts back up on October 6. "Baby Bear and his friends will be ready to welcome newcomers and old friends," says Davis.

Meanwhile, River Falls Public Library is also competing for kids' attention with its weekend lineup. "River Falls Public Library is a full-service library for children and young people—and I do mean FULL!" says event and gallery coordinator Katie Chaffee. "From early literacy family story evenings to high school book clubs, we have something for every age."

Upcoming activities include the Fit Lit Fun Run on Saturday, October 24. All ages are invited to run or walk in a costume. A 5K run is at 9am, and a 1-mile kids' run is at 10:30am. There will be prizes!

> The River Falls Library will be hosting its annual Halloween Adventure on October 31 from 5:30 to 9pm, featuring what Chaffee calls an "only slightly haunted library lower level" and a "totally sincere pumpkin patch." Geared especially toward elementary-age kids, this open house has games and adventures galore.

> An especially enticing event will be held on Sunday, November 22, starring two feathered guests: a goshawk and a red-tailed hawk (as well as their human handlers). The birds will be helping to host a discussion called The Ancient Sport of Falconry. Consider rereading the 1959 classic My Side of the Mountain with your child before attending!

> You might think that once your children can read silently to themselves, they go where you cannot follow. That might be true with some books. But you can—and should—continue reading out loud to each other throughout elementary

school, junior high and even high school. You can still do activities that correlate to things they read about in books. Cook a meal inspired by a book. Visit a site your child reads about. Dress up as characters in a historical book. And always—always—keep their library cards active.





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Story Times

Rhyme Time Baby Story Time

October 7, 14, 21 & 28, Wed.

Designed for babies from birth to talking age, this story time features 20 minutes of stories, puppets, poems, finger plays and action activities. Time: 10:15am

Walkey-Talkey Story Time

October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28, Tues. & Wed.

Designed for toddlers from talking age to three, this story time features 25 minutes of stories, songs, poems, puppets and activities. Time: 11:15am

Wiggles and Giggles Story Time

October 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 & 29, Tues. & Thurs.

Designed for children ages three to five, this fun story time features books, puppets, songs, poems, flannel board stories, crafts and action activities.

Time: Tues. 7pm, Thurs. 10:15am

Book Clubs

The library hosts a number of community book clubs. Join for intellectual stimulation and a good time meeting new friends.

October 21, Wed.

Bookmarks Book Club

Attend a discussion of this club's latest selection, the historical novel *Madame Picasso* by Anne Girard. Time: 10:30am

October 21, Wed. Mystery Book Club

Join this club's discussion of its most recent book selection, *The Gods of Gotham* by Lindsay Faye. The mystery is set in New York City in 1845, where a young Irish detective is investigating the murder of a 12-year-old Irish boy.

Time: 1pm

Sept. 17, Thurs. Page Turners Book Club

Come discuss this club's latest selection. Time: 6:30pm



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THEATER CALENDAR

October

October 1-18, Tues.-Sun. *To Kill a Mockingbird*

@Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis Set in the Deep South, this timeless story based on Harper Lee's beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is told through the eyes of Scout, the feisty young daughter of lawyer Atticus Finch. As a tug-of-war between justice and racism envelops the community, Atticus and his family face violence and hatred with courage and compassion. This staging comes on the heels of the recent release of Lee's second book, *Go Set a Watchman*.

Time: 7:30pm Tuesday-Saturday, 7pm Sunday, plus Ipm matinees Saturdays & Sundays Cost: \$15-64 www.guthrie.org

October 1-November 1, Wed.-Sun. *Murder for Two*

@Park Square Theatre, St. Paul Officer Marcus Moscowicz is a small-town policeman with dreams of making it to detective. One fateful night, shots ring out at the surprise birthday party of Great American novelist Arthur Whitney and the writer is killed. With the nearest detective an hour away, Marcus jumps at the chance to prove his sleuthing skills. Everyone is a suspect in this hilarious miniature musical murder mystery filled with patter songs and comic ballads. Time: 7:30pm Wednesday-Saturday, plus 2pm Saturday & Sunday matinees Cost: \$27-60

www.parksquaretheater.org

October 2-24, Fri.-Sat. *Pop Up Musical*

@St. Croix Off Broadway Dinner Theatre (Hudson House Grand Hotel)

This 2012 Fringe Festival favorite has been seen in venues around the Twin Cities and is now on its way across the border to Hudson. *Pop Up Musical* is a fresh, fun new musical revue—fast-paced and hilarious with lots of great music. It features four vocalists who'll take you on a high-energy tour of some of Broadway's biggest hits, interspersed with informative "pop ups" throughout each number. Time: Dinner served 6-7pm, curtain 8pm Cost: \$60 www.stcroixoffbroadway.com

October 9-18, Fri.-Sun. Snow White and the Seven Fairy

Godmothers @Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson

Snow White switches places with Sleeping Beauty in order to escape the evil witch Vilenity in this comic romp by the former Disney writing team.

Time: 7pm Fridays, 1 & 4pm Saturdays, plus 2pm Sunday matinees Cost: Adults \$16, children \$12 www.thephipps.org

October 22-November 15, Thurs.-Sun.

Young Frankenstein

@Lakeshore Players Theatre, Downtown White Bear Lake It's alive! This monstrously funny musical will leave you in stitches. This production combines the comedy of Mel Brook's legendary movie with toe-tapping music. Join Dr. Frankenstein, his trusty assistant Igor and his iconic monster as we're "Puttin' on the Ritz!" *Time: 7:30pm Thursday-Saturday, plus 2pm Sunday matinees Cost: Adults \$23, seniors \$21, students \$18 www.lakeshoreplayers.org*

October 23-November 8, Fri.-Sun.

One Grain of Rice

@Steppingstone Theatre, St. Paul When the new prince hoards all of his land's rice during a famine, a young girl devises a brilliant way to feed the people—get the prince to give her one grain of rice one day, then double the amount each day for 30 days! Little does the prince know that by the end of the month, it will take hundreds of elephants to carry away all the rice he owes. A wonderful Bollywood-style musical tale of greed, ingenuity and math.

Time: 7pm Fridays, 3pm Saturdays & Sundays

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