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FACT: Repairs are guaranteed for life.

MYTH: Independent shops will charge you more.

FACT: Insurance repairs are covered by insurance. Here or there.

MYTH: Repairs will take longer.

FACT: Repairs don't take longer...but sometimes to do the repair right, it takes more time. If an insurance recommended body shop claims they can get it done faster...that's a red flag.

MYTH: Your car is not "totaled"; it can be repaired.

FACT: If your car cannot be safely repaired, a reputable, independent shop will fight for you to have the car deemed a total loss.

What you don't see can hurt you. Your car might look fine but if under carriage repairs are not at the highest standards, your car may not be safe to drive. It's just not worth the risk.

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Welcome



We had a great time putting together our first Gift Guide for the second issue of *TriCities Magazine*. In fear of getting in over our heads, we worked with just a dozen of our favorite businesses (yes, we know, there are literally hundreds of great holiday shopping options in the Tri-Cities area). We collected each store’s personally selected gift recommendations and took them to Alex Claney Photography. If you have ever worked with Alex, you know how he and his wife, Michelle, work very hard to capture special moments or things...like these shots that were taken in his St. Charles studio. Alex makes it look easy, but believe us, it’s not. And all the Christmas greens from Heinz Nursery helped capture the occasion.

The stores that participated in this small gift guide could not have been nicer and more cooperative and easier to work with. As you will see, some of the items are pricey; some are one of a kind. All are very special to the respective businesses. They trusted us not to run away with the artifacts, wear the jewelry or eat the candy (tempting, but we resisted).

A special shout out to (alphabetically) Artemisia, Evernia, Funway, Geneva History Center, Jeans and a Cute Top, K. Hollis Jewelers, The Little Traveler, Lotus Aum, More Than Mugs, State Street Jewelers and Tea Tree Shop. Are you and your staffs always this friendly and helpful? Or is part of the Midwestern DNA? It’s no wonder people come from afar to shop here.

We hope you enjoy this small eclectic collection of gifts ideas from the TriCities. While you are in their stores, please tell them how much we enjoyed sharing their gift ideas with you.

May you and your family have a wonderful, blessed, happy, friend-filled, spirit-lifting holiday season.

Tim and Kate Sullivan, Publishers

PS. You can find more info on these and other local gifts online: KaneNeighbors.com

PSS. Our next issue comes out February 1. The theme...“Special Occasions” including weddings, anniversaries and vacations.

Scott Lebin *Insights, page 20*

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Put giving twists on holiday traditions

A fresh approach to your charitable giving can renew your enthusiasm for helping those in need this holiday season.

(Family Features) If giving is an important aspect of your holiday traditions, you may find yourself repeating the same activities year after year. While the giving feels good, it can also grow monotonous. This season, make your generosity feel fresh and new by putting your own unique twist on your favorite holiday traditions.

Cook extras for the cookie exchange.

A baking party is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season. The delightful aromas and hours of laughter blend with the sweet treats for a cheery (and tasty) tradition. This year, instead of simply baking cookies to trade with your friends, encourage everyone to bake several extra

batches and take them to a local soup kitchen or senior living community.

Extend a seasonal icon.

The ringing bells and red kettles throughout Kane County are nearly as symbolic of the holiday season as twinkling lights and red-nosed reindeer. Many of the bell ringers are volunteers from churches and local organizations like the Exchange Club of the Tri-Cities, a service club dedicated to prevention of child abuse and other local causes. The Exchange Club volunteers are ringing the bell at the Jewel at Rt.38 and Randall Rd., and other locations. More than three million families and children rely on The Salvation Army to provide them with a warm meal on Christmas Day or toys for

their children. Visit redkettlereason.org to create your own fundraising page and encourage friends and family to donate and start their own pages.

Add a special pre-dinner starter.

The holidays bring plenty of opportunities for celebratory meals, and it's the perfect time to ask everyone to lend an hour or two to a good cause. Instead of spending hours around a table, spend some of that time catching up while you volunteer at a food bank or other charitable organization.

Travel with care.

As you flit from one place to the next checking off your list of holiday chores, you may encounter any number of homeless and needy families. Instead of simply handing over a few dollars as you pass by, keep a supply of holiday care packages in the car. Include items like warm socks or gloves, toiletries and non-perishable snacks. You may even want to include an uplifting note to share some festive seasonal cheer.

Give gifts with meaning.

If you're like most people, there are many on your shopping list who truly don't need a thing. Instead of wracking your brain, donate to a cause in their honor. It may be the foundation of a beloved alma mater or an organization serving orphans in the country where they honeymooned. The more personal the connection, the more gratefully it will likely be received. After making your donation, simply gift your recipient with a card that explains the contribution you've made in their name.

No matter which cause you support, a fresh approach to your charitable giving can renew your spirit and enthusiasm for helping those in need this holiday season.



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D-3 Rare jet black gemstone and Herkimer crystal bracelet \$180

D-4 Rare mixed diamond and precious gemstone bracelet \$550

D-5 Rare petrified woolly mammoth bone beads Arizona turquoise bracelet \$200

D-6 Red glazed earthenware, wheel thrown, hand etched copper lid vase by local artist Carol Green \$130

D-7 Antique Dogon Statuette from Mali \$250

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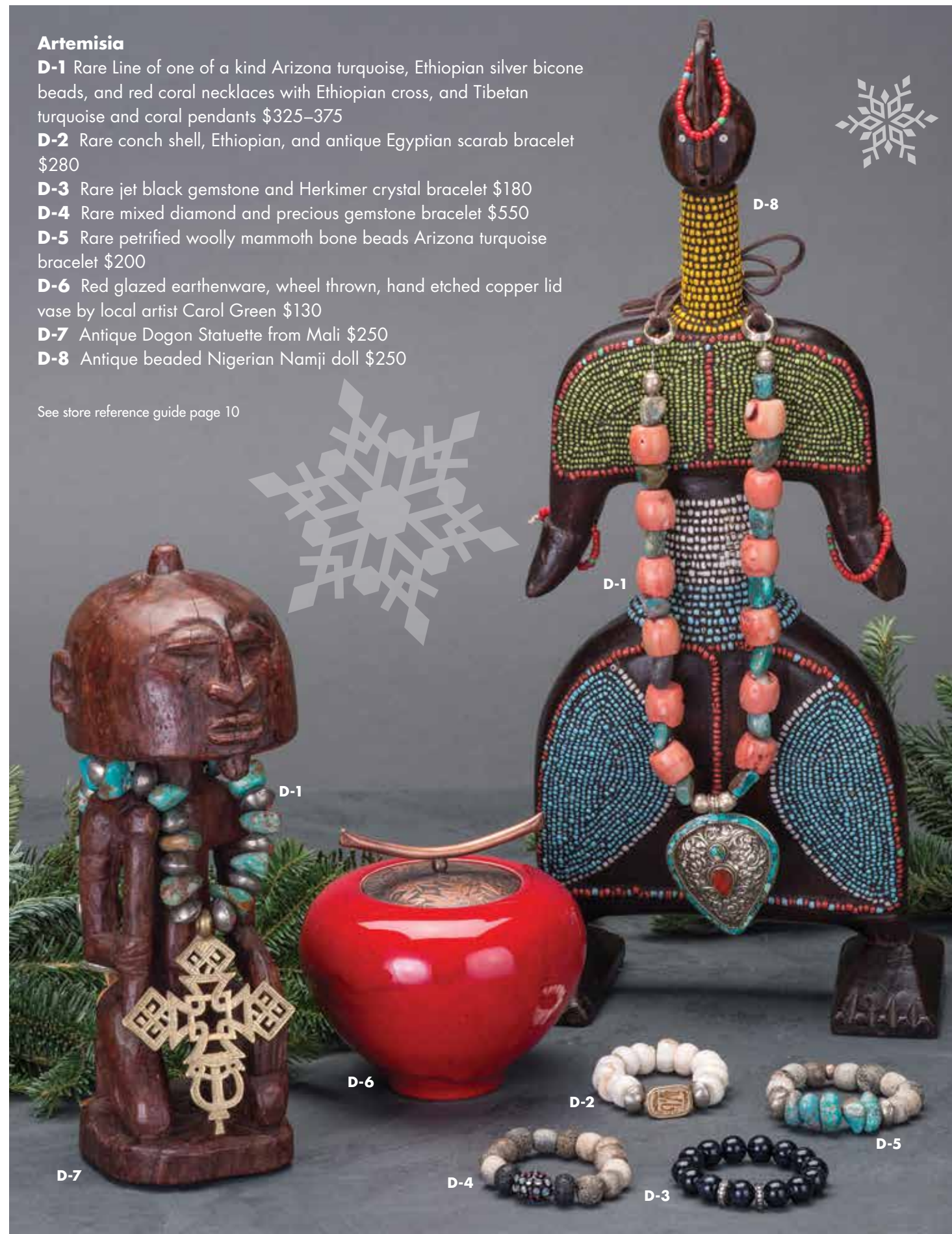


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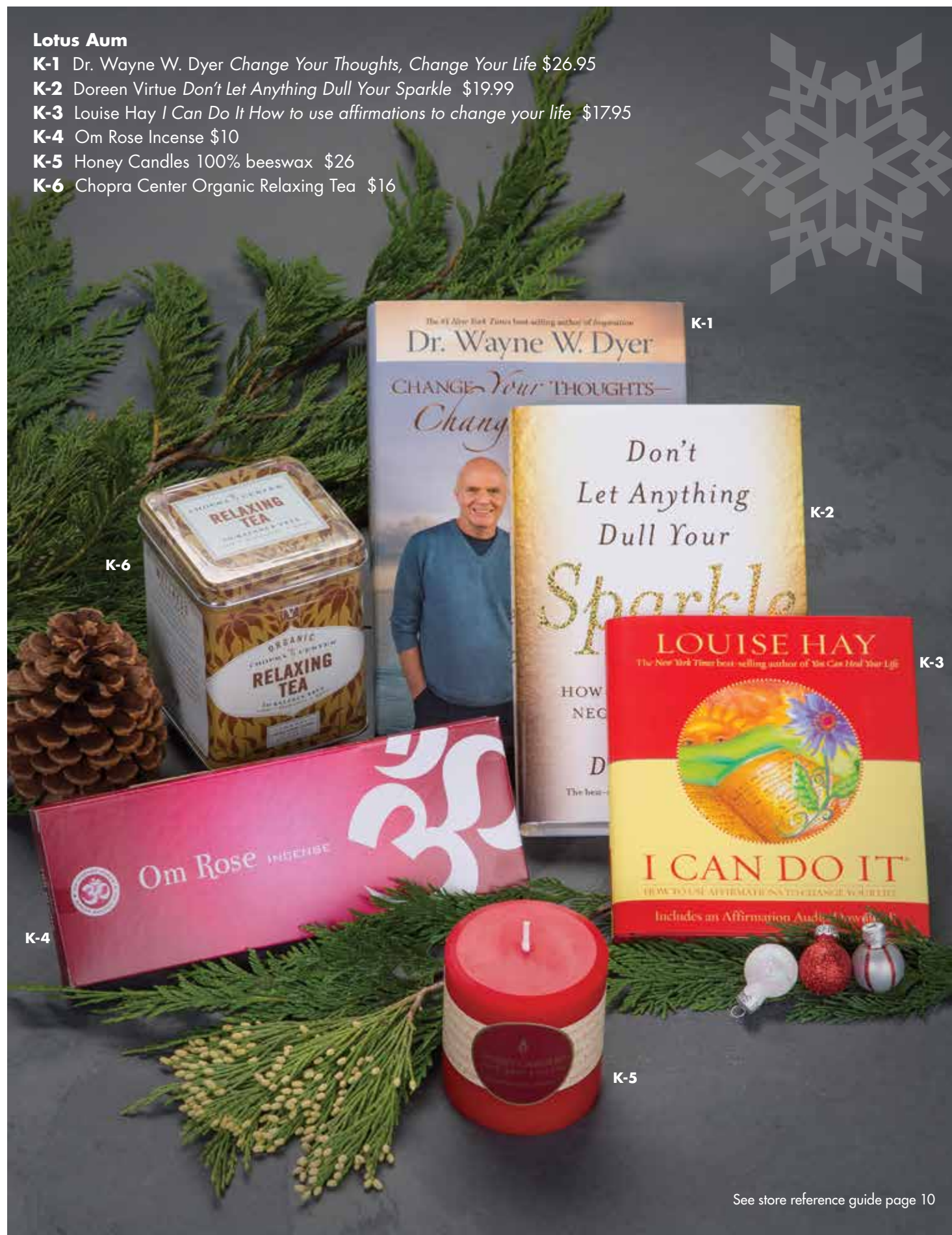
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Hallmarks of a holiday

by Scott R. Lebin

The holidays are here, and it is a fact that can bring both joy and fear. The charming attributes of the holidays have been part of human celebrations since the time of our earliest ancestors. The ingredients of festive behavior across cultures have included music, food, gift-giving, decorations, costumes and family gatherings.

Whether we were foraging for our daily survival or harvesting the crops from our agricultural society, the idea of taking time to celebrate has long been part of our psyche.

Charles Dickens added to our holiday interpretation by inspiring us to show charity and benevolence at this holiday time of the year. He was moved by those who didn't have the good fortune to be born into the wealthy class, and in *A Christmas Carol* encouraged us to follow those who had a more charitable attitude. His character Ebenezer Scrooge was used to illustrate a transformation between the worlds of the stingy and the generous. So, this story suggests that the nature of all holidays should bring out the best traits of mankind. O. Henry is known for his ironic story endings. It is in the "Gift of the Magi," set at Christmas time, that a very poor married couple who live in New York city during the early 1900s want to give each other a Christmas gift. Della cuts off her long beautiful hair to sell for money to buy her husband a watch chain for his pocket watch, and her husband Jim sells his watch to buy hair combs that his wife earlier admired in a shop window. The irony of the story is outweighed by their generosity and love for each other. Both stories ask us to stand in someone else's shoes and look at our fellow human beings with humanity and civility during this time of celebration.

How can we make the elements of our holiday celebrations into a true gift of joy in our own lives? It is possible to make this a yearly celebration and take advantage of the year-long opportunities in the Fox Valley. There are many ways to celebrate in our communities and the many events put on by organizations for our enjoyment make that all possible. The fear embedded in the holiday season exists when we extend ourselves financially so that we have added stress to our lives as we begin 2018. To avoid this kind of stress we can remind ourselves of the simple joy of being together with our families. Looking for local, free events presented by organizations in Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles provides many opportunities to be part of unique experiences. Whether it is attending a parade or a tree lighting or special holiday performance, the opportunities in our TriCities are enormous. These events do not create a financial burden on the family budget, nor do they require a lot of pre-planning or expended energy before the event. Community volunteers provide the energy and organization that these events require.

The most precious element of enjoying the holiday "spirit" is to realize that our families, our neighbors and our social cadre of friends are the most precious of all the gifts we could have. Long after the holiday is over, it is the shared moments that we will remember and cherish the most. As our thanks for the blessings around us this holiday season bring us joy, let us also remember those who need a helping hand, and as Tiny Tim says in *A Christmas Carol*, "God Bless Us Everyone!"

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Maintaining your home

by Deb Gurley

Avoid spending your holidays handling winter disasters

Ready or not here comes winter with its fluffy snow and sparkling icicles. Avoid spending your holidays handling winter disasters with a bit of preventive maintenance right now. It's a good idea to expect some normal deterioration of your home and to budget accordingly for repairs that are likely to become necessary given the age and condition of the home. There are many benefits of maintaining your home:

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- ✓ Inspect your roof for any missing or damaged shingles.
- ✓ Have chimney cleaned and inspected.
- ✓ Check for air leaks, seal up drafty areas with weather stripping or caulk.
- ✓ Install storm windows.
- ✓ Get furnace inspected, repaired and cleaned. Change filters.
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- ✓ Remove or cover any window air conditioner units.
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Christmas around the World at Oscar Swan Country Inn

Oscar Swan Country Inn in Geneva will be hosting Saturday luncheons at noon during the holiday season. Enjoy delicious food and the charming holiday decor at this historic estate. December luncheons will feature the countries of Germany, Italy and the USA. The luncheons will include live music, and Santa is expected to make an appearance. Reservations are required. 1800 W. State St., Geneva.

Durant House holds Candlelight Open House

Take a step back in time and enjoy the warm glow of the hearth, music in the parlor, old fashioned ginger cake and fragrant greens in every nook at the historic Durant House. The Candlelight Open House will take place Sat., Dec. 9 and Sun., Dec. 10 from 2–6pm. Admission is \$3 for Adults and \$1 for Children. 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles.

Check out a show at Zanies

Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain. Zanies in St. Charles believes that the art of standup comedy is best enjoyed in an intimate environment. With nightly shows that feature national touring comedians and local professional performers, Zanies guarantees that you will laugh. 4051 E. Main St. in Pheasant Run Resort.

Unwind with a lavender foot soak

Shopping definitely takes a toll on your feet. A great way to de-stress is with lavender blends from Pelindaba Lavender in Geneva. Pelindaba's blend of organic lavender essential oil and flowers, Epsom and

solar-dried salts provides time-honored relief for sore feet. Sprinkle a handful of the contents into a bowl of warm or hot water and feel tension and aching in the feet soothe away. 310 Campbell St., Geneva.

Take an afternoon carriage ride at Wasco Nursery

Wasco Nursery will hold afternoon mule-drawn carriage rides through the nursery's growing fields on Sat., Dec. 9 from 12–3pm. This is a free event; registration is appreciated but not required. 41W781 Rt. 64, St. Charles.

Discover the healing benefits of acupuncture

Hundreds of clinical studies on the benefits of acupuncture show that it successfully treats conditions ranging from musculoskeletal problems (back pain, neck pain and others) to nausea, migraine headache, anxiety, depression, insomnia and infertility, and it helps promote the balance of wellness. At Gehlhausen Acupuncture

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Relax with a salt stone massage at Lotus Aum

Himalayan salt stone massage is an innovative healing technique using warm salt crystal stones to ground and balance the body's electromagnetic field, central nervous system and meridians. Lotus Aum in St. Charles offers both 60 minute and 90 minute Salt Stone Massages. The basic technique or strokes used

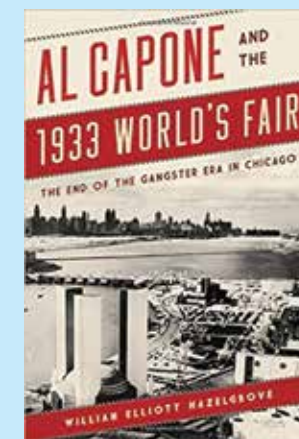
are similar to those used in a Hot Stone massage. All of the services and classes offered at Lotus Aum are designed to bring relaxation, reduce stress and increase mind-body-spirit balance in a safe, nurturing atmosphere...just for ladies. 317 S. 2nd St., St. Charles.

Visit the Christkindlmarket at Naper Settlement

The Christkindlmarket Naperville brings a cherished German and European tradition with international flair and local charm to Naper Settlement. Experience an outdoor German holiday season market with all of the sights, sounds and magic as well as delicious smells and treats, wonderful handmade

ornaments and gifts. Christkindlmarket Naperville will be open thru Sun., Dec. 24.

Admission is free. 523 S. Webster St., Naperville.



Read a good book... Book recommendations

Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago by William Elliot Hazelgrove

Local author (St. Charles resident) William Hazelgrove's latest book, *Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago*, is an engaging look at one of the toughest

eras for Chicago. This is the story of a city fighting through its darkest days of crime, corruption and poverty, on its journey to host a Century of Progress, the 1933 World's Fair. Hazelgrove has no shortage of bigger-than-life characters (some recognized, some new) whom he uses to craft a story of an era that Chicago somehow survived and went on to thrive.

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Durant House: 630-377-6424, info@ppfv.org

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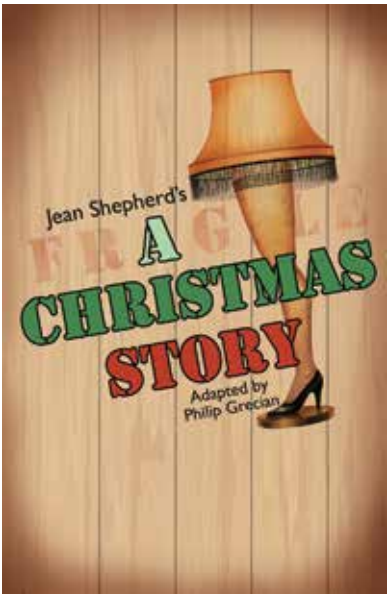
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The Albright Theatre Company, Batavia
The Albright Theatre Company is a performance arts theatre downtown Batavia. The Albright is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is membership driven and relies upon volunteer actors. 100 North Island Ave., Batavia on the third floor of the Batavia Government Center.
A Christmas Story
Performance Dates: December 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17;
Fridays 7:30pm, Saturdays 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Sundays 2:30pm
Based on the much-loved classic film, join Ralphie as he pines for his Red Ryder, decodes secret messages, witnesses the feared triple-dog dare, and tries to make it to Christmas with the help of his oddball but loving family.

Playhouse 38, Geneva
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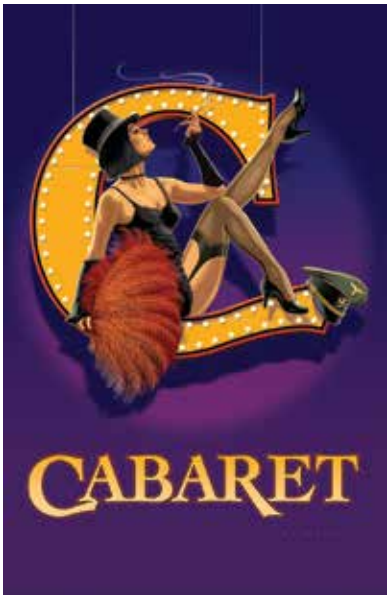
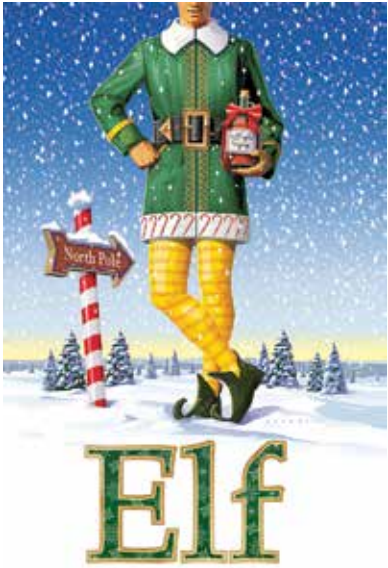
Babes in Toyland (A Playhouse 38 Youth Holiday Production)
Performance Dates: December 9, 3pm & 7pm; December 10, 3pm
Come enjoy this classic holiday tale that boasts new, fresh music! The villainous Barnaby has fallen in love with sweet Mistress Mary Quite Contrary. If he can't buy her love, then he'll force her to marry him by threatening to foreclose on her mother, the poor Widow Piper.
It's a Wonderful Life (A Live Radio Play)
Performance Dates: December 14 & 15 7pm, December 16 3pm & 7pm, December 17 3pm
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Arcada Family Theatre at Pheasant Run, St. Charles
Pheasant Run's 320-seat tiered amphitheater sets the stage for the ultimate night out.
4051 East Main St., St. Charles.
Sleeping Beauty
Performance Dates: December 7 & 8 7:30pm, December 9 & 10 3pm
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A Charlie Brown Christmas
Performance Dates: December 16 & 17 (call for times)
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Paramount Theatre, Aurora
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Elf, The Musical
Performance Dates: Performances of Elf continue through January 7 (call for times)
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Performance Date: Sat., Dec. 9, 8pm Christmas classics with the incredible Diva Montell.
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Performance Date: Thurs., Dec. 28, 7pm Jimmy's mission is to expose the next generation to the blues.

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