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The Howenstein Family

Bay Leaves

November 2019
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER typically evokes thoughts about what one is grateful for in life. The Thanksgiving holiday offers time to focus on gratitude and appreciate the moment. The Howenstein family has a new appreciation on just how precious one’s health is after the matriarch of the family, Michelle, had emergency brain surgery last fall.

Michelle met Matt through mutual friends in Chicago in the summer of 2009. While they enjoyed the Chicago lifestyle, once they started having children, the desire to relocate to a more family-friendly area brought them to Milwaukee in 2014. After a year of house hunting, they found their forever home in Whitefish Bay.

Fast-forward to 2018 when the Howenstein family had grown to include three adorable daughters, Emma (7), Nora (5), Lyla (3). With Matt happy working as an Interventional Radiologist, and Michelle thrilled with her close-knit neighborhood, it seemed as though life was perfect. On October 16, 2018 Michelle began having trouble seeing, spiked a fever of 106 degrees, and was acting out of character. Concerned for her health, Matt took her to the emergency room. After numerous tests and with her health quickly declining, she was transported via air ambulance to St. Luke’s where she had emergency brain surgery. Post surgery, Michelle was in a coma and admitted to the ICU. Michelle was officially diagnosed with Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), which is a form of acute brain inflammation that has a very rapid progression. Only 1 in 250,000 people develop ADEM annually. It is typically encountered in children and is extremely rare in adults.

How does a father of three young girls deal with the fact that his wife very likely might die? With tears in his eyes and voice cracking Matt shares, “I told the girls that their mom was very sick and that the doctors were working hard to make her better. It was during this conversation that our oldest daughter Emma, questioned that if Michelle did survive, was she still going to be the same mom? It amazed me that even at the age of six, Emma had the insight to realize the severity of the situation.”

With Michelle clinging onto life in the ICU, Matt needed all hands on deck to help their family in every way. Michelle’s mom moved in with the family from Michigan for three months, and it was their friends and neighbors who helped fill in all the additional gaps. A meal train was immediately set up and filled with meals for over six weeks. Their children were taken to and from school by friends. A rotation of dog sitting for their six-month old puppy Dexter was put in place. Neighborhood boys would even come over unsolicited and do yard work. “While words of support and encouragement are wonderful and you need that, it is all the practical day-to-day things that need to be taken care of and the community supported us in all those aspects,” said Matt. “By having those daily responsibilities off my plate, it allowed me to focus on Michelle’s recovery and to be at the hospital with her.”

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After two weeks in the ICU, Michelle’s condition improved to the point that she was transferred to inpatient rehabilitation at the hospital. While she was alive, there remained questions over the quality of life she would have. Michelle was facing the battle of her life, but with a positive attitude she persevered with hope for a full recovery. For the next few weeks Michelle received daily intensive therapy to regain the basic skills that many take for granted, like walking, eating, writing, and executive functioning. “We are forever grateful to the team at the St. Luke’s Neuroscience Institute, especially Dr. Tessa Damm,” said Matt. “It was their effort and skill that gave us back Michelle.”

The long-term prognosis for Michelle was still unknown, but each day she inched closer to her normal self. The one lingering side effect was her limited vision, which persisted due to the lack of eyesight coordination within the brain. She had to wear an eye patch, and doctors cautioned them that it might be months, if ever, for her normal vision to return. The little medical miracle that is Michelle surprised them again and she regained full eye sight a few days before Christmas, a mere two months after her illness began. While Michelle’s health is now back on track, the situation has given the family a new appreciation for life. The girls are happy to have their mom back and enjoy playing musical instruments, golf, gymnastics and embarking on family trips. “We have always valued our family time, whether it involves traveling or simple weekends apple picking,” said Michelle. “This has reaffirmed that we need to live life to the fullest and has put a lot of things in perspective; from our marriage, to how grateful we are for our family and friends.”

A key takeaway from Michelle is to listen to your body and take the time to go see a doctor. Both Matt and Michelle are beyond thankful for their family, friends and community who helped during their crisis. “As cliché as it sounds, don’t take life for granted and be grateful for what you have,” said Matt. “We are thankful for the people that love us and support us. There is no way we could have gotten through this without our family and friends, including our awesome block. We are forever grateful.”

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE
PHOTOS BY BOUTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHER

Holiday Travel
AND
Your Pets

AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH, many families plan to travel. Planning ahead for your pets can make this much easier. If your pet is welcome to travel with you to your destination, remember to take their bowls, leash, bed, toys and treats and their food to minimize stress. Remember to pack water that is accessible to you while traveling. For drivers, who plan to stop along the way, we recommend to put a harness and a collar on your dog so that if you stop for a potty break and your pet is spooked, and one system fails to restrain your dog from a panicked run, you have some back up. Rest stops can be very scary for dogs. Traveling with a cat, we recommend a secure carrier, with water available and not traveling more than a few hours to reduce stress.

If you hire a pet sitter to come to your home, prepare for emergencies. Many animals are lost while being sat for at their own home, or at a sitter’s home. Make sure your pet has current visible ID, and a microchip. Call your local shelter to advise that if your pet goes missing during your absence, your pet sitter is authorized to come get reclaim, and give us their name so we can ID them to release. Leave your veterinarians contact information if there is a medical emergency. Know and trust your sitter! Even family members asked to sit for pets have turned them in at MADACC as strays.

BY KAREN SPARAPANI,
MILWAUKEE AREA DOMESTIC CONTROL COMMISSION

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DeLeers Construction had a humble start in 1945 when Joseph “Jake” DeLeers began building homes. The reputation of a DeLeers built home began to spread as the company that offered precise construction, quality workmanship and never cut corners. After years of helping his dad on the job sites, Jerry, Jake’s son, decided to join the company and carry on the DeLeers Construction tradition of offering quality products while providing a great service.

During Jerry’s tenure the company expanded into the commercial construction industry and added DeLeers Paint Division along with DeLeers Service Division to the company. Fast-forward to present day, the family tradition lives on with Jim and Paul DeLeers, Jerry’s sons, who are currently operating DeLeers Construction. The company proudly employs over 100 people and are proud that the third generation has taken the reins.

“We have a great team in place and what I enjoy most about my job is the tangible aspect. Seeing that completed project and experiencing the success with my team after a project is done and we have another happy customer!” said Jim DeLeers. When partnering with DeLeers you are provided with people who are professionally trained in all general construction methods; DeLeers proudly keeps up-to-date with the latest technology advancements to guarantee a successful project.

As a company, they continue to grow and expand into new markets. In 2018 DeLeers opened a new office located in Glendale to better serve their clients in the Milwaukee community. The goal of each DeLeers project is to provide a stress-free experience for the client. Their unique Service Division provides a variety of options to keep clients home or commercial buildings safe and dependable for years to come. “We want to become the household name that people trust and call for whatever their needs are. A lot of times people don’t know who to call for smaller projects or even maintenance-type work, but that’s exactly what our Service Division is for. I encourage you to give DeLeers a try and let us earn your trust,” said Jim DeLeers.

You can find DeLeers Construction at their Glendale office located at 6969 N. Port Washington Road Suite B115 or call them at 414-446-9305.

By Christine McBride

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Friends of the Library Used Book Sale happens on Saturday, November 2 from 9:30am-3:30pm and Sunday, November 3 from 12-3pm. Friends members get a preview of the sale on Friday, November 1 from 5-7pm. Not a Friend? You can sign up at the sale. All proceeds from the sale go to supplement the library’s budget. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund a variety of projects at the Library including a picture book reorganization project and more! On Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30pm join us for monthly speaker series Whitefish Bay Talks. This month we’re hosting Robert Brust, author of Human Understanding: An Engineer’s Analysis of Life: Getting to the Basics. At his presentation he will share how he uses basic engineering principles to view life from different perspectives. “When you try thinking differently,” he points out, “this can potentially lead you to being happier.” Brust had a pretty good life growing up and he enjoyed a successful professional career as an engineer. Then a string of sad events intervened, including the death of his young son. This challenged him to search for a happier, more meaningful life. He decided to dedicate his career to helping people search for a happier, more meaningful life. Teens (grades 6 and up) join us for Cupcake Wars on Wednesday, November 13 at 3:30pm. Grab a friend and come decorate cupcakes based on a theme from a children’s or young adult book! Prizes will be awarded to the top three based on a panel of judges but everyone is a winner with cupcakes! Registration is required and can be completed on the library’s website.

BY SCOTT LENSKI, COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN

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BY CAPTAIN DAN TYK

WE DEFINITELY DON’T WANT TO ADMIT IT, but winter will be here before we know it. Besides the chapped lips and dry air, we also need to prepare for the cold. Before the cold strikes, follow these important tips to ensure you and your family are ready for what lies ahead:

▸ Have your furnace and any alternative heating equipment inspected by a trusted professional to ensure it is ready and operational for the winter weather.

▸ Take a look outside the home to be sure that your air intakes and exhausts are free from any leaves or other debris that may have collected there.

▸ Before you fire up your furnace for the first time this season, be sure there is at least three feet of clearance on all sides. The same is true for any fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heaters.

▸ If you are lucky enough to have a fireplace, be sure to have the chimney inspected and cleaned prior to your first fire of the season.

▸ Be sure to have carbon monoxide and smoke alarms on every level of your home, and near each sleeping area. Alarms should be tested monthly and replaced per manufacturer recommendations (usually every seven to ten years).

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Be The First To Browse The Recreation and Community Education Program Guides!

- The Winter/Spring Recreation and Community Education Guides are expected to be delivered to homes mid-November, however, LIKE Us on Facebook to follow the Recreation and Community Education Department for the most recent program information and be the first to browse our program offerings before it is delivered to your home!

Lydell Preschool Open House

- Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Lydell Community Center, 5205 North Lydell Ave.
- Interested in finding a high quality Preschool program and have children 2-4 years of age? Lydell Preschool would like to invite potential families to come to the 2020-2021 School Year Open House.

Wellness Series

- Wednesday, November 6 - 3:30-4:30pm
- Putting It All Together by Lynne
- Learn the wondrous calming effects on your body using imagery and visualization. $5.00 donation at door.
- * Must be registered prior to class day

Trips & Day Outings

- Wednesday, November 13
- Holiday Stocking Stuffer Tour
- Menu: Traditional oven-roasted turkey with gravy, creamy potatoes, homemade stuffing, cauliflower/broccoli mix, homemade cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, milk and Starbucks coffee.
- Cost $39.00 * Must be registered and paid by November 14.

Senior Luncheon and Lecture

- Tuesday, November 19
- Doors open at 11:30am, Lunch at 12:00pm, Program at 12:45pm.
- WW II book authors, Irene Litz Barre and Silvana Basianarruti Kukuljan, will tell stories of their first-hand experience as young girls during World War II, they even met General Patton!
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Free Senior Programming

- Tuesday, November 19
- Free Blood Pressure Clinic 1:30-2:30pm
- Sponsored by the North Shore Health Department

Contact Carolyn Noori, WFB Senior Program Coordinator at 963-3992.

For additional program and registration information, Contact Carolyn Noori, WFB Senior Program Coordinator at 963-3992.
HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Whitefish Bay Holiday Stroll

At this time of year we give thanks for health, friends, neighbors, and family. The Merchants of Whitefish Bay thank you for your support throughout the year and we look forward to our traditional Whitefish Bay Holiday Stroll on the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 29, 2019).

EVENT DETAILS:

» Parade - Enjoy the annual holiday parade on Silver Spring Drive at 6:00 pm.
» Shopping - Holiday promotions and shopping specials will be offered throughout Black Friday throughout downtown Whitefish Bay.
» Entertainment - The evening features a tree lighting ceremony, music, and entertainment. Kids will enjoy pony rides, a live DJ, or a visit with Santa and his reindeer.
» Ballet - Enjoy live scenes in store windows by dancers in full costume from the Milwaukee Ballet School. The Milwaukee Ballet’s performance of The Nutcracker is the city’s biggest holiday spectacle, creating memories year after year. Visit milwaukeeballer.com or call (414) 902-2103 for tickets.

*Gift Baskets - This year there will be 4 drawings, one per week, for themed gift baskets! Gift basket prizes are donated from businesses on the street. One winner will be drawn per week, with the first basket containing only entries from the Holiday Stroll/Small Business Saturday weekend. Each store will have drawing entry forms. Participants must be 18 years or older to enter and can enter only 1 time per store per week. Drawing winners will be announced on Mondays (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23) for entries received from the previous week. Go to www.MerchantsofWhitefishBay.com for more information!

"The year’s Holiday Stroll will build on our incredible tradition," notes Jeff Commer, President of the BID Board of Directors. "The Merchants of Whitefish Bay produces this great event as a ‘thank you’ to the community and so many people come out every year to enjoy the evening. Our shops put out their best and our streets are filled with spirit. It’s a wonderful way to start the season. With a wide array of distinctive shopping in a relaxed atmosphere, everyone can conveniently cross things off their holiday list."

The Holiday Stroll is made possible by donations and support from many people and organizations. Please refer to our Facebook Page Shop https://www.facebook.com/ShopWFB/ or our new website www.merchantsofwhitefishbay.com for additional details, including shopping specials as they are announced.

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➤ When: 7pm on November 8, 9, 15 and 16
➤ Where: Whitefish Bay High School Auditorium
➤ Tickets: $10.00 for Adults & $5.00 for Students and Seniors
➤ Ticket Information: WFBHSTHEATER.COM

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➤ November 11 No School
➤ November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break, no school for students

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➤ November 4, 7:30 PM Middle School Orchestra Concert
➤ November 14, 4-8:00 PM Middle School Holiday Boutique
➤ November 14, 7:30 PM Middle School grade 6, Band Concert
➤ November 8-10, 15-17, High School Fall Play, All My Sons
➤ November 21 7:30 PM Middle School grade 8, Band Concert
➤ November 22 7:00 PM High School Variety Show

Alumni
Are you a Whitefish Bay alumni? If you have good news to share we would love to hear from you! Please email: districtnews@wfbchools.com

Holiday Boutique
The Whitefish Bay Middle School Holiday Boutique is being held on Thursday, November 14, from 4-8 pm at the middle school. Admission is free and open to the public. The Holiday Boutique will feature unique merchandise from more than 30 vendors and artisans, as well as a Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting the middle school directly. Like us on Facebook for information and updates https://www.facebook.com/whitefishbayholidayboutique/

SILVER SPRING PARK
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**BY BOB KATTMAN**

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**Holiday Tea**

YOU ARE INVITED to attend one of the most popular holiday luncheons in the North Shore on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00p.m. You will be served a delicious plate of specialty tea sandwiches with tea/coffee, and you may purchase a glass of wine from our house selections. To complete the fare, a generous variety of delectable holiday treats will draw you to our desert table.

Reservations for the event are required and can be made by either mailing a check for $20.00 to the club or registering directly at our club house, 600 E. Henry Clay Street. For answers to any additional questions, please call Karen at 414-332-7781.

**BY BONNIE CASS**

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Helpful Tips to QUIT SMOKING

ALTHOUGH SMOKING RATES have greatly dropped since the 1960’s, according to the American Cancer Society more than 34 million Americans still smoke cigarettes and smoking remains the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world. Approximately 7,000 Wisconsin residents die annually from smoking-related illnesses and more than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease. In addition, the use of e-cigarettes/vaping is on the rise, especially among youth. Although claims have been made that smoking can be decreased by switching to vaping, e-cigarettes are not currently approved by the FDA as a smoking cessation aid. Smoking e-cigarettes poses additional dangers, as illustrated by the CDC’s announcement of 380 confirmed and probable cases of lung disease (including 6 deaths) associated with vaping as of 9/11/2019.

Quitting smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes at any age improves health immediately and over the long term. Stopping smoking is difficult, but taking small steps increases your chance of success. The first step is deciding to quit. Then set a quit date within the next month. Many choose the day of the Great American Smokeout which is November 21st, 2019. Find the quitting strategies that are right for you. Consulting with your physician can prove effective. Call the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT NOW which provides free phone counseling and information, local cessation program referrals and starter packs of quit smoking medications like nicotine gum, patches and lozenges. Visit: http://www.cancer.org/content/cancer/en/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html for more info.

BY CHRIS CORDOVA, RN, BSN

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ON FEBRUARY 27, 2012, we lost a son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, fellow student, friend and teammate when JT Hilligoss died unexpectedly of a cardiac abnormality in his sleep.

JT Hilligoss touched many lives in his 17 short years. He loved downhill skiing. To celebrate his life, and to give back to the community, we hold an annual memorial ski race in his honor. Proceeds generated from this event are given as scholarships each year.

This year, registration for the 8th annual JT Hilligoss Memorial Race begins on October 31. The event will be held at Little Switzerland in Slinger on Saturday, December 14. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please visit JT Hilligoss Memorial Ski Race on Facebook or email hilski@sbcglobal.net.

BY LISA PELLEGRINI
Fall Bucket List

FALL IS HERE and, if you’re like me, this is cause for celebration. There are many things to do and see this time of year, so let’s have a little fun. Whether there’s a nip in the air or the temps are still pushing 90 where you are, this fall bucket list will get you in the mood. Check them off as you go!

☐ Go on a haunted hayride
☐ Sip apple cider
☐ Jump into a pile of raked leaves
☐ Drink a pumpkin spice latte
☐ Light a seasonal candle
☐ Accessorize your outfit with a buffalo plaid scarf
☐ Go apple picking
☐ Get pumpkins and gourds from the local market and create a fall display by your door
☐ Go trick-or-treating
☐ Challenge your friends to a corn maze
☐ Hop in the car and go on a ‘color tour’ to see the changing leaves
☐ Take the kids to a petting zoo
☐ Make a DIY fall wreath or floral arrangement for your living space
☐ Bake a pie that’s not pumpkin (we suggest pear or sweet potato)
☐ Go to a football game
☐ Take a hot air balloon ride and peep the changing leaves
☐ Take a hike in nature and snap lots of pictures!
☐ Roast pumpkin seeds
☐ Play cornhole

BY KADY PARKER

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BUYING OR SELLING A HOME CAN BE A JOYOUS EVENT. However, when the sale is forced because of divorce it can be extraordinarily stressful and overwhelming. Good decisions are often based on good information. So, forming a collaborative team of professionals is essential to protecting your legal, financial and emotional well-being.

An experienced family law attorney should serve as the quarterback. They will lay out a comprehensive negotiation strategy. Is cooperative compromise best? Or is using the court system best? If minor children are involved, they will work with you to determine what is in their best interests and help you establish custody rights.

The division of financial and personal assets can be complex. An equitable division of bank accounts, retirement accounts, and real estate must be negotiated. What about personal assets like jewelry, furniture, family photos, and pets? Who is responsible for paying credit card balances? What about modern non-physical assets like Facebook accounts and club memberships?

For many people their home is the biggest asset to consider. Working with a knowledgeable local Realtor is essential to understanding market conditions, as well as establishing value and marketability if a sale is required. In addition, they can provide insight on improvements (what do and don’t do) to maximize your equity.

A good attorney will have clear and sometimes difficult conversations with clients about their finances to determine if it is financially feasible to keep the existing home. There is just no way around it – divorce can stretch finances to a breaking point. One must also take into account on-going care, needed repairs, and the time, energy, and desire of maintaining a home alone. The needs of clients are often different. Some people really want to keep their home, while others want a fresh start. Old memories, the needs of children, and financial considerations are often determining factors. Either way, it is important to gather information and consider a range of options before making such an important decision.

Unraveling the intertwined lives of a family after many years together is like trying to unscramble an egg. A strong family law attorney will help you think of things you never considered, be your advocate, and put you in the best position to land on your feet.

Since 2007 Shannon Corallo has devoted her legal practice to divorce law and mediation. Both her home and law practice are located in Whitefish Bay. She collaborates with professionals such as realtors, mental health professionals, and financial advisors to assist her clients.

By Essam Elsafy and Attorney Shannon Corallo
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