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Silent night Santa sleigh quietly sold at auction without a word

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Rudolph and the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus sleigh, which flew down Kercheval since 2005 as the highpoint of the annual Christmas parade, have dashed away over the horizon.

They were auctioned for pennies on the dollar and with no advance public notice from its municipal caretaker, sending its bypassed hometown supporters

and would-be buyers ballistic.

“I am so pissed, you’ve no idea,” said Jenny Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, presenters of the parade. “If we had a chance, we would have bought it. It belongs in our parade.”

She’d lined up a sponsor for the float’s appearance in next month’s 46th annual parade not knowing the sleigh and an accompanying Toys



The sleigh has been a fixture of the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade since 2005.

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Figures show decline of 282 students

By Michael Hart
 Staff Intern

THE GROSSE POINTES — At the Oct. 25 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, new enrollment numbers were presented showing an enrollment figure of 6,640 students for the 2021-22 school year.

This represents a rounded enrollment decline of 282 students from the previous school year and 980 stu-

Pointes split among state districts

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A pair of Pointe officials are ticked off by the prospect of their cities being sliced into separate districts or isolated from sister Pointe suburbs for representation in state and federal electoral bodies.

In the Woods, a proposal calls for the southern portion of the city — bordered by the south side of Huntington Boulevard west of Mack Avenue — to be carved

from the rest of the five Pointes and lumped in with Harper Woods, east-side Detroit and St. Clair Shores for representation in the Michigan House of Representatives.

“I am not happy that part of our residents are not in the district with the rest of Grosse Pointe Woods,” Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant said. “The divisions of the districts should keep whole cities together when they are small communities like ours.”

In the Park, the entire city is severed from the

other Pointes and linked with Detroit’s near east-side plus portions of Center Line, Warren and Sterling Heights for representation in the state Senate.

“It doesn’t make sense to be separated,” Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

The districts appear among legislative options proposed by the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission for representation in the state House, state Senate and Congress.

Voters established the

commission, consisting of 13 citizen appointees (four declaring themselves Democrat, four Republican and five non-partisan), by passing the Voters Not Politicians amendment to the state Constitution in 2018.

“Voters passed the Voters Not Politicians measure expecting to see some common sense in our boundaries,” said Jay Hackleman, of Grosse Pointe Park, the first publisher at the commission’s forum Oct. 20.

Master plan draft presented

By Kate Vanderstelt
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Since 2019, Grosse Pointe Park has been in the intensive process of updating its city master plan. The process took one more step toward completion as city planning consulting group MKSK presented a draft of the plan to the planning commission Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The newly drafted master plan presents the city’s vision: “Grosse Pointe Park is a walkable, bike-friendly, sustainable, historic, diverse and safe community. The city’s residents, unique neighborhoods and convenience of quality businesses and community amenities are its strongest assets. Collaboration and transparency are highly valued and are paramount to successful implementation of this master plan.”

The draft outlined recommendations to enhance neighborhoods, business districts, complete streets, sustainability and zoning.

Neighborhoods
 For neighborhoods, the

Mack unification project receives state funding

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & DETROIT — Along with \$750,000 allocated to the Lakeshore seawall project, the recently approved state fiscal year 2022 budget includes another line item directly benefiting the Grosse Pointes.

Thanks to the efforts of State Rep. Joe Tate, \$200,000 in state funding is earmarked for phase one implementation of the Mack Avenue Streetscape Plan for Detroit, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Mack Avenue Streetscape Plan aims to unify the design standards on both sides of Mack from Cadieux to Moross.

Pointe Park.

“It’s a very important initiative that we’ve been working on for several

years and this is the first element of funding that has been allocated to this,” City of Grosse

Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said.

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Council campaign funding tops \$100,000

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The fundraising juggernaut known as Darci McConnell for Council is wrapping up the campaign season as it began, raising more money than any other candidate and raising most of it from outside the city in which she seeks voter endorsement.

McConnell, an incumbent appointee to the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, is campaigning for her first election to the body.

She collected at least \$46,635 in cash and in-kind campaign donations through Oct. 17, according to filings to the Wayne County Campaign Finance System.

Donation totals to the other five council and two mayoral candidates, filed

with the county Oct. 17, are:

- ◆ Thomas Caulfield, \$5,240,
- ◆ Christine Gallagher, \$15,998.44,
- ◆ Jeffrey Greer, \$9,365,
- ◆ Tim Kolar, \$8,431 and
- ◆ Max Wiener, \$14,550.

And for mayoral candidates:

- ◆ Michele Hodges, \$1,375 and
- ◆ Lauri Read, \$17,175.

Combined contributions to the six council candidates total \$100,489. Totals may seem to vary due to individual filings of late donations.

No matter how McConnell's financial backing is measured, the bulk of it is from outside the Park.

Donations to the campaign appear in three separate filings for the periods January through mid-July, mid-July

through late August and thereafter to Oct. 17.

During the first period, consisting of nearly seven months into July, McConnell raised \$27,000 compared to her closest competitor's nearly \$4,600. Only 21 percent of donations to her campaign at the time came from residents of Grosse Pointe Park.

In the following two filings, mid-July through last week, McConnell's 32 individual donors who live in Detroit outnumber 30 from the Park. Thirteen others are from the other Pointes combined. The remaining 34 are from outside the Pointes. Two are out of state.

Her \$8,730 cash donations from Detroit during the later periods exceed the \$6,258 combined cash and in-kind donations from the Park.

McConnell resisted being interviewed on the topic in July, only cooperating when, on deadline, she was given time to submit written comment through email.

One question she refused to answer during an attempted telephone interview was: "You've raised about \$27,000 that I know about, 80 percent of which is from outside the community. What influence do you think that 80 percent of donors will expect of you as a Grosse Pointe Park council member?"

This time, she bypassed that process and interviewed herself. In writing.

McConnell, a former newspaper reporter, posted a Socratic Q&A recently on the internet. A portion follows, with edits:

"I raised just under

\$50,000 this campaign cycle from more than 200 individuals, 65 of whom live in the Park and 24 who reside in neighboring Pointes.

"Q: Wow. That seems like a lot of money for a municipal campaign.

"A: Actually, the number of votes you go after in our city — approximately 4,500 votes — is comparable to a state senate or representative race, and it is fairly common for those races to spend anywhere between \$30,000 and \$60,000.

"Q: Why do you need all that money?

"A: First, I have to ask you: Why should it be a negative to receive this amount of support? For me to have a credible campaign and effectively contact voters is expensive.

"Q: But you still got several checks from

elected officials and at least a few from organized labor and PACs. How do we know that you won't be focused on their agenda versus ours?

"A: Yes. I received three checks from labor/PACs during the entire election cycle. Yes, I was endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club. That is such a tiny portion of the support I've received."

McConnell's total figure exceeds the number of residents of the combined Grosse Pointes.

The previous high mark for local campaign fundraising was \$38,000 in 2005 by Woods Councilwoman Patti Kukula Chylinski.

"I still am a very good fundraiser and I'm proud of that," she said. "I currently raise money for Detroit police, fire and EMS."

Solar panels an eyesore, shingles too expensive

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — As renewable energy becomes ever more popular in today's world, Grosse Pointe Woods is in the process of updating its solar energy system ordinance. At a meeting Monday, Oct. 18, the committee of the whole passed a draft of the ordinance to go to council for its approval.

The draft included an update to paragraph three of the ordinance, which would mandate solar shingle usage for residents wishing to install solar energy systems to the front of their homes, an installation substantially more costly than panels, which would continue

to be allowed for back-of-home installation. Additionally, it removed a past section requiring panels to be set back four feet from any peak, eave or valley on roofs. It also maintained an available appeal process.

Council expressed concern over the update to paragraph three, which would impact anyone on the north side of an east/west running street. Building Official Gene Tutag said this accounts for approximately 80 percent to 85 percent of the city's residences.

"It seems to me that effectively, this is a ... moratorium on solar panels," Councilman Michael Koester said. "I don't want to see us prevent pretty close to

half the people in the city (from) not (being) able to have solar panels because they would be facing out on the front of the house," Mayor Arthur Bryant said.

According to member John Vitale, the planning commission reviewed the ordinance update in great detail, even forming a solar energy systems subcommittee.

"It was a subject that we talked pretty at length about and we've done a lot of research on," said Vitale, also a member of the subcommittee. "(We) certainly felt that saving energy is a primary objective and I think everyone is in favor of doing that."

Vitale explained to the committee of the whole the main concern for the neighborhood is aesthetics.

"You might get installation that you find very, very objectionable in

terms of aesthetics," Vitale said. "So we thought it'd be a safer route at this time, while this technology is still in the big picture relatively new, to just be a little more careful and not allow it at just this time."

"You have the opportunity to get a variance," he added.

While the solar panels on the front of homes would differ from standard residential roofing aesthetics, the argument for solar shingles stems from the shingles' ability to blend in more cohesively.

"These shingles are getting better and perhaps are a good way to improve the aesthetics," Vitale said.

"The cost is also three or four times the cost (of) a solar (panel)," Tutag said. "So yes, it does severely limit our residents that are on the north side of the street."

The other two proposed changes to the

ordinance were agreeable to the committee. Getting rid of the obligatory 4-foot setback allows more room on the roof for solar panel installation, and allows Tutag and Public Safety Director John Kosanke to do their jobs more efficiently and collaboratively. The appeal process gives the planning commission some authority and negotiation room.

Councilman Koester reflected his uncertainty with the reasoning behind the proposal to rid fronts of homes of solar panels, saying he hasn't heard a complaint since the ordinance has allowed these installations.

"In nine years," he said, "I haven't heard one complaint of someone talking about the aesthetics of solar panels. I understand the concern, but we have nine years of evidence that says it is not a con-

cern and I don't know why we are making it a concern now."

The committee's vote on the drafted ordinance resulted in a tie, with Bryant, Councilmen Todd McConaghy and Thomas Vaughn voting to approve, and Koester, Councilman Kenn Gafa and Councilwoman Angela Coletti Brown voting against the draft. Vaughn proposed voting to approve the ordinance changes, but leaving section three the same until further discussion, a motion which passed unanimously.

Council plans to discuss and vote on the ordinance at its next meeting Monday, Nov. 8. Discussion on paragraph three, debating whether to allow solar panel installation on the front of homes, will continue to take place in the committee of the whole.

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dents from the 2018-19

school year.

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent of financial services, largely attributed the decline in enrollment to a declining birth rate.

"This is essentially a demographic problem and the reality that we have to face right now as we have declining birth rates. We just don't have as many kids com-

ing into our school district," Matheson said.

While board member Colleen Worden agreed that some of the drop in enrollment was connected to a declining birth rate, she said other factors are likely to have caused it as well.

"Although I do think the birth rate is part of the problem, there is no doubt in my mind that

part of the problem was that we were not in school last year," Worden said. "I think we have to figure out how to get the families back and figure out what policies were adopted and continue to be adopted that don't reflect what is best for our families and our students."

The enrollment figure was concerning to many board members due to the fact the budget was made with a projected enrollment of 7,047 students, an overestimate of 407 students.

Superintendent Jon Dean prefaced that after the enrollment numbers are audited, the budget will be further evaluated through the rest of the year.

Upcoming Nov. 2, 2021 Election

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Park encourages collaboration on infrastructure

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park seems to be leading the fight to collaborate with all entities involved in preventing future flooding, after the Park and surrounding communities spent the summer with flooded streets and backed-up basements filled with sewage. At a meeting Monday, Oct. 25, the Park council passed two resolutions to back administrative efforts as it works toward future flood prevention.

The resolutions, proposed by Councilwoman Michele Hodges at a meeting Sept. 27, call upon regional entities for collaboration and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy for collaboration in pursuing an extreme emergency relief valve, or EERV.

"I think as the elected body, it's our job to empower the city man-

ager with tools that accelerate his ability to remedy our infrastructure needs," Hodges said. "In tandem with our engineering team, he's certainly working to push us towards those solutions. I think we can empower him further tonight by advancing two resolutions."

Residents expressed concern over the pursuit of the EERV, hoping the city did not see this as a fix-all solution to its infrastructure problems.

"There's obviously need for updating our infrastructure," City Manager Nick Sizeland responded to the concern. "... I want to be very clear that this EERV is not our one-all solution. This is a part of the broader plan in updating our infrastructure and providing us that relief. In no means is this EERV going to help everything out. ... This is just a part of the puzzle that provides us a relief that other communities do have within the system, along Lake St. Clair and

others. ...

"As we pursue this tonight," he added, "I just want everyone to know that we're going to do this right, and I believe with the team at OHM and our DPW department we're going to get there."

While long-term solutions will be pursued, Councilwoman Lauri Read said this may be the most timely solution at hand.

"We're probably looking at the next big storm well before we're looking at the permanent solution," Read said. "And if I understand what you're saying, we can get to this part, this short-term, interim, temporary solution, whatever you want to call it, quicker, before we're going to get to a more long-term regional solution with our partners."

Read suggested bringing a representative from EGLE to a council meeting in the future to address concerns from residents and council.

"They're in Lansing,

presumably, or wherever their offices are. They don't necessarily know the realities of what we're experiencing and how we're experiencing it," Read said. "So if there's a possibility for doing that, I would encourage it. ... I think it's important for these entities to hear from us, to hear from the elected body and to hear from the residents."

Councilwoman Aimee Fluit affirmed this idea and said she felt the resolution was vague and was concerned to vote on a matter without having specific information about it.

Mayor Robert Denner emphasized the purpose of the resolution was to have the political body backing administration. Any further approval of the construction of an EERV would still have to pass through council.

"I think this is a common sense resolution," Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Robson said. "In the big picture, it's another tool in our tool box."

The resolution passed 5-1 with Fluit voting no and Councilman Vikas Relan absent.

While the second resolution asking for regional collaboration passed unanimously, an additional amendment suggested by Read and affirmed by Hodges encouraged greater demand for getting communities impacting the Park to separate their storm and sewer systems if they have not done so already. The passed amendment ultimately will send pressure to Great Lakes Water Authority to get

its partner communities to cooperate in the separation efforts, something which would relieve pressure on the system as a whole.

As part of the Park's effort to study its infrastructure and work toward preventing future flooding, council also approved a sewer meter bid in the amount of \$80,700 to Hamlett Engineering Sales Co., a project that will study elevation and velocity of water within the sewer system and may help identify areas where operational efficiencies can be upgraded.

Don't forget to vote

THE GROSSE POINTES — Although in-person voting at the polls is Tuesday, Nov. 2, the elections already are well underway in the Pointes, thanks to the rapid increase in absentee voters in recent years.

As of Monday, 1,004 absentee ballots are issued in the City with 406 returned; in the Farms, 1,921 absentee ballots are issued with 1,093 returned; in the Park, 2,426 absentee ballots are issued with 1,157 returned; in the Shores, 471 absentee ballots are

issued with 230 returned; and in the Woods, 3,834 are issued with 1,819 returned.

"We do have more AV applications for this type of election than we've had in the past several local elections," City of Grosse Pointe City Clerk Julie Arthurs said.

Pointers interested in tracking the status of their absentee ballots, or in seeing where they're registered to vote, should visit mi.gov/vote.

— Laurel Kraus and
Kate Vanderstelt

Gifting the meaning of Christmas to children of incarcerated parents

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Organizing widespread efforts to bring a little cheer and the love of Jesus to local children of incarcerated parents has been at the center of the Christmas season in Farms resident Lisa Thams' household for 21 years.

As Angel Tree 2021 kicks off, the ministry is preparing to serve 170 Detroit-area children with help from donations and volunteers.

The efforts to be delivered to the children Dec. 18, will include gifts requested by their parents, with needs specified by their caregivers; notes from the parents transcribed by volunteers; a holiday meal for the household; fresh baked cookies; hand-made Christmas cards; warm, fuzzy socks for each child and their caregivers; Bibles provided by the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship organization; and a faith-based, age-appropriate book.

If enough funds are donated, the bundles also will include gift cards.



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The Thams home is packed with gifts each year before they are delivered to local children in December.

"Ultimately, it's the connection of the children, the parents, the caregivers, all of them, in encouraging their relationship with Jesus as their source of strength and comfort and to know a right path," Thams explained. "Especially for the kids who are in jeopardy of repeating the path of their parents, that they would choose otherwise and that

encouraging, fostering the connection of family, even though their parent is physically absent, would somehow speak to the souls of these children to know that they are loved."

For those who want to get involved with this year's efforts, there is something for everyone, Thams said. Anyone without time to spare may donate

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while others interested in a hands-on approach may purchase gifts and/or volunteer to make Christmas cards, bake cookies, prep goods for delivery or deliver gifts to the children's homes.

As the donated gifts are scheduled for drop off at Thams' home Sunday, Dec. 12, those who donated and volunteered are invited to stay for a prayer gathering.

"We pray as a group and share just wanting to bless the parents and the kids and the caregivers, lifting them up in prayer that God's hand is on them and that he would move in their lives," Thams said, "that this gift is just the jumping off point."

Sign up to shop for gifts or donate at bit.ly/30rnEhK or for volunteer opportunities at bit.ly/3pqJQDp.

Thams may be contacted at (248) 515-6832 for the links or questions.

Monetary donations may be sent to Lisa Thams, 187 Stephens, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236; via Paypal.me/308LAT; or Venmo @Lisa-Thams. Checks can be made out to "Cash" or "Lisa Thams."

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Following three public workshops to gather community and stakeholder opinions, final recommendations for the improvement plan for the stretch of Mack from Cadieux to Moross were completed in October 2020.

"The overall goal of that plan is to try to create some consistency in

design standards on Mack Avenue going through the Grosse Pointes and the Detroit side of Mack," Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said, "... to make Mack Avenue more unified and more inviting for businesses and for customers."

Currently, the streetscape is a "hodge podge," he added, in terms of public lighting, trash receptacles and landscaping both in the

medians and along business fronts.

The state funding, Tate said, will go toward another round of public engagement with the community to prioritize and identify specific designs, as well as place them into phases and cost out the projects in each phase.

"(We're) really excited to help support to continue that work," Tate said.

Going forward in the

project, additional local contributions and non-profit funding may play a role as well, Reeside noted.

"One of the things that the other agencies look for is who else is giving money and who else sees value in that project," City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said, "and what (the state) said for us very clearly is (this) multi-jurisdictional project has value and that it's value for the region."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, NOV. 1

◆ Lake Front Park winter hours begin, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

◆ General Election, polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

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Pointer spends career paying it forward, supporting local at-risk young women

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Though now a 64-year-old Grosse Pointe resident with three grown daughters and a successful decades-long career, the early stages of Erin O'Mara's life weren't quite as stable. Growing up in a rough area of Detroit with a father who suffered from mental illness and substance abuse issues, she learned firsthand the immense difference a support system can make on a child's life and opportunities.

Experiences with afterschool programs and caring neighbors impacted O'Mara with a need to pay it forward and led her down a career path in volunteer services: first, for local hospitals and, more recently, for Alternatives for Girls, a Detroit-based nonprofit dedicated to providing support and resources to homeless and high-risk girls and young women at risk of violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation.

"The main thing that I think has driven me to be so supportive of AFG for many years ... is that when we empower young women and make them healthy, strong and resourceful," O'Mara explained, "we know we have a really good chance that they're



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteering was a family affair in O'Mara's household. Growing up, her daughters often would help with Children's Hospital efforts, from packing coloring packets to making fleece blankets. From left, Erin O'Mara, Brianna, Dennis, Fiona, Caitlin Costello and Pavan Parasu.

going to be a strong parent, they're going to be a strong community member and they're going to have an independence that's not going to push them into unsafe relationships."

Having made a difference in the lives of 120,000 Detroit-area girls and women since its creation in 1987, AFG includes a prevention program, working with middle and high school girls to keep them in school and planning for the future, many of

whom will be the first generation in their family to finish high school; an outreach program to get clothes, food and resources to at-risk and homeless women; and a shelter that can house up to 21 women for 18 months while providing counseling, continuing education and life skills training.

"I often say my work has paid the bills," O'Mara said, "but much more importantly, it's paid the soul."

Though having

recently retired as manager of volunteer ser-

vices at AFG — prior to retirement she helped secure a \$250,000 workforce grant. O'Mara continues to remain active as a donor and volunteer. Her current project, "Color Your Dreams," seeks to bring life, color and a welcoming spirit to the currently sterile lobby space. An interior designer consultation and local women artists of all ages are being sought to help brighten the space — those with interest should reach out at erinomara3@gmail.com — while O'Mara also hopes to include an art therapy component with a rotating wall of art by women in the program.

Come January, she also plans to become more involved with the organization's workforce development goals.

"I will never leave AFG," O'Mara said. "The mission is just too

important to me, professionally and personally."

Her three daughters, raised helping with volunteer efforts during her two decades at Detroit Medical Center Children's Hospital of Michigan, have grown and continue paying it forward as well: Caitlin served in the Peace Corps and now is a special education teacher, Brianna is a physician assistant and Fiona has served in Detroit's City Year program and currently is completing a teaching degree.

"I'm very proud that they also have chosen to work with people who need them," O'Mara said.

To get involved with AFG, email Katie Couture at kcouture@alternativesforgirls.org and learn more about community service opportunities or purchase tickets for Holiday High Tea, a virtual fundraiser Dec. 3.



ARTWORK BY JOANNE ANDO

Using a poem written by Alana, who lived at AFG, this artwork is one of the first pieces recruited for O'Mara's project to brighten AFG's lobby space.

DRAFT:

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city's goals are to "maintain its existing housing, as well as encourage a more diversified housing stock," the plan reads. "New and rehabbed buildings will be consistent with the character and historic nature of Grosse Pointe Park."

As it stands, the city will be encouraged to maintain its historic architectural style, as more than half of Park single-family homes, which comprise more than 70 percent of the homes in the city, were built before 1939. Homes less than 7,000 square feet should maintain a top-

story dormer with windows; metal railing surrounding porches and balconies; and the current rectangular shape.

"Given the narrow geometry of these lots, these repeated architectural elements create balanced and welcoming neighborhoods," the plan reads.

Lots between 7,000 and 18,000 square feet may incorporate differing styles, but should identify similarities to neighboring lots to maintain cohesion. Lots greater than 18,000 square feet should have prominent front and backyards, curving driveways and multiple materials, creating a dynamic and historical style.

As flooding is on the forefront of many minds, driveway guidelines included recommendations to use concrete or stone pavers, or pervious pavement.

Moving forward, the city is encouraged to conduct a housing market study, which will help understand the demand for multi-family and mixed-use housing opportunities. The senior generation also has been incorporated, with the city asked to upgrade existing senior housing and encourage construction of accessible housing.

Business districts

In the business districts, Grosse Pointe Park is to "foster an environment

that is supportive of local businesses and work with its partners to attract and retain small businesses, while maintaining a strong local tax base," the master plan reads. "New and rehabbed buildings will be consistent with the character and historic nature of Grosse Pointe Park."

On Jefferson, the city looks to upgrade crosswalks for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; add landscaping; and close one of the driveways at the gas station at Beaconsfield to increase pedestrian safety. The A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manogian Art Gallery will enhance the district at the corner of Maryland and Jefferson.

Kercheval may be enhanced by upgrading the intersection at Wayburn and Kercheval, signage and business facades and private and public parking lots. Vacant properties may be redeveloped into two- or three-story mixed-use buildings.

On Charlevoix, which the plan coins the "hidden gem of Grosse Pointe Park," storefronts, streetscapes and parking lots should be upgraded. Empty properties should be developed into mixed-use one- or two-story buildings.

Mack may be enhanced by adding differing awnings for street appeal, landscaped screening and narrowing parking lot curb cuts.

Streets

The Park will aim to "make targeted invest-

ments to its transportation system to ensure all users of the road are safely accommodated."

According to the draft, residents wish to see a safer pedestrian community, especially at major roadways such as Mack, Charlevoix and Jefferson. New crossings were recommended, notably a few mid-block crosswalks across Mack, something which would need to be a collaborative effort with Detroit.

Bikeability of the city may be enhanced with potential shared-lane markings, bike lanes and shared-use paths on Windmill Pointe, East Jefferson, Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack. The city should keep tabs on new transportation technologies emerging as it upgrades public infrastructure. Things like intelligent traffic signals, reflective, wide pavement markings and roadside units, or RSUs, may need to be installed as technology develops.

Sustainability

The discussion surrounding sustainability's inclusion in the master plan leads the city to strive to "protect its parks and recreational amenities to define the community that is connected by green space and outdoor amenities."

According to the draft, the city should replace lead water service lines; continue to work at separation of sanitary and storm sewer collection; install electric vehicle charging stations in public parking areas; include pervious pavers and street trees in new construction areas; and launch a recy-

cling education program.

Zoning

The city's zoning ordinance must be altered to implement the master plan, when approved. Notably, the plan encourages the city to allow three-story, mixed-use buildings in the business district, permitting apartments above first-story businesses.

As it is a walkable district, parking standards also may be reconsidered.

Discussion and next steps

The planning commission discussed the plan before approving to send the draft to city council, where it will be authorized for distribution as the start of a 63-day formal review period to include opportunities for public comment before final adoption of the plan.

Chairwoman Michele Lindsay said she would like to hear from stakeholders in the city, as well as collaborate with the departments of public works and public safety to ensure compliance with their requirements. Councilwoman Michele Hodges suggested adding a list of city-owned properties to the plan, in efforts to "understand how they could factor into future solutions." Lindsay concurred with the idea.

An online survey regarding the draft will be released to obtain public feedback. Comments on the process and plan may be directed to city manager@grossepointe.org.

For more information or to see the master plan draft, visit gppmasterplan.com.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Sign to stop

After being pulled over for disregarding a stop sign on Cadieux Road at 10:49 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, a 23-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving while license suspended.

Door vendetta

An Hispanic male, approximately 20 to 30 years old, was seen throwing an object at the front door of a home in the 800 block of University Place and shattering the glass at 7:53 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, before driving away in a 2005 gray Chevy Malibu.

A second report was called in six minutes later of a young woman running back to a gray Malibu, occupied by multiple people, after kicking in the storm door glass at a Lincoln Road home.

Neighbor dispute

Following ongoing disagreements between two neighbors in the 600 block of Neff Road, a cigarette butt found at 6:41 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, sparked a 53-year-old Grosse Pointe woman to begin threatening to hurt her neighbor.

The incident was resolved when the suspect announced intent to move by the end of the month.

Carting away coats

Four North Face coats, valued at approximately \$120 each, were stolen from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

The suspect is a black female, approximately 5-feet, 4-inches tall, who was wearing a gray coat, glasses and yellow leggings.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Fraudulent furniture

A resident in the 600 block of Canterbury received letters from Synchrony Bank, saying they received her request and were denying credit for purchases at Rooms to Go and Ashley Furniture.

Great American Finance, the firm Synchrony Bank uses, sent the resident a letter weeks later congratulating her on her recent purchase, which she did not make.

The purchase of \$498.16 at

Ashley Furniture was fraudulent and the resident reported it to Great American Finance and Synchrony Bank. Her accounts were flagged and the orders canceled.

Exploited

A resident in the 600 block of Oxford was sent a friend request on Instagram. He was instructed to open a Snapchat, which contained a nude photo from the unknown woman — his new “friend.”

She asked him to send one back. After he sent a nude photo of himself to the woman, she told him to send money to a Venmo account or risk having his photo sent to his family, friends and school.

Over several payments, he lost \$1,075 to the woman. The photo was sent to four of his friends anyway.

Erratic driving

A 62-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested for operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The man was seen speeding on Harper near Allard. He exhibited erratic driving and was stopped.

Smelling like alcohol, he had a hard time locating requested information and admitted to drinking five beers at an event.

He failed several field sobriety tests and had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.13 percent when given a preliminary breath test.

Breathalyzer results were 0.11 and 0.12, for which the man was arrested.

New car

A 26-year-old Detroit driver was stopped on Van Antwerp near Harper at 3:14 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, for improper plates.

She had bought the car within weeks, she said, and did not have associated paperwork with her. Meanwhile, her vehicle also was not insured.

The woman was issued citations for driving with license suspended and without insurance.

Expired plates

A 40-year-old Detroit woman driving down Mack near city limits was pulled over at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, for expired plates.

She gave a paper copy of her license, but did not have insurance to show.

She was issued citations for expired plates and driving while license suspended.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Colliding with the law

After nearly colliding with a patrol vehicle while turning in the wrong lane from Chalfonte Avenue to Barclay Road at 4:48 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, a 65-year-old Harrison Township man was cited for driving while license revoked and improper lane usage.

Driving suspended in the dark

A 33-year-old Detroit man with three prior driving while license suspended convictions was cited for the same at 9:19 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, after being pulled over at Moross and Beaupre roads because his vehicle's brake lights were out of service.

When life gives you lemon drops ...

A 21-year-old Detroit woman admitted to drinking lemon drops with coworkers before officers found her vehicle stopped with one wheel on the curb on McMillan Road at 12:21 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .127 percent, for which she was arrested.

There's no place like home

When officers woke a 32-year-old Holly man sleeping behind the wheel of a vehicle stopped at Bournemouth Road and Chalfonte Avenue with its hazards on at 12:18 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, he told them he believed he was in Holly.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .20 percent, for which he was arrested.

Stolen bicycle

A girl's bicycle, black with pink wires and faded pink trim,

was stolen from an area school property between 8:50 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Red light, green light

A 36-year-old Oak Park woman was arrested after she disregarded a red light and drove through the intersection at East Jefferson and Woodland at 9:54 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18.

The woman was arrested for driving with license suspended.

Leaves must go

A 5-foot-8-inch white man with short brown hair was seen fleeing the 700 block of Middlesex in a white Ford Explorer after stealing landscape equipment from a trailer between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The stolen equipment, two RedMax leaf blowers, total a loss of \$1,000.

Tools, trimmers and bikes, oh my

Many items were stolen from a locked, unattached garage in the 1200 block of Wayburn sometime between 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17.

Missing are a Craftsman toolbox with tools, Echo weed trimmer, brown men's Schwinn bicycle and green women's Schwinn bicycle, all totaling \$1,375.

Vehicle fire

No injuries were reported in a vehicle fire in the 1400 block of Lakepointe at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

Public safety officers responded to the scene, where flames were actively emitting from the engine. A dry chemical extinguisher was used to subdue most of the flames. A fire-truck responded to the scene to completely extinguish the fire.

Speeding and intoxicated

A 35-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10:02 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

The woman was stopped for

speeding at Bishop and Charlevoix.

Assortment of goods

Taken from an unlocked, partially open garage in the 1400 block of Wayburn were a leaf blower, adult tricycle and extension cord.

The items went missing between 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, and 8:42 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

Saturday speeding

A 26-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Manistique at 11:21 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

The driver was found to be intoxicated and arrested.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Canceled license

A 22-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license suspended and not having insurance at 8:17 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, after being pulled over on Lakeshore Road when a LEIN/Secretary of State search showed his canceled license status.

Unlicensed

After being pulled over on Lakeshore Road when a LEIN/Secretary of State search showed he was unlicensed and had a warrant at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, a 23-year-old Warren man was arrested for driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

Bombing drug tests

A 34-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs at 9:50 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, after a report of someone driving on Clairview Road with his door open and running over curbs.

The man told officers he had been chased by people the night before and believed someone had placed a bomb in his car.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Seely honored for term on council

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After deciding not to run for re-election, Shores Councilman Matt Seely received a proclamation during his last meeting as a member of city council Tuesday, Oct. 19.

During his single four-year term on council, Seely served as council liaison for the parks committee, harbor committee, newly formed infrastructure committee and the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

“You have always given at least 110 percent or greater effort in your position,” said John Seago, councilmember and friend of Seely. “The proclamation that Mayor (Ted) Kedzierski read is a testament to your hard work and dedication to the city.”

As part of the parks committee, Seely worked on updating the Osius Park master plan, developing the new park entranceway, promoting the Fourth of July concert and fireworks, the completion of the tennis courts and new pickleball courts, the construction of a new tot lot and an action plan for repairs to the swimming pool and locker rooms.

Through the harbor committee, he played a role in the installation of Wi-Fi at Osius Park and the installation of 800 feet of splash guard in the inner seawall.

His efforts on the infrastructure committee included pushing for a fix to the deteriorating Lakeshore seawall and advocating for repairs to the Shores water and sewer system.

“I would just like to thank all of the residents of the city for allowing me the opportunity to serve,” Seely

said. “It’s been a joy in many ways. There have been difficult times in the last four years, where we met some, what seemed at the time, daunting chal-

lenges, but we met them. And there were times that there were controversies that these challenges created and we, I think, navigated those with about as

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much grace as we possibly could have.”

Seely has served on council since 2017.

“We’re going to miss you,” Kedzierski said. “You’ve been an integral part of the city council.”

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OUR VIEW

Vote Tuesday — or sooner!

Finally, after a long lead up to the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election, the day is nigh. In five days, all those voters who haven't cast absentee ballots will vote in person at their precincts throughout the Pointes.

If the general election sees the heavy turnout in absentee voting as in the primary — more than half of the votes cast in Grosse Pointe Park, for instance — some of the races may already be decided. But that is no reason to not vote. The margins are slim, particularly in the Park where there are hard-fought races for mayor and city council seats on the ballot.

In the Park primary, for example, vote-getter Max Wiener topped incumbent Darci McConnell by only seven votes — 1,499 votes to 1,492.

Christine Gallagher followed McConnell with 1,482. Tom Caulfield came in fourth with 1,370 votes, and Jeff Greer and Tim Kolar rounded out the six finalists with 1,306 and 1,234 votes, respectively.

Just 265 votes separated the top vote-getter from the sixth-place finisher vying for three open seats on the council, and just 17 votes separated the first- and third-place finishers.

So every vote counts!

Another election of note on the Nov. 2 ballot is in Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores where the two cities share a municipal judge. Longtime Judge Matthew Rumora was forced to retire at age 70, creating an opening for the bench that is highly sought by local members of the bar.

In the primary to winnow the field from three to two candidates, Farms resident and former Grosse Pointe Woods city attorney Charles "Chip" Berschback led the pack with 1,457 votes — 1,203 votes in the Farms and 254 in the Shores.

His second-place opponent, Kevin Smith, saw 447 votes in the Farms and 67 in the Shores, for a total of 514.

Based on the primary vote, it appears Mr. Berschback will be the next sitting judge in the Farms/Shores. But then again, it's the voters who get the last word.

The only ballot proposal on a ballot is in Grosse Pointe Woods, where voters are being asked to approve a measure that would place the city clerk and treasurer, who currently report directly to the city council, under the purview of the city administrator. We urge Woods voters to approve this charter amendment.

Lastly, we call on all voters to take advantage of their constitutional right — vote!

Election results

Back before the advent of computers and the internet, we used to be able to report the results on election night. We used to get them at city hall or faxed that night. No more.

These days, some clerks send their results to Wayne County, who then posts them on the county's website. Some clerks post them on their cities' websites. Seems everyone does it differently.

Regardless we will post results online as they come available next week but after we go to press.

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PONDERING IN THE PARK By Greg Theokas

Donnelly's "big project" — the Park's future?

Graig Donnelly, a vocal Park activist, has been very public about his demands to reopen streets and to open the Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks to non-residents. On May 27 he wrote the following, in this newspaper, "now is the time to talk about opening the parks and the streets."

To placate Donnelly's demands, two current council members took the following steps. At first, council member Relan wanted to put the topic of opening the streets on the July 2020 city council agenda. Apparently, that was pulled back.

Then, on Nov. 8, 2020, council member Fluit sought to provide a solution for Donnelly. In an email to him she proposed "rolling many of these issues into one big project ... let's have a much bigger discussion that will take more work and time...we'll have dedicated people and meetings solely focused on this."

So, what's the "big project"? Aren't Park residents entitled to know? Is it a secret backroom deal that will satisfy Donnelly? At least, that's one "deal" that the council majority (and their activist allies) can't pin on their predecessors.

During this campaign, three current council candidates — McConnell, Kolar and Greer (all supported by the council majority) — have tried to sidestep the Relan, Fluit, Donnelly agenda. In their June 17 newspaper interviews, they chose careful phrases such as: "not currently considering ... a change" or "no interest from residents" or it's a "non-issue."

But on Dec. 3, McConnell asked the Parks and Recreation Department to study opening Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks to non-residents.

And all three of them have accepted campaign contributions from Graig Donnelly. Two of them —

Kolar and Greer — have his signature on their nominating petitions. Why would they openly associate their campaigns with Donnelly? They know his positions and shouldn't welcome his support, if their June 17 newspaper statements are to be believed.

Will Donnelly's "big project" surface after the election? Will these candidates be on board?

Instead of Donnelly's agenda, any "big project" should concentrate on solving the devastating sewer overflows, and reducing the systemic budget deficit. FEMA's recent rejection of the Park's sewer cleanup claim could add an additional \$900,000 to the current \$785,000 deficit. That would result in a FY 2021-22 deficit of over \$1.6 million.

So, council majority, wake up! Stop attacking your predecessors. And stop pushing for special interest flags, or an outdoor basketball court at Patterson Park, or a restrictive donor policy.

Go all out for state approval of the emergency overflow valve.

And, get rid of the restrictive donor policy so that the Foundation and other generous, anonymous donors can pay for it. While you're at it, you'll probably realize that there are donors who'll pay to rebuild the marina. Saving taxpayers that significant future cost.

And, finally, don't plan the Park's financial future around COVID relief grants, the infrastructure bill, the declining surplus or FEMA reimbursements. They won't last.

This Tuesday will be a watershed moment in Park history. Voters will select our first woman mayor. And they will decide if competent new faces — with common sense and financial experience — will control our destiny. If not, Graig Donnelly's "big project" will likely be our future.



LETTERS

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Big money, bad precedent

To the Editor:

We as a voting community need to decide this week if we want to allow large dollars and outside funding of our small-town city council elections to become the

norm. If we do, then the days of finding committed residents who are willing to serve on these local councils may be over. They simply won't be able to afford to run at their own expense against nationally organized party money. Grosse Pointe Park is

witnessing the setting of a dangerous new precedent for future local elections. I have not found any race that comes close to this amount of spending. \$50K is an exorbitant amount for an individual candidate in a city council race like this. The dollars raised here by one candidate are 10 times what they were in the 2019 election in GP Park with five candidates for three open seats.

If national party funding and outside interest are going to pour money at city council elections successfully then we will only have ourselves to blame when their interest outweigh that of our residents.

The numbers are staggering. (See chart.)

If we don't stop it now by rejecting this at the ballot box, we will be complicit in supporting this kind of spending. We will be living it again in future elections and begging for residents to serve.

We can say enough is enough Nov. 2. Do not sit this election out.

CHARLES CRANE
Grosse Pointe Park

City over party

To the Editor:

According to the National League of Cities, over three-quarters of all municipalities have nonpartisan elections. The Park is one of those municipalities. Proponents of nonpartisan ballots suggest political parties are irrelevant to providing services.

At the municipal level we hold nonpartisan elections because local issues center on providing basic services of water, sanitation, police protection and public works to the community. Many of the national issues do not come into play at the local level.

Do Park residents realize these four candidates — Greer, Kolar, McConnell and Read — have each accepted between \$750 and \$1,000 from the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club? This sure gives the appearance of partisanship.

If elected, will Greer, Kolar, McConnell and Read be more loyal to their party over what is good for the Park community? McConnell's

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GPP City Council fundraising through 10/2021 quarterly reporting

Grosse Pte Park Candidates	Total Dollars Raised	% Dollars Raised Outside of GP	% Self Funded
Caulfield	\$ 5,240.00	0%	38%
Gallagher	\$ 12,988.44	3%	34%
Greer	\$ 10,758.53	5%	0%
Hodges (Mayor)	\$ 1,345.00	0%	0%
Kolar	\$ 10,534.28	31%	1%
McConnell	\$ 50,603.38	66%	0%
Read (Mayor)	\$ 17,175.00	0%	0%
Wiener	\$ 14,709.85	6%	38%

I SAY By Mike Adzima

What rivalry is all about



game between the football teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. Despite the game being a one-sided affair, the night was still filled with that special atmosphere of a big game and reminded me just how fun rivalries like that can be.

This past Friday night, I had the opportunity to witness something special. It was my first time being able to see the great rivalry

Even though I'm not a native of the Pointes, it was still easy for me to appreciate a rivalry like this one. It reminded me a lot of my own experiences with football rivalries in my high school days. Being from

Plymouth, our area had big crosstown rivalries of our own with three high schools right next to each other.

Whenever my school of Plymouth would play against Canton or Salem, the rivalry atmosphere was there. There would be entire weeks of fun build-up and anticipation waiting to see who would win the big game and have the bragging rights. What I realized watching North and South play Friday night was more than just about bragging rights, but

more about how rivalries can really bring communities closer together.

After Plymouth would play against Canton, what happened on the field really just reminded us that we are all one community in that area at the end of the day. I cannot speak for everyone in the Pointes, and may even be wrong saying this, but it felt like Friday night was the same.

I did not see any animosity between the fans or students on either side and even the play-

ers on the field put on a very clean game for the most part. The whole community of the Pointes was together to enjoy the game and a night with each other regardless of the outcome on the field.

That is what rivalries should really be about. In football, the game is 48 minutes on the field. The teams and fans might be enemies for those 48 minutes, but are all part of the same community before and after.

Even with this week-

end's Michigan and Michigan State football game rivalry ahead, it should be the same type of situation. Before and after the game, we are all members of the same state and live, work and see each other every day.

Rivalries like the game between North and South really can bring people together, even when it seems like they are divided. They can remind us of the beauty of sports and the beauties of our communities and our relationships with each other.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

HOYT NAMED CHIEF OF POLICE: Walter R. "Tex" Hoyt, a patrolman on the Farms Police force since 1929, was named Chief of the Police Department by the village trustees on the recommendation of the Police and Fire Committee, headed by Trustee George L. Schlaepfer. Sgt. William Rice, who has been acting chief since the resignation of former Acting Chief Eugene Bolo, was elevated to the rank of lieutenant.

NAB WORST DELINQUENTS: A long series of crimes ranging from car thefts to arson were admitted during weekend grilling of a group of youngsters who had been rounded up following the arrest of one of the gang by Woods police. Authorities of the Pointes term the case the worst of juvenile delinquency the area has ever known.

Obituaries: Edward

John Evers

1971

50 years ago this week

HALLOWEEN GALAS FOR TEENS KILLED BY APATHY: Another Pointe tradition, the annual Halloween Party, has fallen by the wayside. This year committee members decided not to have the annual event, which has been as much a part of The Pointe as The Hill and The Village. A party chairman said each year the attendance has dwindled; upgrade students just weren't attending.

PLAN TO OPEN TRIAL BOTTLE DROP CENTER: The Student Committee on Pollution Eradication, or SCOPE, has announced the opening of a trial bottle drop center at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Mike Read, SCOPE chairman from South High School, said the organization's purpose in setting up this center was to create a center that was less noisy than those which

crush glass in barrels, as most centers have done in the past.

Obituaries: Phyllis L. Castle, Glenn P. Gessell, Frederick Ollison Jr., Col. Gilbert G. White, Susan A. Preston, Joseph G. Hoffer, Jess Aaron Swarthout, Barbara Bosch, Francis Foguth, Virginia Epes McCormick Evans

1996

25 years ago this week

DISTRICT'S AGING OFFICES GET MUCH-NEEDED REPAIRS: Since the Grosse Pointe school administration's "house" is a pair of historic — and in some places crumbling — schools on St. Clair, steps are now being taken to make it more like home. Since the summer, the administration has razed a decrepit wooden storage shed behind the buildings, painted and installed new doors on the maintenance garage, power washed the Cadieux school portion of the

buildings and is in the process of having the brick and mortar exterior repaired.

WOODS GET NEW FIREBIRD FOR PATROL: Calling it no big deal, Grosse Pointe Woods chief of public safety Jack Patterson said the city's new traffic enforcement vehicle is a Pontiac Firebird. The department has been using Chevys "forever," but it seems the automaker has stopped making Chevrolet Caprices with the full police package. GM will be putting out a Yukon police vehicle next spring, but because the department needed a new traffic car now, it purchased the Firebird.

Obituaries: Ethel Clark Behr, Casimira G. Finlayson, Hugo Walter

Weisse, Reine Elizabeth Sharkey, William M. Bremer M.D., Lucille Sherwood, Nell Ann Frederick, Norma R. Phillips

2011

10 years ago this week

COTTAGE MAY HAVE SENIOR LIVING: The upper floors of old Cottage Hospital might be converted for senior living. Proposed residential options range from one- to two-bedroom studios and apartments for independent seniors and those needing varying degrees of assistance, including Alzheimer's care.

DUCK HUNTING BANNED: Grosse Pointe

Park may well become a vacation destination for ducks now that the city council has banned hunting them. Based on resident complaints and a visit to Patterson Park by Police Chief David Hiller, a proposal to ban duck hunting in the Park was unanimously approved by council. The issue is the proximity of hunters to Patterson Park and the discharging of firearms so close to the boardwalk at Patterson not to mention other park facilities.

Obituaries: Michael J. Allor, Cyril A. Grobbel Jr., Anne Fletcher Haughton, Delima "Della" Peterson, Helen Farnin-Clancy, Suzette de Marigny Alger Howard, Jeanne V. Suminski, David L. Thomas, Michael John Prigorac

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\$40,000-plus in funds spent on hiring outside sources sure indicates she won't be frugal with taxpayer money.

Let's vote for the best qualified people who put city before party, who will avert rancor and extremism and who will seek to unite Park residents and businesses. These candidates are Wiener, Gallagher, Caufield and Hodges.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Arora for Read

To the Editor:

As we approach the final days before the municipal elections on Nov. 2, I'd like the community to know why I endorsed Lauri Read's candidacy for mayor of Grosse Pointe Park.

When I decided not to run for a third council term, I was most concerned that residents would continue to have meaningful representation on council. I am grateful that Lauri Read stepped up and raised her hand to lead.

As a council member, she consistently represents our voices; she's responsive, thoughtful, dedicated and the hardest-working person in public service.

We are so fortunate to have her experience, boundless energy, passion and legal acumen working on our behalf every day. She is the leader who will steadfastly and confidently take our community in to the future.

And speaking of the future, as mayor, Lauri

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will work hard to preserve our rich traditions as we attract new families and ensure our seniors have what they need to thrive in our city.

I know there has been misinformation from her opponents in this election. I encourage you to look at Lauri's track record on council and put facts over fear.

Her ability to work with the city administration, fellow council members and neighboring communities to develop innovative approaches to problem solving is exactly what we need to lead Grosse Pointe Park going forward.

LAURIE ARORA
Former city council member,
Grosse Pointe Park

Healing begins at tailgate

To the Editor:

I wanted to thank the community for joining us for our tailgate at Grosse Pointe South before the North vs. South football game on Friday.

It was a beautiful evening, with families enjoying the music of The Boys of Summer — a band made up of North and South musicians — games on the lawn, delicious fare from local food trucks and the premiere of our history exhibit in Cleminson Hall and history hallway in the Boll Athletic Center commemorating 100 years of academic excellence.

North and South athletic boosters and parent organizations sold spirit wear, South's choir boosters hosted a chili

cookoff and raffle, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society provided a glimpse at its new headquarters, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education raffled off North and South baskets, and the Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends Association offered free popcorn and hot chocolate as guests learned more about this new organization.

The doors of Cleminson Hall — restored several years ago by the GPS Mothers' Club Preservation Committee — opened to a world from the past, with artifacts, costumes, a video with past concerts and games, and archival photos on display boards, many of them on tables original to that historic room. Many alumni in attendance stepped foot in that building for the first time in years, invited by the warm glow of the lit room and the allure of the past.

Bragging rights about which team is victorious at the end of the night is part of the traditional crosstown rivalry. But what stood out for me — and what remains long after the score comes off the scoreboard — were the joint performance of the North and South marching bands during the tailgate, the combined halftime performance by the North and South dance teams and the sportsmanship of the players and fans on both sides of the turf and stands.

Since I began my new position as superintendent, I have talked about healing in this community. Friday night was an example of how we heal. By coming together. By



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Park meet-and-greet

The Grosse Pointe Park Business Association hosted a meet-and-greet event with current and future Park leaders Sunday, Oct. 17, at Red Crown. Around 145 people attended, including Park Mayor Robert Denner and Councilman Jim Robson. Additionally, mayoral candidates Lauri Read and Michele Hodges were in attendance, as were Park council candidates Tim Kolar, Tom Caulfield, Christine Gallagher and Max Wiener. The band Not2Nite entertained the crowd. The event, which included complimentary food and drinks for all Park voters, was organized by the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association. From left are Angela Hebeka, GPPBA President Joe Hebeka, GPPBA Vice President Trenton Chamberlain and his fiancée, Mackenzie Johnson.

sharing common bonds and traditions. By creating new memories.

For those unable to attend, the history exhibits will be open to the

public during our district open house on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 12 to 2 p.m. Join us then. See our newly renovated buildings, home to our thriving

student body, thanks to the community's support of our Warm, Dry, Safe and Connected bond. Enjoy our past and see why our progress is

so important to our future.

M. JONDEAN

Superintendent,
Grosse Pointe Public School System



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Community concern regarding race-based incidents in GPPSS

By Michael Hartt
Staff Intern

Sandy Hudson, steering team leader of Know Your Classroom, a Grosse Pointe-based education advocacy group, said that, over the past year, there has been an increasingly high level of community concern regarding incidents of alleged critical race theory practices present in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

“(Our organization) is concerned about these instances and we’re gathering information about these instances so that we can again educate parents,” Hudson said.

He attributed much of this sentiment as the result of initiatives undertaken by the Council on Race, Equity and Inclusion, but also from stories emerging from individual classrooms throughout the district.

An incident Hudson confirmed was being dis-

cussed by his organization involved an English teacher in a Grosse Pointe North High School classroom separating students by race.

A parent, who has requested anonymity for her family out of fear of retribution by the North administration, confirmed the details of the incident after her child was compelled to participate in it.

According to the parent’s account, on the third day of her child’s English class, the teacher asked the students questions verbally about their racial experiences in the classroom before taking the students outside and separating them into two areas of a circle: one exclusively of black students and one exclusively of white students.

After separating them, she asked them several more questions about their race and had the students share some of their responses. A worksheet

titled “Racial Identity Map Activity” also was handed out to students, with the teacher allegedly telling the students not to remove the worksheet from the classroom.

Soon after the incident, the source said her child and several other students were removed from the class at the request of their families.

The parent said her primary misgivings with the situation were the discord it created and the generalizations it may have caused students to make.

“We all want our kids to learn about diversity and different cultures, but just the concept of separating kids by their race (is) just so unnecessary and divisive,” the parent said. “I don’t think it’s fair to make kids generalize their peers based on something they don’t have (any) control over: their race.”

While some are alleging these events are clear

examples and indicators of CRT being used within GPPSS, Jon Dean, superintendent of GPPSS, assured that these incidents are normal ways conversations about race are integrated in the school system.

“We don’t have CRT inside of our curriculum (and) talking to people about race is not CRT,” Dean said. “I think that that’s one of the important things (to understand and) one of the things I hear going on, not just in our community, but broadly. One of the things that happens in education is to help create students that have an opportunity to become well-rounded critical thinkers (and) that’s not indoctrinated. But that means that our students can do well enough and think critically in their English classes so they can get into (university).”

Another incident of alleged CRT within the district Hudson said has

been getting much attention is a virtual networking event that was hosted by the Race, Equity and Inclusion council last January that was exclusively for staff members of color.

The occurrence of the event was independently confirmed by a Freedom of Information Act request made by the Grosse Pointe News.

Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent of GPPSS and a member of the REI council, said the event’s purpose was to simply allow staff members of color within GPPSS to have a safe space to discuss their experiences.

“I think it’s important to be able to create safe spaces for dialogue, where you’re able to be intentional about really getting the voice of all, but also getting the voice of those who are normally marginalized,” Bishop said. “And so it’s important to be able to create avenues (where) every-

one has a chance to be able to share, but also avenues where safe spaces are created. (This is) so you can lift up everyone within your organization.”

The parent who requested anonymity said while she definitely sees these incidents as being harmful to students, she is, overall, further concerned about how the lack of transparency regarding this work could continue to manifest problems for the district.

“I’ve always thought so highly of this district,” the source said. “I mean everyone did. People would move here just so they can go to the schools. And then it’s like, in the last couple years, people started realizing that maybe it wasn’t all that it was being made out to be. And that there’s just definitely an agenda, which I didn’t realize before. And I think that a lot of parents are starting to feel (that).”



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

School Board President Joseph Herd and Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle pose for a fun photo during the event.



Tailgate!

The GPPSS Community Tailgate took place Oct. 22, before the North/South football game and featured a variety of food trucks and fun activities. Above, Simon D’Angelo-Klein gets a boost from his mother, Gabrielle D’Angelo, while playing Connect 4. For more photos, visit grossepointenews.com.



The Boys of Summer entertained during the North/South Tailgate, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

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Grease, oil disposal regulations strengthened for businesses

Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Because grease and oil can impede the operation of sewer systems, recent city engineer recommendations to mitigate flooding risk in the City included amending the city ordinance to better ensure food establishments do not let the substances into city pipes. Council unanimously approved the amendment, “Sec. 78-114. Interceptor maintenance and waste receptacles,” during its meeting Monday, Oct. 18.

While the ordinance already noted grease interceptors could be

required by the building inspector, the amendment now requires the equipment to be cleaned at least annually, with records maintained of each cleaning. The interceptors then will be subject to a new annual inspection program by the building inspector.

“As far as we’re aware, because we don’t have a regular inspection program, most, if not all, restaurants already have grease interceptors and they keep the grease from going into the sanitary system,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “But if you don’t maintain them or clean them out, then the grease gets into the drainage system.”

Also added is a requirement — if deemed necessary by the building inspector or the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy — for food establishments to have oil receptacles, which are separate containers not connected to the sewers and intended for storing oil until it can be recycled or disposed of properly.

The ordinance does not require that each establishment have its own receptacle, where sharing makes sense, Dame clarified.

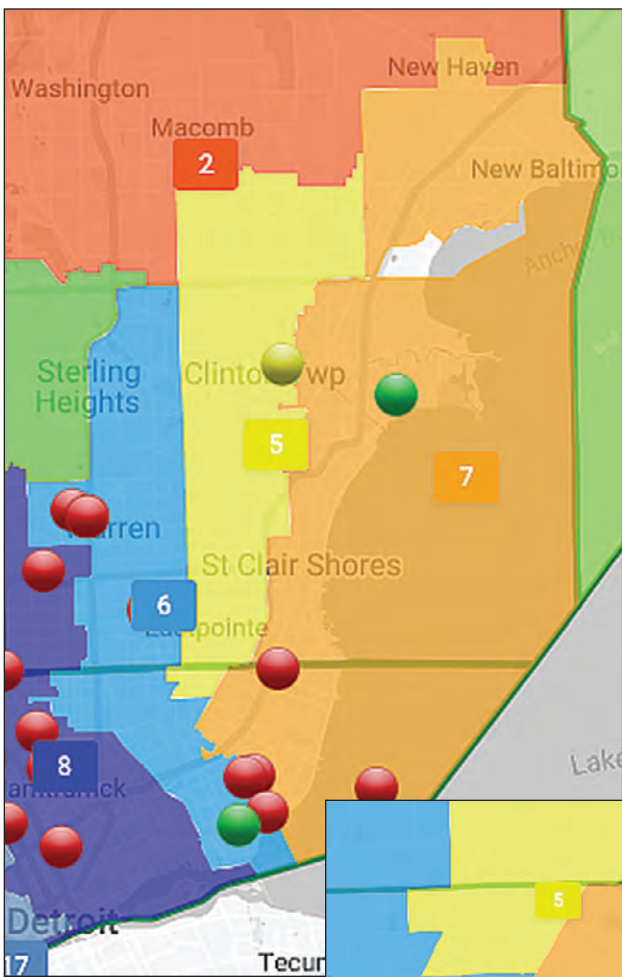
Noncompliance with the ordinance could result in a civil infraction and fine.



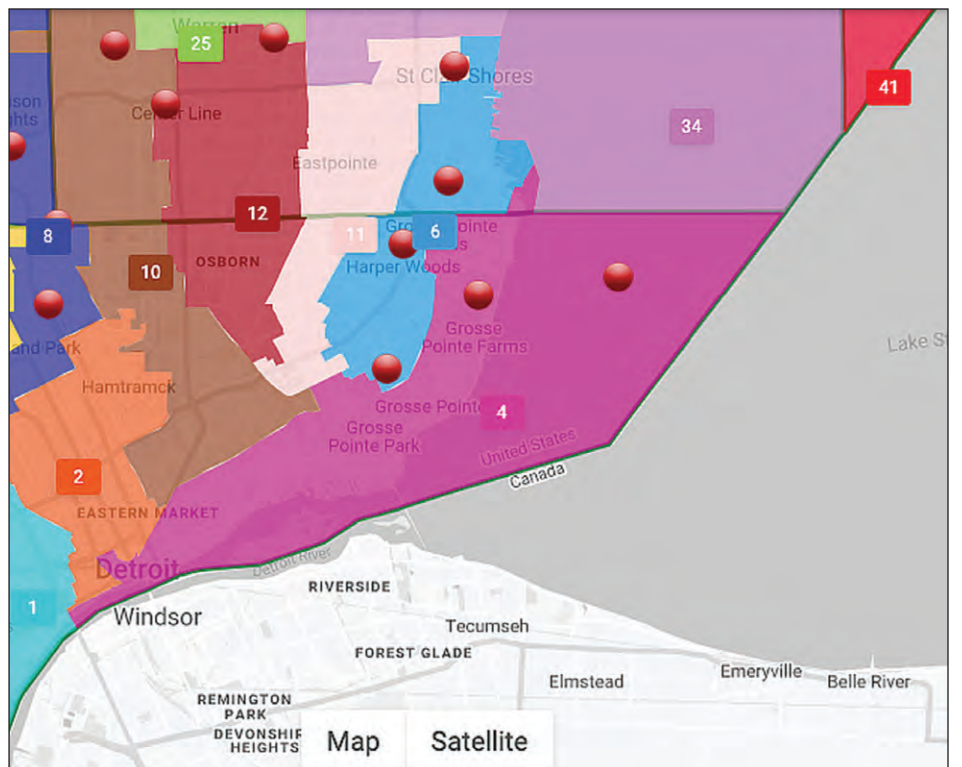
Congrats!

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Jonathan Aleari won the GPS 2021 Chess Tournament the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 26. Since the tournament’s inception in 2013, Aleari, a Shores chess grandmaster, has won every year except 2015, when Shores resident Kenneth George won. Pictured from left are George, Shores resident Bruce Campbell, Aleari and Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

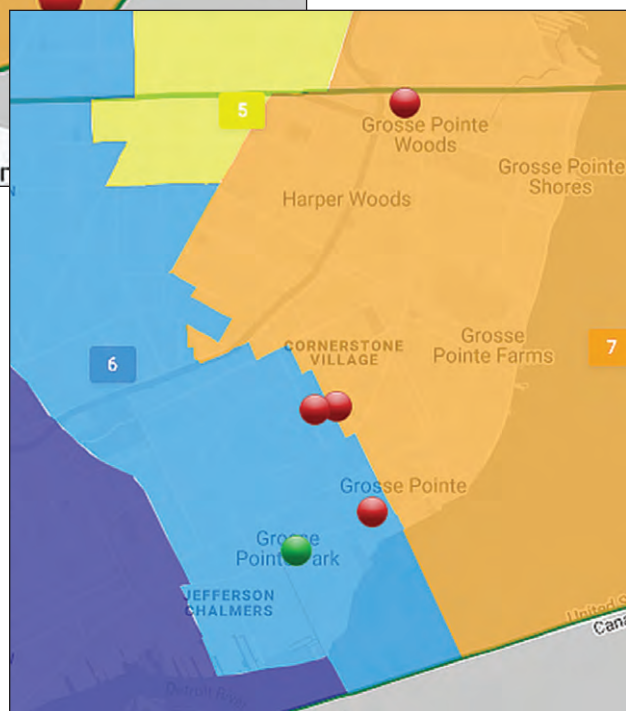
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Left, a proposed map of state Senate districts and, below, a closer look at the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.



Right, a proposed map of state House districts and, below, a closer look at Grosse Pointe Woods.



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in downtown Detroit. “The Michigan amendment also held out the promise of compact, logical districts which represented our community of interest. My community of interest is the Grosse Pointe community of interest.”

He listed 10 reasons the Pointes should be represented collectively in the state’s and nation’s capitals.

Among them: “Taxpayers of the five Pointes and portion of Harper Woods have a common public school district, superintendent and millage rates; fire response is unified by a mutual aid agreement; (and) the six municipalities operate their own municipal courts.”

Hackleman and fellow Pointer, Maria Simon of

the Farms, were smart to sign up early and get a jump on addressing the commission.

Some 219 people had their say during a session lasting 9 hours, 19 minutes and 19 seconds.

“Please do not separate us,” said Simon, the second speaker in line. “The Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and east side of Detroit have several

shared and common

interests, such as a regional bus system, cultural and recreational facilities, and the communities are served by regional medical facilities. The communities share common governmental interests and are part of and served by Wayne County government and the communities share educational services.”

Speakers whose names

couldn’t be confirmed are not identified beyond their stated city of residence.

“I’m here to advocate for the inclusion of the Grosse Pointes alongside the far east side of Detroit in the newly drawn district,” said speaker 192, a woman identifying herself as “native to the far east side of Detroit.”

She said, “Growing up on the border of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, I know how much these two communities rely on each other and are interconnected. These two cities have worked to bridge historic divides to become more interconnected. That is in part due to the elected leadership we share.”

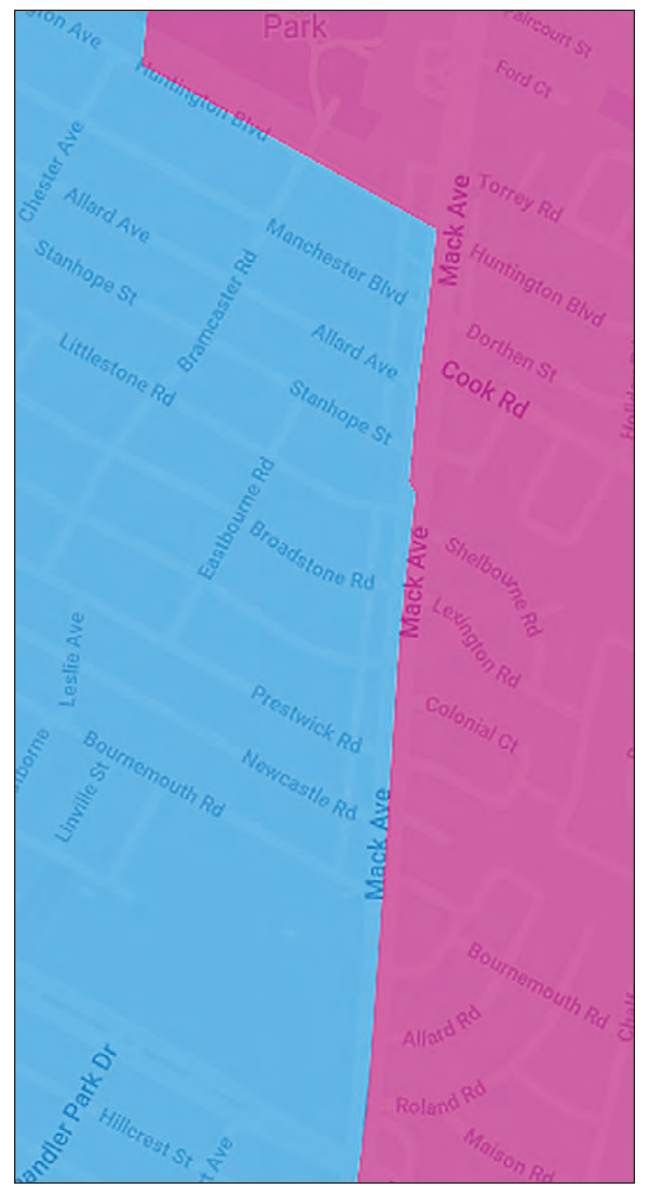
A man used similar strength-in-numbers logic to oppose separating Dearborn from Dearborn Heights in the state House.

“(It) makes it difficult for us to collaboratively source state and federal funding,” he said.

Numerous speakers advocated for legislative districts to be based on race.

“We need you to draw maps that are 51 percent black,” said a woman from Detroit. “Honor the Voting Rights Act to ensure black people are able to elect leaders that look like themselves.”

“I am surprised at how much emphasis there is on electing somebody that ‘looks like me,’” countered Deborah Bloomfield, of Wyandotte. “Do we have to have a percentage of blondes, a percentage of redheads, a percentage of brunettes? I think what’s most important is that we work together, we live together, we recreate together. We want families, we want security, we want good,



strong, local government and we want the people from local cities in our community to be represented together.”

The proposed maps are anything but definite. After more mandated public review and comment sessions, the proposed districts enter another public comment period prior to the commission’s final, but maybe not so final, decisions Dec. 30.

“The Michigan Supreme Court has jurisdiction over the process,” said Commissioner Rebecca Szetela, moderating the meeting in Detroit. “They can review

at its discretion any challenges to maps adopted by the commission. If a plan fails to comply, they can demand that the commission go back to work and make it comply with the constitution. This is the only body that can create and adopt maps for Michigan’s congressional, House and Senate districts.”

“We know lawsuits are coming,” said a speaker last week.

“We have a lot of gratitude and appreciation for the audience for coming,” said Commissioner MC Rothorn, accepting a motion for adjournment at 10:44 p.m.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Zoning Board of Appeals will consider the variance requests for the following property owner:

Mr. Kirk Haggarty and Mrs. Michelle Haggarty – 3 Dodge Place – Variances from:

Section 90-351(k)- Schedule of Regulations – to allow a proposed screen porch to encroach 8 feet beyond the existing building setbacks of the two adjacent properties.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on November 15, 2021. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

Breaking bread: A place for community coming soon

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Trenton Chamberlain was a baker for seven years before he owned The Brick's Pizzeria at 15201 Kercheval. Though his pizza business has taken off, his heart lies with bread. So, when Cornwall Bakery retired from its space at 15215 Kercheval, Chamberlain seized the opportunity to pursue his passion for baking.

His vision for the space: a community-centered French bakery — a spot where Grosse Pointers stop through on their way to work to grab coffee and a freshly baked croissant. On their way home, they'll stop by for freshly baked bread to pair with dinner.

Named Boulangerie Le Rouge, translated as "The Red Bakery," the previously navy-colored building will be transformed into a bright red, likely with "Boulangerie" spelled out in a neon sign enhancing the facade.

"We just really wanted a French name that threw back homage to the French culture in Detroit and Grosse Pointe," Chamberlain said.

Chamberlain's baking expertise will be



said. "We're going to make the best bread for you and we're going to nourish you through this. It's about making things right."

Boulangerie Le Rouge likely will be open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with possible expanded hours once business is rolling.

The anticipated open date is late winter or early spring.

Renderings of the bread wall, top, and kitchen area, left, at Boulangerie Le Rouge. Below, the bakery will include plenty of seating for patrons.

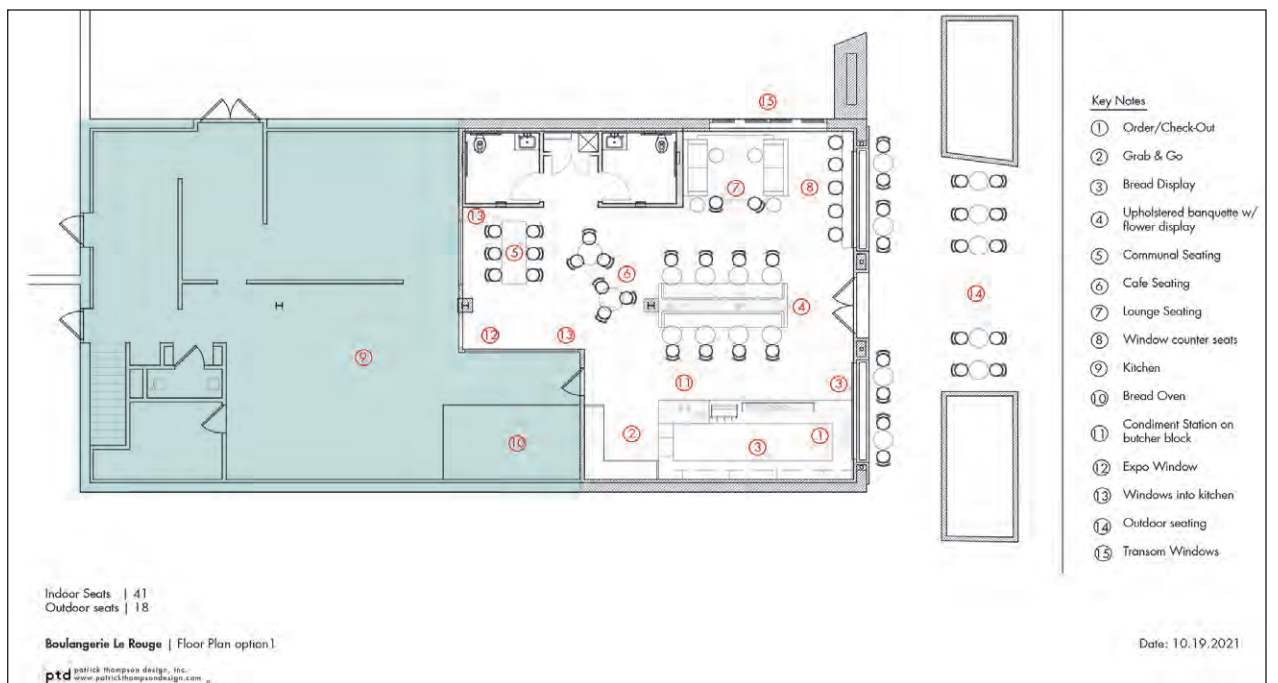
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brought to the shop, where the focus will be on croissants, coffee and European-style hearth breads, to name a few. The bread will be baked in-house and a full espresso bar will encourage patrons to grab a seat on the couch and stay a while.

Breakfast and lunch also will be available at the bakery.

Chamberlain is enthusiastic about creating a timeless and unique feel in the Park's flourishing business community.

"I just think of (baking) as like, this is the way that I give back my energy to the world," he



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For Tots train had been sold Oct. 6 through Detroit Metro Auctions.

The sale price of reportedly less than \$4,300 represents less than 6 percent of the float's \$80,000 construction cost.

"I'm so sad for the parade and the community," Boettcher said.

The sleigh and train's new owner, Rodger Carter of the Port Huron area, described himself as a Santa lookalike and acolyte.

"When I saw the sleigh, I said it would be a wonderful thing to start a nonprofit and take it around to hospitals and parades," Carter said.

Both the train and 16-year-old sleigh were in such raggedy condition he couldn't get them in shape to present properly in this year's Grosse Pointe parade, 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26.

"A couple of reindeers' legs are broken off," Carter said. "Vinyl on the sides is deteriorating. On the train, the trailers are destroyed underneath. All the wheels are damaged. The train had a fire."

"The whole wiring harness is pretty much burnt up," said Pat Thomas, public works supervisor for Grosse Pointe Park, the municipality that accepted responsibility for storing and making the float available to the parade.

The float and related equipment sat idle most of the year, stored inside Joe's Garage, a Park DPW auxiliary site on Ashland Street near East Jefferson two blocks inside Detroit.

"I don't want to be a Grinch, but over the years it was a maintenance nightmare for our DPW," said Nick

Sizeland, Park city manager. "We didn't have storage room. Urban renewal now owns Joe's Garage and could no longer keep the sleigh long-term due to their own storage needs. Keeping the float would make more DPW equipment have to sit outside."

"I had a call from Pat Thomas saying they wanted to get rid of it," said John Stevens, a former City of Grosse Pointe councilman and the thrust behind the nonprofit Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade.

Members of the privately-funded, volunteer organization designed and raised donations to construct the 38-foot-long, 14-foot-tall motorized Santa float which appeared to be hauled through the air by a life-sized Rudolph, his body hand-carved from Styrofoam, his red blinking nose an aircraft navigation light.

Rudolph guided the way for eight customized, flying reindeer over a miniature Grosse Pointe winter landscape replete with landmarks.

That wasn't enough for the Friends. By the time the 2013 parade kicked off, the charity bore a stable of four floats.

In addition to the sleigh and train, there came a Toys For Tots caboose, used to haul gifts gathered during the parade for donation to the Christmastime charity founded shortly after World War II by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves; and a White Christmas carriage.

Lost chance

"I was OK letting the sleigh go because I assumed there would be an opportunity locally to buy it," said Stevens, now retired and living mostly in Florida.

He wanted to be informed if and when the

sleigh and train went to market.

"I could have bought it," he said.

Stevens is an open book. It seems impossible for him to suppress the bitterness in his voice.

"Nobody was notified," he said. "I tried to find the auction site. The Park never called me back. No question — they could have contacted a few people or at least let me know."

Carter, a retired Chrysler high-precision craftsman, and his retired wife are in the antiques trade. Even with all the auctions they attend, they somewhat stumbled upon the one offering the sleigh and train.

"The Grosse Pointe items were part of a combined auction listed on the website as part of Soltz's Quality Meats auction," Carter said.

Stevens sees the loss through the eyes of children who the Friends were so intent on pleasing.

"I feel bad for the community, that's all," Stevens said. "The reason I built it was because my granddaughter, who at the time was 6 or 7, went to the parade. Santa Claus came in on a little carriage. She asked why Santa didn't have a sleigh. It inspired me to build a sleigh."

"Before we built it, we took the design to The Parade Company (the operating arm of the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade Foundation)," said Dick Ruzzin, sleigh designer, Park resident and retired director of design for Chevrolet. "They gave us a price of \$130,000 to build it."

The Friends did it for about \$80,000, Stevens said. The train came in at \$15,000.

Costs were less than otherwise due to volun-

teer designers, engineers, fabricators and manufacturers, including Bruce Burton, a defense contractor from the Farms.

"We built the chassis, engine and drivetrain," Burton said. "It would have been nice if the leadership of the community had let us know they were thinking about selling it. Nobody contacted me to see if I could kick in some money. This is a very generous community if they know they need to support something."

Sizeland sees his error of not announcing the sale publicly beforehand, nor informing his mayor and council.

"Typically, when there is an auction or selling of equipment, I wouldn't reach out to the council," he said. "We recently sold an old ambulance that had been sitting decrepit in our garage. We didn't tell council about that."

Santa's sleigh wasn't everyday equipment.

"Throwing Santa Claus on the trash pile is not what you want to do," Stevens said. "Santa is a big deal in children's eyes. If our politicians have no regard for that, that's pretty bad. They should have had more respect for an icon that is symbolic in the eyes of children."

"Could I have done a better job of letting council know? Yes," Sizeland said. "I'll do a better job of that. I'm excited the new owner is going to put it to use with care and love."

"It was Sizeland's decision," Stevens said. "I feel bad for him because he made the wrong decision. He's going to be the fall man in the eyes of all the kids in this community."

"I'm sure I'm going to get a lump of coal this year," Sizeland said.

In 2016, members of the Friends, many in their retirement years, felt forced by advancing age and declining energy to yield reins of the sleigh and train to the Park.

"Members donated it to the Park on the condition it continue being featured in the parade, plus be displayed publicly during the holiday season," according to a Nov. 17, 2016, account in the Grosse Pointe News.

"It became a little more of a burden to us," Stevens said last week.

"I remember they needed a place to store it," said Dale Krajniak, Park manager at the time, now retired. "In exchange, we could display it wherever. They always maintained it."

"The chamber wanted the float, train and carriage," said the chamber's Boettcher. "I have a letter in my office asking to take this over. It made sense for us to take on the sleigh and everything because we took over the parade. Thankfully at the time, Dale Krajniak assured me not to worry, that they would always provide the sleigh, train and carriage to the chamber for the parade."

Deed of gift

"There's a written agreement signed by Krajniak when we donated it to Grosse Pointe Park," Stevens said.

A deed of gift, provided by Andrew Richner, a Park attorney and former state representative, is signed and dated Dec. 25, 2016, by Stevens but no one else. It reads, with some legalese cut out:

"Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade ... irrevocably donates the carriage (meaning sleigh) and train to Grosse Pointe Park as a gift, and transfers all right, title, and interest in the carriage and train to donee.

Donee will arrange for use and display of the carriage and train in the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade."

"In all the years talking about the float, there was never anything about an agreement," Sizeland said. "Maybe Dale signed something, but I never heard of that. We (Park administrators) looked in the vault to see if there was anything. I had no idea. Nor does anyone else."

"When we took it (the sleigh) to the Park it was 100 percent perfect mechanically and cosmetically," Ruzzin said. "By next fall, they damaged it. There was no storage space. There was no heat."

"This really bothers me," Boettcher said. "But, I assure you this year's parade is going to be the best yet. Our parade marshal is Catie Deloof, our local Olympic swimmer. We have a few surprises."

While transporting the partially disassembled sleigh on a flatbed truck last Friday, Carter got doses of why Boettcher, Stevens and everybody are so mad about the loss, while also experiencing cheery things to come as the sleigh's new steward.

"You should have seen the smiles on everyone's faces along the route home," he said. "When we stopped to unload, a couple pulled up with a little girl, 3 or 4 years old named Aubrey, in her car seat in the back. She was concerned that Santa and his sleigh had broken down. She was so sweet."

Now the work begins in preparation for next Christmas.

"I love floats," Carter said. "I want to preserve it and make sure it lives a long life. Next year, I'll have everything ready to go."



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Above, the boards, prepared for launch at sunrise at the Blue Water Bridge. Right, from left, JT Mestdagh, Jeff Huebner and Mike Hix, on the water.



‘Blue Belle’ brothers

Trio takes on paddleboard challenge

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Fascinated by the thought of a “first descent,” Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jeff Huebner contemplated taking a standup paddleboard from the Blue Water Bridge to Belle Isle — something he said had never been accomplished before.

He liked the idea of two noteworthy landmarks bookmarking a long journey on the water.

“I’m an endurance athlete,” he said. “I got inspired by friends who had done an endurance standup paddleboarding event.”

Initially, Huebner kept quiet about his plans; the proposed journey met all the criteria for a Guinness World Record and he didn’t want anyone to beat him to it. However, Guinness turned down his application, saying it wasn’t



JT Mestdagh gets a close-up view of a freighter during his trip.

meaningful enough. “My view is, nobody cared about swimming the English Channel until somebody did it,” he countered, “and now it’s a thing.”

Undaunted, Huebner began recruiting others to accompany him, among them Farms resident JT Mestdagh.

“Jeff contacted me this summer,” Mestdagh said. “We were at an

event at The War Memorial and he said, ‘I have this crazy idea.’ He told me he wanted to do this paddleboarding event he thought would be cool to do. He asked me if I was interested and I said, ‘Sign me up.’ Later on he told me exactly what it was and I thought, ‘What did I sign up for?’

“That said, I’m excited he included me.”

Huebner’s plan generated so much interest, it was brought up at a dinner party attended by Farms resident Mike Hix, who was immediately on board.

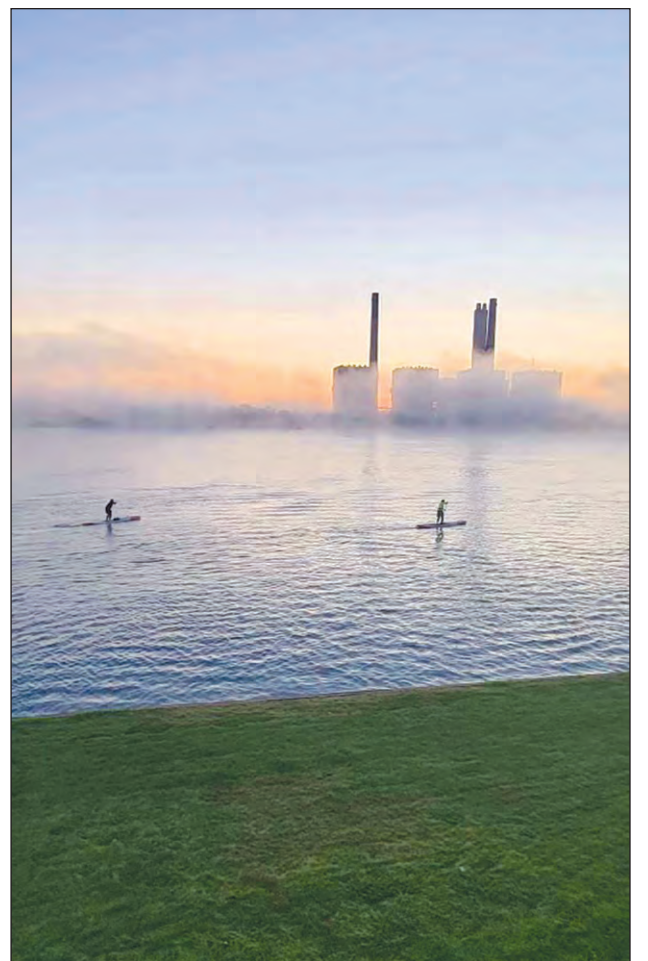
“I had never met Jeff before this whole idea,” Hix said. “One of my friends told me some guy wants to do this really long paddle for charity. ... Jeff called me the next day.

“I love being outdoors,” he added. “I have a very difficult time saying no to plenty of things, especially if it relates to doing things outside. ... (Paddleboarding) is good fun, it’s giving awareness to a sport a lot of people should consider, it’s doing something fun for a cause. All of that for me was the perfect storm.”

With a team assembled, the trio sought some advice from Brian LeFevre, owner of Great Lakes Surf Shop. Huebner said he was met with skepticism.

“He was probably thinking, ‘Who is this guy?’” Huebner recalled. “I’m a novice paddler.

“We were ambitious in our goals,” he added. “We decided the best time to do it was late September. There’s less



Two of the paddlers make their way across the water at dawn.

boat traffic and the water was warm. I bought a board in spring ... which gave us roughly three months to train.”

All three men are athletic, but rather new to paddleboarding.

“This summer, I jumped right into a totally different kind of paddleboarding than I was used to,” Mestdagh said. “I was very casual. This took me to a different endurance level, a different fitness level. It was a really fun road training.”

“I love to spend time on paddleboards in general,” Hix added. “I’m not a pro, but it’s great exercise, it clears the mind, it puts the mind at ease. It’s good for the body and the soul. It’s undervalued by non-boaters what we have here — the Lake St. Clair corridor.”

They dubbed their journey The Blue Belle and started an Instagram

account — thebluebellesup — to document their progress. LeFevre and two other professional paddlers — aka the Green Team — provided tips to the trio, who called themselves the Blue Team, and even accompanied them on some shorter distances.

“We started training in the lake, then did point-to-point distances,” Huebner said. “We did the Farms Pier to Belle Isle. We went around Belle Isle. We went out in all kinds of conditions — north winds, south winds — to prepare.”

Despite their training, members of the Green Team pulled out of the event, leaving the less-experienced Blue Team to go it alone. Huebner’s plan was to finish the route, which included around 40 miles of river and around 20 miles of



Mestdagh, left, and Hix at the “finish line,” Belle Isle.

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Inaugural art contest message: 'Listen to Women'

AAUW invites teens to share talents at public art show

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since its inception in 1944, the American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch has gone beyond providing fellowship, programs and opportunities to advance equity for women and girls, to raising funds for national endowments and scholarships, as well as local scholarships for women at Wayne State University, Alternatives for Girls and Macomb Community College.

Through its efforts, funding was provided to continue and expand STEM — or science, technology, engineering and math — programs at Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools. Last spring, it set up an annual scholarship program, providing two scholarships each to Grosse

Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, to graduating senior girls who plan to pursue STEM careers. An additional STEM scholarship was awarded to a student involved in robotics.

The AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch now is expanding its reach beyond STEM, to STEAM, by including the arts in the mix. This fall, the organization hosts its first juried art contest, following the theme "Listen to Women." Teens ages 13 to 19 are invited to explore the achievements and contributions of women through art.

"I love art," said Kathleen Conlon, contest

chairwoman. "I wanted to see support for the arts as well — not just STEM, but STEAM. The other members were happy to get on board."

Plans began to develop last year, but really started taking shape in early spring. The organization extended invitations to all teens to reach as broad a spectrum as possible, Conlon said.

"We went to age 19 because during the early stages of the pandemic, a lot of schools were only meeting virtually," she added. "We wanted those kids who may have graduated to still have a chance to enter. They don't have to be a student at a specific school either."

The contest is open to



teens in Grosse Pointe and beyond who are homeschooled, attend in-person classes or have graduated — as long as they fit within the age range, 13 to 19. Original two- and three-dimensional works will be accepted.

There's still time for teens to enter the contest; entry forms must be emailed by Friday, Nov. 5, with intake Wednesday, Nov. 10.

"They can email the information even if the piece is not quite finished by Nov. 5," Conlon said. "They'll still have five days until intake."

Along with basic information about the artist, applications must

include, in 50 words or less, an essay about how the artwork relates to the theme, "Listen to Women."

"We empower women," Conlon said of the AAUW. "It's a remarkable organization and not enough people know about it. This contest is helping spread the word about it."

The organization was founded in 1881 under the name Association of Collegiate Alumnae. Though it has changed names over the years, its mission has always been the same — to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

"It was started by women who were educated — there were few at the time with a college education — who came together to support other women who wanted a college education," Conlon said. "It was a remarkable thing at that time. There was lots of prejudice and inequality."

Within five years, AAUW branches opened in Washington, D.C., New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Boston. It awarded its first scholarship in 1888, and in 1920, the organization donated \$156,413 to Marie Curie, so she could purchase one gram of radium for her research.

"It was all behind the scenes," Conlon said. "Their mission is what attracted me to the organization."

Conlon hopes the art exhibition will interest other people in the organization, too. The public is invited to view the

teens' work at the Manoogian Art Gallery at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods, from Friday, Nov. 12, to Wednesday, Dec. 15. The gallery is open to visitors during school hours, until 3:30 p.m. Visitors must check in at the front desk.

"We sent invitations to so many schools and organizations," Conlon said, noting students may only submit one entry each. "This is not something where the juror decides which pieces will be hung. The juror will decide who the winners are."

The juror is 33-year journalist Tresa Baldas, who during the past decade at the Detroit Free Press has written extensively about workplace discrimination, domestic abuse, female genital mutilation, harassment and sexual abuse.

Conlon admitted she's been asked why a journalist was selected to judge an art show. The answer is simple, she said.

"Because it's the message we want to get across," she explained, not the artists' technique or creativity or composition. "The message — 'Listen to Women' is the theme — is what's important. We hope the artists will explore that and educate themselves at the same time."

"... If women expect to have equality, first we need to understand why they don't have it and



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Kathy Conlon created a painting to help promote the theme of the art contest, "Listen to Women."

what the causes are, what the issues are and how to remedy them," she added. "These kids may not come up against it until they're older, but I would hope some of this is getting through to them now so they won't be struck with the harsh reality as they get older."

Conlon said the organization received a tremendous amount of help for its inaugural art contest from Karen Pope, president of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

"She was invaluable to us," Conlon said. "We learned a lot along the way. We hope to turn it into an annual event, so we're keeping track and learning from the experience."

This first contest is sponsored by the AAUW Grosse Pointe, University Liggett School and the Grosse Pointe News.

An opening reception is planned from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 18, to which the artists, their friends and family are invited. In addition to being open during school hours, the gallery will open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, when awards for Best of Show, Second Place and Third Place will be presented. Award winners receive cash prizes — \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively.

"I'm excited, the organization is excited and we want the kids to be excited," Conlon said. "The organization is standing behind all of this. I'm excited the other women embraced it as much as I did."

For more information or an entry form, email aauwgp@gmail.com.

The exhibition will not be open the week of Thanksgiving. More information may be found online at grossepointe-mi.aauw.net/.

League opposes ballot petition that eliminates accessible voting

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe is educating voters on Michigan's fair and secure elections in light of a ballot proposal that would make voting harder for many people.

There is a group that has received approval of a petition with the state's Board of Canvassers to enact citizen-led legislation to take away Election Day voting options, make absentee voting less accessible and gut funding for election administration in Michigan.

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, along with other local Leagues and the League of Women Voters of Michigan, oppose the ballot measures and support Michigan's current voter validation system that has worked for decades.

"This proposal eliminates options that make voting more accessible to all,

especially for black and brown communities, seniors, youth, people with disabilities and rural voters," said Susan Acton, president, League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. "Our last presidential election was the most secure in history and our state already has safeguards for elections. Not only is this proposal unnecessary, it disenfranchises voters from participating in our foremost democratic process."

The ballot proposal includes an appropriation that, if approved by the Michigan Legislature, would prevent a vote of the people from overturning the law, further denying the people of Michigan a voice on the issue.

More information on the League of Women Voters' advocacy is available at the League of Women Voters of Michigan website, lwvmi.org.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 2022 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
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The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2022 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2021 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

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Summaries of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2019 budgeted funds are as follows:

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Police Forfeiture, K9 & Special Projects Fund	\$0
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$0
Revolving Loan Fund	\$0
Vehicle and Equipment Fund	\$313,7845

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the proposed 2022 Budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313-343-2510). All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

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Grosse Pointe News

Woods author sparks inspiration with textbook on selling

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Steve Lorenz has learned quite a bit during his 35-year sales career, including the importance of a sense of humor.

Lorenz, who sincerely wants to make a difference, recently published "Thee Textbook on Selling: Volume 2."

"I wrote it 2 1/2 years ago," he said. "I took a year off during COVID. I had lost my job and spent that time looking for a job. Plus, I didn't feel I should be writing a textbook on success when I'd been unemployed. So it sat there and collected dust for a year and a half."

After gaining employment, he decided he was short on content, so he reached out to friends for help.

"I have a tremendous circle of wildly successful, wildly loyal friends," he said. "During a night of insomnia, I sent an email, asking: What's your best selling story? Twenty-five people sent one- to three-page essays on how they're entrepreneurs that went from relative obscurity to successful careers."

Among them is Grosse Pointe Realtor Alex Lucido, broker/owner of Lucido Real Estate, and his wife, Theresa, execu-



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Vi Clarkson gets a book signed by author Steve Lorenz.

utive vice president of sales and marketing with Wellness Coaches. They are among more than a dozen guest contributors to Lorenz's textbook.

Each chapter includes a personal anecdote by Lorenz, followed by an answer to the question, "This is a textbook about selling, so how does this apply?"

Though it's written with some humor, it's message is sincere. There's a moral to this story, Lorenz said. "The task is in the path. There's a task and a goal. If you're focused on the goal, you will fail."

"To get the outcome, there could be 25 tasks," he added. "Break the goal up into the tasks. If you're shrewd, you'll do the tasks sequentially. ... One

at a time, take the steps. The task is in the path; the outcome is where you end up."

Retelling inspirational stories he's heard — whether from a Detroit Lions coach or off the pages of Golf Digest — Lorenz gets his message across.

"I wrote it because it's fun," he said. "There are funny, self-effacing stories about myself and funny, self-effacing stories about people I work with. ... I wrote it for me."

But ideally, he'd like to see the book on the optional reading lists of community college and/or trade school students. The \$15 book would be nice — and affordable — for that age, Lorenz said.

"I'd love to turn the print world around," he added. "Making them pay \$200 for a textbook? ... I would love it if other people would rise up a little and say community college is not designed to

break the bank. Can't we use textbooks that are reasonably priced?"

Lorenz said young people starting on their entrepreneurial careers also would benefit from the book, even if their career path isn't in sales. He gave an example of one of the contributors to the book, a young woman who lost her job during the pandemic. She moved from Boston back to Michigan and decided to use her savings — and a loan from her parents — to open a vegan restaurant.

"She will take a recipe and take 40 to 60 percent of the fat out of it," Lorenz said. "She makes no-fat vegan doughnuts. She's that gifted. She told me, 'After my store goes big, I may franchise, I will write a cookbook and you'll see me on The Today Show.'"

"She's betting on herself," he continued. "She's risking more than she has and had the guts to lean into that move at 25. That's who I want to read the book."

Taking risks, having the right attitude, finding inspiration and learning why loss matters are among the lessons peppered throughout the book.

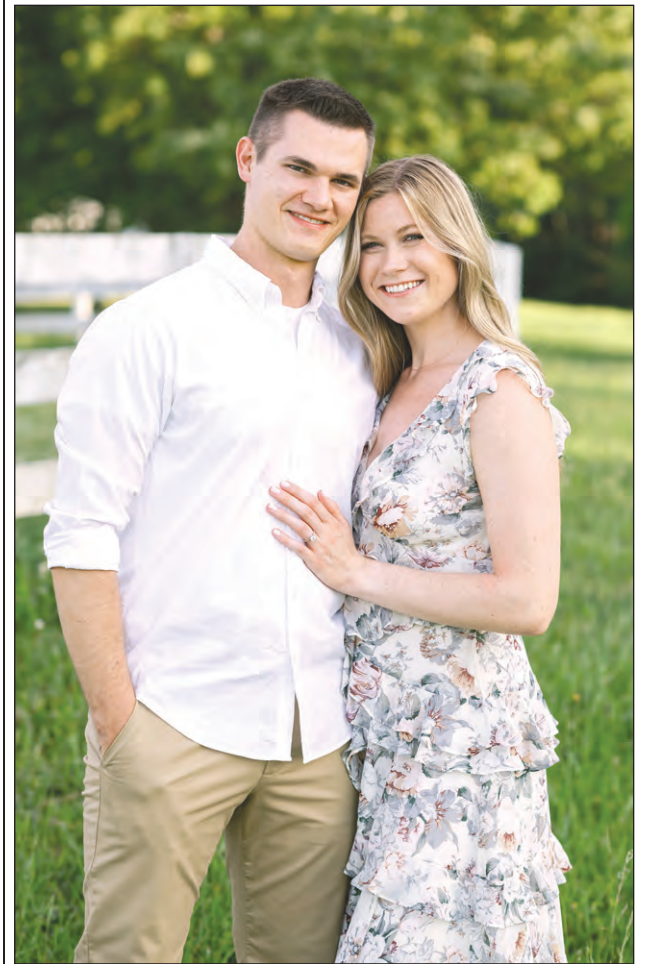
"I've made every mistake; I've been called every name; I've done everything wrong that you can do wrong," Lorenz said. "It's been a long, long road. But other people have done it who are wildly successful, because they leaned into it."

"... And if you don't think you're selling, you're not paying attention to the world around you."

Lorenz hosted a book-signing event at Osius

Park in Grosse Pointe Shores on Sept. 30, which included a coffee cart and live music. For those who missed it, "Thee Textbook on Selling" is available for \$15 on amazon.com.

ENGAGEMENT



Lt. Michael Rudisill and Caroline Hall

Hall—Rudisill Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. She is a consultant with Deloitte Consulting. Lt. Rudisill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in law from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in West Point, N.Y. He is an infantry officer in the U.S. Army.

Maura McKeever of Grosse Pointe Park announces the engagement of her daughter, Caroline Hall, to Lt. Michael Rudisill, the son of Janet Schaffer and Gregory Rudisill of Woodbury, Minn. A December 2021 wedding is planned on Marco Island, Fla.



From left, author Steven Lorenz; book editor Megan Tomasi and book layout designer Kathryn Dunleavy page through copies of the book at the signing event.



Brian and Maudi Moody get a book signed by the author. Maudi Moody wrote an essay for the book.

Award-winning comedian to headline Furniture Bank's Comedy Night on Nov. 4

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan hosts its "Comedy Night" fundraiser, featuring the live stand-up of award-winning comedian Rocky LaPorte, from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 310 S. Troy, Royal Oak.

The evening includes the comedy show, a full buffet dinner, 50/50 raffle and live auction.

LaPorte was a finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" Season 8, and is one of the most sought-after comedians in the country. He has had highly successful appearances on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," as well as "Comedy Central Presents," where he was voted one of the network's most popular comedians in a nationwide poll.

"Our October referrals have doubled since last year and we just don't see the pace slowing," Executive Director Rob Boyle said. "That's why this fundraiser supports metro Detroit kids and families who've been

through floods, evictions or other critical life challenges. Our goal is to make sure they have beds to sleep in, tables to eat on and other basic comforts so they can better rebuild their lives."

The event, hosted by the Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan, is sponsored by PNC Bank and made possible with the contributions of donors and volunteers across

Michigan. Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased online at bit.ly/31Bu8Tm, by calling (248) 332-1300, Ext. 206 or by emailing events@furniture-bank.org.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Clara Marie Kodan

Clara Marie Kodan (nee Quigley), 86, a resident of Hastings, passed away Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021.

Clara was born May 7, 1935, to John and Loretta Quigley (nee Schwehofer), both now deceased. On Aug. 12, 1955, Clara married Henry E. Kodan and they enjoyed 45 years together until his passing.

Clara was a full-time homemaker and wonderful mother. For her second career, she worked at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, where she was known for her "gentle humor and rapport with patrons."

Clara was a member of the Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Altar Society more than 40 years; volunteered with Hospice of Henry Ford and Bi-County Hospice; and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2000, for her work on the Butterfly Bouquet Project. After moving to Hastings in 2004, she volunteered for the Barry County Commission on Aging and in the St. Rose of Lima Parish office.

Clara enjoyed traveling and camping with her husband after they retired. She became an avid gardener and cherished her time spent with family and friends after moving to Hastings in 2004.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry E. Kodan; daughter, Susan L. Kodan; sisters, Loretta Lucier and Margaret Humenay; and brother, John "Jack" Quigley (Anita).

She is survived by her daughters, Gerilyn Dillon (Robert) and Lori Kodan; son, Henry

"Hank" Kodan (Katherine); grandchildren, Daniel Kodan (Greta), Claire Scruggs (Robert), Danielle, Kelly, Jamie and Amber Dillon and Kayla Kodan; and great-grandchildren, Quinn and Pierce Kodan and Robert "Trey" Scruggs.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The Mass will be livestreamed and archived at [olsos.org/posts/funeral-mass](https://www.olsos.org/posts/funeral-mass). The livestream will begin approximately 15 minutes before the Mass begins. Private interment will take place following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Interim Healthcare and Hospice of West Michigan, 1971 E. Beltline Ave. No. 216, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, or a hospice organization of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Girrbach Funeral Home. To leave an online condolence, visit [girrbachfuneral-home.net](https://www.girrbachfuneral-home.net).

Jane Marie Reinman

Jane Marie Reinman (nee O'Connor), 92, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away in her home surrounded by her loving family Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, after a year-long battle with cancer.

Jane was born at Cottage Hospital on Oct. 31, 1928, to Alonzo and Ann O'Connor, both now deceased.

She attended St. Paul Schools, graduating from St. Paul on the

Lake in 1946, and went on to study at Sienna Heights College. She worked at Sanders and as a clerk at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall.

Jane was the loving wife of Joseph H. Reinman, now deceased. They were married in 1950 and soon started a family. She devoted her life to being a loving and caring mother of five children, ultimately becoming an accomplished seamstress, knitter and baker.

As the kids grew older, Jane found time to become an avid golfer, bowler and bridge player. Music always was an important part of her life; she enjoyed playing piano and singing in the Eastpointe Sweet Adelines Chorus. She loved to travel and visited many places around the world.

With kindness and compassion, she also found time for years of volunteer work at the Bon Brae Gift Shop and The Helm senior center, making mats for the homeless. Throughout her adventures she maintained her sense of humor and was a true friend, her family said; everyone who knew her loved her and she will be missed.

Jane was predeceased by her grandson, Bradley. She is survived by her brothers, Daniel O'Connor (Mary), Richard O'Connor (Patricia) and Michael O'Connor (Judy); children, Thomas Reinman, Sandra Brown (Jack), Richard Reinman (Ann), Mary Jo Lauscher (Terry) and Tim Reinman (Marie); eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a large extended family.

A funeral Mass takes place at noon Friday,



Jane Marie Reinman



Phyllis Huzzey Hartman



Harris F. Bunker

Nov. 12, followed by a luncheon, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207, [thecapuchins.org](https://www.thecapuchins.org).

Phyllis Huzzey Hartman

Phyllis Huzzey Hartman, 89, a resident of Hot Springs Village, Ark., passed away Friday, Oct. 22, 2021.

She was born in Ashland, Ky., to Rena and Thomas Huzzey, both now deceased.

After graduating from high school in three years, Phyllis went on to study mathematics at the University of Kentucky. After graduation, she landed her first job as an engineer assistant for General Electric in Cincinnati, performing mathematical calculations for nuclear reactors.

At General Electric, she met her future husband, Jack Hartman. They wed in 1957, and had four children, Albert Louis (Maxine), John (Barb Belfore), Randy (Michelle) and Jim (Kim).

After residing in Santa Monica, Los Alamos, Indianapolis and Franklin, Mich., she spent more than 20 years in Grosse Pointe Park.

Phyllis was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Spain, Germany, England, Mexico,

Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Canada, Morocco and across the United States.

She was predeceased by her brother, Edward and sister, Doris. She is survived by her husband, Jack; sister, Rena; her sons; nine grandchildren, Derek (Bonnie), Denise, Jackson, Maria, Michael, Cooper, Sam, Gabby and Drew; and two great-grandchildren, Blair and Dylan.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m. at Steen Funeral Home, 3409 13th St., Ashland, Ky.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in Phyllis's name to a favorite charity.

Harris F. Bunker

Harris Franklin Bunker, 24, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, after complications from an extended illness at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He battled a rare blood disorder, aplastic anemia, and received a stem cell transplant earlier in the year.

Harris was the loving son of Frank and Melissa Bunker; dear brother of Amalia Bunker and Amanda Carroll; and beloved grandson of Gladys Chipoco. He is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nephews, a niece, cousins and friends he cherished as family.

Harris attended Mason Elementary and Parcels Middle schools. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2015.

He was in the second year of his economics Ph.D. program at the University of California-San Diego, where he was interested in public finance and applying information science to the study of economics. He was a recipient of the Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholar Award.

A proud Spartan, he closely followed football, basketball and other Big 10 sports, but most of all, appreciated the camaraderie of students, faculty and graduates.

Harris graduated with two degrees from MSU in spring 2019, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. He also studied as an undergraduate at the University of Zürich in Switzerland and served as a summer research intern at Columbia University in New York City.

Among his passions was Quiz Bowl, an academic competition for high school and college students. He served as captain of the team at Grosse Pointe North and MSU. He continued to participate in competitions and mentor students at UC San Diego. Mr. Bunker also was a valued member of the international Quiz Bowl community, writing and editing tournament question packets, moderating competitions and recruiting new players. He competed in tournaments across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Even during his 10-month struggle with aplastic anemia, Harris thought of other people. He encouraged his peers and all young adults ages 18 to 35 to join BeTheMatch Registry, which matches donors and recipients for bone marrow and stem cell transplantation. He also asked members of the community to donate whole blood, platelets and plasma to the American Red Cross.

Harris and the entire Bunker family are grateful to the tremendous care he received at Henry Ford Hospital.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

He will lie in state from 12:30 p.m. until the time of his funeral Mass at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church, 438 St. Antoine Street, Detroit.

Interment will be Monday, Nov. 1, at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit, a ceremony for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Be the Match, [bethematch.org](https://www.bethematch.org) or the American Red Cross, [redcross.org/donate](https://www.redcross.org/donate).

Those who knew Harris are invited to share a memory at [verheyden.org](https://www.verheyden.org).



GIOVANNI ANTONIO MORREALE

Giovanni Antonio Morreale, 89, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Sunday October 17, 2021 surrounded by his wife of 53 years, children and grandchildren. He was born in Modica, Sicily to Vincenzo and Maria Morreale on August 17, 1932.

He was one of six accomplished siblings emerging from an agricultural family. Growing up amongst the olive and almond trees near the sea, he dreamt of being a doctor in the Navy. A child growing up during World War II, Sicily was a hub of military activity: his father had served in the Italian Army during World War I and received the honor of Purple Heart, and his older brother later became a 5-star General in the Air Force. During his childhood, he learned the value of frugality, re-

silience, curiosity and humanity. He had a classical education including 8 years of Latin, which served him well learning all the anatomy nomenclature during Medical School. He specialized in Orthopedics and settled into patient care. His curiosity led him to trips abroad, spending time in Paris, including the fateful trip to the World Expo in Montreal in 1967. While returning to Italy via ocean liner he met the love of his life, Lisa. As the story goes a travel companion had fallen and broken her arm during the bumpy passage, and Giovanni assisted in resetting the bone! It was fate; the couple were married in December 1968 in Modica, Sicily. One year later their twin daughters were born.

Although Lisa had been living overseas working in the Foreign Service for the United States Information Service, she was eager to return to the United States to raise her family. Giovanni researched the process and accepted the opportunity to practice medicine in Detroit at Harper Hospital. He

dedicated himself to passing the Foreign Medical Student Exam (ECFMG) and chose a new specialty in Anesthesiology. After passing his Boards, he began practice anew and became a partner in the Harper Hospital Anesthesia Group. His career was notable for decades of service in which he tended to thousands of patients. He was a dedicated physician of 50 years—adored and admired by both colleagues & patients alike. His old-world charm and grace under pressure were useful and notable characteristics which suited him well in his professional life. He was an active and trusted fellow in the Wayne County Medical Society.

He and Lisa made their home in Grosse Pointe Park and raised their three children. Despite his demanding work schedule, the busy activities of three active children, and beloved chocolate Labrador Retriever, he spent as much time as possible sailing. His boat, Vital Signs, filled his heart with peace and joy. Lisa served as his steady first mate, along

with kids and grandkids. Additionally, he enjoyed traveling the short distance to Lexington for weekends at the cottage, as well as continuing to circumnavigate the globe with Lisa to all sorts of far-flung places. Christmas was always reserved for returning home to Sicily. He was a man of science with a deep and abiding faith in God. He loved Opera and the sound of music was a constant companion. He was an ardent sports fan: enjoying attending Red Wing and Tiger games, and ever present for his grandchildren in their games, races and regattas, and schoolwork. He was the baby whisperer to his grandchildren, always soothing in his Italian accent with a Stella D'Ora cookie in hand (the "cookie maneuver" was legendary at work as well). He loved feeding his people with his famous traditional eggplant dish, minestrone soup and swordfish; eager to pass on his technique. While he was certainly proud of his heritage, he was even prouder to call himself an American. His story adds to the

tale of so many others who came to this country with hope, vision and the desire to contribute to the betterment of others.

He was elegant and charming, witty and smart; his was a rich life!

Giovanni was preceded in death by his parents, Vincenzo and Maria Morreale, siblings Vincenzo, Angelo, and Angela. He is survived by his wife, Lisa; daughters, Victoria Strickler (David) and Stephanie Morreale (Brent Wiersema). His son John Morreale (Mary); siblings Vincenza Cacciatore and Lila Morreale; 7 beloved grandchildren Isabella, William and Henry Strickler, Nathalie and Luke Wiersema, Olivia and Gabriel Morreale. Nieces and Nephews, Federica, Christiana and Luigi Cacciatore, Vincenzo and Maria Laura Morreale. A memorial celebration Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 4 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton Road, Grosse Pointe Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Wayne County Medical Society.

Local pastor delivers breakfast to Beaumont since pandemic onset

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

For the past 18 months, 7 a.m. Tuesday morning at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe has meant a delivery of warm breakfast sandwiches and coffee from Redefined Church for a thoughtfully-selected department each week.

"In Grosse Pointe you have a really hard time doing good things, because we pay taxes and people pick up our leaves and clear our snow and you have The Helm ... so outreach in Grosse Pointe really looks very different than it would in Detroit," Pastor Dusty Otis explained. "So then how can you love people in a community that's well loved?"

For Redefined Church, it found the answer in bringing a bit of light and energy to healthcare workers struggling under the weight of the pandemic.

Otis began delivering breakfast once a week in March 2020 to local overnight emergency room teams: Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Tuesdays, Ascension St. John Hospital Wednesdays and Henry Ford Medical Center — Cottage Thursdays.

As life began to somewhat normalize in June 2021, Otis stopped delivering to the latter two, but has continued serving a different Beaumont, Grosse Pointe department in need each week to date.

"If he can't come himself, he makes sure somebody else does," said Betsy Schulte, director of volunteers at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. "So he has never missed a Tuesday in 18 months."

Redefined Church now has served breakfast to each department in the hospital twice over.

"Just the commitment and the devotion of a community member to his local hospital has inspired our staff and they're so grateful for it," Schulte said. "It's nice to know that people haven't forgotten about how hard our employ-

ees are working. He has never stopped appreciating them."

Since January 2021, Otis also has delivered breakfast to the Grosse Pointe public safety departments Thursdays, with each department assigned one week per month.

Between March 2020 and two weeks ago, \$33,779 in breakfast sandwiches and coffee have been delivered to the various hospitals and public safety stations.

"We just want to let people know that we see them and we appreciate them," Otis said, "and God sees them, too, and that's just operating in love."



Pastor Dusty Otis, right, meets with Beaumont front desk staff member Stanley Christmas, who helps rotate the weekly dropoff between departments.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, quilters Pat Sierant, Cathy Wrobel, Elaine Farquhar and Suzanne Powell showcase their work at the Sew Gifted fundraiser.

Sew Gifted fundraiser assists with flood recovery

The Pieces Be With You quilt association at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a fundraiser sale of handcrafted quilts and more to help it recover from the June flood that destroyed everything in the ministry. The sale takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Just in time for the gift-shopping season, hundreds of affordable items are for sale, with price tags ranging from \$3 to \$300. Quilters Pat Sierant, Cathy Wrobel,

Elaine Farquhar and Suzanne Powell will showcase a selection of items, including more than 50 quilts in modern to traditional styles, plus fashionable bags and totes; colorful backpacks; Christmas and Thanksgiving décor, from wall hangings to tree skirts to ornaments; kitchenware like microwave cozies, potholders and casserole carriers; adorable quilts and quiet books for baby; pillowcases; wine bags; and much more.

An online auction featuring six quilts runs through Sunday, Nov. 7, at spclc.bet-terworld.org.

CHURCH EVENT

St. Ambrose
St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a road rally Friday, Oct.

29. Through a series of clues, the rally leads members and guests to locations all over the

Grosse Pointes. Teams accumulate points for accuracy and creativity — for those who wear costumes.

Admission is \$35 and includes a late-night dinner and the rally.

Register online at stambrosechurch.net.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Talk: Restoring our Shoreline, 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1.

◆ Storytime: Stone Soup, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9 and 16.

◆ Game Night: Trivia Night, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5.

◆ Family PERFORM! Dance Concert with Wayne State University's To Sangana and Company One, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

◆ Talk: History of Dance in America, 5 to 6

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

◆ Fall Dance Concert with Wayne State University's To Sangana and Company One, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

◆ Nailed It! Halloween Edition, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, via Zoom. A supply list and bag of some items will be available for pick up at Central branch, one week before the event.

◆ Murder Mystery — Halloween Special, 6:30

to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, via Zoom.

◆ Mother Daughter Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, via Zoom.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Woods, 20680 Mack.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, via Zoom.

Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Feather Bowling

Gilda's Lake House presents the 2021 Feather Bowling Party in honor of George McMullen, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Cadieux Cafe,

4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Cost is \$25; a cash bar will be available. Food is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Rotary and Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary clubs. Costumes are optional. For more information, visit gildasclub-detroit.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ Individual Nutritional Counseling, 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3.

◆ Speak French with Deborah, for intermediate students, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 3 to Dec. 15. Cost is \$55 for members, \$60 for non-members.

◆ AARP Smart Driver Tek: High Tech Car

Safety, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

◆ The movie "Midway" is shown 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ New to Medicare Workshop, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9. Email asaigh@helmlife.org to reserve a space.

◆ Fireside Chat with the Housing Experts: "Top 10 Rightsizing Tips," with senior real estate specialists Donna O'Neill and Mimi Koppang, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10.

◆ Veterans Day Celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3. Peggy Chase, of Merchant Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation, speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, Lake Shore High School, 22980 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, St. Basil Catholic Church, 22851 Lexington, Eastpointe.

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open water across the lake, in 15 hours. Because they were working against daylight, the paddlers split the route into two legs.

“The plan was a training run — 20 miles one day, then two weeks later, 40 miles,” Huebner said. “We did the whole distance, but not all at once.”

Huebner fell ill just before the second leg and was unable to join Hix and Mestdagh, who completed the journey. The pair recruited a “boat captain,” Jim Applegate, the night before their paddle across the lake, so they had someone checking on them and providing provisions.

“Without him, we wouldn’t have been able to do it,” Hix said. “We were crazy enough to do it, but not crazy enough to do it without a boat with an engine.”

“We were super excited about it,” he added. “Jeff was under the weather, but JT and I both said we’d love to keep going, to just see how it goes, no pressure.”

While the rivers were “glorious,” according to Hix, paddling Lake St. Clair was challenging, “because it’s basically a washing machine; the waves don’t stop. It was a gorgeous day, but it was choppy at times. That long slog of Lake St. Clair ... that was the challenging part.”

“The first section of the whole event ... was great, smooth, beautiful,” Mestdagh said. “It was a nice foggy morn-



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From left, Mike Hix, Jeff Huebner and JT Mestdagh at the end of the first leg.

ing and then the fog broke and it was beautiful. From there, we came to the mouth of the river into Lake St. Clair. Physically, both of us felt great, so we kept going. We became more and more fatigued, but the excitement that had, that we made it that far — we decided to see how far we could go.

“With this kind of physical thing, you get into a rhythm,” he added. “You really become focused on pattern, strokes, consistency. It was a really beautiful day we were so fortunate to have. We got to watch a beautiful sunrise at the start and end with a beautiful sunset at Belle Isle. It was really cool.”

Hix said he enjoyed the extensive conversations he had with

Mestdagh on the water, particularly the role will power played in their success.

“Sometimes you can will yourself through things,” he said. “Will and desire make it happen. And being able to lean on each other, too.”

Hix said he’s grateful to have made new friends through the process. “We spent a lot of time together on those boards,” he said. “That’s an added benefit. ... The circles you’re able to become a part of are life lasting. You do a thing that’s cool, but the circles for me are what it’s all about. Now I have another circle with these guys. I really love hanging out with these guys. I think we’ll be doing this for a very long time.”

Added Mestdagh, “It was an amazing experience. I’m so excited for the future, of taking this

on as a fundraising opportunity and raising money for some great organizations.”

“Our goal had always been to do this for charity.” Huebner noted. “This was our trial run and it works. It was proof of concept. We’ll make it bigger next year with a focus more on charity. We’ll invite others to train with us and do it with us. We’ll raise a lot of money for charity in doing it and bring a paddleboard event to the east side of Michigan.”

Though the Blue Team accomplished its mission — finishing in 14 hours, 15 minutes — they’re still accepting donations. Huebner said those who wish to support the challenge should make donations directly to one or more of the following charities:

- ◆ 4the22 — 4the22.lift
- ◆ SOAR Detroit Eagle Literacy Program — soardetroit.com

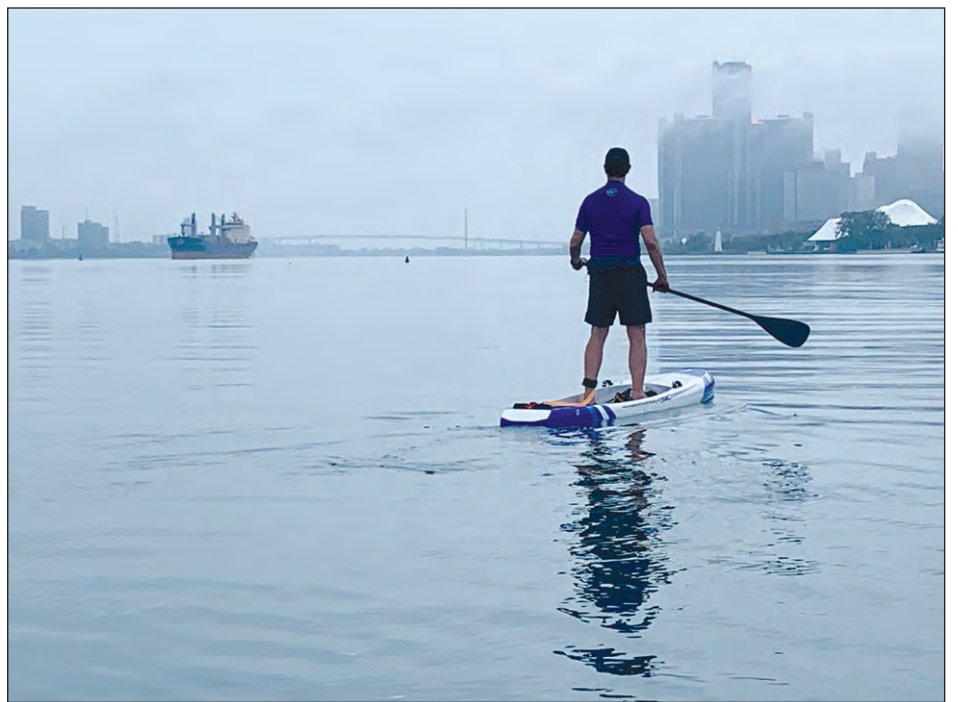
◆ JT Mestdagh Foundation — jtmestdaghfoundation.org

“Please be sure to reference the BlueBelleSUP 2021 in the memo,” he added.

In addition to raising charitable dollars, next year’s goal is to do all 62 miles at once. The trio is holding open the last two weeks of September, planning for flexibility due to the weather.

“It’s been a fun adventure,” Huebner said. “It was different — sort of serious, sort of not. For all of us, it was, ‘Why not?’ We live on the water, we love the water, we want to use the water.”

“I feel great,” he added. “I’m thrilled with what the Blue Team did. I’m thrilled to do it again and bring more people together. This is a challenge. It’s fun and we want to be an encouragement for others and want to keep doing it and support others through charitable giving along the way.”



Huebner pauses during his journey on the Detroit River.

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Detroit Zoological Society tracks Isle Royale wolf, moose populations

The Detroit Zoological Society has formed a Zoo-Park Partnership, or ZPP, for America's Keystone Wildlife with Isle Royale National Park, to support the recovery of wolves and their relationship with moose on this island in the middle of Lake Superior.

ZPP collaborative field conservation efforts focus on understanding how introduced wolves are adapting to their new environment on Isle Royale.

With assistance from State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry researchers, trail cameras installed strategically throughout the island help the National Park Service document wolf and moose interactions, document the numbers of animals and allow for estimates of abundance for other wildlife species on the island.

Isle Royale's remote island geography naturally lends itself to genetic challenges in the species that call it home. Climate change has reduced the winter ice cover on Lake Superior, which used to allow for natural genetic flow from new wolves crossing to the island from Minnesota and Ontario, Canada.

Isle Royale's wolf population was reduced to a



Isle Royale National Park.

single pair of close relatives in 2018. From September 2018 to September 2019, the NPS worked with state, tribal and Canadian officials to reintroduce wolves to the island from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Minnesota and Ontario.

Three years later, the current population on the island is more than 14 with demonstrated reproduction over two years. Without the reintroduction of new wolves and genetic lines, wolves would have disappeared from the island. In addition, the critical balance of predators and prey would have been tipped, allowing the moose population to become too large, which would damage the Isle Royale ecosystem.

"Wolves are an essential part of healthy ecosystems like Isle Royale's. This collaboration helps protect Michigan's native wildlife and wild places," said Scott Carter, chief life sciences officer for the DZS.

The ZPP Project, hosted by the Wildlife Restoration Foundation, which partners with the NPS and Association of Zoos and Aquariums, recently awarded the DZS an America's Keystone Wildlife Grant to fund additional aspects of the research, particularly impacts of inbreeding on Isle Royale's wolves in collaboration with Dr. Kristin Brzeski at Michigan Technological University.

A portion of the AKW Grant will fund a new

interpretive installation, focusing on wolves and Isle Royale, inside the zoo's Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness log cabin. The 2-acre habitat, which is home to gray wolves Kaskapahtew and Renner, mimics Isle Royale and features grassy hills and meadows, native Michigan trees, a flowing stream and pond, dens and elevated rock outcroppings from which the wolves can survey their surroundings.

The DZS also participates in annual



Above, a moose skull and antler found on Isle Royale. Below, a trail cam image shows a wolf on Isle Royale.



Moosewatch Expeditions on the island led by scientists at MTU. Ongoing more than 62 years, this research is the longest continuous study of any predator-prey system in the world. DZS staff and

volunteers traveled more than 800 miles to search for moose bones that help researchers understand the size, age and health of each individual moose, as well as extrapolate the overall moose population.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Nakia Allen, M.D.

Minimizing separation anxiety

Q: My toddler totally melts down when I drop him off at preschool. What can I do to help us both with the transition?

A: It's natural for kids to feel anxious when separating from their caregivers. The fear may set in well before the first birthday and crop up several times until age 4 or 5. It can even happen days or weeks after a new transition, when you think everything is fine. Separation anxiety may cause kids to regress. A toilet-trained toddler might suddenly begin having accidents. A kid who sleeps soundly through the night may begin waking up at 3 a.m. No matter what the fallout, don't fret.

It's important to understand how resilient children really are. Allowing them to be independent in a safe environment is a key part of development. The truth is, your child will likely settle down after you leave and happily forget why they were fussy to begin with. Within days, or sometimes weeks, the tearful exits will come to an end.

The good news: There are a number of strategies you can employ to minimize separation anxiety for both you and your child:

Do your homework: If you're leaving your child in daycare or starting a

new preschool, research the facility so you know the routine. Preschools and childcare facilities are increasingly offering apps and other tools to help parents feel more connected to their children throughout the day. Knowing your child is in a nurturing environment can help both of you better manage the separation.

Check yourself: It's normal to worry when you drop off your children in a new environment. But it's important to remember children respond to parents' emotions. If you hesitate, your child will feel unsafe.

Create a goodbye ritual: While a clear-cut morning routine might get you to school on time, it's also important to have a plan for your final goodbye. Maybe it's a special handshake or a kiss on the nose, or maybe you hand your child a small transitional object from home (a stuffed animal, photograph or even a smiley face you draw on their hand).

Don't linger: After you say goodbye, tell your child you'll be back soon and offer some reassuring words. Then walk out the door. If you linger and try to wipe away tears, you'll be setting yourself up for greater anxiety for both you and your child.

Do a trial run: Bring

your child to the daycare or school a few times before the first day—even if you can't go inside. Walk through the drop-off and goodbye routine so your child knows what to expect on the first day. Read books about what the first day of preschool or kindergarten will be like. You might even drop off your child with a friend or family member so they can get comfortable being without you for a few hours.

Return on time (or early): Plan ahead so you can return to school or daycare early or on time. If you're late, your child may feel more anxious, not just on that day, but also in the days following.

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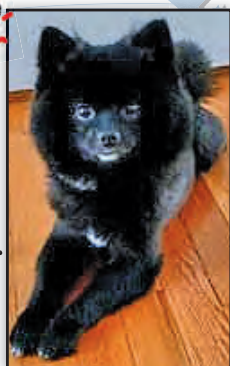
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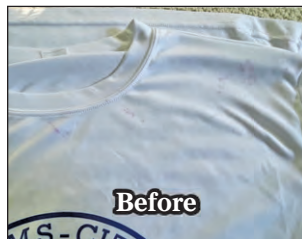
by Anna Lizer

It's a pretty frequent occasion that I stuff a full load of kids' clothes into the washing machine without even checking for stains. Pre-treating clothing seems like a hassle and half of the time it doesn't work, so why bother? I've tried it all — just check out my junkyard of stain-removal treatments that are barely used because they are tough on sensitive skin, full of chemicals and have a harsh odor. The other



day, I saw an ad online for a product called Miss Mouth's Messy Eater Stain Treater. At just \$7.99 for a small bottle, I figured it was worth a try, so (drumroll, please) we tried it!

The product website claims their stain spray works like magic on the toughest stains around. We're talking blood, diaper disasters, spit up and other generally horrific stains like tomato sauce and red wine. To test it, I used a



white shirt that had red pen all over it. This specific shirt had been washed and dried a few times already and the stain wouldn't budge.

I also tested the spray on a pair of khakis that had set-in grass stains all over the knee area.

The directions are simple. Moisten the stained area, spray the stain treater, repeat as needed and launder the garment. It seemed way

too easy.

To my surprise, the clothing came out of the washer looking absolutely perfect.

With more than 5,000 5-star reviews on Amazon, I guess I understand why so many people love this product.

Miss Mouth's Messy Eater Stain Treater comes in a small 4-ounce bottle or stain wipes that are super convenient for on-the-go stain removal.



It's nontoxic, made of naturally derived ingredients, has a 100 percent biodegradable surfactant and is pH neutral. We are giving this product 4.5 alligators out of 5, because it's effective, inexpensive and doesn't contain harsh chemicals. We haven't tried it on every tough stain, but it's

definitely worth a try if you are looking for a new product to up your laundry game. Visit hatestains.com to learn more about it.



Overall Rating 4.5 out of 5

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Mute point

I'm a guy in my early 20s. I love my older brother and look up to him. But starting in high school, girls flocked to him, and he was crowned prom king, though I'm objectively more attractive.

Recently, a girl I really liked and became friends with started dating him after I introduced them at a party. Neither knew about my feelings for her because I never told them, but I now feel resentful and envious of my brother. —Bitter

Ideally, if a woman is asked to guess your "spirit animal," her answer won't be, "Hamster

lying cold and dead in the corner of his cage?"

Your "I feel resentful" is a bit entitled snowflake, since you never did anything to let this woman know you were interested. In short: Good things come to those who ask. (Full disclosure: often, though not always.)

As for your envy, research by evolutionary psychologist Bram Buunk overturns the bad name this emotion has long gotten. Envy is actually adaptive -- functional -- and its function appears to be making us go: "Whoa! He's way ahead of me! Gotta put on my lady-chasing track shoes!"

Envy is only a destructive emotion when people experiencing it engage in "malicious envy": trying to sabotage those doing better than they are rather than trying to up their own game and outdo them fair and square.

In the future, when you want a woman, don't silently watch as she wanders off into another guy's arms. Say something!

As I noted, it won't always end well when you hit on a woman, but



possibly getting rejected is the cost of possibly having dates and love.

That said, there's a way to repurpose bumperino brush-offs into "small wins": organizational psychologist Karl Weick's term for small positive outcomes experienced while failing to solve a problem. A weekly podcast: blog-talkradio.com/amyalkon.

example of how that might play out in your head: "Okay, that girl I hit on at

the bar was nasty, but yesterday, I would've spent all night just staring at her.

Today, I grew a pair and approached her. Yay, me!"

Though this is admittedly the slow, emotionally grubby approach, you should find it much more effective than your current MO: waiting for a woman you're into to read your mind and have herself shot out of a cannon through your open window.

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New couple emerges following pair of divorces

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman who very much wants to find someone to share my life and start a family with.

The problem is I hate dating, at least the early stages. To me, first dates aren't exciting; they're just plain awkward and nerve-racking.

I have tried everything to change my outlook on dating, but I still go into every first date with the same enthusiasm as I'd have for a root canal.

I truly want a partner in life, but I hate first dates so much I Googled, "Is arranged marriage for me?" Please, do you have any tips for how to have a more positive outlook on dating? -- HATES DATING IN MARYLAND

DEAR HATES DATING: As a matter of fact, I do. I don't know what kind of first dates you are having, but it might benefit you to make them more casual -- a lunch, a coffee, a movie or some other entertainment, so a conversation won't become a third degree.

Rather than stress, if you regard a first date as a chance to make a new friend rather than an audition for a life partner, you might enjoy it more and so would your date.

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned because there is tension in my family and I don't know how to resolve it. I'm 30. In the past, I've had anger issues that may have

alienated some family members. I've worked on them and I think I've gotten better in recent years, but I'm still not perfect.

What concerns me is I think one of my brothers might be harboring resentment toward me, but he won't say so directly.

I feel bad about the things I've done wrong and I'm willing to do what I can to make up for them, but I don't know how to do that if people won't communicate with me. How can I make things right and show my family I really do care? -- LOST IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOST: It seems you may not be the

only person in your family with unresolved anger issues.

People handle their emotions in different ways. While you were overt in demonstrating your anger, your brother is the opposite. He demonstrates his anger with PASSIVE-aggression.

Show your family you care by continuing to work on your issues. Apologize to anyone you hurt and offer to make amends.

Do the same with this brother in a written message, if necessary. After that, if he still refuses to communicate, recognize that the problem is his and stop making it your own.

DEAR ABBY: A friend



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

brought a birthday cake to the restaurant where we were all meeting, and served it after the meal.

I voiced my concern that it wasn't fair to the restaurant, since we used extra tableware and dishes for the cake, and deprived them of a possible dessert order.

Is what she did acceptable? Or was I out of line to say something? (We left a large tip.) -- NO DESSERT

DEAR NO DESSERT: If your comments dampened the joy of the occa-

sion, you should have kept your mouth shut.

Bringing a cake to a restaurant for a special occasion happens often. However, the polite way to handle it is to first check with the restaurant to be sure they don't have a policy against it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 20-year-old college student living with three other roommates the same age. One of our roommates, "Gloria," is causing a lot of problems for the rest of us. She is dating a married man.

This isn't the first time she has been involved in an inappropriate relationship, but I didn't know about her entanglements until after we moved in together.

The man Gloria is dating now is a lot older and has kids in their late 20s. He doesn't hide his cheating. In fact, he wants us to invite him over to "hang out." Gloria bragged about their sexual

relationship, and his wife found out about it. She has been calling our house to see whether her husband is here.

Now Gloria demands that we not answer the phone or, if we do, that we lie to the man's wife.

We have lost all respect for Gloria and would like to kick her out, but none of us has the guts.

I feel horrible for this man's family and do not want to be caught in a confrontation with his wife. Please give us some suggestions on how to handle this situation. -- Beside Ourselves in Oregon

Dear Oregon: Give Gloria

notice -- either she stops seeing that married man or she will have to move out at the end of the month. Be firm about it. Let her know that if she doesn't break off the relationship, you are packing her bags and she'll find them on the front porch -- and keep your word.

Dear Ann Landers: I am raising my 7-year-old granddaughter because her parents are divorced.

I am concerned that the girl has an eating disorder. She eats no fruits or vegetables, and if I offer her something she doesn't like, she gags.

I realize children can be

fussy eaters, but the reason I suspect a serious problem is because the girl's mother eats exactly the same way. My ex-daughter-in-law eats only at fast-food restaurants and limits herself to chicken and fish (fried, of course).

She told me she NEVER has eaten a piece of fruit or a vegetable in her entire life. This woman is 29 years old. Her mother and brothers eat like this, too.

I'm at my wits' end to help my granddaughter eat a healthier diet. When I try to force nutritious food on her, she throws up. I am worried about her health, Ann, and need some advice. --

Classic Ann Landers

Frustrated Grandma in Kentucky

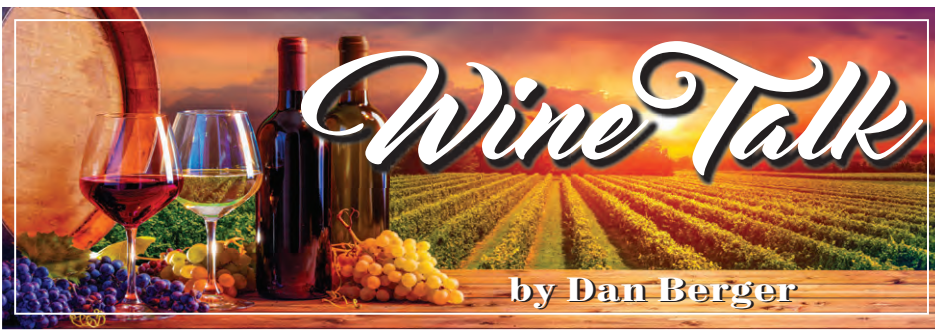
Dear Grandma: The problem that needs attention is not what the child is eating but what is eating the child. She is using food as a weapon, and you need to learn how to deal with it.

I urge you to seek the guidance of a pediatrician

who will recommend a therapist for this angry little girl. She needs help, and it's up to you to see that she gets it.

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Wine for cooking

The phrase “cooking wine” conjures up horrid images from an era when such liquids were so bad that cooks wouldn’t drink them.

But when a recipe calls for a cup of dry wine, what wine is best? Recipes almost never say. Will this lead to a good result in the food? Or make for flavors you might dislike?

Few cookbooks tell us anything about what kinds of wines to cook with. We can still find bottles that say “cooking wine,” but are they a good idea? Such wines may contain salt, a practice that goes back decades to when mansions had cooks, and owners wanted to make certain cooks didn’t take unauthorized swigs.

Moreover, most “cooking wines” are so poor that they wouldn’t add

desirable flavors.

The best wines to cook with are those you could drink, but for one reason or another, won’t. I often find that when I’m cook-

ing for tomatoes won’t be helped by adding white wines. I use a simple red. And when I’m stir-frying vegetables with ginger and soy

such as a light sauvignon blanc, but chardonnay with oak works less well.

One basic rule says you can always cook with a wine that was opened the day before and remains sound. If a wine begins to taste oxi-

If a dish calls for the addition of wine that also has a long simmering time, reducing the liquid over hours, a modest wine is fine. However, if a dish is to be cooked only a few minutes after adding the wine, use a better-qual-

Rice discovered that in the dishes calling for long cooking, the kind of wine used was virtually immaterial. But dishes cooked for a short time needed excellent wines!

Adding wine to a recipe too late, allowing less time for it to cook down, might leave too winy a flavor. And using too much wine in a dish that calls for only a small amount could lead to the same result.

Finally, when cooking with any wine that has residual sugar, factor sweetness into the dish, especially if the recipe calls for dry wine. Sugar can be a nice addition to some foods, but it could also add an undesirable element that’s hard to repair later.

Wine of the Week: 2020 J.Lohr Pinot Noir, Monterey County, “Falcons Perch” (\$16): Plums, black grapes and blueberry aromas with a soft entry and mid-palate, and rich fruit without much tannin. Best consumed slightly chilled.

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ing, I’m also sipping something. And that’s often the wine I’ll splash into the stew, especially if it’s the right color.

So, pasta sauces call-

sauce, a slightly sweet riesling seems perfect.

Recipes that call for deglazing a pan that has sauteed onions might call for a white wine,

dized or vinegary, don’t risk ruining the food by cooking with it.

And don’t take cookbooks literally. Some older cookbooks that call for “a cup of sauterne” might be referring to a dry white wine. (There is no such thing as “sauterne.” Real French Sauternes, with a capital first s and a final s, is a sweet dessert wine from France. But decades ago, “sauterne” was used here to mean “dry white.”)

One key fact: in recipes calling for wine, check the cooking time!

ity wine.

This was discovered 40 years ago by William Rice, the then food editor of the Washington Post. Rice staged a dinner party in which each of the four dishes called for wine to be used.

To test whether the quality of a wine was an issue, Rice prepared each dish three different ways (!), varying only one ingredient: the wine. In the first preparation, he used a cheap wine, the second had a moderately priced wine and the last a superb, world-class wine.



Italian Wedding Soup

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Italian Wedding soup gets its name from the Italian phrase, minestrone maritata or (“married soup”). Not only was it traditionally served at weddings but it also marries together greens and meats, which creates one whole meal.

I simply love this recipe and have been making it for a long time. Recently, my kids have started helping too.

It’s fun to sit around the kitchen rolling little meatballs and teaching them about the method. Little hands roll the best ones.

The key to this soup is the broth. This method is from Lidia Bastianich’s recipe. You need a food processor to make a paste, pestata, with the vegetables.

After cooking out their liquid and adding in the broth, the soup becomes rich and so flavorful. I like to add spinach but kale or escarole would work well too.

If you do add another green, cook it in the soup for about 10 minutes, instead of 5.

The tiny meatballs and pasta make this dish a perfect and well rounded meal for everyone.

Any leftovers are even better the next day.

Italian Wedding Soup

- 2 large carrots
- 1 large onion
- 3 celery stalks
- 3 tbsp olive oil

- 4 cups spinach
- 1 cup uncooked small shape pasta, like ditalini
- 10 cups chicken stock
- ½ lb ground beef
- ½ lb ground pork
- ¼ cup panko bread-crumbs
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp pepper

Start by washing the peeled carrots and celery and cut into 1 inch chunks. Add them to the bowl of a food processor and pulse together with ½ of the onion, cut into

1 inch chunks. Pulse together until it forms a smooth paste.

Add the vegetables to a large stockpot with 1 tsp each of salt and pepper.

Cook until all the liquid has evaporated, about 5 minutes. Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil.

Meanwhile, grate the other half of the onion and add to a bowl, with the meats, bread-crumbs, egg and remaining salt and pepper. Form into small 1 inch balls.

Once the soup comes to a boil add the balls and pasta. Simmer the soup for 30 minutes.

Add the spinach at the last 5 minutes of cooking.



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FALLING FOR THE FASHION

Just as those first crisp days trade places with the summer winds, Grosse Pointe begins to ponder all things autumn, and starts to dress for fall. With so many great places to shop, we couldn't resist pulling together our favorite fall looks to inspire you. Think wool and leather, soft neutrals and pumpkin tones with pops of vibrant hues as pretty as the leaves falling all around us.



Top right, from Tenue, a Veronica Beard turtleneck and stylish short plaid Smythe blazer with leather patches goes great with Mother jeans from Girlie Girl.

Middle photos: Desigual mixed-plaid wool coat from Voila, a delightful European designer shop that provides endless inspiration for French girl chic! The dress is by Petite Pois, and works for so many occasions. It can be dressed up or down, and works as much with a chunky boot as a demure heel.

At right, from Savvy Chic, Angel rolled sleeve tee in sequoia, blazer by Liverpool and versatile faux suede Spanx neutral leggings to pair with heels or boots, as your mood allows. Find your chic at Savvy Chic.





Above, from Girlie Girl, an outstanding creamy faux fur statement coat tops this gorgeous Ulla Johnson patterned blouse and Jonathan Simkhai faux leather pants with a playful front tie. The B May leather clutch in the perfect neutral that pulls whatever amazing color you choose pair with it. Metallic pumps by Jon Josef at Capricious.

Below, from Capricious, this sheer blouse with a feminine burnout pattern and sleek black leather skirt from Part Two are the perfect vibe for date night or after-work cocktails. A checkered scarf/wrap comes in handy when the sun goes down and your chilling gets chilly. Decorated bootie by Jon Josef.



CAMO COOL

Voila puts it all together! This great black jacket has a warm fleece interior, hood, and cool asymmetrical buttons and hangs just right. It's a wardrobe staple that elevates any daytime outfit. By Lourdes Bergada.



Pair with a camo swingy long sleeve T-shirt with lightly distressed detailing and a high-low hem that's sure to flatter. By Bazar.

The pants are perfectly cool wrinkled khakis with a hint of shine and a large helping of chic. By Gigi Moda, made in Italy.

Slip on mod sneakers that complete the look in neutrals that get noticed! These shoes go with so many outfits — they'll be your go-to this fall. And who doesn't love a warm fur lining when cold weather hits? By Shu Shop.

Finish with a cute metallic pom hat — another brilliant piece that plays as a neutral but is so much more. By Jijou Capri, made in Italy. All at Voila.

Silver tone hoops are from Savvy Chic.



COME HEATHER

May your autumn skies ever be blue. Soft-on-the-skin blue heather pullover by Criquet. Pants by Kuhl are as comfortable as joggers but as tailored as khakis. Big points for coziness and style. Travel mugs are by EcoVessel keep your coffee hot. All from Ridgecrest Outfitters.



Capricious delivers on top autumn looks with a luxe White and Warren ribbed cashmere sweater and a Soia & Kyo wool coat in the soft and feminine basic neutrals of 2021.

Fashionable embroidered velvet statement shoes by Jon Josef, available at Capricious.

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CAN YOU SAY SHACKET?

Above: Yes, the shacket is a thing, and we are here for it! Cute, casual and on trend? You bet. This outfit from Savvy Chic includes a shacket by Sanctuary, over a super soft oatmeal-toned distressed sweater by Fate. The flattering Spanx leggings in a shiny deep brown croc pattern round out the look. The cherry on top is this pair of fun rhinestone heart dangle earrings. So chic!



EARS TO YOU!

Oh, the joy of finding the perfect earring to finish off your look in perfect style! That's why you need to check out the glorious fall finds at Savvy Chic. From classic to truly unique, the choices abound in trendy metals, faux jewels, woodgrain and leather, which means there's something special for every occasion. Affordable accessory nirvana can be found at Savvy Chic!

CLUTCH MUCH?

The traditional clutch purse is hotter than ever this season, in patterned leathers and animal prints. Top right is a taupe B May ostrich-grain leather clutch, available at Girlie Girl.

The sleek leopard clutch at right is the perfect size to hold the evening's necessities and can be found at Savvy Chic.



TIME TO PLAY!

When you play to win the fall fashion game, it's good to know Ridgecrest Outfitters is in your corner! This sweet ensemble takes you from the court to the coffee shop for a pumpkin spice latte.

The athletic top and pants are by Beyond Yoga and come in several styles and colors (see siderail at far right) to suit your mood and bring some namaste into your day. The too-cute fleece is the light warmth you need to keep you cozy during cooldown or to top your casual wear on your next hayride. Fleece jacket is FP Movement by Free People.



FALL IN LOVE WITH COMFORT

Ridgecrest Outfitters has it all to keep you warm, laid back and in style all season long. The versatile fleece-lined lumberjack plaid shirt jacket is by Jetty. Pants by Kuhl are as cozy as joggers and as tailored as khakis. Magnetic belts with metallic and wood grain buckles are made by Groove Life. Shoes by Naot come in natural materials — so durable and feel great on your feet. Woolly Dry Goods striped blanket keeps the chill at bay and makes a wonderful gift. Shop early for the holidays.



ACCESSORIES ARE LIFE

Cap your fashion with hats from The Campus Shop! Neverending colors, styles and logos that keep your coco toasty and looking good for fall. Fun sunglasses by Knockaround go with everything — and with such an amazing price tag, you can get a rainbow of varieties to match every outfit. Aviators, wayfarer-style, top trends and more. Make a stop at The Campus Shop to see what's new!



CUTEST GIRL ON CAMPUS

The old school green and white rugby shirt is back — and better than ever at The Campus Shop! Or choose one of their logo T-shirts like this Far East Detroit beauty. Then go grab grandma's trench and some cool sneaks and you are a rival for any French fashionista. Top with a felt or trucker hat for added punch and some cool Knockaround shades and you're ready to rule. All from The Campus Shop.

New Balance sneakers are available online or find similar styles at Hanson's Running Shop on Mack.



POP GO THE COLORS!

This is the Ridgecrest Outfitters sportswear our model is wearing on the previous page — so you can get a closer look.

We love the pattern on this fleece so much, and its the perfect versatile and colorful piece for so many autumn activities! Fleece is made by FP Movement by Free People.



Paired with these Beyond Yoga tops and pants in several styles and colors, you'll be good to go for your on-the-go day. The pretty wine and cinnamon red tones are right on trend for this year.



Model: Kelsey McKoy

Makeup by Danielle Paquin: Specializing in makeup application for events, photography, and bridal. Makeup lessons available for everyday to evening.

Try some of these wearable fall beauty trends from Danielle:

Makeup

- 90s alternative inspo — matte browns and nude eyes and lips
- Colors for fall: terracotta, plum, brown, nude, toffee and red
- Fluffy lashes and brows
- Big bold lips
- Bottom winged liner
- Fox eyes
- More blush, less contour
- Glowy skin is always in



Hair

- Curtain bangs
- Fringe and shag cuts
- Blunt cuts



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Kelley Muzingo
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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
"Last Night"
 2014 - 1hr 30min

As you may know, I'm a huge fan of indie films. And while both Hollywood and indie producers put out a ton of rom-coms every year, Hollywood seems to have a lock on what I like to call rom-drams.

So I was pleasantly surprised to stumble across this film. It has all the hallmarks of a true indie movie: great dialogue, relatively unknown actors, interesting cinematography, and a captivating story.

"Last Night" takes place for the most part, over the course of one day. The story begins with Sky (Judi Blair), a fashion model, preparing to leave Washington D.C. and move to Raleigh, North Carolina to live with her fiancée. After her last photo session, she goes for a stroll where she serendipitously bumps into a handsome businessman, Jon (Danny Gavigan) in a coffee shop. From the second they meet, you can feel the chemistry between them. Jon is instantly attracted to Sky, but she's a bit aloof and guarded at first.

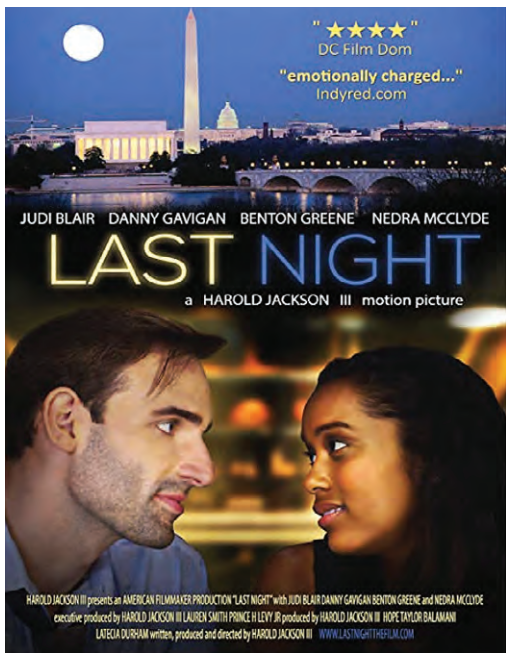
They agree to walk with each other for just three blocks. But as they walk, their conversation draws them closer, and as you'd expect, they slowly become attracted to each other. The short walk becomes an entire afternoon and night.



Benton Greene as Daniel.

Sky reveals that she's having doubts about her relationship with her boyfriend Daniel (Benton Greene) and decides to ignore his phone calls. Jon confesses he's a bit distraught about the way

his life has turned out. He was a musician who's given up that life to become a financial analyst. As the couple opens up about their lives, doubts, and the direction they're heading, they spend the evening and night exploring the city on



foot. They visit an art museum, a burger joint, and a series of bars and a jazz club.

While all this is transpiring, the film cuts to Sky's fiancée Daniel, and we see how he's spending his afternoon and evening. He's a smart, caring, and introspective gentleman and you can't help but feel sorry for him.



Judi Johnson

He visits a buddy who owns a Mexican restaurant he's a silent partner in, and the two discuss the secrets to a successful marriage. He runs into a childhood girlfriend and the two begin to rekindle their friendship. Daniel spends time with his sister, and then the later part of the night in a bar. Interspersed in the film are clips from old romance movies. They're quite effective in adding to what's transpiring on screen.

This is one of those films where you feel

like you know these people and can relate to what they're going through. You find yourself rooting for them and hoping everything turns out well for all of them.

I especially enjoyed the subtle use of music in the film. You almost don't notice it, but it enhances the slow, relaxed pace of "Last Night". One thing you should be aware of—as you'd expect, there are numerous films with the same title. So be sure to look for the one released in 2014.

Currently streaming on several platforms including Hoopla, IMDB TV, Tubi, and Plex.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

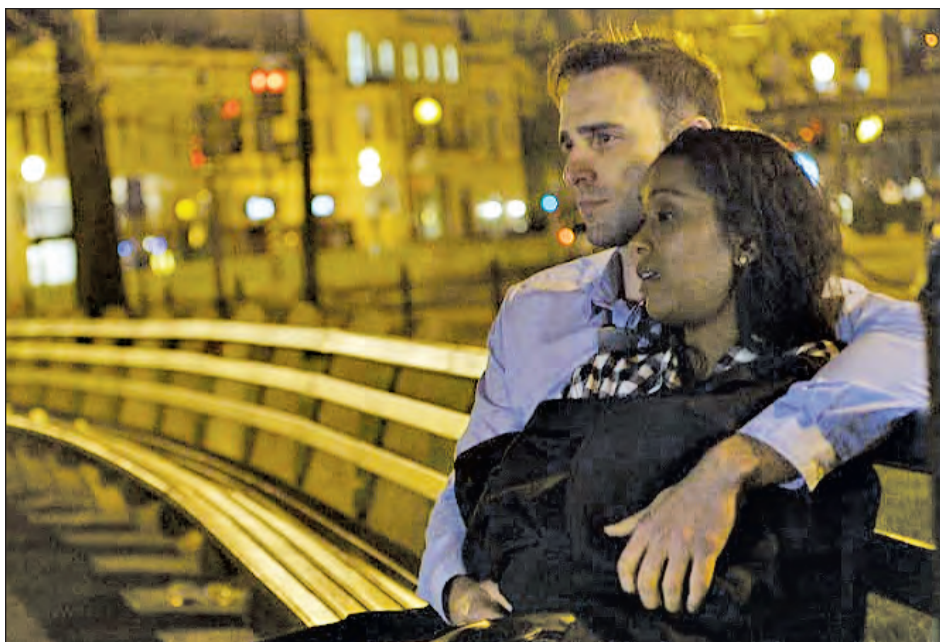
★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

While I watch a lot of movies, this column will feature those I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They'll include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases. For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



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Danny Gavigan as Jon, and Judi Johnson as Sky in the 2014 film "Last Night".

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 5:30 a.m. EDT today (2:30 a.m. PDT) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021:

You are charming, friendly and very honest with others. Personally, you have enormous focus and determination, which gives you excellent willpower to achieve what you want to achieve. This year is a time of learning and teaching for you. You might learn formally through coursework, or you might explore new ideas and learn on your own. Welcome opportunities to be introspective.

ARIES
 (March 21-April 19)

This is a fantastic day to travel or learn something new, because you're eager to do anything to expand your horizons. Expect success if dealing with foreign countries. Romance with someone who is "different" will blossom. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS
 (April 20-May 20)

This is a good money day! It's great for financial discussions or talks about how to divide or share something like an inheritance. Money, gifts and goodies might come your way. It's also a passionate, romantic, sexy day! (Be still, my beating heart.) Tonight: Home and family.

GEMINI
 (May 21-June 20)

This is a great day to schmooze with partners, close friends and members of the general public, because people like you. They see you as friendly and welcoming. Today you want to share your POV about something. Tonight: You have something to say!

CANCER
 (June 21-July 22)

Financial negotiations and issues related to work,

especially work-related travel, will go well today. Co-workers are cooperative. Dealings with foreign countries and different cultures are likely. Look for ways to improve your work setting. Tonight: Focus on money.

LEO
 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a lovely day for Leos! The Moon is in Leo, which gives you a little advantage over the other signs. Furthermore, this is a perfect day for playful activities and social encounters with others. Sports events, fun times with children and the arts will all appeal to you. It's a great date night. Tonight: It's all about you, dear Leo!

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You might have wonderful opportunities to redecorate or improve the appearance of where you live today. Likewise, this is an excellent day to explore real estate opportunities. Entertain at home. Invite the gang over for good food and drinks! Tonight: Peaceful, quiet and enjoyable solitude.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a marvelous day to schmooze with others, especially friends, groups and organizations. People will be happy to see you, because you are charming and diplomatic. Likewise, relations with neighbors, siblings and relatives will be warm and friendly. Tonight: Enjoy warm friendships with others.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is an excellent day for financial negotiations, discussions about salary and also anything related to shopping and spending money. Whatever happens will likely favor you. However, since you might spend big, be careful. Keep your receipts just in case. Tonight:

Someone admires you!

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today Venus is in your sign dancing with your ruler Jupiter, which makes you (and everyone else) feel happy and upbeat! Your energy is strong, and you're keen to explore new places and meet new faces. By all means, travel if you can, because this will please you. Tonight: Explore your world; do something different!

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Solitude in beautiful surroundings might appeal to you today. Other people will use this same influence to explore a secret love affair. Whatever the case, you are secretly pleased about something and happy about how things are turning out. (That's nice.) Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a marvelous day to schmooze with friends and groups because you feel warm, generous and friendly to others, and they feel the same way toward you. Nevertheless, be cooperative, because the Moon is opposite your sign. You might have to pick up the tab. Tonight: Cooperate and be supportive to others.

PISCES
 (Feb. 19-March 20)

You make a fabulous impression on bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police today. They see you as affluent, popular and successful. (Regardless of how you see yourself.) Perhaps this is something you can bring to the table in important negotiations. Tonight: Be of service or helpful to someone.

BORN TODAY

Actress Julia Roberts (1967), actor Nolan Gould (1998), actor Joaquin Phoenix (1974).

Contract Bridge

FAMOUS HAND

East dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ —
 ♥ A J 5
 ♦ A Q J 10 4
 ♣ A Q J 3 2

WEST

♠ Q 5 3
 ♥ 8 7 6 2
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ K 10 7 5

EAST

♠ A K J 10 9 6 4 2
 ♥ K Q 10 9 3
 ♦ —
 ♣ —

SOUTH

♠ 8 7
 ♥ 4
 ♦ K 9 7 6 3 2
 ♣ 9 8 6 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	3 NT
4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠	6 ♦
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	7 ♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Opening lead — three of spades.

This deal occurred many years ago in a rubber-bridge game at New York's Cavendish Club, where some of the world's top experts once congregated daily.

East opened with a forcing two-bid, and his partner responded two notrump. North, a bit mystified, now bid three notrump. This was the "unusual notrump," indicating length in both minor suits.

When East next bid four spades, South ventured five diamonds, which rolled around to the opener, who now revealed his second suit. This in turn drew a five-spade bid from West, six diamonds from North and six spades from East. North's seven-diamond bid, doubled by West, then became the final contract.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy, cashed the ace of diamonds and overtook the queen with the king. He then led the club eight, planning to let it ride!

But West was right on his toes and covered the eight with the ten. South finessed the jack, and sure enough, East showed out. Next came the heart ace and a heart ruff. Declarer now led the club six, covered by the seven and queen.

After ruffing another heart, South led the club nine, covered by the king and ace. As a result of all these maneuvers and counter-maneuvers, declarer had to go down one, West scoring the setting trick with the club five, which had become the high club!

And so, East, who opened with a strong two-bid, never took a trick, and West defeated the grand slam because he had been dealt the club five instead of the four!

Oddly enough, the hand proved to be a complete washout, since North's 100 honors offset the 100-point penalty, resulting in no score.

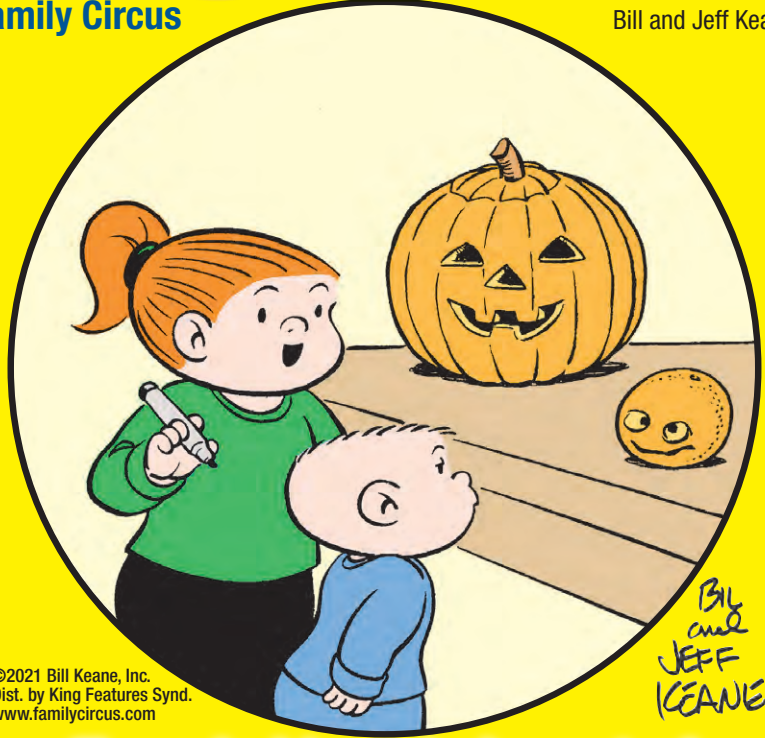
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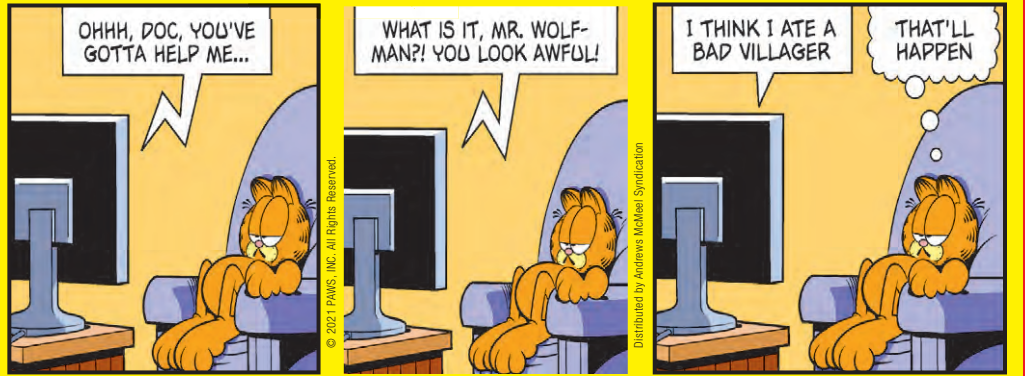
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"I made him a baby out of an orange."

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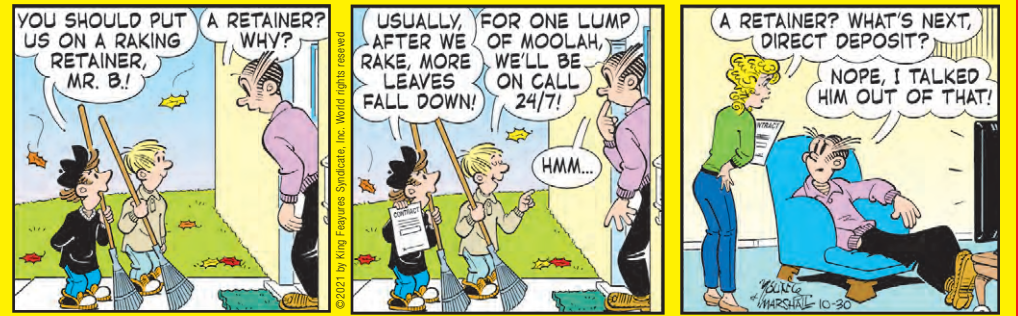
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Ziggy

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Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

		4	5	9			8	
	5	3		7				1
			8		7			
9			3	1				
	4			9				6
				2	4			7
		9		3				
4				6		1	2	
	7		2	4	8			

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

5	9	8	6	3	4	1	7	2
7	6	1	2	5	8	9	4	3
4	2	3	1	9	7	5	8	6
9	4	7	5	6	2	8	3	1
8	1	2	4	7	3	6	5	9
6	3	5	9	8	1	4	2	7
1	5	4	3	2	9	7	6	8
3	7	9	8	4	6	2	1	5
2	8	6	7	1	5	3	9	4

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 21, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 One may have more than 10 items
- 5 Trace of flavor
- 9 "Enough!" in Ecuador
- 14 Norway's most populous city
- 15 Grapelike berry
- 16 Put in the paper
- 17 Groundhog
- 19 Bob Marley, religiously
- 20 Longtime Chevy named for an antelope
- 21 Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 23 Coop female
- 24 "I'm outta here!"
- 25 Mix that might include polyester
- 28 Time card nos.
- 29 "Paper Planes" rapper
- 31 Seoul proprietors, say?
- 32 Mare or stallion, to a child
- 34 Where the Taj Mahal is
- 35 Recites the Quran, for example
- 38 "Go away!"
- 39 Exploding stars
- 40 Spinning ride at Disneyland

- 43 Tiny pencil
- 44 Word often added to the five W's
- 47 Resisted
- 49 Yemeni's neighbor
- 51 Suffix for "winning"
- 52 "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee
- 53 Signals to enter
- 54 Type face?
- 57 Beach debris, or a clue to the word that moves through 17-, 25-, 35- and 47-Across
- 59 Beachy title of Fiona Apple's debut album
- 60 Nevada city near California
- 61 Debussy's "Clair de"
- 62 Make a face
- 63 Uses one of the five W's
- 64 River that didn't touch Achilles' heel

- DOWN
- 1 Not great, as an offer
- 2 Chemical relative
- 3 Hit the (go skiing)
- 4 The present
- 5 "LOL"
- 6 Hosp. area
- 7 Chip at a Super Bowl party
- 8 Trendy video-sharing app

- 9 "Tiny Desk Concerts" station
- 10 British pop star Rita
- 11 Interpreted "All of you" as "I love you," perhaps
- 12 "Rabbit ears" on an old TV
- 13 Places to sit, ironically
- 18 Noisy
- 22 -mo
- 25 Even outcome
- 26 Gloat over
- 27 Bricks that purists don't pluralize
- 30 Tax refund org.
- 32 Illegal booze
- 33 Yang's counterpart
- 35 Question posed while pondering a dilemma
- 36 Koi habitat

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

U	S	S	R	I	N	S	S	P	A	R			
N	A	M	E	S	N	A	H	F	O	L	L	I	
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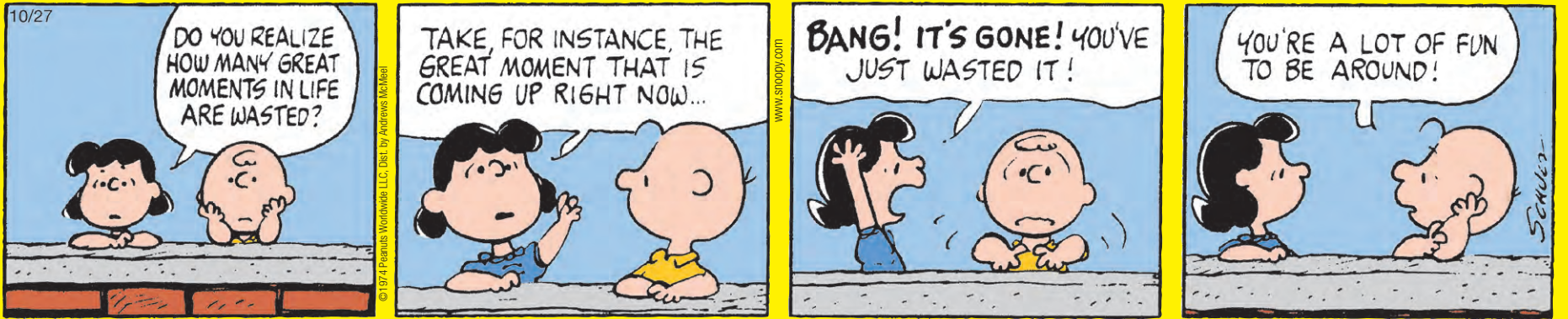
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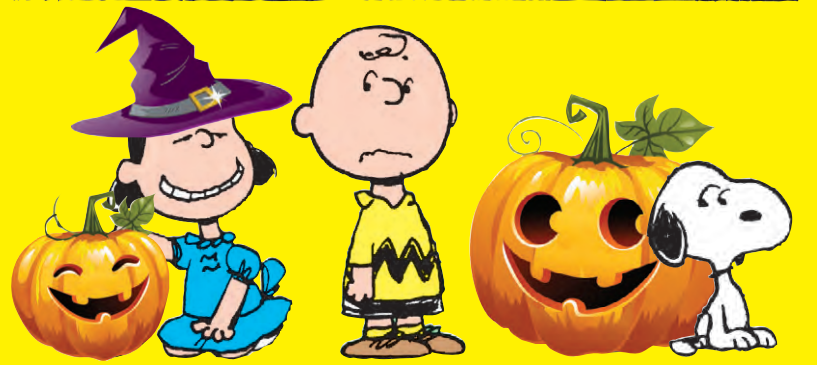
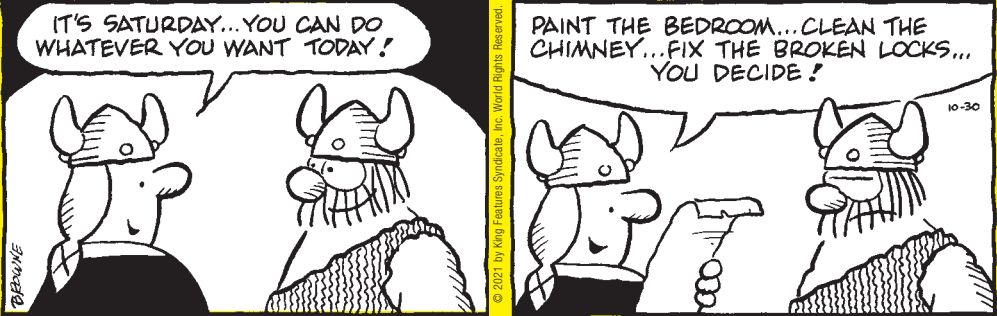
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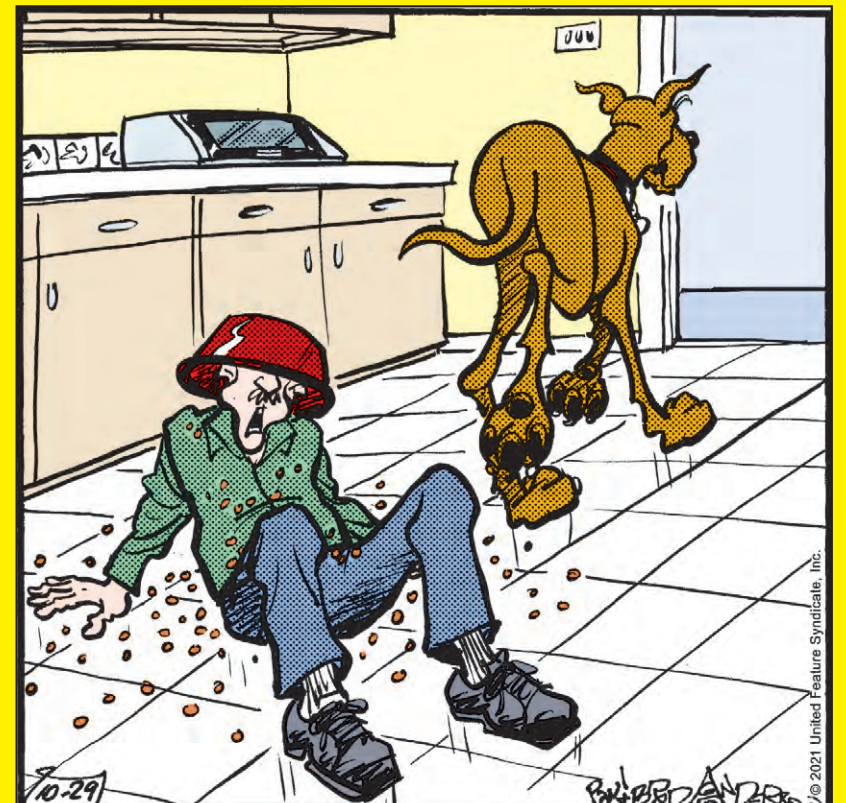
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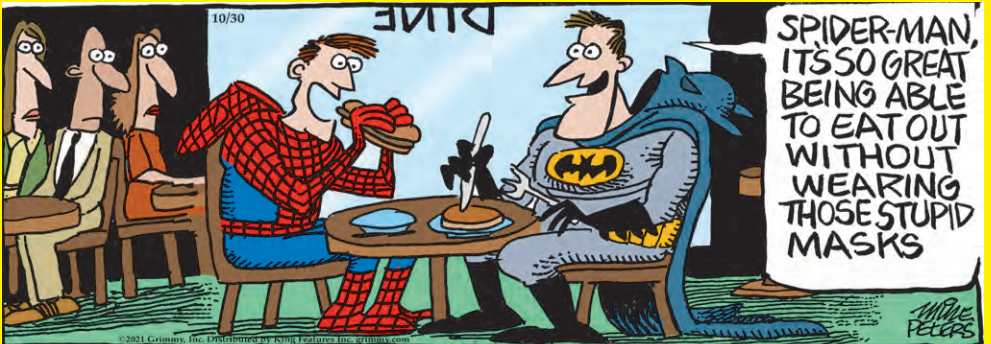
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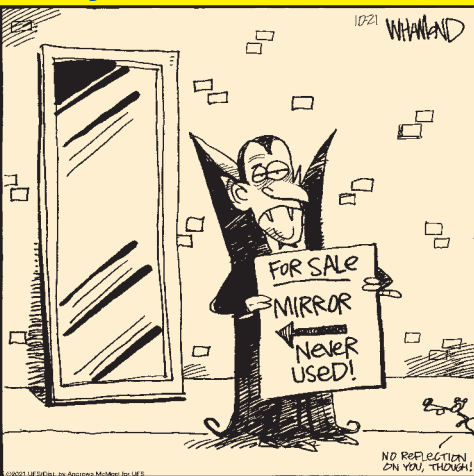
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Norsemen win district

North soccer claims district title with win over Lake Shore PAGE 2D

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South gets dominant win over North

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The annual showdown between the football teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South has become known as one of the best rivalries in the entire state of Michigan. Each year, the crosstown rivals battle for bragging rights, which belong to the Blue Devils this year after a dominant 42-0 victory over North Friday night.

Fans from around the Pointes packed the stands at South's stadium to watch the rivals battle. After a senior night ceremony for the Blue Devils to open things up, it was time for kickoff.

South's first score in the big win came less than five minutes into the night when senior Jonathan Drake carried the ball 15 yards to the end zone to put the Blue Devils on top 7-0. The first quarter ended with another score for South, this time on a touchdown pass from QB Anthony Benard to senior receiver Will Johnson for a 13-yard TD, giving the Blue Devils a two-touchdown advantage after



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Niall Shine celebrates a touchdown for the Blue Devils in their 42-0 win over North.

the first 12 minutes.

The Norsemen were able to keep South out of the end zone for the early part of the second quarter, but struggled to get anything going on offense themselves. There looked to be a possible shift in momentum when the Blue Devils fumbled the ball just outside the end zone on the one-yard line, giving the

ball back to North.

Despite being blessed with the turnover, North's luck did not last long. The Norsemen fumbled the ball on their own one-yard line and the Blue Devils managed to pounce on it in the end zone with John Williamson recovering the fumble for another South touchdown.

The second quarter

ended similar to the first as the Blue Devils managed to reach the end zone again in the final seconds. With the ball down near the goal line, Benard took it himself on a quarterback run to give South a commanding 28-0 lead at halftime.

Already in front by a wide margin, South's offense added to the scoreboard just twice in

the second half. Drake got to the end zone again for his second touchdown run of the night in the third quarter to make it 35-0 Blue Devils. Chase Campbell took a run to the house for South in the fourth quarter to finish off the 42-0 win.

"This is a great rivalry and a great football game," South coach Tim Brandon said after the

win. "Now we have to prepare for the second season and whatever is ahead of us, because we don't know what it'll be yet. We have a good football team and we're ready to do that."

The Blue Devils finish the regular season with a 5-4 record and are preparing for the playoffs. For North, the season ends at 3-6 with a mostly young team ready to come back stronger in 2022.

"We've been going with sophomores and juniors and kids who have not a lot of varsity experience, but have a lot of fight in them," said North coach Joe Drouin. "That's the best thing I can say about these guys, because they're ready for next year and we kept going all the way through and we can build on that next year while these seniors left a great tradition."

South will host St. Clair Shores Lakeview in the opening round of the MSHAA Division 2 football playoffs this week. The Blue Devils and Huskies already faced each other once earlier this season, with South winning 41-0 in week two.

Athletes of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Since this fall season began, Blake Discher and Alex Prather of the Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team had their eyes on a state championship. The seniors, who played the year as South's No. 1 doubles pair, ended up winning the state championship they envisioned for months just a couple weeks ago at the Division 2 state tennis finals.

This season was Discher and Prather's second as a doubles pair for the Blue Devils. The duo started playing together last year in their junior season, but have been friends since far before high school. With plenty of chemistry together, it felt like the peak of their work as a pair came at the right time during the state championship.

"I honestly think the time we played the best together was at states," Discher said. "That's when we really connected as partners. It was past skill level and just being really good at the game playing doubles together. We as partners were just on the same level and understood each other."

Both Discher and Prather agree that playing doubles tennis is

where they feel the most comfortable. Being able to have a partner on the court to work with and off of is how both players seem to thrive.

Being the top doubles pair in the state, Discher and Prather have to keep their team chemistry high at all times. Always making sure to encourage one another and pick each other up

"We always do a great job bringing each other up," Discher added. "If one of us is missing shots on the court, the other will always bring the person who's missing back up and that made it really possible for us to win states."

Discher and Prather worked hard throughout their senior seasons to earn their spot as one of

an experienced and focused duo, the state championship felt like just any other match for the most part.

"We were playing really good tennis and it was cool to have the whole team rooting for us the whole time," Prather said. "I was just going through it and I just played and did as well as I could. I didn't think about winning until the moment hit. ... I knew we could win it and it was on our racquets."

"We were all amazed and Alex and I were a bit shocked," Discher said. "After the last point when we won it, it was still kind of surreal. I was so focused on playing that I thought we were going to keep playing, but I came back to my senses and realized that it was over and we won."

In the end, Discher and Prather had done what they set out to do from the beginning of the season. Having that goal in mind throughout the year kept the two going no matter what happened and made them better in their eyes as the year went on.

"From the start, we wanted to win that championship and knew it was possible. ... We had the goal in mind all season and got better over the season with that in mind," Prather said.

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Blake Discher



Alex Prather

Grosse Pointe News

Blake Discher
Alex Prather

School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Tennis

both on and off the court has helped propel the two seniors to a championship level.

"We're really good at supporting each other on the court," Prather said. "We know each other's game really well and know each other's strengths and weaknesses. ... By the end, we got really good at playing off each other and it went really well."

the top seeds in the Division 2 No.1 Doubles bracket at the state finals. The pair won three straight matches to earn a spot in the state championship.

In the championship match, Discher and Prather defeated Thomas Ladewin and Aaron Li from Midland Dow High School in two sets to earn the title. With the two being such

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North wins district title

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys varsity soccer team advanced to the MHSAA Regional finals after an exciting district finals match Thursday, Oct. 21, at Lake Shore High School. The Norsemen came into the game with confidence and controlled the ball most of the game, keeping the Shorians on their heels. The Norsemen came out with a landslide 6-0 victory over the Shorians.

Norsemen midfielder and senior captain James Streberger put in the first two goals for his team, ending the first half with a 2-0 lead. Midfielder Tom Sheffield scored three goals in the second half and Streberger added one more to finish the game 6-0.

"Once we were up by five goals, we got a

chance to give our starters a rest and put in some of our guys who didn't get as much playing time this year," head coach Brad Vandevorde said.

Vandevorde believes the win was a great accomplishment for the Norsemen, being the first time the team went to the district finals since 2016.

"I've been the coach here for four years, so I've seen this senior class through it all," Vandevorde said. "We have definitely come full circle and turned into a confident, well-rounded team."

The team has been battling uphill, coming out of an 0-8-1 start to their season.

"We started a bit slow, seeing all of the top teams in the state early in season," Vandevorde said.

"We got our first victory in our 10th game against Cousino and I



PHOTO BY MAYE DAHER

North's boys soccer team defeated Lake Shore 6-0 on Thursday night to win the District championship.

feel that's when our season really turned around. We've only lost two matches since then."

The team is comprised of 15 seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

"We have a very mature team and some really good underclassmen," he added. "We also have a number of multi-sport athletes who have picked up the game quickly."

North was set to play Dearborn Divine Child in the regional semifinals Tuesday, Oct. 26. A win would advance North to the regional finals.

"We are definitely going to see some expe-

rienced teams in these next matches, but I feel like our guys are well prepared," Vandevorde said. "Our team keeps improving every game and we want to see how far we can take this."

Knights finish season with win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It was a tough journey for University Liggett School through the 2021 football season, but the Knights still looked to end things on a positive note Friday in the final game of the regular sea-

son. Liggett hosted the winless New Haven Rockets and was able to end this fall campaign with a 58-22 win.

New Haven struck first to take an early 8-0 lead while the Knights got off to a bit of a slow start. Trying to answer the Rockets' early score,

Liggett fumbled in the red zone, giving the ball back to New Haven. However, the Knights got the momentum back on their side by forcing a safety and getting their first points on the board.

The Knights got the ball again following the safety and began really

taking control of the game. Liggett's first touchdown came on a pass from Carson Roose to receiver Mitchell Beauregard, putting the Knights on top 10-8. Roose followed that moments later with another TD pass, this time to William Edwards, to close out the first quarter with Liggett on top 16-8.

Heading into the second quarter, Liggett began adding even more to the scoreboard by scoring three more unanswered touchdowns, the first on a big play from Roose to Oliver Service to reach the end zone.

The Knights then recovered a New Haven fumble and scored again, with Beauregard making his second TD catch of the day. Liggett took a 36-8 lead after Edwards caught his second touchdown from Roose with six minutes to go in the half.

Looking to be firmly in control, the Knights did allow New Haven to break into the end zone twice late in the second quarter to make it 36-22 going into halftime. That was the last the Rockets were able to put points on the board as Liggett's defense held firm in the final two quarters.

While the Knights' defense managed a second-half shutout, the offense came out in the third quarter ready to dominate again. Service found the end zone two more times in the third quarter, first on a touchdown run and second when taking a punt return all the way to the house and giving Liggett a 52-22 lead.

The Knights got to the end zone one final time in the fourth quarter to close out a mostly dominant 58-22 win. Liggett's win snaps a six-game losing streak for the Knights and brings their final 2021 record to 3-6.

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HOME GAMES THIS WEEK*

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Friday & Saturday / October 29 & October 30
Boys & Girls JV & Varsity Cross Country Regionals
@Chandler Park Golf Course

Monday, November 1
5 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball MHSAA District Game
@Gym

Wednesday, November 3
5 pm & 6:30 pm - Girls Varsity Volleyball MHSAA District Game
@Gym

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Friday & Saturday / October 29 & October 30
Boys & Girls JV & Varsity Cross Country Regionals
@Chandler Park Golf Course

Monday, November 1
Girls Varsity Gymnastics TRYOUTS
@GP North Gym

3:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey TRYOUTS
@East Side Hockey Arena

5 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey TRYOUTS
@East Side Hockey Arena

Tuesday, November 2
3:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey TRYOUTS
@East Side Hockey Arena

5 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey TRYOUTS
@East Side Hockey Arena

***Check school websites for updates on playoff games**



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Oliver Service takes a pass to the end zone for a touchdown in the Knights' 58-22 win over New Haven.

South tops North in close match

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The night before the two schools' football teams met on the gridiron, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South faced off in another exciting crosstown rivalry matchup on the volleyball court. In September, South defeated North in a tightly contested match going down to the fifth and final set. It was the same case Thursday night, with the Blue Devils ending up victorious again.

South came out hot to take the first two sets, both 25-15. Already down two sets and facing an early end to the night, the Norsemen refused to go

down without a fight.

North battled back in the third set and ended up with a close 26-24 win to stay alive and send the match to a fourth set. The Norsemen gathered their physical and mental toughness in the fourth set to once again keep things going by winning 25-18.

It was anyone's game heading into the fifth and final set. North looked to finish its incredible comeback with a match victory, but the Blue Devils recovered to win the deciding set 15-6 and take a second win over their crosstown rivals this year.

Senior Jada DiVita led South in the win with 32 kills and 16 digs. Mary

Clare Hessburg made a big contribution to the victory for the Blue Devils by tallying 44 assists on the night.

Elizabeth Wozniak led the Norsemen in assists with 27. Sara Weiermiller and Mary Schaden played a big role in North's near comeback with 10 and nine kills, respectively.

Despite falling short Thursday night, North does not have to wait long to get another shot at taking down South. The two sides will see each other on the court once again when the Norsemen host the Blue Devils Monday night in the opening round of the MHSAA district tournament.



PHOTO BY TOM GEBECK

South's field hockey team celebrates a goal in its 4-2 playoff game win on Monday.

Blue Devils march on in playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South field hockey team moved one step closer to a state championship Monday night. The Blue Devils hosted St. Catherine of Siena Academy in the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School Field Hockey League Division 2 championship tournament and were able to pull off a 4-2 win to keep advancing.

After a 3-0 win over Pinckney in the opening round, South once again got out to an early lead Monday night. Mia Craparotta put one past the St. Catherine's goalie to give the Blue Devils a

1-0 lead in the final minute of the first quarter.

South extended its lead in the second quarter with less than five minutes left before halftime. This time it was Giuseppina Disanto who found the back of the net to make it a two-goal advantage for the Blue Devils. However, St. Catherine was able to inch closer just before halftime to make it a 2-1 game at the break with South still on top.

St. Catherine struck again with the only goal of the third quarter to tie things up at 2-2 heading into the final 15 minutes. With the game tied and the pressure mounting in a win-or-go-home playoff game, the Blue Devils

found themselves able to rise to the occasion.

Senior Molly Ryszewski helped make sure Monday night would not be the final game she or her fellow seniors played for the Blue Devils with a fourth quarter goal to give South the lead again. Fellow senior Olivia Frye added to South's lead just a couple of moments later with another goal to make the final tally 4-2 in favor of the Blue Devils.

With the win, the Blue Devils advance to the MHSFHL Division 2 semifinals. They will meet either Mercy or Chelsea in Grand Rapids Thursday to face off for a spot in the championship.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Blue Devils defeated the Norsemen in five games on Thursday night, the second time this year that the two teams have needed a decisive fifth game to decide the match.

Blue Devils swim laps around Anchor Bay

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team earned a commanding dual-meet victory over Anchor Bay last week. South turned in another series of strong performances from several of its swimmers and wants to keep that momentum rolling as state finals are just a few short weeks away.

South's teams took the top three spots in the 200-yard medley relay. The group of Brooke Lezotte, Keira Collins, Sophie Schuetze and Olivia Yoo finished at the top of the leaderboard with a time of 1:56.42.

Phoebe Handwork won the 200-yard freestyle race for the Blue Devils with her 2:05.31 finishing time. Maryn Smith (2:10.23) ended up third in the event. In the 200-yard IM, Schuetze held the top spot at 2:12.98.

Lezotte (1:02.75) got more victories when she finished first in the 100-

yard fly and in the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.93). The Blue Devils also got the top two spots in the 500-yard freestyle with Yoo (5:05.57) in first and Smith (5:41.09) in second place.

Yoo, Lezotte and Schuetze got another relay victory along with Sophia Kapla with a 3:46.74 top time in the

400-yard freestyle relay. Sienna Clar, Phoebe Bedsworth, Jilliana Pilutti and Ella Pazuchowski were in second place for South at 4:02.64.

The Blue Devils travel to Dakota High School next weekend for the MAC Red Division finals. After that, South will be off to states Nov. 19 and 20.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE - ORDINANCE NOS. 447 AND 448

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 447 adding Section 78-71 and 78-72 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances regarding disconnection of downspouts from the sewer system and placement of downspouts.

Ordinance No. 448 amending and restating in its entirety Section 78-114 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances regarding interceptor maintenance and waste receptacles.

These Ordinances will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. If you have any questions regarding these ordinances, please contact Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

GPN: 10/28/21

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2021

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 4, 2021, special City Council meeting held September 30, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held on October 6, 2021 and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting held on October 8, 2021.
- 2) to open the Public Hearing on the Commercial Redevelopment District Designation Request from NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC.
- 3) to close the Public Hearing.
- 4) to open the Public Hearing on the Approval of a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate from NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC.
- 5) to close the Public Hearing
- 6) to open the Public Hearing on the Approval of a Brownfield Plan for the property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road.
- 7) to close the Public Hearing
- 8) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - (a) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123011 through 123103 in the amount of \$401,672.22 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
 - (b) approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$37,842.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2021.
 - (c) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8000.66 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of October 2021 and for IT support services for all departments and various purchases.
 - (d) approve payment to City Insight in the amount of \$7,125.00 for an installment payment for the enhancement to the water application portal.
 - (e) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,526.60 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.
- 2) to Adopt the attached Resolution Establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District within the City of Harper Woods as described pursuant to the provisions of PA255 of 1978 to be known as Eastland Center Commercial Redevelopment District No. 1.
- 3) to Adopt the attached Resolution approving a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the real property located in Eastland Center Commercial Redevelopment District No. 1 at 17890 and 18000 Vernier for a period ending twelve (12) years after the expected completion of construction, beginning December 31, 2021 and ending December 30, 2034 pursuant to the provisions of PA 255 of 1978, as amended, subject to the execution of the Essential Services Agreement.
- 4) to Adopt the attached Resolution Approving the Brownfield Plan of the City of Harper Woods Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Eastland Center Redevelopment Project.
- 5) to approve the Essential Services Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC in connection with its proposed redevelopment of the former Eastland Mall property located at 17890 and 18000 Vernier Road, NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial LLC, a Missouri limited liability company has offered to enter into an Essential Services Agreement with the City of Harper Woods to assist the City in providing various City Services typically funded through ad valorem real property taxes and further, to authorize the Mayor, acting City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 6) RESOLVED approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$2,420.92 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-256.
- 7) approve the Contract Modification in the approximate amount of \$40,649.00 with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC of Waterford for the 2021 Storm Sewer Repair Program #180-256.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Blue Devils boys soccer team defeated Dearborn Edsel Ford 2-1 to win the District championship and advance in the playoffs.

Blue Devils win dramatic district championship

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Winning district championships has seemingly become the norm for the Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team in recent years. Winning the district title the past two seasons, the Blue Devils made it three championships in a row Thursday night with a 2-1 victory over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

There was very little separation between the Blue Devils and Thunderbirds in the district championship game. Edsel Ford had a strong home crowd advantage with the game being hosted in Dearborn, but that did not seem to shake South or prevent them from taking a lead in the first half.

In the 27th minute, Lucas Frye put one past the Thunderbirds' keeper to give South an early 1-0 advantage on the scoreboard. As the

first 40 minutes came winding down, drama hit that would change the rest of the game.

Edsel Ford was assessed two red cards by the referees with just more than three minutes remaining before half-time. This meant the Blue Devils would be able to hold a two-man advantage over the Thunderbirds the remainder of the night.

Despite the disadvantage, Edsel Ford made sure to not make South's return to a district crown easy. The Thunderbirds tied the game in the 64th minute to make it 1-1 with time ticking away.

It only took a few moments for South to provide a big answer. Junior Blake Simonson, whose older brother Max Simonson scored the game-winning goal for the Blue Devils in last year's district title win, followed in his brother's footsteps as a South soccer hero. Simonson scored in the 67th min-

ute to put the Blue Devils back on top 2-1.

South managed to hold on despite a late push by Edsel Ford to try and tie things up again. The Blue Devils' defense remained strong and a key save in the final second by keeper Michael Adams sealed the win and the district championship for South.

"The boys are amazing," South coach Francesco Cilano said about his team after the win. "We studied this game for two days and we got them. ... Now we go for three — division, district and region."

South added the district title to its list of accolades this year along with the MAC White division championship title it earned at the end of the regular season. The Blue Devils next turn their attention to the regional tournament, where they have been eliminated in the first round each of the last two seasons.



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The Green Team was this year's champion of the Great Lake Selects High School Hockey League. The league has over 120 players from area schools including several skaters from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, and University Liggett. The Green Team roster includes: head coach Colin Smith, Evan Bernard, Ryan Bernard, Mason Chapie, Dougie Cowan, Hayden Crane, Michael Eugenio, Keegan James, Benjamin Kallabat, Ryan King, Landon Klein, George Knowlton, Chase Martin, Liam Mathieson, Ethan Schlenker, Rylen Shovan, Jacob Simcox, Paul Therriault, Douglas Wood and Jackson Woodley.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett Knights boys soccer team won the District championship on Thursday with a 3-1 victory over Hamtramck Oakland Academy.

Knights capture district crown

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett Knights soccer team finished an incredible regular season and looks to keep the momentum going into the postseason with another deep run in the Division 4 state tournament. Thursday, the Knights came closer to doing just that with a 3-1 win over Hamtramck Oakland International Academy to win the district championship.

Thursday's district title game started like many of Liggett's wins this sea-

son, with the Knights getting out in front early. Senior midfielder Jake Carron found the back of the net for Liggett in the 15th minute to give his side a 1-0 lead.

Both defenses were stout after that to end the first half with no more scoring, making it still 1-0 Liggett after the first 40 minutes. Just a few moments into the game's second half was where Oakland caught a big break to change the tide of the day.

The Panthers were awarded a penalty kick early into the second half and took advantage of it,

scoring to tie the game at one goal apiece. Liggett had to look for answers from its leaders with things tied up and answers came to help the Knights rally.

Claudio Cavallo, the sophomore who broke Liggett's school record for goals in a single season earlier this year, added another to his tally in the second half. Cavallo scored the go-ahead goal moments after the Panthers' penalty kick to put the Knights back out in front 2-1.

Senior captain Doug Wood followed that with a goal of his own to stretch the Knights' advantage to two. Liggett's defense closed the game by keeping Oakland off the board for the last part of the second half and allowing the Knights to win the district title 3-1.

The title puts the Knights through to the regional round of playoffs this week. Liggett won the district championship last year and advanced all the way to the regional finals before being eliminated.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Kuelske at (313) 596-0520 or email at nkuelske@tcco.com, and Luke Augspurger at (313) 402-7014 or email at LAugspurger@tcco.com.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ORDINANCE NO. 273

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting on October 19, 2021, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 273.

Ordinance No. 273 amends Article V, Chapter 6 of the City Code of Ordinances, by revising Chapter 6 to repeal its Section 6-142, in its entirety.

A copy of Ordinance No. 273 is available for public inspection at the City offices.

Bruce R. Nichols
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Blue Devils win Larry Steeb Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With cross country runners approaching the finish line of the regular season and preparing to compete for championships, the girls' cross country team from Grosse Pointe South feels like it might be hitting its peak at the right time. The Blue Devils traveled to Whitmore Lake on Saturday for the Larry Steeb Invitational and ended up at the top of the leaderboard in the 5,000-meter varsity race.

Freshman Savannah Spangler led the pack for South and was one of four Blue Devils to cross

the finish line in the top ten. Spangler finished with a time of 21:34.7, putting her in fourth place out of more than 60 runners and giving the Blue Devils a major boost on their way to a victory.

Morgan Deenik was just a few spots behind in seventh place finishing at 21:55.9. Kloie Roy (22:03.1) and Ava Carr (22:17) crossed the line in ninth and tenth place to round out South's finishers in the top ten.

Junior Claire Zurowick (22:18.4) nearly cracked the top ten with an eleventh place finish. Becca Koch (22:46.8), Adelina Parikh (23:13.1), Chloe Caulfield (23:22.7) and

Lilia Mouissaux (23:22.8) also made it into the top 20.

"Our top five were separated by only 40 seconds and that team depth allowed us to finish ahead of several teams with faster runners at the top ... our depth just keeps improving," Blue Devils coach Steve Zaranek said about his team's victory over the weekend.

South will look to ride the momentum from the win into MHSAA Regionals, which are coming up on Friday. The Blue Devils are hosting the Regional on Friday at the Chandler Park Golf Course.

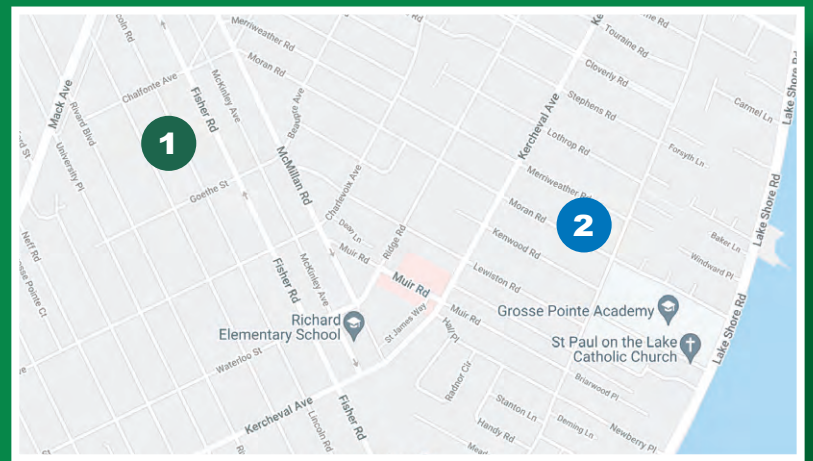


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