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## Service to honor lives lost on 9/11

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — As the 21st anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil approaches, The War Memorial will continue its annual tradition of holding a 9/11 Service of Remembrance at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

“I think it’s important that we don’t forget,” said Leah Celebi, vice president of community engagement and programming. “We’re in the 21st year. It seems like it just happened yesterday, but there’s a whole generation now that just hears the stories of it and weren’t even alive yet to witness something that I think touched every single person, not just here in the United States, but

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## Back to class

From left, Andrew Wachler, Lewis Rorai, Noah Carden, Leo Carden, Elizabeth Brennan and Vivian Williams sit on the front steps of Defer Elementary School, waiting for the first day of school to begin.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Retail, traffic management, more sought in Farms

### Master plan online public engagement report released

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The results are in and Farms residents have identified parks and recreation, neighborhood character, additional retail and restaurants, traffic management

and improving public infrastructure as the desired foundation for the city’s ongoing master plan update process.

The online engagement report summarizing the public survey and mapping activity was released last week, showing hot topic items such as accepting diversifying housing stock so long as it keeps with the current character; balancing out the significant office space and financial institutions on The Hill with more opportunities to shop and

dine; traffic solutions at Mack and Moross; further children’s programming at Pier Park; concerns over flooding and the deteriorating Lakeshore seawall; and the ever-controversial ideas of adding a walking path along Lake St. Clair and bike lanes on city streets.

“... it can be inferred that respondents feel they are generally well-served by the city and appreciate the overall quality of life it provides them, which is to be expected in an established,

well-regarded community like Grosse Pointe Farms,” the report reads. “This, in turn, resulted in responses that focused beyond fundamental civic and planning issues such as land use, taxation, parking or basic public services.”

### Online survey

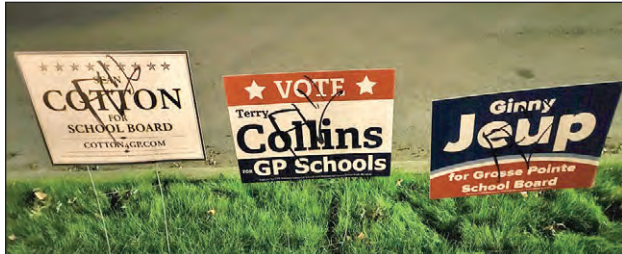
Receiving 363 responses, the survey was taken by a fairly even mix of residents ages 25 to

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## Signage defaced as election season commences

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Election season is officially here in the Pointes, as the first report of vandalized campaign signage rolled in over the weekend.

A homeowner on Washington in the City witnessed three juveniles defacing his signs promoting candidates Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, Terry Collins and Ginny Jeup for the Grosse Pointe school board around 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3. While



COURTESY PHOTO

Campaign signs in the yard on Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe were vandalized.

the man confronted them, the suspects refused to give their names and left before the situation was reported to officers.

“Later we tried to identify them,” Detective Sgt. Joe Adams said, “but unfortunately we were unable to.”

Officers still are working with the school dis-

trict in an attempt to do so.

While the incident is the first report of vandalized campaign signage this election season, Adams said, stolen and defaced signage occurs every election with contested positions in the Pointes.

Defacing a sign is considered malicious destruction of property and removing a sign is considered larceny from a yard — both misdemeanors.

— Laurel Kraus



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## Fun in the Farms

Grosse Pointe Farms lit up the night sky with a spectacular fireworks display during its End of Summer Bash during Labor Day weekend.

## Shores approves water study

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — City council at its August meeting approved spending \$12,400 on a water system reliability study.

The work will be done by Fleis & VandenBrink, an engineering firm

located in Farmington Hills, which outbid two other firms by approximately \$6,000.

“This is separate from our water quality test, which we do every year,” Public Works Director Mike Way said. “This is an overview of our water delivery system.”

The study is required

every five years by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

“They’ll put together a computer model that shows the different sizes of all of our water mains and how much flow we can get through each of

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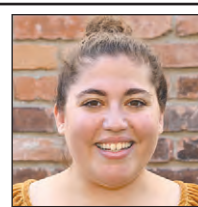
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# Shores gets update on DTE plans

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — City Manager Steve Poloni gave council an update at its August meeting on his discussions with DTE after several residents complained about experiencing too many power outages.

“It was basically a chance to sit down and talk with them about their future infrastructure

plans,” he said. “We concentrated more so on where we’re heading compared to where we’ve been.”

The majority of customers in the Shores — 940 — are serviced by one substation and two distribution circuits on Vernier that also supply power to customers in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A power reliability study DTE put together for the Shores showed

that on average, most customers experienced two sustained outages in 2021, and an average of almost one so far this year. This information does not factor in any outages that occurred due to the storm Monday, Aug. 29, as DTE’s report was generated earlier in the month.

DTE considers a sustained outage as one that is unplanned and results in a total loss of power

lasting more than five minutes in a localized area. They can be caused by storms, animal interference or human interference, such as a vehicle crashing into a power pole.

A momentary outage, lasting less than five minutes, is usually caused by animal interference or a tree branch contacting a power line. The purpose of a momentary outage is to prevent further equip-

ment damage.

Mike Way, director of public works, said he receives a text notification when the generator for the sewer pump station at the corner of Lakeshore and Crestwood kicks on. He said he has received three such notices since the beginning of 2021, which is in line with what DTE told Poloni.

“Their plans call for adding several mini substations in the next three to five years,” Poloni added. “That way, if one goes out they can localize it so that fewer homes would be affected, whether that’s because of a storm or if they need to interrupt service to do maintenance.”

Those plans could change, however, as drivers turn more to electric vehicles.

“They said if more people buy electric vehicles and install charging stations in their garages, that would cause them to shift their focus,” Poloni said. “They would then divert

that money from the substations into installing taller power poles that can supply more voltage to meet demand.”

The utility also doesn’t think burying power lines is a viable solution because at some point they are still fed from overhead lines.

Poloni noted DTE has done quite a bit of tree trimming in the city and will do more in future years.

“That should definitely increase reliability, but they did say a 50 or 60 mph wind is going to knock out power no matter what,” he said. “And they can only work on trees in the right-of-way. If people have large trees in their backyard, DTE can’t legally touch them.”

The health of a given tree and happenstance also can play a part. Way said even though they didn’t knock out power, his crews cleaned up two large limbs that fell across sidewalks the first two weeks of August.

“Both times it was a perfectly calm, sunny day,” he said. “Those trees will have to come down now because they’re diseased.”



COURTESY IMAGE

As part of the public engagement report, this word cloud was generated using responses to the question, “What is one change that you believe would improve the quality of life in Grosse Pointe Farms?”

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81, the vast majority of whom are white homeowners.

Its results show the most significant concern focused on the economic well-being of the community in regard to overall economic health in the region, as well as the shared vision that incorporating greater retail and restaurant uses into The Hill would aid its vitality. A second, similarly expressed focus was environmental sustainability and resiliency in regard to frequent flooding and continued enjoyment of Lake St. Clair.

With more than 250 respondents stating interest in continuing to live in the Farms for at least the next five to 10 years, the greatest draws were noted as the parks

and open space offerings, along with building style and character.

“Overall, neighborhood character received over 50 percent of responses as the defining characteristic of Grosse Pointe Farms,” the report reads.

While around 120 respondents stated they visit The Hill for shopping or dining at least once a week, and another 120 stated they visit less than two times a month for the same purposes, the two groups largely agreed the district should offer more of both. Many also favored the addition of rooftop or outdoor retail activities.

A significant number of respondents also felt there are too little retail, restaurants and entertainment venues — theaters, bars, clubs — along Mack Avenue between Fisher and Moross.

Regarding the city’s

greatest asset heading into the future, highlighted words included community, schools, parks and neighborhoods. On the opposing hand, its greatest weakness prompted words such as infrastructure, options, housing, retail and, again, schools.

### Mapping activity

The online mapping activity, where residents could leave their opinions on specific areas of a city map, gained particular popularity with 220 comments and more than 3,500 interactions on those comments.

With the majority of opinions zeroing in on The Hill business district, Mack Avenue corridor and Pier Park, the following comments received the most attention, both positive and negative:

- ◆ A multipurpose bike and pedestrian path should be created to run the length of Lakeshore to make the lakefront more accessible.
- ◆ No bike lanes or pathways on Lakeshore.
- ◆ Maintenance concerns of the seawall.
- ◆ Encourage more retail and restaurants instead of office space in The Hill for use by residents.
- ◆ City maintenance of infrastructure such as sidewalks, flooding and overhead electrical lines.
- ◆ Traffic management on Moross with installation of traffic calming and pedestrian safety features.
- ◆ Weekend hours for inside the Pier Park community building with additional programming and activities.
- ◆ Do not allow cannabis in the city.

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The full online engagement summary will be posted at [mcka.mysocialpinpoint.com/gpf-masterplan](http://mcka.mysocialpinpoint.com/gpf-masterplan).

Representatives of McKenna, which is leading the process, will give a written progress update to Farms city council during its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13. The October council meeting is anticipated to feature a presentation of the draft plan and opportunity for public feedback.

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them,” Way said. “They’ll also do some testing of fire hydrants in strategic areas.”

Way added that DPW tests all 185 fire hydrants in the city each year to make sure they are in working order.

Fleis & VandenBrink also will collect historical data on water use, review problem areas in the system and calculate water demand projections five and 20 years out.

“Part of the final report includes an asset management system so we can plan for what kinds of projects we need to be planning for,” Way said.

The last study, conducted in 2017, led to two major projects the city has undertaken this year, those being the installation of a new water main the entire length of Lakeshore and water and sewer line repairs on

Oxford.

The city sold \$8 million worth of bonds in mid-April to pay for the work.

The water main on Lakeshore, which will run from Woodland Shore to Fairlake, will replace the existing 8-inch main with a 12-inch one and will connect with a 12-inch line previously installed in front of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. On Oxford, a 6-inch line — which the state no longer allows — is being replaced with an 8-inch line.

Way said the city has asked EGLE for an extension, which was granted, so the report can be filed in 2023.

“The new main along Lakeshore will have a significant impact on our numbers,” he said. “We want to see what the overall system looks like once that work is done because it will definitely increase our capacity and flow.”

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Grosse Pointe Farms Firefighter Larry Stocking observes a past 9/11 Service of Remembrance at The War Memorial.

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globally really.”

The one-hour service, to be held on the lakefront lawn of the Alger house, will feature moments of silence and the ringing of a memorial bell to signify the moments when the planes crashed into the two World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon and an empty Pennsylvania field.

Along with inspirational remarks by faith leaders from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and Christ Church

Grosse Pointe, as well as by Rabbi Joe Klein from the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council, the national anthem will be sung and there will be a poetry reading.

“I think it’s important that we set aside this time to come together as a community to show solidarity,” Celebi said, “and just have a brief moment of remembrance for those who lost their lives on that day.”

While free and open to the public, advanced registration is required and may be done at [war memorial.org/veterans/ september112022](http://war memorial.org/veterans/ september112022).

— Laurel Kraus

# PSO crunch prompts auto 3rd alarm

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — When a public safety officer used his cruiser last month to rush an infant to the hospital because there were no ambulances available, alarms from the public sounded on social media.

There were enough posts to prompt the public safety director to outline to the community new ways of dealing with a temporary staff shortage.

“In the event we have only three officers working, which has occurred several times recently, the ambulance will not be put into service,” Bryan Jarrell, Park director of public safety, said during the Aug. 15 city council meeting. “We will notify MedStar that they’ll be used for all medical calls.”

MedStar is a private, nonprofit ambulance service the Park retains as backup when the department’s medics are unavailable, which happened a fortnight ago.

“It was a 14-month-old baby having a seizure,” Jarrell said. “Our ambulance was tied up on something. We went to MedStar and they didn’t have anybody available. So, one of our guys loaded mom and baby in the car and raced off to (Ascension) St. John Hospital. But, if it’s somebody having a heart attack or who has a broken leg, we can’t transport them in a (police car).”

MedStar, headquartered in Clinton Township, provides primary medical response in the City of Grosse Pointe, Farms and Woods.

“We have had three ambulance providers in the 16 years I have been here: the city of Grosse Pointe Park, Beaumont and now MedStar for the past several years,” said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. “Both Beaumont and MedStar had better response times than the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**Patrolman Jesse Lafriniere, a three-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety as of Sept. 1, logs onto his cruiser’s computer prior to heading out on patrol.**

Park and both of the contracted services had full paramedic service, unlike the Park, to address a broad range of health emergencies at the place of the incident. We are pleased with MedStar’s services.”

“MedStar responded to well over 200 ambulance runs a year for the last five years for us,” said John Alcorn, the City’s public safety director. “Just like any of the other ambulance companies, there are occasional issues. But in the rare case where we do have a concern, we reach out to them and get answers and corrections, if needed, right away.”

The Park’s combined police and fire department normally operates with four platoons of seven officers, two of whom are supervisors. Platoons work 12-hour shifts.

“Up to two people are allowed off (work), leaving the current minimum of five officers,” Jarrell said. “Of the five, one is on standby in case the ambulance or fire engine is needed to be taken out to a location. Everybody else meets them there.”

## Sick and injured

Part of an officer shortage this month was

caused by two of them having to replace an equal number of dispatchers sick with COVID. Adding to that were three officers off work due to injuries, according to Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Jarrell responded by reducing platoons to six officers, not seven.

“If five of the six officers are present, operations continue as normal,” he said. “If we have four officers working, which is now going to be the new minimum, we’ll do normal operations except in the event of a working structure fire, where we would have to wait for additional personnel to arrive before beginning an interior attack of the fire due to OSHA requirements and rules.”

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration makes two firefighters stay outside a burning structure to act as rescue or relief. “They can’t do anything but wait until the other two come out to relieve them and they then rotate,” Jarrell said.

Under normal circumstances, at least six officers are needed to fight a fire. They consist of the four officers to meet OSHA’s two-in, two-out

rule, an incident commander to direct operations and, lastly, someone operating the fire truck’s pumps and related equipment to keep water flowing.

“If I’m down to the new minimum of four, I can get there, pull hose, throw water on the outside, (but) I can’t send anybody in until other people show up,” Jarrell said.

## Automatic aid I

In the Park and other Pointes there are automatic-aid agreements: If a fire is called in one community, officers from that and at least one other jurisdiction respond automatically. A fire alarm in one city automatically triggers a second alarm in another city. Automatic aid.

That arrangement is in addition to a mutual-aid agreement among the five Pointes and Harper Woods by which the communities respond upon request.

Both automatic and mutual aid were the basis of officers from the Park, Farms and Shores converging last month on a multiple-alarm condominium fire in the City.

“We had great response from the other Pointes,” said the City’s Alcorn.

The same situation occurred in June when firefighters from the City and Farms helped douse a multi-family dwelling in the Park.

“We have an automatic-aid agreement with the City of Grosse Pointe,” Jarrell said. “Automatic aid means if we get a fire, they automatically come. We don’t even have to call them. And it works in reverse — if they get a fire, we automatically go. We have mutual-aid agreements with all the Grosse Pointes.”

“We do the same as any of our Grosse Pointe communities,” Sizeland said. “If there’s a fire in the Farms and they need our help, we’ll do that. Grosse Pointe Shores, Woods, Farms, City, it doesn’t matter. We’re all responding to each other. With COVID, injuries and other staffing issues, we will automatically respond to help our neighbors.”

“There is an automatic-aid agreement between

and among all five of the Grosse Pointes,” Dame said. “This is an enhancement for fast fire responses built upon the base of the long-standing mutual-aid agreement. The mutual-aid agreement between and among the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods addresses the full range of public safety help among all six cities. Both agreements remain in full force and effect.”

## Automatic aid II

“In these staffing conditions, if we get a fire, we’re going to be automatically calling the Farms,” Jarrell said. “So, we’ll have a third alarm, which will ensure we have enough people to fight the fire.”

“The primary objective of government is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people and property,” Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. “I’m assuming we have

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, SEPT. 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Town Hall meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Fall Fest, at Grosse Pointe Woods municipal center, 20025 Mack Plaza, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Cook Schoolhouse open house, 5 to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Charlevoix Street Party, 7 to 11 p.m., featuring The Square Pegs band and food trucks from Little Donut Factor, People’s Pierogi and Batter Up Waffle Co.

## COVID, pension and anti-police fallout

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — None of the Grosse Pointes is alone facing public safety staffing shortages.

A glance on the internet shows credible news reports — not social media rants — in Michigan of officer shortages and recruiting difficulties during a time of animosity to law enforcement, officer retirements and pension cuts.

And not just in high-crime jurisdictions where officers face higher risk of personal safety.

“Officers are leaving the Grand Traverse Sheriff’s Department for one reason — salary and benefits,” said the Grand Traverse County Sheriff in the Traverse City Record-Eagle June 2.

“Our profession is facing challenges for a host of reasons,” said John Hutchins, Farms public safety director. “The economic effects of COVID shortages, retirements, injuries and overall lack of applicants have pre-

sented a challenge to our staffing needs.”

“Throughout Michigan there are hundreds of departments looking for personnel,” said Steve Poloni, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores and former public safety director in the Shores, Park and City. He turned down the job in Ecorse. “This is not only a local problem. It is a state and national problem.”

“No question about the lack of applicants for police and fire,” said John Alcorn, City of Grosse Pointe director of public safety. “I hear the same thing from colleagues across the tri-county area.”

“Applicants for police and fire jobs can be choosier about where they want to work and are shopping for the best compensation and benefit packages,” Hutchins said.

“The Grosse Pointe public safety departments provide police and fire protection to this community,” said Ken Werenski, Shores chief. “Grosse Pointe Shores and Park also provide EMS, so

there’s more of a challenge to find public safety officers when you add that third discipline.”

“There has been somewhat of a war on police for several years,” Poloni said. “Also, benefits have changed. At one time, officers received full pensions and healthcare.”

Above-average retirement packages and fringe benefits outweighed the job’s reputation for lesser pay.

“You’ll see departments lose people either because benefits have been lowered or they’ve changed,” Poloni said.

The days of officers spending their entire careers with one department also are waning.

“You’ll see guys jumping around trying to pick up a better pension,” Poloni said.

In addition, every department is competing to draw talent from the same pool. Beyond that, in the Park and Shores applicants must want to do all three jobs of law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical response.

“There’s a less and less percentage of the one person who wants to do all three jobs,” Werenski said. “I started this job 30 years ago. I was excited and honored to get hired and never thought about leaving. Now, you have to find someone who wants to do two or three jobs.”

The five Pointes are in a better position to overcome staff shortages because of their mutual-aid pact, according to Poloni.

“If one department is off five or six officers at one time, the other departments help pick up the slack when emergencies happen,” he said.

“Unfortunately,” said the Farms’ Hutchins, “there will always be the occasional hiccup or less-than-optimal response time. But, in my experience, those types of incidents are not the norm. I would say in general, public safety response time is commendable throughout the Pointes. We continue to work together to provide quality public safety services and get the job done.”

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## Shores woman named a Fulbright Scholar

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

The third time was the charm for Maria Lograsso, who recently was awarded a Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms award.

"This was my third year in a row applying," said Lograsso, who moved to the Shores about a year ago with her husband, Andy, and their son, Zedo. "It's a very competitive process."

Some 800 teachers are chosen annually to participate in the one-year program, which is funded by an appropriation from Congress to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. All travel costs are covered and participants receive a stipend.

"We'll hold meetings virtually until December, then break into cohorts of three to five people and meet in Washington, D.C., in February," Lograsso said. "We'll put our plans together and then travel overseas next summer."

During their travels, the teachers will observe education systems in other countries and report on their findings.

"It's a great way to connect with educators here and abroad and learn new techniques," Lograsso said. "I'm looking forward to where I'll be going."

Teachers are able to list their top three choices, but nothing is guaranteed. Lograsso said she wants to visit East Africa,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDYUT

Shores resident Maria Lograsso stands outside her house holding one of her favorite coffee mugs. The director of the English Language Learner program for Harper Woods Public Schools has been named a Fulbright Scholar.

South Asia or the Philippines.

The work she'll be doing will be familiar, as Lograsso also is a 2022 fellow with the University of Michigan's Center for South Asian Studies.

"I got to travel to India and Nepal to research their history and culture," she said. "I'm part of a team that will be

developing K-12 curriculum models because that is such an under-represented area in terms of what our students study. Plus, we have a growing South Asian population here on the east side."

As if she weren't busy enough, the 30-year-old is the district English Language Learner coordinator — sometimes

referred to as English as a Second Language — for Harper Woods Public Schools and also is working on a doctorate in educational leadership at Central Michigan University.

"When I'm done I'll have a central office administration certification, but I'm not sure that's the route I want to

go," Lograsso said. "I'm very involved with the Harper Woods Education Association and it might be hard to leave the rank and file staff."

Lograsso started her career as a music teacher after graduating from Wayne State University.

"I worked in Detroit and then Dearborn," she said. "It was my time in

Dearborn that really got me interested in ELL because they have a lot of first-generation immigrants and refugee students."

That led to her getting a master's degree in the subject from Wayne State University and starting with Harper Woods at the beginning of 2022. As for moving to the Shores, that only came about after a family suggestion.

"We were living in Ferndale and we really liked the Woodward corridor, and then we started looking in Detroit," she recalled. "My dad suggested we look at the east side. Growing up in Macomb Township, Grosse Pointe always had a sort of mystery about it. I think I was only here four or five times before."

Aside from a shorter commute to work, Lograsso said she and her family are thrilled with the move.

"I've never lived anywhere that has such a friendly, small-town feel," she said. "I think all the Pointes are like that, but the Shores in particular. We love going to the park and the neighbors are all so friendly, always saying hello and chatting."

Lograsso said she also appreciates how residents look forward to traditional events each year.

"One of our neighbors (Toni Urso-Salvador) is Christmas Carol and rides with Santa in the parade," she said. "Zedo saw her and was pointing and yelling."

## Farms court upgrades for virtual proceedings

## Council to consider live streaming meetings

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — While many courts across the coun-

try were inundated with a backlog of cases piling up amid COVID-19 shutdowns in 2020, some still struggling even now to get caught

up, the Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court never ceased operations. Instead, it transitioned immediately to virtual proceedings using video and audio equipment that had been supplied by the state five years prior.

The Farms court, which also serves as the court for Grosse Pointe Shores, has since

reopened to in-person proceedings, but has noted virtual court is not going to go away, largely due to its convenience and efficiency.

"Most of our defendants do appear on camera and this way we can run the two courts together while (the judge) is in one location," said Court Administrator Susan Thomas, whether the defendants are appear-

ing from jail or from their everyday lives. "We seem to have better response from defendants appearing (outside of jail), because they don't have to take the time away from their schedules and it's easier for them."

It's the same story with attorneys who can participate in multiple cases within a brief period of time without having to travel between physical courtrooms.

With this in mind, Farms council approved the \$21,751 purchase of audio upgrades, specifically with regard to recording and ampli-

cation, from BIS Digital, Inc.

"The only reason why I pursued this upgrade was because we've been at it now for a couple of years," Thomas said. "We see where the weak points are and that is the audio portion of things."

There are instances where proceedings are interrupted, the sound does not perform at 100 percent and speakers go in and out, she said.

The improvements also will ensure the municipal court maintains state standards related to the conduct of virtual proceedings.

Balancing quality with cost-effectiveness, councilwoman and communications committee co-chair Beth Konrad Wilberding called the new equipment not the "Mercedes Benz model, but a pretty good-sized Chevy."

The audio upgrades are anticipated to be implemented this fall, depending on shipping timelines.

"God forbid if we have another incident like we've gone through with COVID, we are prepared," Thomas said.

## Streamed council meetings

Piggybacking off the court's improvements, Farms council is anticipated to consider live streaming and/or recording, and uploading for later viewing, its

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**City of Grosse Pointe**

**Shifting identity**

A Discover card was opened in a Grosse Pointe man's name Friday, Aug. 19, with \$7,500 charged to it. To make matters worse, the man's driver's license address was changed to a Roseville location with which he has no affiliation.

found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

**Stolen bike**

An unlocked red Free Spirit bicycle was stolen from near the front door of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval between 9 and 9:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29.

**Grosse Pointe Farms**

**Vague theft**

A homeowner in the 400 block of Touraine believes a bicycle was stolen from his open attached garage at some point within the last three weeks.

**Failed loophole**

A 29-year-old Detroit man was pulled over not only for driving a mini bike, which is not street legal, in the parking lane on Mack at 11:06 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, but also for failing to signal a turn and disregarding a red light.

The man admitted to not having a driver's license, for which he was cited, and told the officer he thought it was not needed to operate the bike on roadways.

The man has nine priors for driving while license suspended.

**Learning the hard way**

After being pulled over for an expired tab at

Mack and Kerby at 2:17 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, a 19-year-old Detroit woman was found only to have a temporary instruction permit and was cited for violation of the permit, as well as not having insurance.

**Deja vu**

After appearing in last week's reports for exactly the same reason, a 46-year-old Detroit man was reported for taking a cup of coffee and doughnut without paying from a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30.

He received additional citations for trespassing and retail fraud, on top of those already acquired Aug. 25.

With multiple contacts with the Farms department on the books, the man is known to have mental health issues.

The next day, officers returned to the business for a third instance of the situation. The man was found with doughnut glaze covering his hands and face.

Due to his mental capacity and the significant number of police contacts and trespass violations, a Wayne County Probate judge issued an order for examination and transport.

The suspect was brought before Farms Judge Charles

Berschback for the trespass violation and then transported to a wellness center.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*

*Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.*

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*

*Report information about crime to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.*

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Tools taken**

Nearly \$1,000 worth of tools were reported stolen from a work truck parked in the 1000 block of Bishop while the contractor was at lunch.

The incident happened during the noon hour Friday, Aug. 26.

Missing are a \$200

chipping hammer, \$300 Hilti Sawzall and \$400 Hilti angle grinder.

**Confronted**

When a resident confronted two black males trying to force their way into a neighbor's garage in the 1200 block of Wayburn shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, the pair ran away before taking anything.

**Scooter stolen**

A children's turquoise scooter valued at \$20 was stolen while unattended on the Defer Elementary School playground between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

**Public disturbance**

Police arrested a 29-year-old Detroit man in the 14000 block of Charlevoix shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, for causing a disturbance and urinating in public.

**Stolen & stripped**

Two vehicles were stolen late Friday, Sept. 2, or early the next day in the 500 block of Barrington.

Both were recovered by Detroit police.

"All tires were missing at (the) time of recovery," said a Park officer.

In the first instance,

broken glass in a driveway indicated where someone stole a blue 2020 Dodge Ram.

In the second, a white 2022 Jeep Wagoneer was stolen while parked curbside.

**Cars entered**

Miscellaneous coins totaling around \$30 were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked overnight Saturday, Sept. 3, in the 1100 block of Bedford.

**Drugged driving**

A male driver being investigated near Mack and the Detroit border for operating a motor vehicle without headlights at 2:08 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, was arrested for driving while under the influence of drugs.

The suspect is a 30-year-old resident of Detroit.

At the same intersection 21 hours later, a public safety officer nabbed an armed 31-year-old Detroit woman for drunken driving, illegal possession of a pistol — she held it in her lap — and speeding.

— *Brad Lindberg*

*Report information about crime to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.*

**ALARM:**

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no concerns, that we are adequately covered. But we need to implement measures that ensure that."

"I assure the community we have an extremely dedicated staff that continues to come in and do their job diligently," Jarrell said. "We are evaluating constantly our processes and procedures, ways to maintain or improve our service levels, such as our automatic aid with Grosse Pointe City and assurance from them that in

certain circumstances they will assist us with law enforcement activities well."

If things go from bad to worse and there are only three officers available on a shift, emergencies will trigger a third alarm automatically.

"We will not have an officer assigned to standby," Jarrell said. "In the event of a fire, the nearest officer would have to respond to the station, get the fire engine (and) take it out to the scene. We would automatically call a third alarm. Also, no community events will be attended."

Within minutes of Jarrell's presentation before council, Park resident Kevin Rasmussen shared the following link to a group on social media:

"Our City is failing us when it come (sic) to public safety, what should be it's (sic) high-

est priority. Firefighting and ambulance response times will be slowed if no standby officer is available. This will lengthen the time before Firefighters can attack a fire from the inside. Listen to Public Safety Director Jerrell's report to City Council."



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OUR VIEW

# Back to school rules

While we are still enjoying the continued blue skies and extended daylight of late summer, the truth is that fall — and all the activities this fan-favorite season ushers in with it — is upon us. Backpacks have returned to action once again and lunches are begrudgingly packed on the daily.

There is so much excitement heading into autumn. We get to do things like meet our teachers at back-to-school nights, watch the leaves change, adorn our homes in spooky decorations, head to an apple orchard or offset the chill in the air with an evening bonfire or pumpkin spice latte.

So as we shift to our new fall routines and schedules, here are our Top 5 Smartboard lessons (or chalkboard, if you're old school) for the week:

◆ **School Supplies** — In addition to our valiant attempts to keep Staples and Target in the black with our newly purchased school supplies, we remind you of an opportunity to pay it forward to your child's teachers: Throw in a gift card for them, if you are fortunate enough to be able to do a little more beyond school supplies. We all know they spend their own money on their classrooms, so this is a great way to show your family's gratitude toward them.

This lesson also involves extra credit: Go and meet your teachers in person. Take advantage of the planned back-to-school nights to shake a teacher's hand and get to know them outside of just sending emails when something goes wrong. Teachers put their hearts into their work and getting to know them is a great way to begin a respectful relationship that supports their efforts in the classroom. Plus, we all know how fun it is to sit at a teeny desk in the front of class and reminisce about the good old days.

◆ **Put the "fun" in fundraisers** — Sometimes the sheer amount of "asks" from the new season's sports teams, drama clubs, choirs and PTOs can seem overwhelming and occasionally, downright grating. But take a deep breath and think about how lucky we are here in Grosse Pointe to have some of the greatest possible programs for children. Of course we can't all donate to every cause. And real talk, some of the fundraising has gotten out of control. But we suggest determining an intentional fundraising budget and to give what you can. Be sure to do it with a smile for the cute student holding the donation form. These kids are our pride, joy and future. Let's do what we can when we can.

◆ **Drive with care** — We are all in a hurry, because we are all busy and what we need to accomplish is important, no doubt. But our zeal of "my rush is more important than yours," particularly at pick-up and drop-off times, is up for debate. Rudeness and disrespect toward other drivers, who also are our neighbors may we remind you, is just bad form. Take a deep breath and, as Kramer advised on "Seinfeld," say

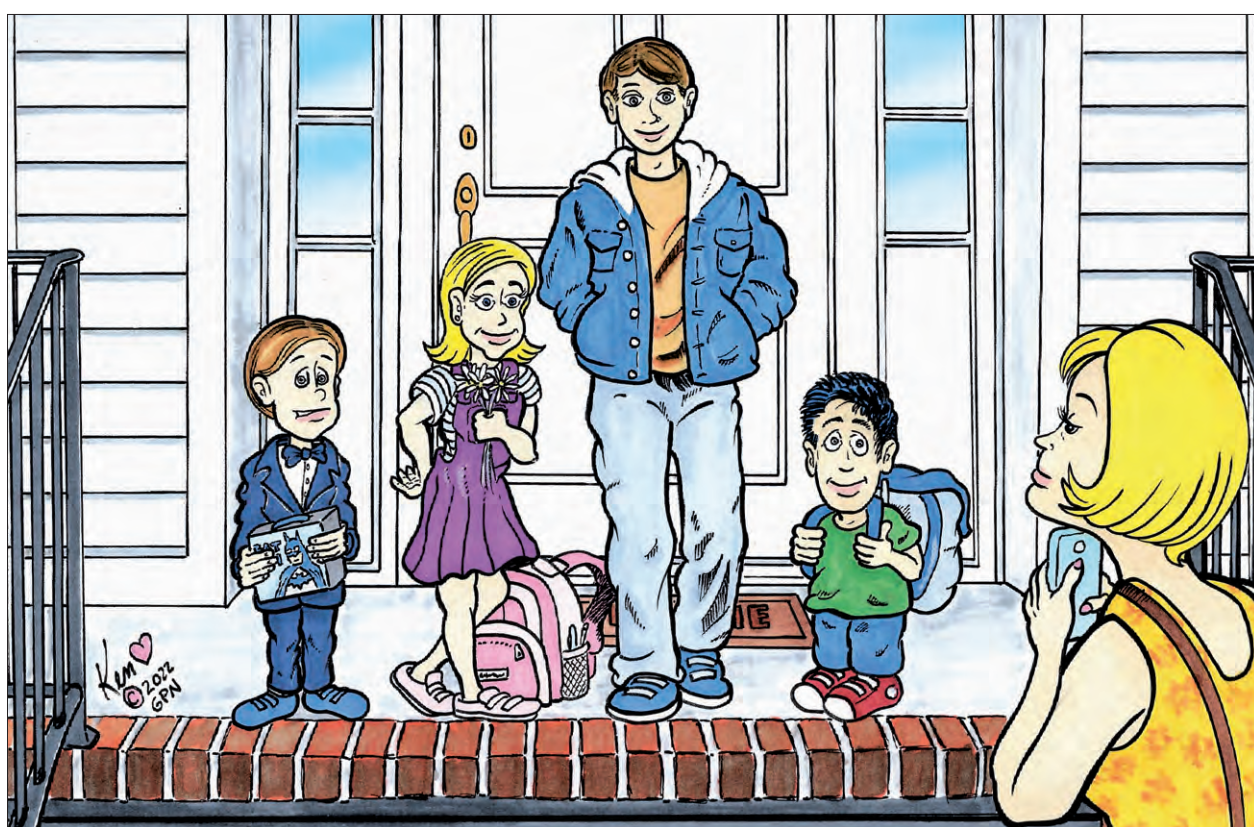


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Parents lined up their kids throughout the Pointes this week to capture the ubiquitous "porch pic" to commemorate the first day of school Tuesday. Grosse Pointe News staffers shared their own school photos. See if you can tell who's who on page 10A.

"serenity now" as you exhale. By the time you are out of breath, most likely the delay will have passed. Or at least it should have (and we're talking to you, Charlie Cello or Lacrosse Lucy. We know it's a drag lugging that stuff around, but some efficiency in the daily drop-off routine is much appreciated.) On a very serious note, please drive with your phones down and your eyes up. Seriously.

◆ **Teach your children well** — A short-and-sweet talk with your children, and to yourself, about how we treat others can go a long way. Most of us have vivid memories of meanies and how they tried to crush our souls in school. So let's all do our part at home to stop it before it starts. Or at least be accountable and correct it when/if it does. School is challenging enough for most, without a mean-spirited environment

added to the mix.

◆ **Cherish the changing season around town** — Once the beach days are over and the long work and school weeks are over, it can be oh-so-easy to just veg out on the couch for the whole weekend. We recommend making a commitment to get out and about and experience something in our community. Head out to one of the high school football games and feel the nostalgia. Go for a walk to collect leaves with your littles. Take the infamous "porch pictures" of them in their "first day of school" outfits they've had picked out for a month. Browse one of the beautiful boutiques in town, try a new restaurant or meet a friend you haven't seen all summer for coffee and conversation.

It's unofficially fall, y'all. Let's make it everything it can be.

OUR VIEW

# 9/11 Remembrance: As years pass, we will #NeverForget

As reported on page 1A today, The War Memorial will commemorate the 21st anniversary of 9/11, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

Organizers are planning a service that "will be a moment where people of all religions, cultures and walks of life can come together in solemn remembrance of and solidarity against the hatred that fueled those tragic events in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and indeed the entire United States and world."

We implore every member of our community to carve out intentional time Sunday to #NeverForget.

The #NeverForget hashtag has been used throughout social media platforms about 9/11, one of the most devastating days in American history. It is used to index the topic to allow people to easily follow the conversation.

But #NeverForget is not — and should never be — just some trending, ephemeral topic. Instead, it is the impetus to remember the following:

◆ On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four planes and carried out suicide attacks against targets on U.S. soil.

◆ Two of the planes flew into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The third plane hit the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.. The fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

◆ 2,996 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

◆ 19 people from Michigan perished in the 9/11 attacks.

◆ American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the west side of the Pentagon at 9:45 a.m., approximately one hour after the attack on the Twin Towers.

◆ 125 military personnel and civilians were killed in the attack on the Pentagon, where the U.S. Department of Defense is located, along with all 64 people aboard the airliner.

◆ The fourth source of casualty on 9/11 was California-bound United Flight 93, hijacked approximately 40 minutes after leaving Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey.

◆ As passengers on Flight 93 attempted to thwart the hijacking, the plane flipped over and sped toward the ground at nearly 500 mph.

◆ The plane crashed in a rural field near Shanksville in western Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m.

◆ All 44 people aboard were killed.

◆ Flight 93's target is still unknown, but is believed to have been the White House, Camp David or a nuclear plant along the eastern seaboard.

For those of us who experienced this day in real time and watched it unfold before our eyes, it is forever seared into our brains. It is our duty to make sure new generations of Americans #NeverForget that day.

We remember the day's cloudless, bright blue September sky, both in New York and in Grosse Pointe. We remember the gasps we uttered when we realized this wasn't an accidental plane crash as initially believed. We remember hanging on to then-President George W. Bush's every word that evening in his address to a devastated nation.

We remember the eerie silence in the skies above in the days after, as all flights across the country shut down. We remember the chants of "USA! USA!" when the New York Yankees took the field for the first time after the attacks. (That's how united this country was — we collectively rooted for the Yankees for a moment in time.)

We remember the Americans brave enough to charge a cockpit, armed only with plastic knives, boiling water and moxie. We remember hearing final phone calls of goodbye to loved ones. We remember images of families posting "Missing" signs, hoping for a miracle. We remember a dark and dusty New York City resembling Armageddon in the aftermath.

In 2009, Congress named Sept. 11 a National Day of Service and Remembrance. This Sunday, we encourage each one of us to do something intentional to remember this day, whether attending church, temple or a service, such as at The War Memorial.

Hang your American flag with pride and in honor of those who died. Do a good deed for a family member or neighbor, because kindness combats the evil that prevailed that day.

When we take the time to remember 9/11, we strengthen our resolve to #NeverForget.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# The four legged are family members



**D**o you have a pet? Chances are, whether you do or don't, you know someone who does. Pets bring us so much joy. They can be silly, funny and comforting and they make wonderful companions. If we are paying attention, they teach us about unconditional love. They become a family member. And that is why it is so hard when it's time to say goodbye.

I've had to say goodbye to a number of pets and it was difficult. But I did it. I didn't let them suffer despite the heartache it brought.

After college, when I moved back to Michigan from Colorado, I brought my two cats with me. They were siblings and they were my buddies. Nagi, the female, lived to 22 years old and her brother, Tibbs, lived to 23. When it was their time, Nagi went first. I took her to the veterinarian and after she was euthanized, I was walking back to my car with her little body (I was burying her in a special place). I get to the parking lot and I run into the Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 officer, Tim Harris, and K-9 Duke. I had momen-

tarily stopped crying when I had gone outside, so it was good to see them and pet Duke, which soothed me. It was a great distraction because when I got to my car and loaded in the carrier with Nagi, I began to sob again.

Fast forward 10 months later, it was Tibbs's turn and back I go to the vet. On my way there I thought, wouldn't it be weird if Officer Harris and Duke were there again? Then I put the thought out of my mind. I get to the vet's and when I went inside I couldn't believe it. Officer Harris and Duke were in the waiting room! What are the odds? Two random times, especially since I didn't know I was going until that morning. Duke had cut his paw on some

glass while he and Officer Harris were training in a field. Again, they were a great distraction from why I was there.

I know it was a sign, meant to comfort me in a dark time.

My dad was with me when I buried Tibbs and after I put the last shovel of dirt over his grave and we were walking away, my dad looked at me and said, "So, no luncheon?" I laughed through my tears and was grateful for the break from crying.

Not long after, a wonderful and thoughtful friend gave me a framed photo of Nagi and Tibbs snuggling together. I was incredibly touched and, of course, I cried again.

I have two cats left now, one is 18 and the other 14. I know what's ahead

and that it's inevitable, but I am not looking forward to the day. But I will do it when it is time for them, not for me. I will accept the sacrifice so they don't suffer anymore.

My friend and her daughter had to say goodbye to their dog two weeks ago and they rescued a puppy last week.

My sister and her family had to say goodbye to their sweet golden retriever, their first dog, but they were able to say goodbye at home where they kept him comfortable. Not long after, she rescued a dog off the street in the middle of a very cold winter. The poor dog had frostbitten paws and was skinny, but he is now a happy and healthy dog who is very loved.

My brother and his husband had to say goodbye to three golden retrievers, which was incredibly hard, but they rescued another golden as soon as their hearts were on the mend.

My other brother and his wife said goodbye to their sweet rescue dog on my brother's birthday. Doubly hard.

So, if you have been through this or will have to go through this in the future, just know, I understand that with a broken heart you will say goodbye, but I hope you'll let someone new into your life again. You'll be saving both your lives.

Rescuing is a perfect cure to mend a broken heart and saving another dog or cat is a wonderful way to honor your pet.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1947

75 years ago this week

**WOODS LEADS POINTE IN BUILDING:** Building operations in the Woods village place that municipality far ahead of any of the other Pointe communities thus far this year. Since Jan. 1, 1947, there have been a total of 280 building permits issued. These are broken down into single family dwelling houses, 213; churches, 1; commercial establishments, 3; garages, 55; and miscellaneous additions, 9.

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**FOUR SAILBOATS LOST IN FIRE AT CRESCENT:** Three Lightning Class sailboats, each worth \$4,000, were destroyed in a fire at Crescent Sail Yacht Club. It was an ominous beginning to the Labor Day weekend for persons at the Farms Pier and on Lake St. Clair who watched a black funnel of smoke rise from the south dock of the sailing club.

**SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY; VOTING TO**

**DICTATE PLANS:** Dr. Theos I. Anderson, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, reminds parents that the opening of the 1972-73 school year has been delayed until Sept. 11. The change in the scheduled school opening was deemed necessary since the outcome of the millage election will determine the students' academic and extracurricular programs at the middle and high school levels for the coming year.

### 1997

25 years ago this week

**SCHOOLS CONSIDER**

**ENROLLMENT ISSUES:** Although Grosse Pointe public school administrators will continue to monitor closely student enrollment for the fall, the specter of classroom overcrowding has all but dissipated. The latest projected numbers show that the need for alternative measures to alleviate crowding at Parcels Middle School won't be necessary this fall.

**SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS CHANGES AT SOUTH:** Students at Grosse Pointe South High School may have noticed some changes with the opening of this school year. In addition to a revised registration procedure, returning students also had a chance to visit the school's first-ever student store.

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**BREATHING EASY:** Through the kindness of Grosse Pointe Shores residents Lynn and Harry Kurtz, the Shores Public Safety Department has rescue pet masks. The Kurtzes purchased the masks for the department; one mask is housed on each of the city's two fire trucks. In the event an animal is rescued from a burning structure, the mask is applied to the pet to give it almost a pure supply of oxygen while the animal is conveyed to a veterinarian for treatment.

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# Grosse Pointe Sail Club ends summer season

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Wind filling the spinnaker made the sound of sizzling bacon. And it was as though the cow-girl logo of the custom racing sloop Sprint 7 dug in her heels.

Sprint 7, a 31-footer designed by Michele Molino of France with an extendable bowsprit, was already fast with mainsail and jib.

With the addition of a spinnaker, it galloped around the eight-mile course to a PHRF A class victory in the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's season-ending Tuesday Night Sundown Series Aug. 30. The race began and ended off Windmill Pointe Park.

A steady 17.5-knot west wind straight up the Detroit River slacked a little and shifted a few degrees off the 39-foot fleet's port quarter less than 10 minutes before the first of seven heats answered their respective starting guns at five-minute intervals beginning at 7 p.m.

In the first heat, Sprint 7, owned by Bayview Yacht Club member and



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Clockwise from top, Sprint 7 and Bad Habits start the race bowsprit to bow; Kopp Out, with lots of sail area provided by an extendable bowsprit, leads Das Boot; and Das Boot nips a wave.

former City of Grosse Pointe councilman John Stevens, approached the starting line side-by-side with Bad Habits, a 2000 Beneteau First 40.7 owned by fellow Bayviewer Mark Hanke of Franklin and categorized as a cruiser-racer with lots of cabin and galley space below.

The boats shared a

parallel course, but once Stevens' blonde and Stetson-wearing buckaroo took the reins, the outcome was old news.

Stevens finished the race in 54 minutes, 20 seconds elapsed time, nearly 2½ minutes before second-place Freedom, owned by Jim Cooper of Grosse Pointe Park. Bad Habits fin-

ished fourth in just over one hour, one minute. Corrected times reflected the same order.

Also testifying to the advantages of maximizing sail area was the crew of Kopp Out, a 26-foot, J/80, also with retractable bowsprit.

Kopp Out, owned by Thomas and Jennifer Kopp, won the fourth

heat in the fastest time of all boats competing that evening.

Kopp crossed the line just after 8:01 p.m., for an elapsed time of 46 minutes, 42 seconds. Avatar, owned by Andre Morlan of Grosse Pointe Park, finished the heat second nearly 1½ minutes later.

Winning boats by

class, name, type, owner, sail club and corrected time are, where available:

◆ PHRF A: Sprint 7, HM31, John Stevens, Bayview Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Sail Club, 59:58;

◆ Cruising: Wind Toy IV, Morgan 42, Robert Bunn, 1:00:19;

◆ JAM: Star Gazer, Beneteau 38S5, Marc Rosenthal, 00:48:07;

◆ PHRF B: Kopp Out, J/80, Thomas and Jennifer Kopp, Bayview, 00:45:18;

◆ Cal 25: WhiteFang, Cal 25-1, John Harper, Bayview, 00:49:09;

◆ PHRF C: Blown Away Too, 00:48:20 and

◆ Crescent: Scimitar, 00:46:37.

The club's spring and summer racing series is over, which means the fall series is already underway. Remaining races are 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 20 and 27.

From left, Tate Muzingo, Charlotte Muzingo, Liv Gryzenia, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Ben Clor, Matthew Clor and Charlotte Clor pause during the visit for a photo.



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## VIP visit to Coreander's

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer stopped by Coreander's Children's Bookshope in Grosse Pointe Park on Wednesday, Aug. 24. During her visit, Whitmer read "M is for Mitten" by Annie Appleford and chatted with children.



Above, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer reads "M is For Mitten" to an audience of children. Left, from left, Shery Cotton, Whitmer and Jen Kendall, manager of Coreander's Children's Bookshope. "It was a pleasure having her at the store," Kendall said. "She enjoyed the hand-painted artwork and the variety of books for children."

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monthly meetings.

As the city began video recording council meetings on a trial basis this spring — the test runs were not uploaded for the public — a resolution, cur-

rently being drafted by councilman and communications committee co-chair Neil Sroka, is expected to come before council for a vote at the September or October meeting.

"We need to make sure that the council proceedings are as transparent as possi-

ble," Sroka said of the intention behind the effort. He also cited better accessibility.

If live streaming council meetings is implemented, he emphasized, it would be a one-way broadcast without opportunity for those watching to inter-

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# Analysis: How is GPPSS faring amidst reports of a nationwide teacher shortage?

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

*Schools Reporter Michael Hartt is supplementing his regular coverage of Grosse Pointe's private and public schools with analysis of commonly asked questions regarding schools in the community. Email him at [mhartt@grossepointenews.org](mailto:mhartt@grossepointenews.org) with questions that you would like covered.*

## A new narrative

In the months following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, public attention began to shift from commentary about how public education instruction changed for adolescents and teachers to the effect these changes had on them. Since this turning point, a narrative has been formed that the United States is facing a national teacher shortage spurred by a multitude of workplace issues.

As more comprehensive research is being conducted on the topic, journalists are starting to pose questions about the extent to which the anecdotal evidence for this teacher shortage is representative of the availability of teachers across the United States.

In the Aug. 26 issue of "The Economist," an article titled "America's New 'National Teaching Shortage' is Neither New nor National" attributes

what it describes as a false narrative of a shortage to the politically polarized climate in the United States, saying the issue is "politically expedient for education activists on both sides."

Evaluating the phenomena of both teacher vacancies and the use of under-qualified teachers for positions in which qualified ones could not be obtained is difficult, because there is a lack of a uniform reporting mechanism for these two statistics in individual states.

Researchers at Kansas State University and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign recently constructed a project through the Annenberg Institute at Brown University of these two data metrics and were only able to obtain and ascertain metrics regarding the number of vacancies present for 38 states. Moreover, the most recent data available from the 38 states ranges from 2014 — several years before the start of the pandemic, which has been claimed to have intensified shortages — to 2022.

Overall, the Annenberg Institute report estimated there are more 36,504 vacant teacher positions in the 38 states from which they could get data, out of more than 2.2 million teaching positions in those states. Therefore, the best esti-

mate of the teacher vacancy rate in the United States — based on quantifiable data — is approximately 1.6 percent.

The number of under-qualified teachers — those who are not fully certified in the state in which they are teaching or who are teaching a subject in which they are not specifically certified — in contrast to the number of vacant teaching positions, is available in all 50 states. There are in excess of 163,651 under-qualified teachers in the U.S., out of 3.2 million teachers. Therefore, the teacher under qualification rate is approximately 5.2 percent.

The study itself recognizes that because there is a lack of consensus regarding the appropriateness of using the phrase "national teacher shortage" — given that particular states and school districts across the country have had a difficult time filling positions with fully-qualified teachers for decades — there is no indisputable term that can describe the current state of the public education labor market.

## The outlook

While there is debate regarding the extent to which the U.S. currently is experiencing a nationwide teacher shortage, a more relative consensus has formed regarding the

disconcerting outlook of the profession and how that may subsequently impact the ability of school districts to fill job openings in the future.

Earlier this year, the Winston School of Education and Social Policy at Merrimack College commissioned the first comprehensive nationally representative survey of teacher sentiment in 10 years, since the MetLife Survey of the American Teacher was discontinued.

The results of this survey confirm a declining rate of teacher satisfaction, with 12 percent of teachers saying they are very satisfied with their jobs, compared to 39 percent who reported they were very satisfied with their jobs in the 2012 MetLife survey. Similarly, the survey showed that 44 percent of teachers are fairly or very likely to leave their profession to pursue a different occupation, compared to the 29 percent of teachers who agreed with an equivalent statement in the last national representative survey in which a question like this was asked — the 2011 MetLife Survey.

Although these figures make it seem like teacher turnover rates will increase in the near future, the same report casts doubt on this idea, indicating there is a considerable difference between teacher senti-

ment and teacher retention rates.

"Prior to the pandemic, about 8 percent of teachers left the profession annually," the Merrimack report reads. "Although there (is) no comprehensive, national data available on attrition rates during the pandemic, state- and district-level estimates suggest turnover increased by a very small amount, if at all in 2020 and 2021."

## Local impact

The narrative of a nationwide teacher shortage has permeated into the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as several issues have been discussed in the context of it since summer 2020, both at school board meetings and in online forums.

One of the most commonly cited statistics by district administration officials, when they are discussing hiring difficulties, is the decrease in the number of students aiming to become certified teachers. According to a U.S. Department of Education Title II report, the total teacher preparation enrollment in the state of Michigan decreased from 23,203 in the 2013-14 academic year to 12,018 in the 2019-20 academic year, a drop of more than 48 percent.

While the study from the Annenberg Institute found that, in the 2019-20

school year, approximately 0.6 percent of the teaching positions in Michigan were left unfilled, the decrease in the number of Michigan students entering the profession during the preceding decade may increase the proportion of teacher vacancies in future years.

GPPSS Deputy Superintendent of Education Services Roy Bishop said he would only partially attribute the dwindling size of the district's applicant pools to the decrease in the number of students entering the teaching field.

"I definitely will say that the pool of candidates (has been smaller) every year over the last couple of years and that's due to various reasons. Look at the universities — we're graduating less and less students into the educational field," Bishop said. "We're very thankful that we are still having people apply. (Our shortages are) dependent on the position. It is a struggle to find people who have a certain type of certification that is needed to teach (a) class."

Bishop's comment regarding the hiring position of GPPSS is characteristic among national trends. A report from Education Resource Strategies detailed the

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# Dinges files MDCR complaint against BOE

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidate Je Donna Dinges filed a Michigan Department of Civil Rights complaint against the district's school board earlier this year, following a string of incidents at board meetings in which she felt discriminated against.

Her complaint included not only details of the several incidents in which she felt like her civil rights were violated, but also other events that provide

additional context for her claims.

Chronologically, Dinges said, the complaint began Jan. 24, when a white parent used a racial slur while making a public comment at that evening's school board meeting. Dinges said the event marked her increased involvement at board meetings and provided context for the culture of the school board.

Board President Joseph Herd, who is black, "seemed less shaken (about the parent using the slur)," Dinges said. "That's not why I wrote the com-



Je Donna Dinges

plaint; that's neither here nor there. It does matter, (though), because he didn't seem bothered. What he said to me was that the person wasn't talking to him or about him. And

so then I had to educate him."

After the incident, Dinges began regularly attending board meetings to advocate for comment guidelines that would specifically prevent people from making public comments that include hate speech. Over the next several months, she claims a pattern developed in which public speakers were silenced by Herd if they made comments he disagreed with.

"And it seems that every time I came to the microphone, or anyone came, who said something that (a board of education member) didn't like, the board president would interrupt the person," Dinges said. "That's a violation of the Open Meetings Act. It's a violation of the First Amendment, too."

Herd, in many of the situations mentioned, specified he was interrupting speakers because they were being disrespectful toward board members.

Herd was not able to comment on Dinges' specific claims because he must adhere to policy that prevents district officials from commenting on pending litigation.

The school board's March 14 meeting marked one of the first escalations in this series of incidents mentioned in the claim. Dinges' daughter, India Dinges, and another ideologically similar community member, submitted slips

to speak during the non-action item public comments section of the meeting, but were not called on to deliver those comments. Je Donna Dinges took issue with this, saying she felt like the board was silencing those who did not agree with their actions. She also took issue with Herd interjecting while the other community member was speaking.

Herd, again, said he felt compelled to interject to assure board members were not being disrespected during public comments.

At the next board meeting, March 21, Dinges indicated publicly she was interested in filing an MDCR complaint. However, she said she was finally spurred to do so after the events of the April 25 school board meeting.

At that meeting, a proposal was on the agenda to institute a new public comments policy, which aimed to lessen criticism of board members during the public comments sections of board meetings. Dinges, who said she felt she had been galvanized by the issue of freedom of speech at board meetings for several months, took issue with the policy.

While speaking during the action-item public comments section of the meeting, Dinges discussed how Trustee Lisa Papas had spurred the creation of the policy. Herd subsequently attempted to prevent

her from talking about Papas specifically, which then caused a disagreement between them about how Dinges would be re-compensated for the time Herd spoke during her three-minute speaking time limit. Dinges eventually was told she could not finish her comment and her microphone was cut off soon after.

At the end of the meeting, during the public comments section for non action items, Dinges submitted a slip and attempted to speak again, but Herd said that, because of the incident earlier in the meeting, her speaking privileges had been revoked for the night.

Dinges said she thought this incident constituted the clearest example of the discrimination she faced over the duration of her complaint.

"I was the only black person in the audience, the only black person who tried to speak and the only person whose microphone was turned off," Dinges said, "so that's clear discrimination."

Soon after this meeting, Dinges officially filed her MDCR complaint and began the process of speaking to investigators about her experiences. The district has been notified of the complaint having been filed and additional investigations will be done to evaluate Dinges' claims and how her recollections transpired during the meetings.

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large disparity between the ability of districts composed of primarily low-income or high-income students to attract and retain teachers. Considering the statistical trends in the report, GPPSS is less likely to experience constrained applicant pools and vacancies in teaching positions than districts in lower-income areas.

However, trends in teaching have left the district increasingly vulnerable to teacher turnover, according to Grosse Pointe Education Association President Jacqueline Shelson. She said because of bargain-

ing agreement changes throughout districts in Michigan, teachers are less likely to stay in one district for a long period of time than they used to be.

"Not that long ago, if a teacher moved districts, they really wouldn't get credit for the experience they had," Shelson said. "They would start at the bottom of the pay scale and have to work their way up again. Now with this competitive market, a lot of districts are giving their staff pay for the experience they are coming in with."

Given Bishop's confirmation that GPPSS is still drawing suitable applicants for its open positions and monthly human resources reports that continually confirm this,

GPPSS operations have not been considerably upset by recent shifts in the public education labor market. However, because of data that shows the applicant pool of teachers could be further constrained as time goes on, Bishop said the district is being proactive in terms of how it prioritizes teachers' needs.

"I think we're definitely trying to (listen more) to our teachers to make sure that their needs are being met," he said, "not only to bring teachers here, but also to retain our teachers. We (also) are partnering with (the) GPEA to be more proactive in our approach to make sure that the impact of our communication is being well received."

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Katherine Jeup** and **Maxwell Stricker** of the City of Grosse Pointe, and **Hannah Lemanski** of Grosse Pointe Park recently graduated from Baylor University. Jeup earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in medical humanities; Stricker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education-health science studies; and Lemanski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. Lemanski graduated magna cum laude.



**Katherine Jeup**



**Maxwell Stricker**



**Meredith Bruni**

**Meredith Bruni** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer 2022 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

Kelmendi is studying computer engineering and Bruni is studying nursing.

**Claire Winger** of Grosse Pointe Farms was

named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Winger is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

◆◆◆ **Ardian Kelmendi** of Grosse Pointe and

## Regina powderpuff game in memory of Coach Bill Madek

A Regina High School tradition since 1966, the annual powderpuff football game this year takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes, Hazel Park.

Regina seniors will take on Marian High School, Bloomfield Hills in what is being called a "fierce game of flag football." Students begin practicing in July and often cite the powderpuff experience as

one of their favorite aspects of senior year.

Regina has won the past five years and is aiming for a sixth victory. This year the team is dedicating the game to beloved coach Bill Madek, who passed away in early August after a battle with cancer. He coached the game the past 12 years and impacted the lives of many Regina athletes.

Tickets are \$10 at the gate.



## Before and after

This Lakeshore seawall site just south of Pier Park recently was repaired, kicking off at least 14 emergency repairs to be completed this season between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club off the back of \$750,000 in state allocated funding.

Noted as the site most in need of repair — restoration of topsoil and grass beside it will be forthcoming — it was considered a hazard to drivers because of its proximity to the road.

While the repair schedule initially was to encompass 13 priority sites, additional repairs now are anticipated thanks to Wayne County providing backfill aggregate to help reduce costs.

Repair crews now are working on sinkholes north of Pier Park, while next spring, an additional \$1.2 million in state funding will become available for use.

"Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores are working with Wayne County and our engi-

neers to determine the best use of those funds," Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said via email, "including using (them) to leverage addi-

tional federal funding."

The three entities also continue to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other agencies to secure federal funding for a long-term solution to the deteriorating seawall.



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## Dreams coming true

### GPT launches 75th season with lively 'Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Theatre Board of Directors President Danielle Caralis has been smitten with "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" since she was in middle school. More specifically, she's been smitten with the role of Narrator.

"I saw a production of 'Joseph' at Grosse Pointe North when I was younger," she said. "I saw it when the big high school put it on and I said, 'I'm going to play the narrator.'"

Fast-forward a couple of decades and Caralis' dream is coming true. She will shine onstage as Narrator in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Joseph," which hits the stage Sept. 16 to 25, at Grosse Pointe North High School.

"Narrator is a main character of the show, with Joseph," Caralis said. "She walks and talks through the whole story; she never leaves the stage. ... I idolized the girl who played it at the high school. In 2008, I auditioned, but it wasn't my time. Now I finally get to play it. This is bucket list for me."

Caralis, who shares the stage with a 39-member cast, including a 13-member children's chorus, is a huge fan of Andrew Lloyd Webber and is excited to bring this production to the stage.

"This is Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's first production he ever created," she said. "It is a gem in his book of work."

Director Amy Ricker concurred.

"I fell in love with the music," she said. "Andrew Lloyd Webber and (lyricist) Tim Rice have a magical collaboration. It's easy to follow, family friendly. This brings to a new generation the love of musical theater."

Being able to direct "Joseph" is a dream come true for Ricker, who originally pitched the show in 2019. It was set to be performed in 2020, but was canceled due to the pandemic.

"It was pushed to the wayside," she said. "On the luckier side, I didn't have a cast or auditions. So I sat on the show two years and re-presented it to the board."

"What I love is that the message is universal," she added. "It doesn't matter what decade it is, doesn't matter what



Joseph and his brothers, with the Narrator. The group takes the stage Sept. 16-25, at Grosse Pointe North High School.

country it is or what language it's in. Any dream will do. If you think it, if you want it, if you dream it, any dream will do. It's been almost three years now: Dreams do come true."

Starring in the production is a dream come true for Zak Shugart, who will perform in the title role. "Joseph" was one of the first shows he saw while in high school.

"I thought it looked like so much fun that I dropped four varsity sports and decided to join choir and theater," Shugart said. "I am thrilled to be playing this bucket list role about 18 years later, that drew me into the theater world."

"People love this production because the music and dancing are so entertaining," he added. "Everyone is going to leave the theater in a good mood, tapping their toes and having had an enjoyable time."

#### Back to big

"Joseph" will be GPT's biggest production in recent years, as most of last season's performances were scaled back due to the lingering pandemic.

"We are thrilled to be able to have a big, full-scale musical," Caralis said. "It's a full-scale, family-friendly, essentially sing-along show. It's a show with no dialogue. It's all singing, which is what makes this one special."

The show, she explained, includes multiple genres of music, "from a country-western hoedown to a Caribbean calypso to disco, rock 'n'

roll," Caralis said. "Everybody gets a little taste of everything. There are even some ballads; you'll melt when you hear Zak sing."

Also sure to catch audiences' attention are the details Erin Getzin is putting into costume design. With nearly 40 cast members, each of them dressed in at least two costumes, she has her work cut out for her.

"I went with historic Turkish design rather than traditional Israelite,"

Getzin said, noting the men will wear "Aladdin" pants and the women will don dresses, vests and harem pants.

"There are slits up the sides of the dresses, so there's flexibility in doing any dance move they need to do," she said.

Costumes for scenes dressed in Egypt are mostly white, she noted, and also entail a GPT first — 3-D printing. A variety of bangles, belt buckles and other ornaments were printed courtesy of the



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Zak Shugart portrays Joseph and Danielle Caralis portrays Narrator in the GPT production.

Fraser Public Library, Getzin said.

Adding to the novelty of the 3-D printed items is the handmade star of all costumes: Joseph's "Technicolor Dreamcoat." Getzin was inspired by the Crazy Quilt style when dreaming up the ensemble.

"I dabble in quilting," she said. "Crazy Quilts uses different fabrics and different colors that are just put together."

The result is an eye-catching rainbow of material, which Shugart will sport during a portion of the production.

#### A new audience

Another first for GPT

this season is the addition of a sensory-friendly performance of "Joseph." Through a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, GPT is bringing in a team of specialists to guide them through the process.

"This performance will create a welcoming and comfortable arts experience for people with autism, sensory sensitivities or other social learning or cognitive disabilities," Caralis said. "We're looking forward to the opportunity."

Added Ricker, "We were so lucky to get that grant, which allows us to bring the theater, the arts, to a group of people who this wasn't always meant for. We're excited to have a dedicated team working on bringing another group of patrons to this theater. And we're the first in the area doing it, so we're setting precedent. ... The cast is so excited to be part of a something new."

Several details will set the sensory-friendly performance apart from a typical performance. They include:

- ◆ Advanced social narrative with pictures
- ◆ House lights will remain on
- ◆ Reduced special effects and lighting
- ◆ Reduced sound levels
- ◆ Ability to move around as needed
- ◆ Quiet space in the lobby
- ◆ Personal headphones, cushions or fidgets welcome
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## Foundation hosts fundraiser for Pier Park playground

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Playtime at Pier Park is set to become an even better adventure after the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation and the city of Grosse Pointe Farms revamp the park's play area this month.

Highlights of the new structure, being built by Penchura LLC, include an Oodle Swing, Curva Spinner, Cozy Dune and other features set on a bed of engineered wood fiber chips. Construction began right after Labor Day and should take approximately two weeks.

The new structure is expected to be under construction by the time the foundation hosts its first "Come Play with Us" fundraiser, which takes place 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Pier Park, to help cover the cost of the project.

"We're looking to raise camaraderie and friendship in the Farms, while also raising funds for the foundation and our projects," said Ed Gotfredson, a foundation trustee and member of its event committee. "The current playscape at the Farms Pier is over 25 years old."

Hoping to mimic the success of a recent Grosse Pointe Park fund-



COURTESY PHOTOS

A rendering of the new playscape coming to Pier Park.

raiser, "Come Play with Us" is the foundation's first such event.

"The Farms Foundation is a group of trustees that raises money every year, usually through an annual appeal," Gotfredson said. "Our projects better the community in numerous different creative ways. ... This is the first fundraiser event we're having."

The playscape project is merely the most recent of the foundation's numerous efforts. Since its inception, it has built, restored or maintained some of the community's most endearing landmarks.

Foundation initiatives have included replacing the gazebos at Pier Park

and building one at Kerby Field, installing a fire pit next to the Pier Park ice rink, restoring the historic Joy Bells and creating a dog park at Mack and Moross, among several others.

"Every year we brainstorm with our subcommittee about potential projects with the city," Gotfredson said.

The playscape wasn't just on the foundation's radar. After more than 25 years and showing its age, the renovation was ranked a "best idea" by residents in the foundation's 2018 survey.

Gotfredson said the foundation is hoping the fundraiser brings in more than \$50,000 through sponsorships and ticket sales.

community building for strolling hors d'oeuvres catered by Forte Belanger, cocktails and a silent auction. Among the coveted auction items available are VIP parking at Pier Park for one year, two reserved picnic tables for the Fourth of July fireworks and a spot in the paddleboard rack for one year.

Just 250 fundraiser tickets will be sold. Cost is \$75 each or \$130 for two. To purchase tickets online, visit [bit.ly/GPFFTickets](https://bit.ly/GPFFTickets).

"Kids are welcome to play on it as soon as it's finished," Gotfredson said. "When it's fully functional and safe, kids definitely are invited."

### Farms Foundation Board Members

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The "Come Play with Us" fundraiser takes place at the Pier Park community building.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Ford House

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

◆ Craft in the Digital Age Exhibition, featuring the work of contemporary Detroit-area artists and designers throughout the rooms in the main residence, runs through Sept. 30.

◆ Bird Walk, 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, and 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Sustainability Talk: Design, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, featuring Pingree pet products.

◆ Maker Studio: Mini Tapestries, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ Walking Meditation,

3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, with Detroit Zen Center. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Story Festival, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, for ages 7 and younger. Performers include musician Jim Gill, and authors Shelley Johannes and Kelly J. Baptist. Cost is \$5 for children 6 and older, free for children younger than 6.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

### The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

◆ The movie "Dream Horse" is shown at 12:30

p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ On the Gogh watercolor painting class, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, with facilitator Michelle Boggess-Nunley. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

◆ Detroit Institute of Arts trip, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

◆ Beaumont Cooking Demonstration, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20. Dietician Andrea Hageman and chef Dan Kellogg will present "Healthier Desserts: Tips and Recipes."

◆ Trivia Contest Happy Hour, 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie "The Best Years of Our Lives" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Essential Planning for the Future, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, with facilitator Liz Johnson.

◆ Food and Your Brain, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, with facilitator Kathy Housey.

### Questers

The Pear Tree Questers host a kick-off meeting for the year at noon Friday, Sept. 9, at Leo's Coney Island on Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Members will finalize their schedule for the upcoming 2022-23 calendar year.

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ Fern Michaels Book Discussion, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The group will discuss the author's "No Way Out."

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Seed Saving 101 with Bevin Cohen, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Nonfiction Book

Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, Jefferson Masonic Lodge 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores, offers several programs and classes. To register, visit [minipicassosstudio.com](http://minipicassosstudio.com).

◆ Art After School, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$145.

◆ Toddler Art Party, 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 10, for ages 18 months and older. Cost is \$110.

◆ Preschool Art, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13, to Oct. 11, for ages 3 to 6. Cost is \$110.

### Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. David Dulio, political science professor and director of the Center for Civic Engagement at Oakland University, speaks. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email [gmcattend@gmail.com](mailto:gmcattend@ gmail.com) or call (313) 550-9661.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7

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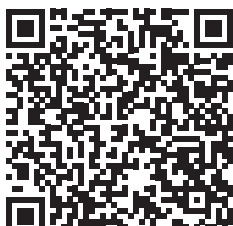
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# All about Anna

## Garden party raises funds for Belle Isle Conservatory

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle holds a special place in many hearts.

It sits on 13 acres and is home to a collection of exotic plants, a formal perennial garden, seasonal floral beds, a lily pond garden, five sections of flora — and one much beloved feline.

The conservatory, designed by Albert Kahn, opened in 1904, and in 1955 was dedicated to Grosse Pointer Anna Scripps Whitcomb, who donated her 600-plant orchid collection to the city of Detroit. In the years since, the bounty within has been tended to and cared for by horticulturalist Jeremy Kemp, but the conservatory itself is in need of some help.

Enter the Belle Isle Garden Party, which began as a celebration of the Junior League Gardeners' 75th anniversary. The gardeners invited other garden clubs to join them at a cocktail party to raise funds for the conservatory. In the 16 years since, the Belle Isle Garden Party has grown to welcome 500 to 600 attendees for "a simple, two-hour cocktail party," said Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robin Heller, who is co-chairing this year's event with Janice Ellison.

The party, which takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, includes hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Thibault and Moore Catering, a signature drink that is color-coordinated with the décor, live music from Ben Sharkey and the Grunyons, as well as featured artwork.

"The beauty of the event is being able to see a lot of people you have not seen over the summer

or reconnecting with them," Heller said. "It draws a wide group of people. Plus, it ends summer and kicks off the next season."

In addition to bringing people together, the event continues to serve a purpose.

"This is a benefit for the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory — a celebration of everything that makes her special," said Belle Isle Conservancy President and CEO Michele Hodges. "And we do it in a uniquely Detroit way — on the grounds, featuring the Marshall Fredericks 'Leaping Gazelle' sculpture, backed by the beautiful Detroit skyline — to raise money for her longevity. ... I like to say we're working to fix her aching joists."

"Major renovations need to be made to the upper dome," Heller explained. "A couple years ago they worked on the lower half. This year, the upper dome will be done. It's a \$10 million project funded through private donations and grants from the state. "Our party," she contin-

ued, "raises funds for smaller things. Over the years we have been able to repair the lily pond, add needed plant signage, repair the Marshall Fredericks 'Leaping Gazelle' sculpture, upgrade the decorative ironwork, study a pass-thru between the conservatory and aquarium, and fund the plans for a new ADA-compliant entrance across from the new Oudolf Garden Detroit. And that's to mention just some of the projects. This year's funds will be used for continued interior and exterior improvements."

Making improvements to Belle Isle and its amenities has long been a passion of supporter Shery Cotton of Grosse Pointe Park, the mother of Grosse Pointe News owner Sean Cotton; however, the conservatory in particular is especially important.

"I call the conservatory 'The Anna,'" she said. "It's like a person to me."

Cotton was visiting Kemp in early 2019, when she noticed damage to the structure.

"There was an opening in the glass at the top,"



she recalled. "I was informed the Anna Scripps had about 10 years left and it would close down if we couldn't raise the funds to fix it."

"... The structure really needs a lot of work," she continued. "The DNR have reached the point where they've raised enough funds that they are in to help do this \$10 million project. That work will start soon so Anna will live on. I can't imagine her not being there."

It also was during a visit to the conservatory that Cotton first met her honorary co-chair for this year's garden party.

"Something bumped the back of my leg," she said. "I spun around and ... it was Pavo."

Pavo, a Norwegian forest cat, is a feral cat who made the conservatory

his home a few years ago and, in turn, was adopted by the staff.

"He just showed up," Cotton said. "He's got the best personality. You always look for him when you go there. ... He's very independent, in and out. He looks like a crabby old man, but he's so easy. He's the greatest cat."

"Shery has been a strong supporter of the conservatory," Heller noted. "And Shery has really taken to Pavo as many, many people have. Pavo is one of the top like-getters on Facebook."

Thanks to Kemp's uncanny ability to capture the cat's personality, Pavo has become "the most popular feline in town," Hodges added, noting Kemp's photos have made Pavo a social media star. "So why not invite Pavo to be part of the celebration? He has a charm and presence about him; he's very commanding and loves to be in the spotlight."

Fans of Pavo and the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory will have the opportunity at the garden party to purchase reproductions of Kemp's photos, ranging in size from 8-by-8-inch to 11-by-14-inch prints.

"They're photographs of the conservatory, its flowers and Pavo," Heller said. "These will adorn tabletops and be displayed in the garden. We encourage people if they're interested in purchasing a piece to bring a credit card, cash or check."

Cotton noted the entire

project has been a group effort and one not to be overlooked.

"It's an important part of our area and city," she said. "Detroit is the only city in the U.S. that has an island park. ... Improvements over the years may seem tiny, but every single one has made a difference. It's a jewel. We need to protect these things. It's important for the future and the city."

Added Hodges, "We believe in tradition; that's what makes Belle Isle so special. It's the repository of memories over the generations. The garden party is an important tradition to celebrate that tradition. Without it we wouldn't be able to do what we do at the conservatory."

"We need the support of the community, particularly as we migrate away from the Grand Prix," she continued. "We need support for the facility and the island at large. Grosse Pointe has always been generous with its support. It takes a family. Belle Isle is the essence of that — of family. We welcome all to be part of this family and support the garden party."

Tickets are \$85 in advance, \$60 for ages 35 and younger. Prices increase at the door and a limited number of tickets are available. Visit [belisleconservatory.org](http://belisleconservatory.org).

"She'll be closed for 12 to 18 months," Hodges said of the conservatory, "so this is a good opportunity to come down before it all takes place."



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Belle Isle Garden Party honorary co-chairs Shery Cotton and Pavo.

## Hospice of Michigan seeks Grosse Pointe volunteers

Hospice of Michigan seeks compassionate volunteers to help patients and families dealing with life-limiting illnesses throughout the Grosse Pointe communities.

The not-for-profit needs individuals to fill all types of volunteer

roles. Hospice of Michigan has a specific need for residents in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms who can make a real difference in the lives of others.

"Being a hospice vol-

unteer takes compassion, commitment and connection," said Alana Knoppow, volunteer program manager with Hospice of Michigan.

"Hospice volunteers are special people who play a crucial role in the lives of our patients and their families. We strongly

urge members of the Grosse Pointe communities to consider volunteering with Hospice of Michigan today."

Hospice of Michigan volunteers are vital in helping deliver exceptional, compassionate support to patients and families according to its

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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.

## Edward Charles Roney III

A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Edward "Ted" Charles Roney III at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will lie in state beginning at 9:30 a.m. Visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m.

Ted, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, of natural causes, surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife, Diane; children, Brian (Gwendolyn), Kevin (Alyssa), Kelly Campbell (Christopher) and Edward "Ted" IV (partner Kathryn Kravitz); grandchildren, Charles and Katherine Campbell, Skye Drake and Luna Roney; five brothers and 14 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his grandson, Austin; brother, Stephen John; nephew, Peter Christopher; and parents.

Born Nov. 27, 1950, in Detroit, to Edward Charles Roney Jr. and Eleanor Couzens Roney, Ted was the eldest of seven brothers. He graduated from Northwood University and married Diane Marie Stanek, his wife of 38 years, in 1984, at St. Paul on the Lake. They raised their extended family in Grosse Pointe.

Ted had a long career in automobile sales, working 28 years at Roy O'Brien Ford until his retirement in late 2019. Prior to that, Ted worked for Wood Motors in Detroit. He belonged to several organizations and clubs over the years, including the Otsego Ski Club, where he served on the National Ski Patrol for 50 years. Ted also served in the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Reserves, serving his community 43 years. He was a member of the 100 Club and The Players Club in Detroit.

A devout Catholic, active St. Paul parishioner and daily communicator for many decades, Ted also served in the St. Paul Ushers Club and was a Past Faithful Navigator, Grand Knight and 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He was affectionately known to those close to him for his strong faith and encouraging people to go to Mass. He was a founding and proud member of the St. Paul Catholic Men's Fellowship group.

Ted was a wonderful husband, father, grandfa-

ther, brother, uncle and friend. He cared for people deeply and was liked by everyone who knew him. He was well-known for his gregarious smile and bone-crushing bear hugs that were a testament to his good nature and love of others. Ted was also a fanatical football fan, wearing and displaying school colors particularly on game days. He was very proud of his 36 years of sobriety and sponsored others in their quest for sober living.

Ted loved going "Up North" and grew up skiing at Otsego Ski Club with his parents and brothers. He served as a dedicated member of the Otsego Ski Patrol, helping many skiers throughout the years. Ted also enjoyed many summer and winter weekends with Diane and their children at the Roney family chalet on Kassuba Lake in Gaylord.

Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Carolyn "Carol" Alfonsi

Carolyn "Carol" Alfonsi, 85, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2022.

Carol was born July 21, 1937, in Detroit, to Bruno and Eleanor Kujawski. Carol was proud of the job she landed at age 14 with Michigan Mutual in Detroit. She married Tony in 1957, and the two started a family on Detroit's east side, where Carol was a parent volunteer at St. Philomena Church and a Cub Scout den mother.

The couple purchased Woods Bar in Grosse Pointe Woods in 1970, and renamed it Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods. Carol put her heart and soul into the business, quickly adding a small kitchen to serve burgers, sandwiches and Carol's Famous Homemade Chili. Carol enjoyed more than 45 years there until her retirement in 2018.

Always up for something new, Carol took up golf at age 45. She could be found sometimes twice a day on the course at Lochmoor Club. Carol took golf seriously and achieved three holes-in-one.

Carol was predeceased by her parents; sister, Eleanor; brother, Bruno; former husband, Tony; and son, Thomas. She is survived by her brother, Larry (the late Eva); sister, Suzanne (Tom); sis-

ter-in-law, Barb; children, Mike, Tony (Ellen), Terrie McLauchlan (Mike) and Cathy Newsham (Rich); daughter-in-law, Terri; grandchildren, Kristina (Steve), Anthony (fiancée Stephanie), Emily (Brian), Katie (Andrew), Shaena, Mike, Andy, Kara, Nicole (fiancé Brad), Jack and Lily; great-grandchildren, Declan and Isla; and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to the staff at Sunrise on Vernier, the family thanks Medical Team Hospice for their care and support.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter, alz.org.

## Papalexis "Sam" Speros

Papalexis "Sam" Speros, 92, of Warren, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2022.

Born in 1930, in Arhani, Greece, Papalexis grew up going to school and working on his family's farm, where they grew corn, grapes, tobacco and other crops. During the German occupation of Greece in April 1941, at age 11, he fled to the mountains and the surrounding fields in central Greece to avoid German soldiers. He recalled stories of Germans "hunting" Greeks and other fellow countrymen being taken to concentration camps from Athens.

After the Germans were pushed out of Greece, at age 14, Papalexis traveled to Athens to live with his uncle, Sava Georgopoulos, for more opportunity. While living with his uncle, he was often told "time does not wait." Appreciating this, he met a friend at a local kafenio in Athens who had ties to the American Embassy and told him he could get him to America as part of President Truman's Displaced Persons Act of 1948. He was ultimately selected to go and arrived at Ellis Island in June 1951, with a peach pit and five dollars in his pocket. From there, he traveled by train to Spartanburg, N.C., where he lived with his father's cousin. Sometime thereafter, he was offered to go to Detroit, to work in various restaurants in Greektown and the surrounding area.

Papalexis felt alone, afraid and uncertain about his future in America. Heeding his uncle's golden maxim, he continued his odyssey into unknown territory.

of one year before becoming a hospice volunteer to allow for the processing of grief.

Those interested in volunteering may contact Alana Knoppow at (248) 303-6818 or aknoppow@hom.org to apply. To learn more about Hospice of Michigan or to become a volunteer, visit hom.org/get-involved.



Edward C. Roney III



Carolyn "Carol" Alfonsi



Papalexis "Sam" Speros

His determination and willingness to undertake risk ended up being a life-changing decision. He met the love of his life, Mary Gramenos, and the two were married Oct. 25, 1953. They moved to Montclair Street in Detroit, where the two had four children. He worked to support his family in a machine shop and after a brief move to North Carolina to work again in the restaurant business, he and his family returned to Michigan to Joanne Street in Warren, where he resided until his passing. He was the owner of the Hilton Coffee Shop in Ferndale, where he enjoyed working six days a week serving the community and providing for his family, who were the light of his life. This is where he got the nickname "Sam," as many of his patrons referred to him.

Papalexis was proud to be an American and told anyone who would listen that this was the greatest country in the world. He was forever grateful for the opportunities that were provided to him. He enjoyed gardening, watching the Detroit Tigers, church, hunting, driving, going out to lunch with his children and grandchildren, and traveling with his wife, including trips to Greece, where he would reflect on his uncle's words and the progress he made since he was a little boy in the village.

Most of all, he enjoyed being with his family. He never forgot about the peach pit in his pocket and planted peach trees in his yard and his children's yards. He did this to ensure his children knew where they came from. After the passing of his wife, he longed to be with her again. He would visit the cemetery every Saturday and light a candle in her memory. He lived his life with a quiet dignity, honor and mutual respect for his fellow man. He would always look people in the eye, treated everyone the way he wanted to be treated and told his family to "do the right thing and be honest with everybody." At the end of his life, he was tired yet content with the life he had led. Indeed, "time does not wait," and he left this world peacefully to be with the Lord and his beloved wife without regret. According to his family, his actions speak louder than words ever could.

Papalexis was predeceased by his wife, Mary; and brother-in-law, Jim Gramenos. He is survived by his children, George (Denise), Nick, Jim and Elaine Panagos (Bill); grandchildren, Speros (Kristen), Joseph (Lindsey), Chris, Gus, Speros, Mary, Maria and Alexandra; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Makayla, Lilyana, Colton and Cameron; sister-in-law, Helen Coffin; and his brother, two sisters, cousins and many nieces



Henry Clay Huth Jr.



Rosemary A. Jensen

and nephews in America and Greece.

A memorial service and funeral occurred Friday, Sept. 2, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

## Henry Clay Huth Jr.

Henry "Hank" Clay Huth Jr., 64, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, after a brief battle with cancer.

Hank was born in Cambridge, Ohio, to Henry Clay Huth and Alison Schulz Huth, both now deceased. He grew up in Charlotte, N.C., as well as Saratoga, Calif., and Elkhart, Ind. He graduated from Albion College in 1979, with a degree in accounting.

Hank was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity where he made lifelong friends. He started his career at Peat Marwick in Detroit, then moved to Chicago, where he was a manager in the tax division at Arthur Andersen, and where he met Boo, his wife of 39 years. They moved to Darien and then Riverside, Conn., where Hank became involved in many franchises, including Blockbuster Video, Boston Market, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Palm Beach Tan and Dunkin' Donuts.

An avid outdoorsman, Hank enjoyed hunting, skiing, fishing, skeet shooting and golfing. He loved country music, was an extremely good dancer, couldn't sing a note and was a connoisseur of fine wines. His family said he had a terrific sense of humor and infectious laugh.

Hank was a member of the Greenwich Country Club, Riverside Yacht Club, Gasparilla Inn Beach Club and Old Sandwich Golf Club. He loved the beach, whether Martha's Vineyard or Boca Grande, where he collected shark's teeth and wampum shells. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Hank is survived by his loving wife, Barbara "Boo" King Huth; children, Halsey Huth, Abby Huth Donohue, Phebe Huth and Brecky Huth; son-in-law, Peter Donohue; siblings, Paul Huth (Krystal), Cami Huth O'Herren (Greg) and Zach Huth (Kelly);

mother-in-law, Barbara B. King; sister and brother-in-law, Muffy and Andy Fox; and 12 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father-in-law, William A. King.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Riverside Yacht Club in Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hank Huth Albion College Sigma Chi Scholarship Fund, Attn. Robyn Murphy, 611 E. Porter, Albion, MI 49224; or the Fisher House Foundation, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Ste. 410, Rockville, MD 20852.

## Rosemary A. Jensen

Rosemary A. Jensen (nee Staub), 96, passed away peacefully of natural causes Friday, Aug. 19, 2022. She was a resident of Rose Senior Living in Clinton Township.

Rosemary was born April 6, 1926, in Detroit, and graduated from St. Martin's Catholic School. She raised four sons at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a faithful parishioner of St. Paul's on the Lake Catholic Church. Later in life she joined St. Isidore Catholic Church in Macomb Township.

Rosemary worked for Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall for 15 years and enjoyed the friendships she developed with co-workers and residents alike. She loved to travel and was an avid golfer. She also enjoyed many card games, especially when she shared those times with close companions Gordon "Gil" Gilbert and Ed Soave.

Rosemary is survived by her sons, Christopher (Kathleen), David (Diane), Daniel (Laurie) and Frank (Renee); as well as her 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren whom she adored, as they did her. She was predeceased by her parents, Ralph and Helen Staub; brothers, Ed and John; and sisters, Kay and Gerry.

A memorial Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18201 23 Mile Road, Macomb Township. The family will receive friends at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rosemary's name to the Capuchin Monastery, solanuscenter.org.

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will host orientations on an as-needed basis, so prospective volunteers can learn on their own time. Volunteers do not need any type of training or previous volunteer experience. The not-for-profit welcomes every-

one who would like to give back to the community by donating their time and companionship to patients in hospice care. Volunteers must be age 18 or older and have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

For those who have experienced a recent loss, Hospice of Michigan requires a waiting period



# The Family Center welcomes new board members, announces fall programs

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, a nonprofit organization that provides resources and education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges, recently welcomed new board members Christine Alcantara, Sierra Donaven, Stuart Dow and Eve Palinski.

Alcantara spent 25 years in the medical profession before going back to school for her master's degree in social work to become a psychotherapist specializing in addiction counseling. Donaven retired from a distinguished 20-year career as a special agent-criminal investigator for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives in the U.S. Justice Department and currently serves as a Grosse Pointe Farms City Council member. Dow enjoyed a long career in finance and has been a beloved soccer coach in the community for more than 40 years. Palinski



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Pictured from left are Executive Director Jennifer Bingaman, Christine Alcantara, Laura Burns, LaShanda Thomas, Shane Reeside, Sheila Tomkowiak, Eve Palinski, Julie Huellmantel, Sierra Donaven, Director of Programs & Administration MaryJo Harris, Suzanne Antonelli, founder Diane Strickler and Chip Rohde. Not pictured are board members Lynne Aldrich, Marquita Bedway, Stuart Dow, Ted Everingham, Joan Ferguson, Roger Hull, Randie Kohler, Marianne Langlois, Darci McConnell and Frank Wilberding.

came to teach mathematics at University Liggett School by way of Wall Street and is eager to share her advocacy for personal finance and wellness with young people.

This year's program theme, "Healthy Families," kicks off with The Family Center's Community Book Club discussion of "Thrivers:

Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Other Shine" by Michele Borba, Ed.D. The discussion, to be led by an expert panel, takes place from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday,

Sept. 27, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

All Family Center programs are free. Additional fall programs include:

- ◆ Preschool Playtime, a structured playgroup for toddlers and their parents and caregivers.

- ◆ Q.P.R. (Question. Persuade. Refer.) suicide-prevention training.

- ◆ Brain Matters, an expert panel-led discussion of a groundbreaking documentary on the critical nature of the early years of life.

- ◆ Narcan opioid overdose rescue training.

- ◆ The popular Wellness Series, featuring three yoga classes and a sound bowl session.

Hollyfest, The Family Center's annual fundraising event, takes place this year from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the newly opened War Memorial. Attendees will enjoy a festive evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a strolling dinner and music. A variety of gifts

and experiences will be available during live and silent auctions, including the opportunity to bid on a ride on the Grosse Pointe Farms fire engine in the Santa Parade and a luxury culinary immersion tour of Tuscany courtesy of Gunnell Innovation.

Funds raised through Hollyfest will help sustain community outreach and support for thousands of families in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Tickets are \$150 per person.

For more information on any of these programs, visit [familycenterweb.org/](http://familycenterweb.org/) or contact Jennifer Bingaman at [jennifer.bingaman@familycenterweb.org](mailto:jennifer.bingaman@familycenterweb.org)



# Beaumont Health celebrates nursing at annual awards event

Beaumont Health recently celebrated the profound impact its nursing teams and support staff have on patients, families and communities with its third annual Nursing Excellence Awards.

"Congratulations to our winners and to all of our exceptional nursing team members from across the system," said Anne Stewart, RN, interim chief nursing officer for Beaumont Health. "We received more than 550 nominations this year, which is



Elise Potts, RN



Brian Cullen, RN



Emily Bauer, RN

a testament that the work our Beaumont nursing team does every day makes a dif-

ference."

From each sites' nominees, one site finalist was awarded in 14 cat-

egories.

All award winners and site finalists were announced Aug. 18, and honored with a virtual celebration.

Among the 2022 Nursing Excellence Award winners were three nurses from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

◆ The Nurse New Knowledge, Innovations and Improvements Award was presented to Elise Potts, RN, a lactation consultant at the Family Birth Center.

◆ The Nurse Preceptor of the Year Award was presented to Brian Cullen, RN, a clinical nurse in the

Intensive Care Unit.

◆ The Nurse Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Emily Bauer, RN, a clinical nurse at the Family Birth Center.

## Members wanted

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members for its fall season, which begins Tuesday, Sept. 13, and ends with a holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. GPCC is a no-audition chorus seeking singers who have some familiarity with reading music. Rehearsals take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday. Visit [grossepointecommunitychorus.org](http://grossepointecommunitychorus.org) or contact S. Mengel at (313) 331-7728 for more information. COVID protocols are being followed.

# Waller recognized for entrepreneurship

Daniel Waller of Grosse Pointe recently was recognized for the success of his entrepreneur-led, health and wellness business during Plexus Worldwide's 2022 Ignite Convention, which hosted thousands of people June 22 to 24, at the

Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Waller, who has been recognized for his leadership, shared exclusive product insights, business tips and personal experiences with Brand Ambassadors, also

known as independent sales representatives, to help them effectively build their health and wellness businesses and achieve their personal goals for success.

Plexus Worldwide, LLC, one of the largest direct-selling health and

wellness companies in the world, hosts its annual global convention to inspire, educate and energize Brand Ambassadors through training and collaboration sessions, and formidable keynotes that provide an opportunity

for participants to grow both business and personal knowledge. During his presentation, Waller shared that through hard work and determination, Plexus provided him a path to define his own successful health and wellness business. Waller also shared his expertise to help others define their journeys.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
10 a.m. - Bible Study

**Randy S. Boelter, Pastor**  
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performance takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

“We want to bring the same production to the audience, but maybe the lights are not all the way out or there won’t be applause,” Caralis said. “We’re looking forward to the challenge and to introducing a new audience to this art form we’re so passionate about.”

Caralis noted the sensory-friendly perfor-



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Joseph and his brothers, with Narrator.

mance also may serve as a gentle introduction to any young person who’s new to theater.

“Maybe they’ve never been to the theater before because of COVID,” she said. “There are a lot of opportunities to inspire new fans.”

Added Shugart, “I am so proud to be part of the area’s first sensory-friendly performance. It is so inspiring to be able to offer the joy and inclusion of community theater to a population that may not get to ordinarily experience events like this. After all, art is for everyone.”

Season to celebrate

“Joseph” is just the start to GPT’s 75th season on the stage.

“The cast is amazing,” Ricker said. “It’s a whole

team collaboration. Everybody wants to make this show the best — for us, for the patrons and for the members.”

Additional productions planned this season include “A Christmas Carol,” “Broadway Bound,” “Clue” and “Something Rotten,” the latter of which will mark Caralis’s directorial debut.

“We’re so excited to honor the past 75 years in this community and obviously very excited for the next 75,” Caralis said. “We have exciting events planned in the group’s future. We can’t wait to celebrate the season at large. It’s one we’re looking forward to. So buy a season package and get a year’s worth of entertainment. The 75th is going to be special.”

Who’s who: Cast & crew

Cast

Danielle Caralis, Narrator  
 Peter Smith, Brother  
 Michael Edick, Jacob  
 Sean Von Schwarz, Simeon  
 Noah Hanahan, Pharaoh  
 Brian Tuscany, Ruben  
 Kyle Weatherbee, Judah  
 Zak Shugart, Joseph  
 Charles Kruse, Brother  
 Ashton Fell, Brother  
 Connor Bremer, Brother  
 Dominic Aldini, Brother  
 Wives: Jocelyn Reiter, Emma  
 Kruse, Cara Matzkus, Rebecca  
 Lubera, Ellie Sahutske, Meredith  
 Hanoian, Maria LaRose, Kristina  
 Mardlin, Haley Sommerstorfer,  
 Alison Grojean and Rebecca Dral.  
 Kids Chorus: Gavin Bethell, Clair  
 Thole, Rose Picek, Caroline Borek,  
 Mark Borek, Jackson Raleigh, Amelia  
 Unkel, Molly Hanoian, Megan Von

Schwarz, Henry Berschback and Grace Bieri.

Crew

Amy Ricker, director  
 Arlene Schoenherr, co-producer  
 Cynthia Kempton, co-producer  
 Nick Marinello, stage manager  
 Sara Shook, assistant stage manager  
 Eric Miller, vocal/music director  
 Brett Wotherspoon, choreographer  
 Rick Hawley, technical director  
 Lyndsey Briggs, set dressing/props  
 Mary Magyari, set dressing/props  
 Erin Getzin, costumes  
 Brian Groth, co-sound  
 Jeff Verbeek, co-sound  
 Tom Archinal, lights  
 Lorena McDowell-Parker, hair/makeup

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p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Jon Dean speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Family Center

◆ The Family Center hosts QPR Suicide Prevention Training from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Training is free, but registration is required. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

◆ The Family Center offers Preschool Playtime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21

and 28, and Oct. 5 and 12, on the back lawn at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The group is free, but registration is appreciated. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

◆ The Family Center hosts its Community Book Club from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. An expert panel will lead a discussion based on “Thrivers: Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine,” by Michele Borba. Register by email: info@familycenterweb.org.

◆ The Family Center hosts Question. Persuade. Refer., a suicide-prevention program, from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at

the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Training is free, but registration is required. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

Detroit WALK

The Detroit WALK to End Hydrocephalus takes place Saturday, Sept. 24, at River Bends Park in Shelby Township. The event features a 5K, raffle, information about hydrocephalus, music, food and children’s characters. Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by the opening ceremony at 11:45 a.m. and the walk at noon. Raffle drawings are at 2 p.m. To sign up to walk or make a donation, visit bit.ly/3zGOjX9.

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Prokofiev, Peter and the Wolf  
**Msgr. Gary Smetanka, Narrator**  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea

**Sunday February 26, 2023\***  
 3:00 p.m.  
 Pre-concert talk Davis Gloff (WRCJ) 2:15 p.m.  
 Augustus Hill, Joshua Suite for Strings  
 Beethoven, Piano Concerto No. 1

**Sunday April 23, 2023\***  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Preconcert talk Davis Gloff (WRCJ) 6:15 p.m.  
 Williams, March from Superman  
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## Celebrating 70

### Trial Gardens celebrate platinum anniversary with tea party



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Currently encompassing eight plots designed by garden clubs and one test site, the Trial Gardens at The War Memorial were created in 1952.

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Trial Gardens, located on the grounds of The War Memorial, certainly have some deep roots.

Though the idea for the gardens first originated in 1950, by Mrs. William Wood and Mrs. Howard Freeman-Smith, they were commissioned and installed in 1952.

"It started as a way to test bulbs and annuals," said Adrienne Gregory, Grosse Pointe Garden Center board member. "Back in the day, growers were not as big as they are now."

Added Ginny Brown, also a Garden Center board member, "Everybody gets to see what the plant looks like before they put it in their own garden. That's how this all started."

Designed by landscape architect Eleanor Roche, the Trial Gardens were created to look like a wheel, with beds radiating from its center. Nine perimeter and four inner plots emanate from an

18th-century granite millstone, from the former Windmill Pointe gristmill, donated by George Lauhoff and his family.

Though originally a test site, over time the gardens transitioned into a design competition among garden clubs. Recently returning to its roots, one of the nine plots was designated as a test garden. The other eight perimeter plots are cared for by participating garden clubs.

The four inner plots are tended by the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit and are not included in the competition.

This year's Trial Gardens theme is "Milestone Celebrations," selected by last year's winner, Grosse Pointe Garden Club.

As part of the 70th anniversary of the Trial Gardens, the Garden Center hosts its annual awards tea at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Brown and Gregory are co-chairing

the event.

Garden Center President Candy Sweeney will present a history of the Trial Gardens and guest speaker Barry Burton will discuss his process in developing the award-winning gardens at Erma Henderson Park in Detroit. As project manager for Detroit General Services, Burton works on greenspace renovations, including parks, parkways, boulevards and freeway beautification.

Also during the tea, the top three gardens will be announced by judges Helen Bai, with the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Commission; Sandra Richards, a Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener; and Paul Graebert, manager of the English Gardens at 9 Mile and Kelly roads.

"Before, the three judges would go around and choose their favorites; it was very subjective," Brown said. "Now, they fill out a form with

criteria and award points."

The last weeks of June, July and August, the judges visit each plot and rate them in the categories of horticultural elements, construction and design elements, maintenance and theme interpretation. Points are awarded for criteria such as color, creativity, trimming and upkeep, unity and balance.

"It's amazing how it all changes," Brown said. "One garden might get high marks the first month but by the third

month, it doesn't last. You never know who the winners are until the tea."

"The winner gets the privilege of choosing the theme for the next year," Gregory added. "Clubs do take this to heart. They do want to win, but it's a friendly competition."

Gardeners faced a challenge this year as there was no sprinkler system due to construction at The War Memorial. The camaraderie among clubs was displayed after being asked to look out for each other.

"We told them if you see a club that's dry, help them out," Brown said, noting all of the gardens are organic; pesticides are not allowed.

The tea is free and open to the public, though advanced registration is required.

"This is our thank-you for the garden clubs for participating," Gregory said.

To register, call the Garden Center at (313) 499-0743 or email gpgardcenter@outlook.com.

For more information, visit gpgardcenter.org.

#### ASK THE EXPERTS

By Brenda Ban and Dr. Susan Lilienfield

### Get out of the way! I'm failing!

We often think of the beginning of the year as a fresh start, a new beginning. All the missteps we took are behind us and this school year will be great. Parents want to be super organized, get back into the school routine and make sure everything starts off on the right foot.

What if you started the year with a different mindset? What if you started the school year knowing your child should make mistakes and might "fail" at something?

Accepting failure as a "first attempt in learning" allows kids to experience the mistakes, missteps and failure they need in order to grow.

Here are some things you can do to get out of the way and cultivate a growth mindset:

♦ **Toddler:** Your little learner is trying to squeeze a toy between the table and couch. It will not fit, you see this, but the child continues to pull and is starting to get frustrated. Instead of moving the table, let your child work it out.

♦ **Primary School Age:** Your child has homework and is procrastinating. You could demand it get done, you could email the teacher to ask for an extension or you could allow your learner to face the consequences of not turning in their homework. Let them feel the discomfort and explain themselves to their teacher.

♦ **Teen:** To prepare for independent life in "the real world" teenagers need to experience consequences for their actions. For teens, natural consequences often are more effective than punishment. The old classic is when your teen forgets their lunch/uniform/instrument. Don't jump to their rescue. Let them troubleshoot or deal with the consequences.

We want our children to always be happy and not experience things that are uncomfortable, but that is not realistic. The world can be an uncomfortable place and it is our job to make sure our kids have the tools to thrive in it. Learning through failure builds resilience, which sets up kids for happiness and success in the long run.

*Brenda Ban, an elementary school educator, developed Built to Thrive with clinical psychologist Dr. Susan Lilienfield. Their program promotes social and emotional intelligence through structured play-based activities. Built to Thrive works with individuals, groups and school systems. Visit [builttothrive.weebly.com/](http://builttothrive.weebly.com/)*

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Just not a morning person

**Dear Gabby:** It's so hard to create a routine and stick to it, especially when it comes to waking up early and heading to a workout class.

I can't help but hit the snooze button, even if I go to bed early and set out my workout gear the night before.

I'm trying everything to create a new habit for myself, but nothing is working. How can I

motivate myself to wake up and be productive? — **Snoozing in the Shores**

**Dear Snoozing, Gabby:** It sounds like you haven't found the motivation you need, or a workout you love. I'm sure I'm being Captain Obvious here, but is there a friend who you can go with? That is always a great way to be

held accountable. Especially if you are expected to pick them up or be picked up for the workout session.

Another option is to try to get your workout done in the evening.

Many people are just unwilling or unable to motivate themselves in the morning, but are much more successful taking, say, a 5 p.m. class, or even an

after-dinner class.

If none of this works, start out really small. Wake up 15 minutes early and go for a brisk walk. Or eat your lunch at your desk and then get up and walk. If you work at a desk during the day, the stand up desks and desk treadmills are pretty neat.

Take a look and see what sparks interest for you. Good luck!



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## The kindness of man's best friend

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have had this essay for years and thought you might print it so your readers could enjoy it. — Westminster, Md.

Agree with everything we say.

Warm our knees with their chins.

Provide a use for old tennis balls.

Keep the squirrels from overtaking our yards.

Teach us the meaning of unconditional love.

**Dear Ann Landers:** The following appeared in

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can get going without pep pills,

If you can resist complaining and boring people

*Classic*  
**Ann Landers**

**Dear Westminster:** Thanks for sending it my way. The dog lovers in my reading audience will appreciate it.

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the San Pablo Catholic Church bulletin. I hope you think it's good enough to print. — Marathon, Fla.

**Dear Marathon:** I do, and I will. Here it is:

with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too

busy to give you any out resentment, time,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

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If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

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Then, my friends, you are almost as good as your dog.

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## Twin sister decides she rules the roost

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband died two months ago, my identical twin helped me move in with her. She never married. I do all the chores — clean six litter boxes, load and unload the dishwasher, etc.

I don't know how to operate her washer/dryer, as she has shown me only once. She doesn't like the way I use my phone, set up files, nothing.

She also drinks a lot, uses marijuana and is on a starvation diet. If I eat any carbohydrates at dinner, she accuses me of being a "glutton."

At first, she was happy I was here, because on a previous visit she said I was her drinking buddy.

I don't usually care much about eating, since my sense of taste is poor. Last night, because I could taste the dinner, I ate more. She accused me of being a glutton and a parasite.

She has, as far back as I can remember, always been "MY way or the highway."

I'm tempted to go live in my truck to avoid her constant sniping.

I have no money, YET. She loaned me \$4,500, and feels that any money I receive from now on must go directly to her. Please help me. — UNHAPPY TWIN IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR UNHAPPY:** Please accept my sym-

pathy for the loss of your husband.

While moving in with your sister may have seemed like a good idea while you were in shock and the initial stages of grieving, unless you want to be her maid for the rest of your days, make other living arrangements. You are being treated like Cinderella.

Repay the loan in installments after you find a job or the estate is settled.

Your sister may have always been the dominant twin, but what you are experiencing now is abuse, and for the sake of your mental health, you cannot allow it to continue.

**DEAR ABBY:** I had a man as a roommate for a year while he worked in town. "Rodney" was a wonderful roommate. After his lease ran out and he was transferred elsewhere, he came clean about his feelings for me. Then the pandemic happened, and he disappeared for two years. Rodney is now back

and wants to live with me part time again. This time he wants more intimacy. He's kind and helpful around the house. He's divorced, very smooth and has a residence 1,000 miles from here. I don't want to be "friends with benefits." I don't know him well enough to know if I want more. But I enjoy his company a lot. I am in my 60s and young-looking -- so why not just have a good time? I still don't want to be hurt. Any advice? — ROOMMATE ROMANCE IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR ROOMMATE:** Sex with you should not be part of Rodney's lease agreement. What he is proposing seems more like a business deal than an attempt to court you.

If you are looking for a relationship that could lead to "something more," do not jump into this without carefully weighing the pros and cons, including the emotional risk involved. If you were willing to settle for a "good time," you

wouldn't be writing to me.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Brett," and I have been legally married for five years. We had a common-law marriage for more than 15 years before that. Brett was always a stable and encouraging partner, but over the last two to three years he has changed. He's angry and he blames me for things that could not possibly be my fault. He blows up in a rage and throws things across the room over insignificant annoyances. He has removed my name from our bank accounts and changed all the passwords. Abby, Brett is the breadwinner. We have had counseling, but he wasn't a participant as much as an observer, and later he criticized the therapist. I'm a homemaker, and I make some extra



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money creating artwork on commission. We have a son who is 12. I am going to be looking for a job or going back to school.

I have kept this to myself and haven't shared with family or friends because I'm embarrassed. It brings back my own parents' fighting and divorce.

When my husband rages, I freeze. I'm unable to think and usually just retreat within myself for a while. I'm not thinking rationally and I need advice. — MARRIAGE GONE WRONG

**DEAR MARRIAGE GONE WRONG:** Your husband's behavior is threatening, demeaning and emotionally abusive. When he rages, it is not unusual for someone to shut down as you have done. It's vital that you get to the bottom of

See DEAR ABBY, page 3C



# A kid approved meal

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

With the kids back to school, a healthy, substantial and most importantly easy weeknight meal is essential.

I decided to make a homemade version of a classic kid favorite. I had six kids test it out and everyone had a clean plate award.

The salad was totally ignored but little did they know about the giant, grated zucchini that I snuck in, so it was okay.

However, I'll never give up serving them salad because one day, I know they'll eat it.

We all need a recipe in our back pocket

when we are in a pinch.

And a recipe that we know our kids will eat and go to bed with full and happy stomachs.

You can sneak any vegetable into this. Mushrooms, carrots, sweet peppers, broccoli and kale all work. It just depends on what they see and what they'll eat. Eating is all about sight which is why I grate the veggies in.

This month I'll be focused on our family's tried and true weeknight meals. Even if summer is over and they are back in school, we always need a break.

### One Pot Homemade Hamburger Helper

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 pkg egg noodles
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 zucchini, grated
- 2 tsp tomato paste
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- ½ cup sour cream

2 tsp chopped fresh chives

Start by browning your meat in a large pot with a lid. Next add the onion and zucchini and cook until the vegetables are soft, about five minutes.

Add in the tomato paste, Worcestershire, salt and pepper. Combine everything together and pour in the broth and bring to a boil.

Drop in the egg noodles, stir and drop the heat to a simmer. Cover with a lid and cook for roughly 20 minutes. Check after 10 minutes



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and if things look a bit too dry, add a cup of water. Once you're ready to serve, stir in the sour cream and devour your dinner.



## Vino Alfresco

Dining outside can be a treat, but it has a way of affecting how we enjoy our meals, which includes wine — which I consider to be an extra course in the meal.

In the waning days of summer, many people take to patios and other alfresco venues, which is one way to avoid turning on air conditioning and escape the confines of hot home environments.

This, however, calls for a slight adjustment in the way wine typically is served, although some people do not realize the impact dining outside imposes on how we appreciate our wine. And not knowing this can create problems for some serious wine people.

If you consider wine to simply be a beverage whose primary function is to be wet, then most of the following will have little impact on the way you dine outside. But wine lovers should appreciate some of these ideas.

First is the fact that dining out-of-doors imposes different scents on our

noses. These include things like trees (leaves), plants (jasmine!), pool chlorine, cut grass, automobile exhaust (diesel?!), ablaze charcoal briquettes, lighter fluid and neighbors' cigarettes.

None of this is appealing when it comes to serving fine wine. I have several stories that apply here. Almost none ended up positively. For one thing, mature bottles of red wine are best served in environments where there is no extraneous aromatic impact. That includes serving them where no one is cooking aromatic dishes that intrude on the delicate nuances in mature red wines.

Outside? Bad idea. For that reason, I suggest avoiding classic old wines, whether white or red, when dining outside. All the imposed smells listed above probably will invade the noses of those who care, ruining the experience.

So, it is obvious that the selection of wine for out-

door dining must be carefully designed to deal with factors that don't play a role when inside a dining room. As a result, the following suggestions are proven to be best.

### Dry rosé:

The way pink wines are made these days, dozens are appealingly refreshing and cool brows when temperatures rise. They may be kept cool in ice buckets or fridges, they work with almost all foods, most including the best can be had for well under \$20 a bottle, and they are festive — which is what dining outside is all about.

### Gewurztraminer:

The wildly spicy aromatics of this wonderful white grape are perfectly suited for all aromatic intrusions that may invade patios. It may be hard to find dry versions, but since patio food typically isn't complicated, a chilled glass of Gewurz is remarkably appealing.

### Lighter pinot noir:

If you really need a red wine in your backyard, try to find one with alcohol levels about 13 percent or lower.

I realize it's unlikely you'll find such a thing, so make your own. Simply take a higher alcohol pinot and add half an ice cube.

Pinot noir usually has less astringency than other

reds, and that's what you're seeking to go with hamburgers, hot dogs and corn on the cob.

### Sauvignon blanc from New Zealand:

If you're dining on the grass, this Kiwi wine will compete nicely with outdoor smells, may be kept cold, and appeals to almost everyone.

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Many people have a sensitive palate to smells and even the slightest outside scent can distract from the wine in front of us.

## DEAR ABBY:

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what has gone wrong with your marriage. An abrupt change in personality such as you describe is not normal, and your husband may need a physical and neurological evaluation.

Your mistake has been in remaining

silent. Inform his doctor, your family and his about what has been going on. You should also make an appointment for yourself with an attorney who specializes in family law and can explain your rights as a (legal) wife in the state in which you live, because I don't think you can be cut off financially as Brett has done.

A final thought: Take

concrete steps now toward becoming financially independent. The handwriting on the wall tells me it may be necessary.

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# Village sidewalk sale

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Main Street Grosse Pointe hosted a return of its sidewalk sale Aug. 19-20, this year reimagined as the Village Streetside Sale-cebration. Plenty of bargains, food trucks, music and fun could be found throughout the two-day, outdoor event.



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Booker Harrison tosses a bean bag in hopes of landing a shot while playing cornhole with his friend, Gavin Towner.



Apple Blossom Baby and Decor had a popular table with a cotton candy machine. Here, Natalie Coffey, spins cotton candy into a cloud and gives some to Keira Lowe.

Left, music filled the street Friday night and these girls timed their hopping to be in the air all at once, jumping to the music.



There were plenty of bargains, food trucks, music and fun at the 2022 Village sidewalk sale.

## EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 8**

- » **Back to School Night-Defer**  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
15425 Kercheval.
- » **Bijan Taghavi Quartet**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Blues Jam**  
First Place Lounge,  
8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
16921 Harper Ave.
- » **Charles & Gwen Scales**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**  
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **If the River Could Sing: A Celebration of Writing and River with InsideOut**  
Robert C. Valade Park,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
2670 Atwater Street.
- » **Urban Muse**  
Cadieux Cafe, 8-8:30 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**  
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
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- » **Echo & The Bunnymen**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **John Mulaney: From Scratch**  
Fox Theatre, 7 & 10 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Keith Hall Trio**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Kem**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, 8 p.m.  
2600 E Atwater.
- » **Mike Jellick**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
97 Kercheval.
- » **North vs South Soccer**  
Grosse Pointe South, 5 p.m.  
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 10**

- » **Andrew Rathbun**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Chris Brown Vs Drake**  
Exodus Rooftop Nightclub,  
4-8 p.m.  
529 Monroe Street.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 9**

- » **Andrew Rathbun**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

- » **Craft in the Digital Age**  
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Detroit University District Historic Home Tour 2022**  
All Saints Episcopal Church for Registration and Tour Start, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
3837 West Seven Mile Road.
- » **Eric Clapton**  
Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Fern Michaels/James Patterson Book Discussion**  
Ewald Branch, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **IL Volo Live In Concert**  
Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
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Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**  
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Detroit Lions vs. Philadelphia Eagles**  
Ford Field, 1 p.m.  
2000 Brush St.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 12**

- » **31st Annual GPBR Golf Outing**  
24770 South River Rd,
- » **Blues Jam**  
Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros**  
Comerica Park, 6:40 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 13**

- » **7th & 8th Grade Book Group**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Automotive Update**  
Ford House, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.

- » **Craft in the Digital Age**  
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros**  
Comerica Park, 6:40 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **The Garden Party on Belle Isle**  
Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory,  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
4 Inselruhe Ave.
- » **Middle School Book Group - 7th/8th**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **My Chemical Romance**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom**  
Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **Savvy Seniors Computer Classes: The Library in Your Hands**  
Ewald Branch, 9-10 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

- » **Tuesday Night Book Discussion**  
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14**

- » **The Acacia Strain**  
Tangent Gallery, 6 p.m.  
715 E Milwaukee Avenue.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**  
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros**  
Comerica Park, 1:10 p.m.  
2100 Woodward Ave.
- » **Fowling with AMA Detroit**  
Fowling Warehouse,  
6-8 p.m.  
3901 Christopher Street.
- » **Jam Night**  
Cabbage Patch Saloon,  
9:30-11 p.m.  
15130 Mack Ave.
- » **Seed Saving 101 with Bevin Cohen**  
Ewald Branch,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links



## THE KID LIST

by Nora Nanny

family to enjoy. We began our day by stepping onto an observation deck and feeding giraffes. The kids were able to hold their own pieces of lettuce and hand feed each giraffe. It was such a cool thing to experience!

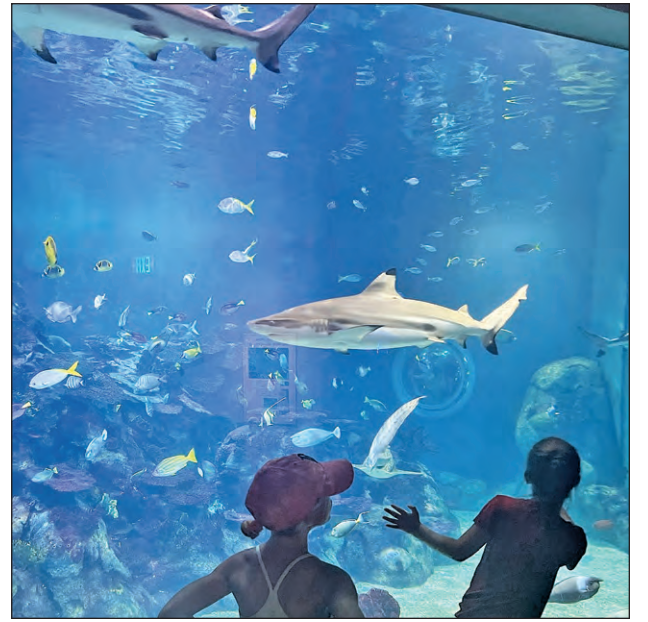
Next, we visited the aquarium. The kids were absolutely obsessed with the Touch Tank. This tank allowed them to get their hands wet and touch horseshoe crabs, sharks and stingrays.

The zoo has more than 10,000 individual animals representing more than 720 different spe-

cies, ranging from polar bears to goats, so there are plenty of things to see and do!

Scattered throughout the park, families can enjoy multiple playgrounds and a splash pad. The kids didn't have a chance to get tired or bored, because they were able to take breaks and play in these different areas between animal exhibits.

There is a kid-friendly carousel and train, which gives passengers a great view of dozens of animal exhibits, and many different food and drink areas. We chose to pack a cooler with our own lunches,



but there is food available throughout the park for an additional price.

I would highly recommend the Toledo Zoo. I had always heard it was impressive and it definitely lived up to its reputation! The kids were amazed at the wide variety of animals and activi-

ties available throughout the day.

We walked around the zoo for about six hours and we could've stayed longer! At \$26 per adult and \$23 per child, it's a full day of fun and is an experience the kids loved and will remember for years to come!

Let's be real — day trips are a lot of work. Packing the car, coolers, lunch, snacks, strollers, sunscreen, change of clothes and all of the things you inevitably forget can be overwhelming. Basically, you have to anticipate everyone's needs before they even occur which is no small feat.

But, when you head to a great destination where the entire family has fun, it is so worth it! After stuffing everything into the car, we made our way to the Toledo Zoo for a weekend day trip.

The Toledo Zoo is a massive place with tons of different animals and activities for the



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Left, Julianne Hough as Katie Feldman and Josh Duhamel as Alex Wheatley in the 2013 movie, "Safe Haven" directed by Lasse Hallström.

### MOVIE REVIEW "Safe Haven" 2013 - PG-13 1 hr 55min

When I noticed this film was based on a Nicholas Sparks novel, I was reluctant to watch it. I'm just not a huge fan of his. I've only actually read one of his books, and while I didn't think it was great, I could understand its appeal—it made for a decent, romantic beach read.

I do have to admit, the movies I've seen that were adaptations of his books weren't that bad. In this case, it was surprisingly enjoyable. Much better than I anticipated.

As the film opens, we meet Katie (Julianne Hough), who's clearly in some kind of trouble. She cuts and dyes her hair, and then we see her desperately running away from something.

She boards a bus in the middle of the night and heads out of town. She's not sure where she's going but ends up in the quaint, sleepy little seaside hamlet of Southport, N.C. Katie is determined

to start her life over. However she's reluctant to get too close to any of the townspeople, in case she has to hit the road again.

Katie rents a small cot-



Left, Noah Lomax as Josh, Josh Duhamel as Alex and Mimi Kirkland as Lexie.

tage just outside of town, gets a job waitressing, and as you'd expect, meets a man in the local general store. Against her better judgment, she's drawn to the handsome Alex (Josh Duhamel), and the two of them hit it off.

Alex is the father of two adorable young children, and is still recovering from the loss of his wife to cancer, four years previously.

You can feel the chemistry between the two actors, they seem so relaxed and at ease with

each other. His two children Josh (Noah Lomax) and Lexie (Mimi Kirkland) also become fond of her as well.

Another character who plays a key part in the movie is her neighbor Jo (Cobie Smulders). She appears one day peeking into Katie's window. At first she's read the riot act about her snooping. As the story progresses, the two become close friends, and share their innermost feelings.

Jo seems to be a drifter as well, and might also be in Southport temporarily. She doesn't reveal much about herself and remains an enigmatic personality.

The one aspect that makes Safe Haven a bit different than most Nicholas Sparks stories is that a menacing antagonist figures prominently in the story. It's not simply a series of sappy romantic scenes.

Early in the film we meet Tierney (David Lyons), a Boston detective who's interested in questioning Katie. We're not sure what her crime was, but we get a hint that she was possibly involved in a murder. He's determined to track her down and spends his

## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



days and evenings looking into any possible lead.

The tension is seething just below the surface. We see Katie enjoying herself in her new life and her relationship with Alex and his children. Then we cut to Tierney several times as he starts closing in on her.

You keep asking yourself, is he going to catch her and burst her bubble? And what did she do



David Lyons as Tierney.

to warrant fleeing Boston to start her life over?

Then, Alex discovers a wanted poster in the police station with Katie's face on it! When he confronts her about it she refuses to reveal what kind of trouble she's in and that it would be best if she end their relationship and skip town.

Safe Haven takes a couple unexpected turns, which made it a rewarding experience. When it was over I readily have to admit I sure didn't see that ending coming!

All in all, I thought the acting, cinematography, and scenery were excellent. It was a little on the romantic side but hey, it is based on a Nicholas Sparks novel after all.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Hoopla. Also on Showtime and Prime Video.

★★★★☆

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:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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# Making 'hairstory': Benia Davis

## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



His mom and dad married at 17 and 21, respectively, and had 14 children. Benia Davis, one of those 14 children, knew he did not want to make the same choices as his parents, like having numerous children. In fact, he wanted none. He decided to focus on a career, but he didn't know which career yet.

It was Mississippi in the 1950s. His dad's family worked hard, but not in a job anyone would call a career. His mom's family knew all about career choices; when Davis announced he wanted to be the best, he was sent to live with one of his aunts, a privilege none of his siblings received.

His mom told him to study hard since that was the only path to success. He wanted to make women look good, so even though it wasn't considered a masculine field to enter, Davis studied the cosmetology field.

He knew he wouldn't win if he used Black models for a competition, so he switched to white models and proceeded to win. He developed a following and became the first African American stylist with a white following.

Cosmetology was not a popular field for Black people to enter in the South, but Davis persisted and

became certified in 1971. He had become an integral member in the white world of cosmetology. But the road wasn't an easy one.

His friends and family members asked why he worked on white but not Black people. He didn't want to explain his reasoning. He was excited to be accepted in the creative field, and the white people accepted him for his pure talent. He had fallen into a specialty field where his creativity stood out. "I loved to make people look beautiful.

He joined the Association of Cosmetology, which was intended for white people. In 1968, he took the test using all white models. He was then invited to be on a panel discussion as the only Black person. As life would show what patrons in the field thought, a Black critic publicly said Davis "didn't think like a Black person."

"Sometimes you have to go out of your comfort zone to get the education you want. I had always wanted to be the best, and I did what I knew I had to do to become known in the field.

I experienced jealousy from my own race, so I welcomed the clients who accepted me. Even my

own brothers gossiped about me."

Davis advises people to find their passion and be committed to moving forward. He opened his own salon, Benia de la Coiffures International, and was the first African American to become licensed.

He then became the first style director teaching all state members, and the first and only Black person to achieve the highest rank of the Official Hair Fashion Committee.

Davis has served as a judge for numerous competitions and is still adding to his lengthy list of firsts. After more than 40 years in the field, he is still an active director of cosmetology for Macy's. His work can be seen throughout the pages of top magazines and style competitions for Ms. Black America and Ms. Black Illinois.

As an active 85-year-old who looks 50 and works daily, he is not thinking about retiring any time soon. He knew what he had to do and did it, and he is still winning.

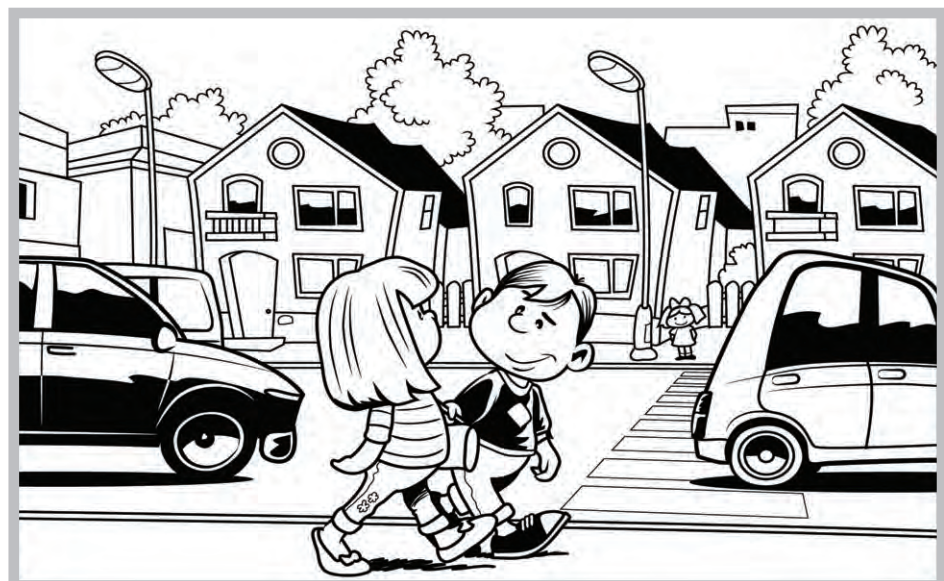
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# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions after 8:15 a.m. EDT today (5:15 a.m. to 10 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aquarius into Pisces.

**Happy Birthday** for Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022:

You have an intelligent, analytical mind. You are also observant, hardworking and reliable. Many of your ideas are original and amazing. This is a year of change for you, which means you have to be light on your feet and ready to go in new directions and respond quickly to new opportunities.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Be patient when dealing with someone older today, because something might suddenly happen, especially something to do with finances or something that you own. Whatever occurs might dampen your spirits. Hey, this is temporary. Tonight: Enjoy peace and quiet.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

This is a poor day to ask for permission or approval from parents, bosses, VIPs or the police. Authority figures will likely respond with, "Talk to the hand!" In fact, their disapproval or lack of cooperation might be a surprise to you. Tonight: Talk to a friend.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Travel plans might suddenly change today. Double-check all details ahead of time. Something related to the news, publishing or perhaps medicine and the law might catch you off guard. It was something you didn't expect, and it's sobering. Tonight: You're high-viz.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

Stay on top of details related to shared property, banking, taxes and debt, because something might suddenly go awry, and it's not what you want to hear. With some financial issues, the old adage is true: "A stitch in time saves nine." Tonight: Do something different.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Be patient with partners and close friends today, because it's easy to be critical of others. Someone might be critical of you. You might feel that you're not getting the support from someone that you want. This makes you feel discouraged, which further leads to grumpiness. Tonight: Check your finances.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A boss or supervisor might be critical of you at work today. (This will go over like a lead balloon.) However, in turn, this might make you feel rebellious. Or perhaps they criticize your beliefs or your politics, and you feel this is inappropriate. Tonight: Be cooperative.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Lovers' spats are par for the course. It also might be difficult to get along with kids because people are touchy today! It's easy to feel discouraged or critical of others. Parents should know that this is a mildly accident-prone day for their kids, so be vigilant. Tonight: Get organized.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This can be a challenging day dealing with parents and older family members, because someone might be critical, uncooperative or tough to deal with. In fact, something might suddenly happen that triggers challenges with partners and

close friends. Tonight: Take the high road.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today you might be worried about something. The truth is, worry is a habit. "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but gets you nowhere." By Saturday, your life will come bouncing back with enthusiasm and opportunities for fun! Tonight: Lighten up!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Something to do with your finances or a hoped-for purchase might discourage you today. You might have to suddenly cancel a social occasion or something related to entertainment or sports. Or you might not have the funds for your kids. "These are perilous times for the Federation." Tonight: Cope as best you can.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with Saturn, which can create a sense of loneliness or isolation. You might feel cut off from others. Something unexpected at home might be tough to deal with. "Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!" Tonight: All is well.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today has its challenges, because you feel out of touch with others. You might feel lonely or isolated from others. Increased chaos and activity on the home-front might be challenging. The thing to know is, this is just a brief dark cloud on your horizon. (Saturday looks great.) Tonight: Stay hopeful.

### BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Pink (1979), actor Martin Freeman (1971), actor Gaten Matarazzo (2002).

# Contract Bridge

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ K 9 4  
♥ J 10  
♦ J 10 9 6 5 3  
♣ 10 2

**WEST**

♠ J 8 6 5 2  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ A 8 7 2  
♣ 7

**EAST**

♠ 10 3  
♥ K 9 7 5 2  
♦ 4  
♣ K J 9 8 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A Q 7  
♥ A 6 3  
♦ K Q  
♣ A Q 5 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East  
2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of spades.

The Rule of Eleven usually offers a greater advantage to the defenders than to the declarer, but it is nevertheless a two-edged sword that either side can utilize.

Assume West leads his fourth-best spade, the five, against three notrump. South deducts that number from 11, which tells him that North, East and South together have six cards higher than the five.

Since South sees two of those cards in dummy and three in his own hand, he knows that East has only one card higher than the five. Declarer follows

low from dummy and wins East's ten with the ace. He then plays the K-Q of diamonds, which West, of course, ducks.

South has only one certain entry to dummy — the king of spades — and if he uses it to establish the diamonds, he will be unable to get back to them later. So South leads the spade seven at trick four, and, after West follows low, he finesses the nine.

The finesse, fortified by the Rule of Eleven, succeeds. Declarer then leads the jack of diamonds and — with the spade king still in dummy as an entry — makes the contract.

Declarer should play this way even if he has never heard of the Rule of Eleven. But if he is familiar with the rule and knows when and how to apply it, he will find bridge much easier to play.

Note, however, that if West is alert, he can defeat the contract. He should anticipate declarer's planned spade finesse and thwart it by playing his jack when South leads the seven! This play limits dummy to one entry and renders the contract unmakeable.

In cold analysis, the jack of spades is clearly West's proper play. He knows South has the spade queen because East failed to play it at trick one. Since the jack is subject to a finesse in any case, West should play it in an effort to deprive South of a second entry to dummy.

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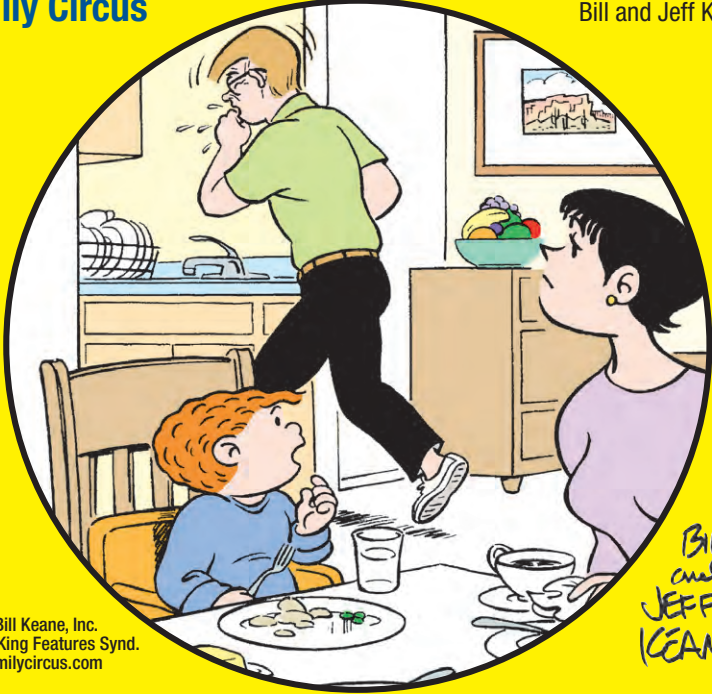
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# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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“Down the wrong way? I thought there was only ONE way down.”

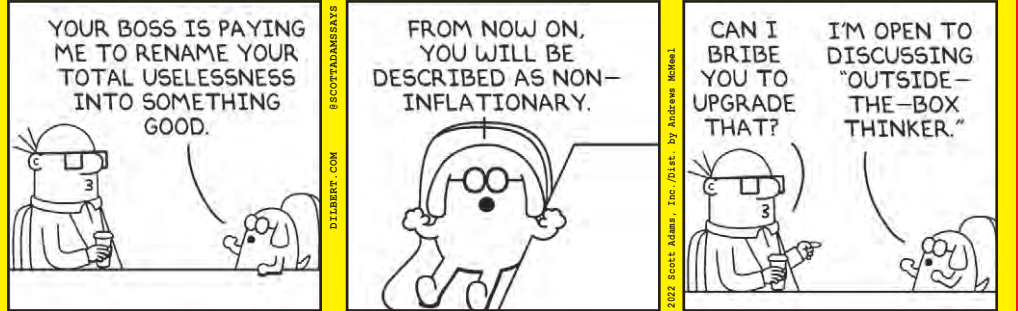
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Jim Davis



## Dilbert

Scott Adams



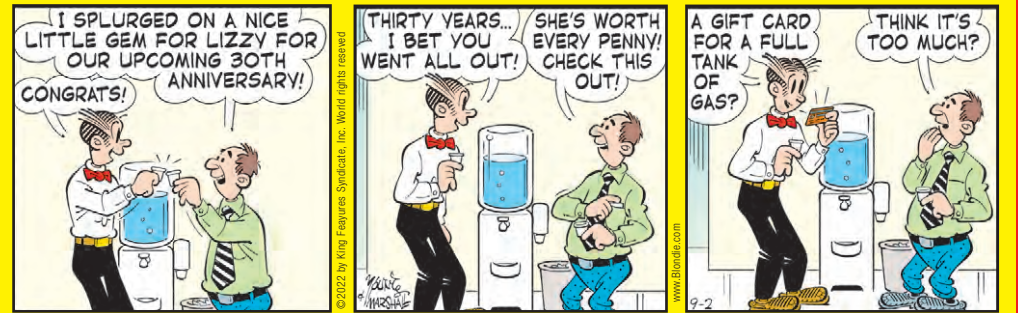
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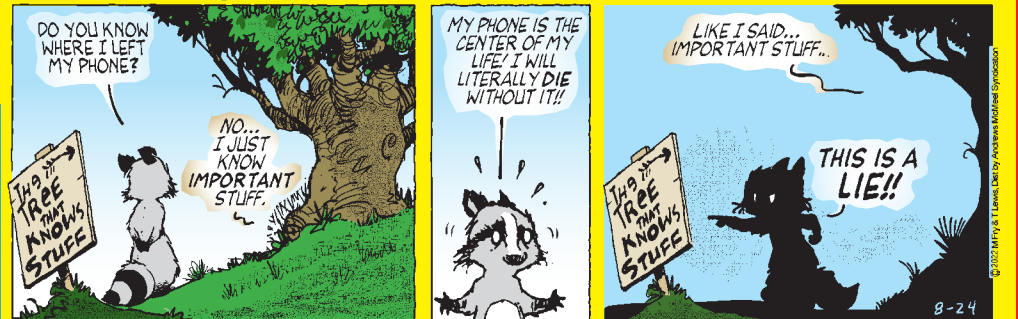
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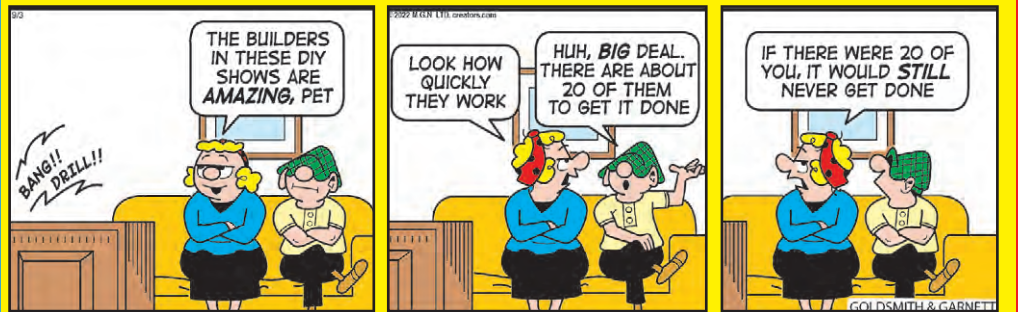
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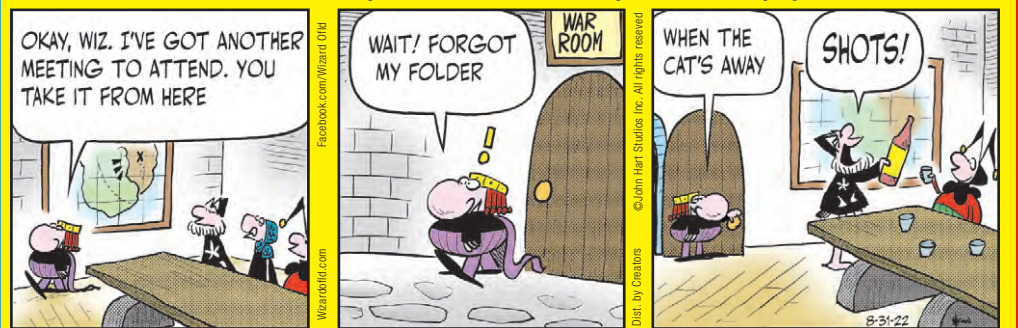
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Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

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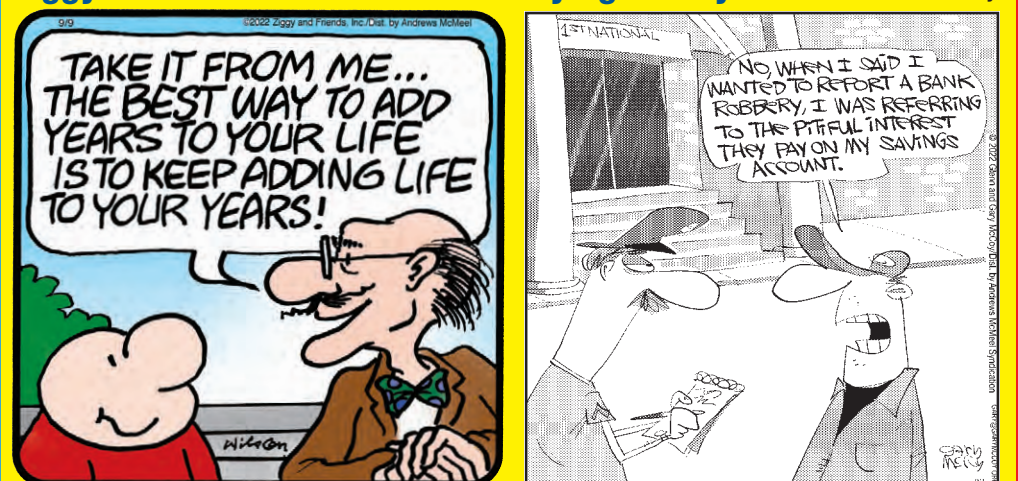


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

### Previous puzzle solution

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7	4	1	3	6	2	8	5	9

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 8 2022

### ACROSS

- T. \_\_\_ Price (investment firm)
- Magazine revenue sources
- Tony winner Neuwith
- Golf club with a metal head
- Stanza writer
- Spot on a white shirt
- "Frenzied warrior (Theme hint: Break each starred clue's answer into thirds)
- Istanbul natives
- Remote's silence button
- Make over
- Nintendo debut of 2006
- Lively musical piece
- Going step by step?
- Chip away at
- "Becoming understood
- Pioneering ISP
- Getting on in years
- Versified tribute
- Didn't dillydally
- Discussion detail
- Victories inflate them
- One may have a big heart

- Name within "Bostonian"
- Big name in nail polish
- "Like Jane Goodall's chimpanzee study site
- Less risky
- Guided a motorcycle
- By and large
- "Yada yada": Abbr.
- Cut and paste, say "I'll drink to that!"
- Sir or madam
- "Wasn't a through street
- Killed, as a dragon
- Fill beyond full
- Arrows, for Cupid
- Countess's counterpart
- Cheer in Cordoba
- Goes down before dusk
- Barbecue slab part
- Bonanza find
- Sci-fi passageway
- Followed as a result
- "All systems go"
- Lots of bucks?
- Sprinkled about
- HVAC measure
- Insect with pincers

- Swimsuit with a string variety
- Navy flag or rank
- Chief exec
- Inexpressive
- Raison d'
- Tribe for which two states were named
- Red and Yellow
- Field yield
- Capital on a fjord
- "Trick" joint
- Menzel of "Frozen"
- Began welcoming customers
- Stun
- Ricci of fashion
- Site for crowdsourced contributions
- German automaker with a gemlike name

- "Your majesty"
- Hurtle
- African fly that bites
- Noted Hun
- Flower fluid
- Rebuttal to "You never ..."
- "Me, too"
- Bowls that take a long time to clean?
- "Smooth Operator" singer
- Dark greenish-blue
- Rapper \_\_\_ Kim
- Chowed down
- 911 respondent: Abbr.
- Spanish for "two"

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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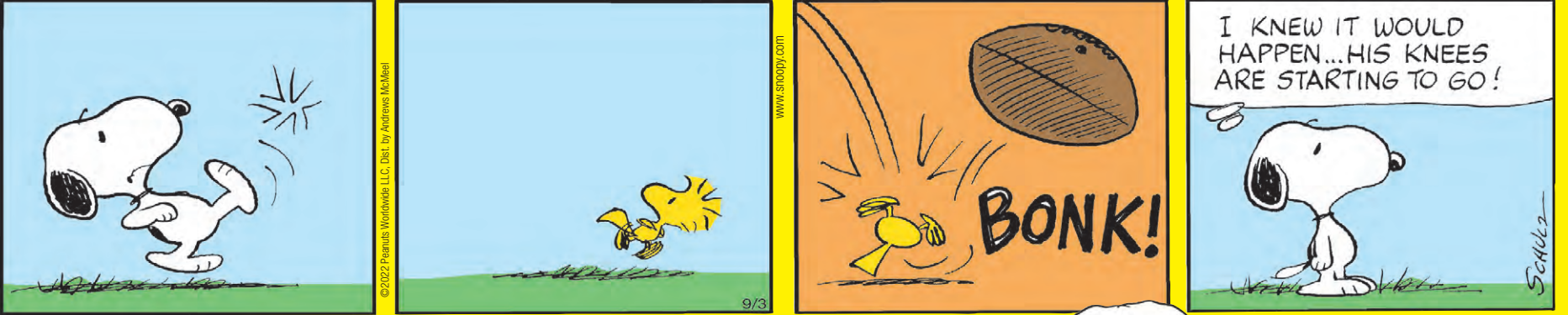
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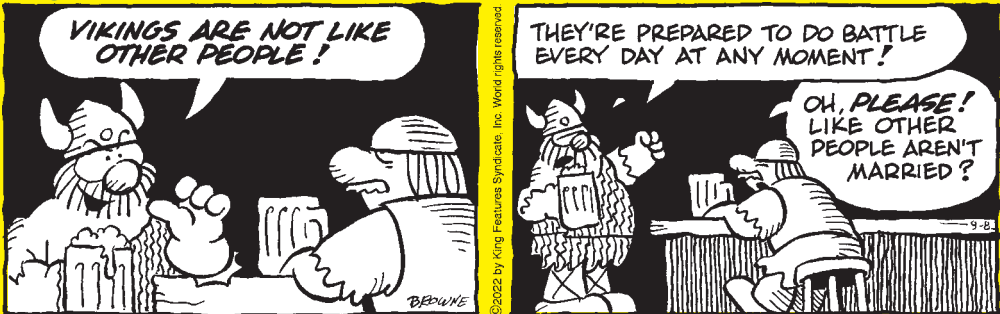
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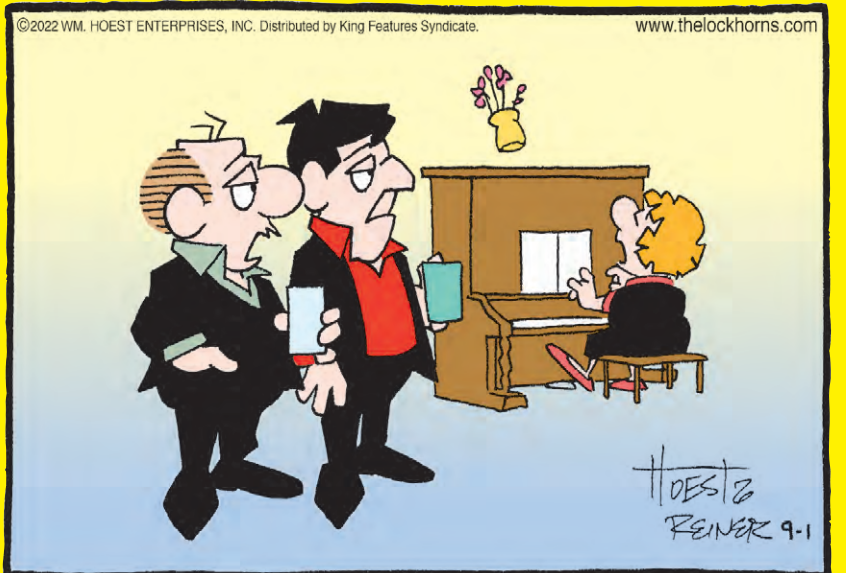
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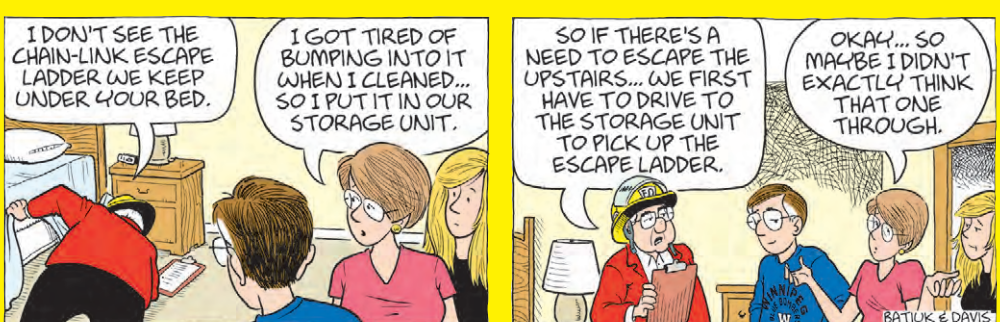
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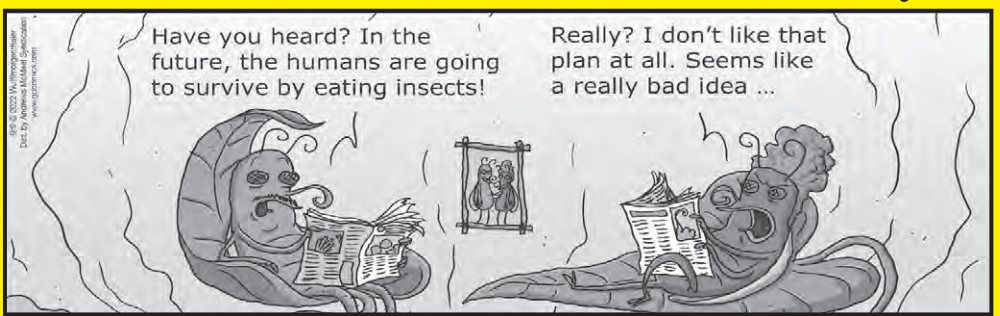
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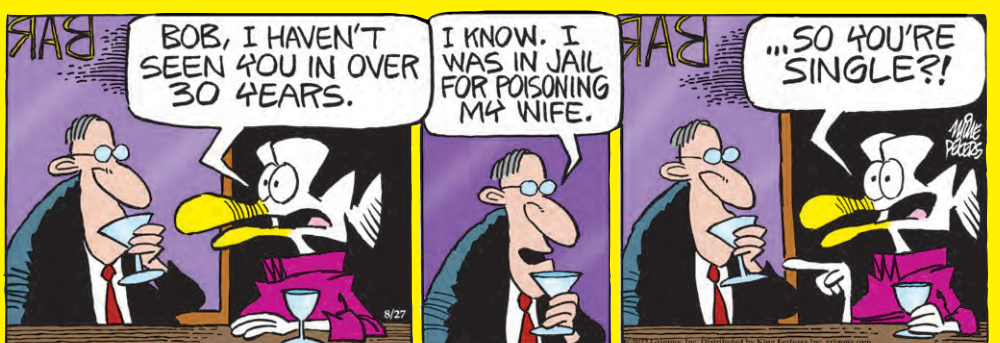
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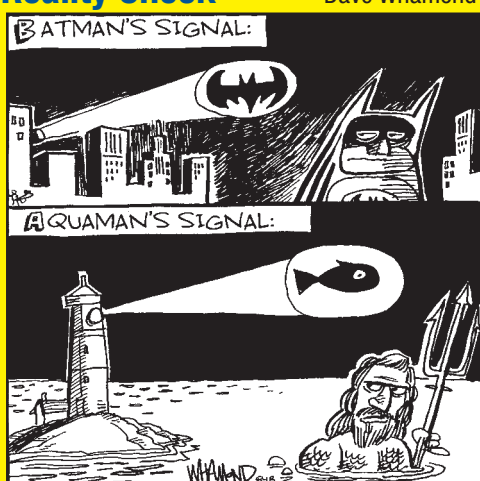
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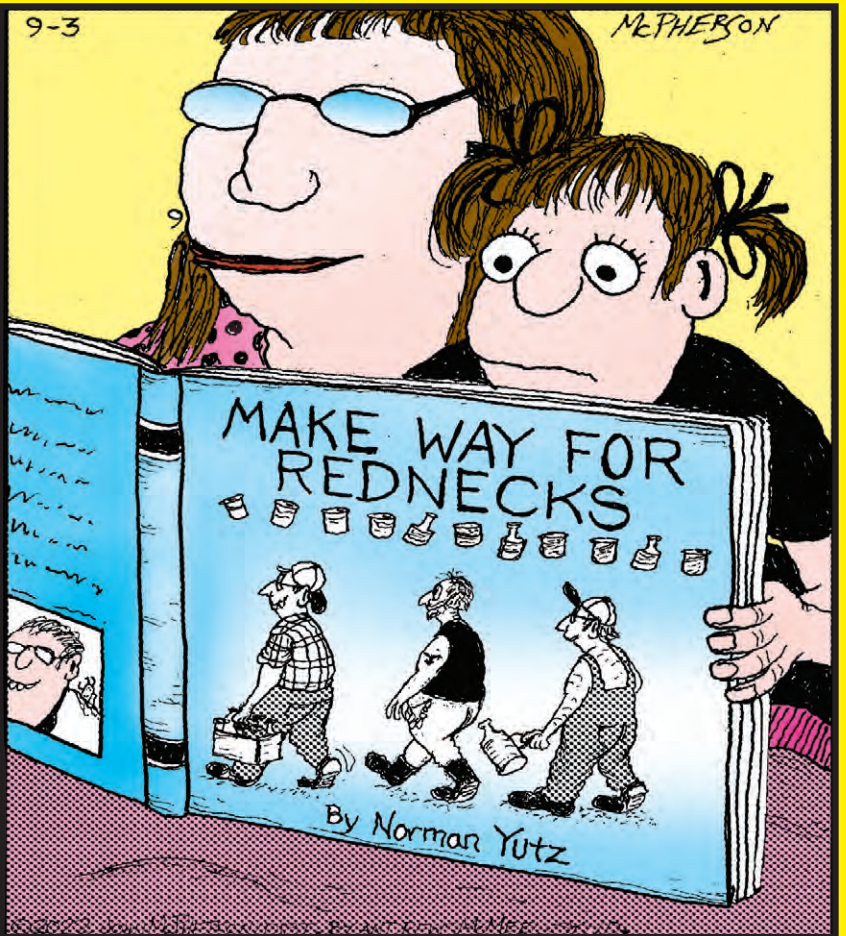
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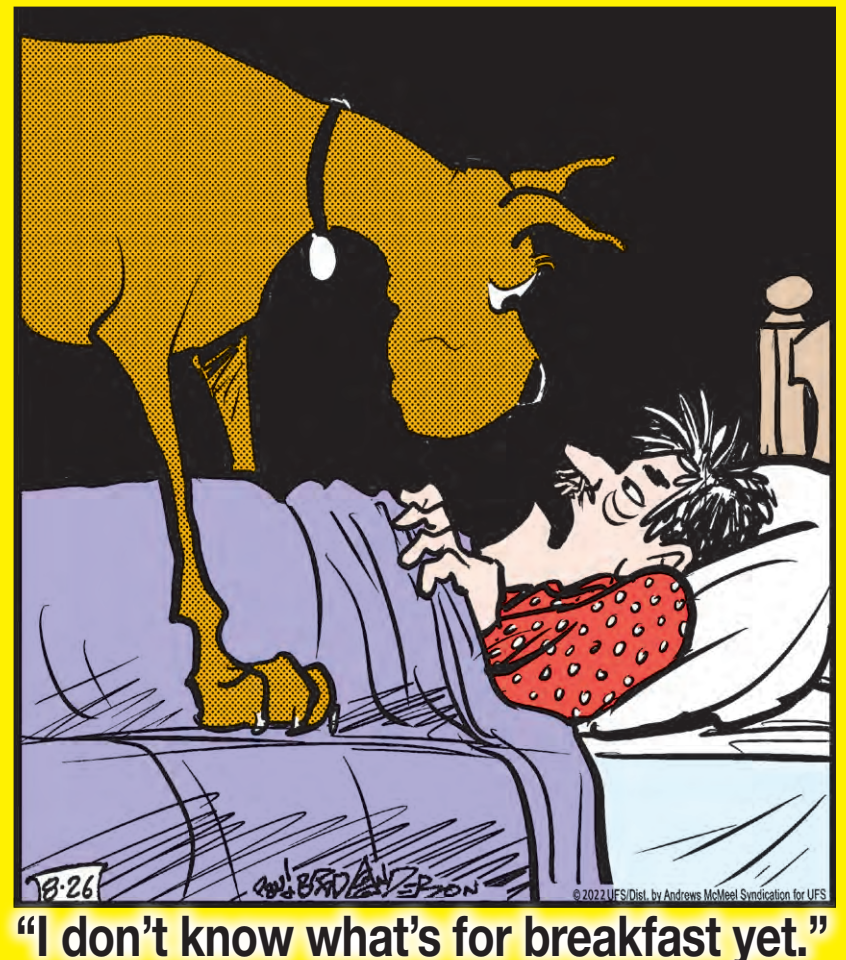
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## Knights win again, Service makes history

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

If there is a football equivalent of hitting for the cycle in baseball, Oliver Service surely accomplished it last Thursday night. The University Liggett football team went on the road to face Lutheran Westland and came away with a 33-0 win. Service played a major role in the victory by being the first player in school history to record a kick return TD, punt return TD, defensive TD and an offensive TD all in the same game.

Service's big night began in the first half when he accounted for both of the game's only scores in the first two quarters. The senior returned a punt 50 yards to put the Knights on the board first and followed it up with a four-yard rushing touchdown to give Liggett the lead 12-0 going into halftime.

The second half started with fireworks as Service struck again,

taking the opening kickoff of the half to the house for his third touchdown of the night. The Knights made it a 20-0 lead after a successful two-point conversion and continued to expand the lead later in the quarter when Jake Martin ran the ball in from 15 yards out to make it a 26-0 game.

Throughout the evening, the Knights defense held tough and did not allow a single point for the second game in a row. Liggett put the exclamation point on the win late in the second half when Service completed his big night with a pick six to finish things off at 33-0.

"He's truly special," Liggett coach Matt Lapolla said about Service. "He's a game changer. Any time he touches the ball, he's a threat to take it to the house...He's a special athlete and rallies the kids around him. A lot of the time, when you have someone who's that

good it's all about them. For Oliver, it's all about the team."

To go along with his four total TDs, Service led the Knights in rushing on Thursday with eight carries for 57 yards. Junior Zach Hill and senior Louie Gormley led the defense with eleven total tackles each.

The Knights have cruised to easy victories in the past two weeks and have outscored their opponents 78-0. However, the first major test of the season for Liggett is coming up in Week 3. The Knights return home on Saturday to face Cardinal Mooney in their first game of Catholic League play.

"We love where we're at, but nobody is satisfied," said Lapolla. "We want to be playing at Ford Field in Week 9. It's a lofty goal but we want to get there and it starts next week with Cardinal Mooney. Some teams took it to us last year and we want to pay them back."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett senior Oliver Service made history last week becoming the first Knights player to have a kick return TD, punt return TD, interception return TD and an offensive TD all in the same game.

## North tennis racks up early season victories in quad meets

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

With the fall sports season getting underway, the Norsemen have been serving up their fair share of wins on the tennis court in the opening weeks. North's boys tennis team hosted two quad matches last week and picked up five wins while taking on just one loss against various opponents.

The first set of opponents included Holt, Dexter and Stoney Creek. North started with a 6-3 victory over Holt. Kaiden DePascale, Sahith Nannapaneni, Alex Muawad and Vasilios Vasilos all earned wins, allowing the Norsemen to sweep singles competition. DePascale, Nannapaneni and Muawad also earned singles wins in an 8-1 defeat of Dexter. All five of the Norsemen's doubles teams also earned

wins.

North's only loss in the first quad meet was when the team was swept by Stoney Creek 9-0. However, it only helped the Norsemen come out stronger for its next quad with Grosse Ile, Fraser and Allen Park last Tuesday.

North won this quad meet by a combined score of 26-1. The Norsemen swept singles and doubles competition against both Fraser and Allen Park. The team's doubles pair of Xavier Sarinak and Troy Lipscomb put on an especially impressive outing against Allen Park when they did not drop even a single game. DePascale, Nannapaneni and Muawad went undefeated in all of their matchups through the entire second quad meet.

This series of victories early in the season has helped the Norsemen



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North's boys tennis team gathered together on the court after one of their first matches of the season. The Norsemen won five matches over the course of two quad meets in recent weeks.

climb to the top of the MAC Red standings for now, although league play is yet to get started.

North returns to the courts this Saturday, Sept. 10 when they host the GPN Invitational.

The Norsemen are one of eight schools in action during the day, with other competition including crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South, U of D Jesuit and Portage Central.

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# North, South golfers face first MAC Red tests

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

As the girls golf teams from both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South hit the links in the early weeks of the fall sports season, both squads faced their first tests against a MAC Red opponent last week. The Blue Devils and Norsemen each got a chance to take on Dakota, with the former coming out victorious and the latter accepting defeat.

South got its shot against Dakota first last Wednesday when they hosted the Cougars for a match at Lochmoor Club. Coming off a strong performance from earlier in the week where they took third place in the Charger Invitational in

Flint, the Blue Devils ended up taking the victory by a total of 20 strokes, besting Dakota 183-203 to get their first MAC Red win of the fall. Freshman Lyla Hampton led the way for South in the win by shooting a 40. Her sister, junior Cate Hampton, was second on the team with a 45. Sophomore Tenley Stiyer shot a 46 while senior Charlotte Peabody rounded out the field for South with a final score of 52.

After narrowly defeating Cass Tech on Wednesday, North's team welcomed Dakota back to Lochmoor Club last Thursday for its first MAC Red match of the year. The Norsemen did not fare quite as well as their counterparts from South did. The Cougars

got back into the MAC Red win column by defeating North 198-242.

North's Rita Shemmai led the way for the team with a low score of 48. Morgan McIntyre was the second-lowest scorer on the team, yet was still ten strokes behind her teammate by shooting 58. Lea Paluzzi and Jacqueline Koerner finished off the day for North shooting 66 and 70, respectively.

North is back on the course Thursday when it travels to the Port Huron Golf Club for a head to head showdown with Port Huron. South's next action will involve North as well, when the two teams get together at Lochmoor on Wednesday, Sept. 14 for a three-team tournament with Port Huron.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAUN HAMPTON

South junior Cate Hampton tees off. Hampton shot a 45 in the Blue Devils' MAC Red opener against Dakota last week.



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Top: Members of Grosse Pointe North's first place underclassmen 200 free relay are, from left, Lauren Loper, Avery Beal, Addie Wakefield and Phoebe Rinaldi.

Bottom: Swimmers hit the water at the sound of the horn during Grosse Pointe South's quad meet at Ann Arbor Skyline.

## Meet season starts off swimmingly for South, North

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Swimmers from Grosse Pointe North and South began their seasons by diving right into tough competition last week in relay meets in Royal Oak and Detroit.

### Grosse Pointe North

Grosse Pointe North's girls swim and dive started their season off strong at the Raven Relay meet in Royal Oak Thursday, Sept. 1. The Norsemen faced six opponents, including host team Royal Oak High School, Farmington, Berkley, Anchor Bay, Utica Eisenhower and Chippewa Valley.

A highlight of the Norsemen's night came from its underclassmen 200 freestyle relay, which won the event with a time of 1:49.37. Their result bested the top time in the meet's regular 200 free relay that included

upperclassmen. Members of the relay include sophomore Addie Wakefield, freshmen Phoebe Rinaldi and Lauren Loper and sophomore Avery Beal.

North finished with 54 points, tying for fifth with Eisenhower.

"I'm really happy with the way this first meet went," said rookie head coach Chris Trepanowski. "Several swimmers and our relays are already close to the state meet cut times."

The Norsemen hit the pool for their second meet Tuesday, Sept. 6, against Lakeview after press time.

### Grosse Pointe South

South girls swim and dive team competed in two multi-team meets last week, setting the tone for the focus and intensity it will need to bring to the pool throughout the season.

A big South victory

came in a six-team relay meet at Wayne State Tuesday, Aug. 30. The Blue Devils finished first with 81 points, beating second-place South Lyon by 14 points.

The most impressive swim of the day came in the 400 yard medley, where Phoebe Handwork, Mischa Eng, Keira Collins and Brooke Lezotte dominated the lanes with a time of 4:22:89. The speedy swim beat the relay team from Livonia Stevenson by 23.91 seconds.

Friday night, the team competed against Brighton, Midland Dow and Ann Arbor Skyline, the site of the quad meet. Senior sensation Sophie Schuetze, a University of Cincinnati commit, swam her way to first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:12:86.

South's next meet is 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at home against St. Clair Shores Lakeview.



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South girls swim and dive completed their season's opening week with a quad meet at Ann Arbor Skyline on Sept. 1.

# Norsemen hang on for win at Mott

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North's 29-point win over Clintondale in Week 1 was a good starting point for the football team to smooth out some of the rough edges that come with beginning the season. Last Thursday night, the Norsemen met their first real challenge of 2022 by traveling on the road to face Warren Mott. The win did not come as

easily as it did in the opening game, but North pulled through with toughness and determination to defeat the Marauders 28-14.

The Norsemen controlled the first half, setting a good pace on offense while the defense stifled Mott at seemingly every turn. A Jaden Holyfield rushing TD late in the first quarter gave North a 7-0 lead that it then built upon in the second frame.

Junior QB Ryan Henderson found Leo Perettie open on the sideline for a 64-yard touchdown to extend North's lead to 14-0. With around two minutes remaining in the half, Mott attempted to get on the board with a field goal, however a bad snap led to a fumble and kept the Marauders scoreless and down by 14 going into the half.

Mott came out quick and narrowed the Norsemen's lead with a touchdown on the opening possession of the third quarter. The scoreboard held at 14-7 entering the final 12 minutes.

The fourth quarter is where things truly became interesting. Mott evened the game at 14 with just over ten minutes remaining and flipped the momentum around completely. The Marauders would get the ball back after forcing North to punt and appeared to be marching on their way to taking the lead for the first time.

Then, everything changed again. North's Sebastian Rouse, who has earned the nickname "Juice" for the boost of energy or "juice" he provides for the Norsemen



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Sebastian Rouse makes his way to the end zone for an interception return TD to put the Norsemen ahead in the fourth quarter. It was Rouse's second pick six in as many games this season.**

defense, came up big for a second week in a row. With 5:46 left in a tie game, Rouse intercepted a Mott pass and for the second time in as many games took it to the end zone for a touchdown.

Rouse's pick six sealed the game for North by completely taking the wind out of the Marauders' sails. The Norsemen added one more touchdown in the final minutes with a

Holyfield run to put the stamp on the victory 28-14.

"This was our litmus test," North head coach Joe Drouin said after the win. "We wanted to see how we held up against a team that's bigger and traditionally better than us and we showed up."

Henderson had 144 yards passing and a touchdown on just four completions. It was North's defense and spe-

cial teams that shined on the box score in the win. Ethan Bailey led the team with nine tackles and forced two fumbles. Brady Beers had eight tackles and a sack.

The win made North the only team in the MAC Gold Division to open the season with a 2-0 record. The Norsemen face their MAC Gold opponent in Week 3 when they host Eastpointe on Friday night.



**North's Leo Perettie runs down the sideline to the end zone during the second quarter of the game against Warren Mott.**

# Blue Devils tarred by Anchor Bay

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

As superstar alum and current Michigan Wolverine Will Johnson joined eager fans last Thursday on a warm, late-summer evening to watch Grosse Pointe South's first home football game of the season, the setting seemed ripe for the Blue Devils to put on a show.

But Anchor Bay had other plans.

The Tars left their mark from the opening kickoff, finding the end-zone in their first series. After breaking a 7-7 first quarter tie, the team was never really threatened, cruising to a 45-20 win over the Blue Devils.

On its first possession, Anchor Bay found itself facing a quick third down. Quarterback Luke Hall wasted no time going airborne, connecting on a 58-yard touchdown pass to Drew Schornak at 10:19 into the quarter. Kicker Caiden Thomas made good on the extra point, sending Anchor Bay up 7-0 before fans had a chance to put the mustard on their concession stand hot dog.

Hall's patience and ability to spend more time in the pocket allowed him to execute some well-designed plays throughout the game, according to South Head Coach Chad Hepner.

After Anchor Bay's quick score, South answered right back. The offense moved the ball efficiently, thanks to several solid runs by senior running back Egan Sullivan that got them into the red zone. South stuck with what was working for them in the series, and 6-foot, 215-pound running back Donavan Moody barreled into the end zone to score on a 13-yard touchdown run with 7:04 to go



PHOTOS BY BRIAN MCKENNA

**South running back Egan Sullivan races past the Anchor Bay defense last Thursday, helping set up South's first touchdown of the game. Sullivan had 78 rushing yards on the day.**

in the first quarter. Kicker Christian Potts sent the extra point through the uprights, tying it at 7-7.

Anchor Bay got the ball back, moving down to South's 30-yard line. But South's defense stepped up and stopped the Tars, forcing a punt.

"We made some mistakes, but I thought we hung with (Anchor Bay) physically," Hepner said. And that first mistake cost them. With less than a minute left in the first, the Tars' Ty Schornak intercepted a pass from senior quarterback Anthony Benard at the South 33-yard line.

Anchor Bay drove down the field, capping the drive with a 3-yard run from Isaiah Domey at 8:38 into the second quarter.

Converting the extra point, Anchor Bay took the lead 14-7, in a quarter that led them to score 21 unanswered points, adding a 60-yard touchdown pass from Hall to Kolynd Martell and a 19-yard

touchdown through the air from Hall to Drew Schornak to build a 28-7 lead at halftime.

Hepner said his team responded to the adjustments made at the half, but "it was too little, too late" for the navy and Vegas gold.

The Tars picked up in the third quarter right where they left off, scoring on a huge 57-yard touchdown pass to Drew Schornak, spotting them with a 35-7 lead with 8:58 left in the third. With 2:09 left in the quarter, Thomas added a 37-yard field goal to make it 38-7.

South finally found the end zone again at the 12-minute mark of the fourth quarter, courtesy of a 13-yard run by Sullivan, to close the gap to 38-14.

"In the third (quarter) we still had a chance," Hepner said. "We were competing but we just ran out of time."

South's Jack Kendall scored on a 7-yard run with 7:25 left in the

sion, leaving Anchor Bay with a 38-20 lead.

With three minutes left, the Tars put the exclamation point on the night, scoring on a 39-yard rushing touchdown from Domey to make it a 45-20 final score.

Hepner said some inexperience on his team, particularly on defense, was evident in the season's second game.

"For some of these guys playing defense, this is their first time playing varsity football," he said. "We are asking them to do a lot."

But Hepner said his defensive line showed perhaps the biggest improvement from Week 1 to Week 2. He expects his team can take away some positives from their latest game.

"This team is a good group. We will look at everything and work on what we can improve," he said.

"... The team was understandably down after the game, but I told them our team goals haven't changed and they are still available to us. I'm still optimistic."

Anchor Bay racked up 435 total yards against the Blue Devils' 281, 302 of which came through the air for the Tars.

Despite Anchor Bay's offensive output, South outrushed the Tars 197 yards to 133. Benard was 7-for-16 for 74 passing yards with three interceptions. Sullivan and Kendall rushed for 78 and 70 yards respectively.

The non-conference loss to Anchor Bay puts South at 0-2 on the season. The team hits the road Friday to face Utica High School. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

South alum Johnson made his college football debut for the University of Michigan last Saturday in a blowout win against Colorado State.



**South running back Donavan Moody, above center, ran for 70 yards and one touchdown in the team's 45-20 loss against Anchor Bay last Thursday.**



# Football Frenzy!

## Grosse Pointe South football makes home debut

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

The first home game of the season for Grosse Pointe South's varsity football team drew in droves of fans last week, who eagerly watched an exciting game along with marching band, cheer and dance team performances.

The picture-perfect setting made for an electric atmosphere to root on the Blue Devils as they took on Anchor Bay High School. The Grosse Pointe News was there to cover all the action from reporting and photography to drone footage.

Welcome to Friday Night Lights, football fans – Thursday edition.

South and Anchor Bay players duke it out at the line of scrimmage in the first quarter.

Photo by Brian McKenna



Senior running back Egan Sullivan leads his team onto the field holding the American flag, continuing a long-held, patriotic tradition for the Grosse Pointe South football program.

Photo by Brian McKenna



Always a fan favorite, the Blue Devils Dance Team got the crowd moving to the beat at halftime.

Photo by Meg Leonard



South's Marching Band took the field for a rousing halftime performance.

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Sophomore varsity cheerleader Connie Bedsworth wowed the crowd, as did her teammates with an impressive tumbling series during the second quarter.

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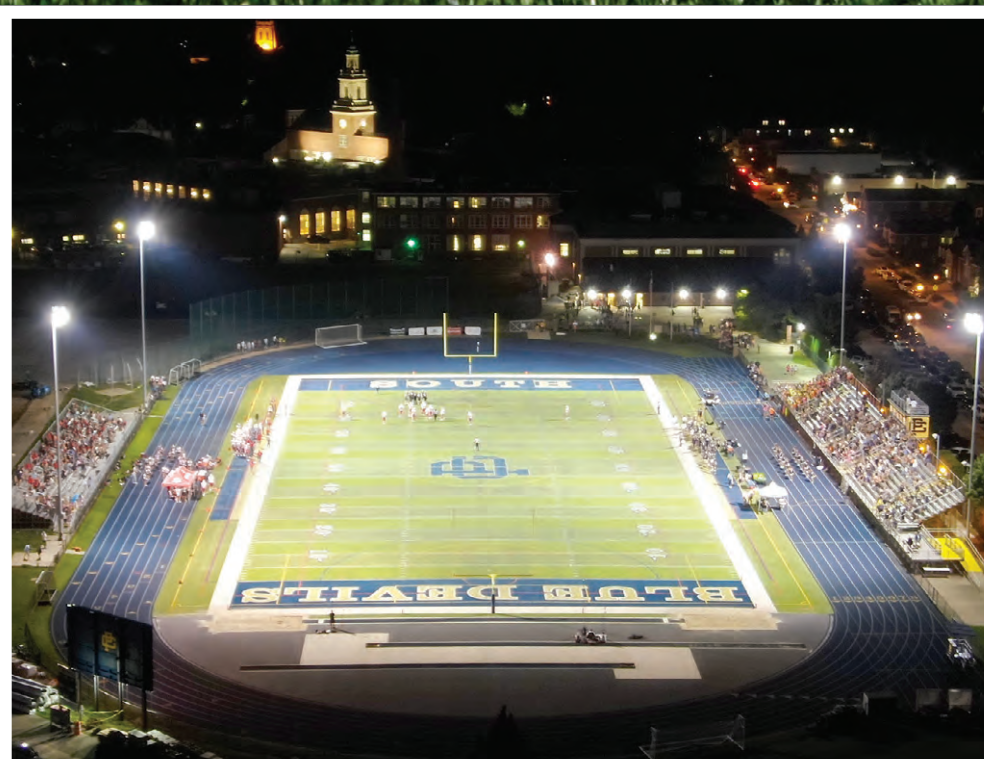


Members of the Devils Den settled into their seats well before kickoff. Known as "The Den," the club consists of students focused on increasing student attendance and bringing school spirit to South's sporting events through creative, unifying themes. The "neon" game theme brought a pop of color to the night.

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A bird's eye view of the game captures a full image of the night's action.

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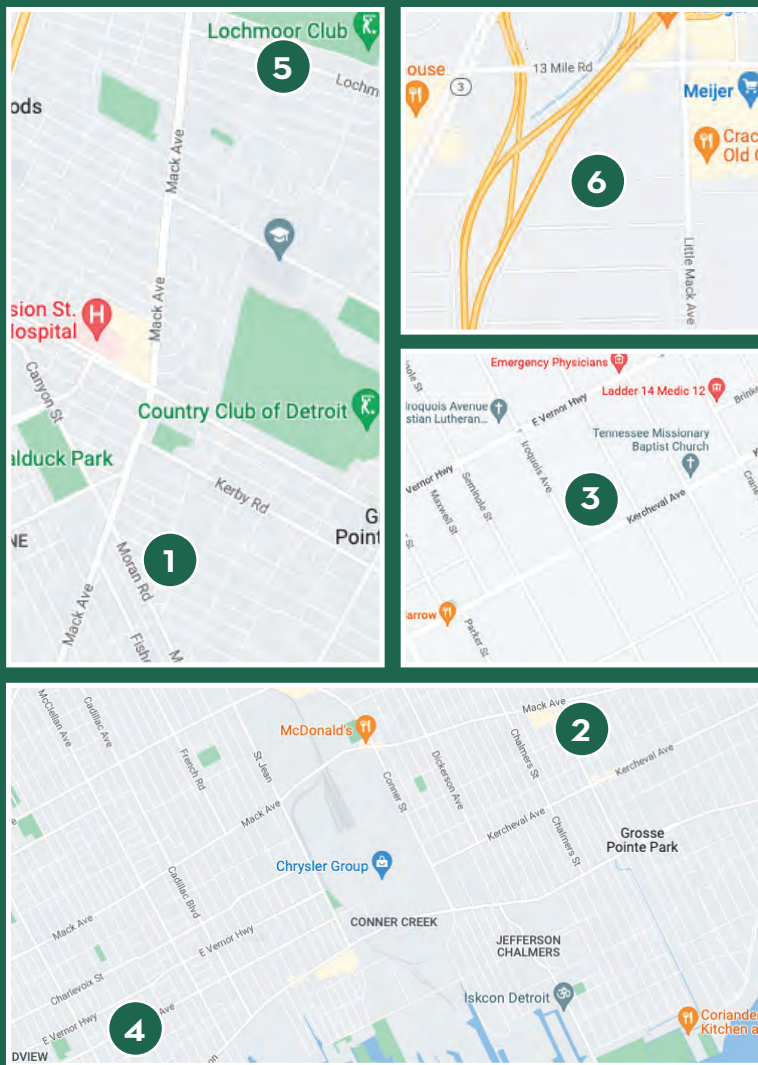
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