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Addressing Kercheval parking

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Parking lots are timely topics in the Park.

A group of residents opposed to a parking lot replacing four houses on Maryland and Wayburn behind Kercheval played to a local TV news camera during the Sept. 19 city council meeting.

The matter involves a construction project by the owner of the Grosse Pointe News and comes before the planning commission at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in council chambers.

Also, the combined city hall lot and Park branch public library lot, plus a forthcoming lot in front of the library on Jefferson, are irregular but recur-

ring topics during meetings of the council, planning commission and Downtown Development Authority.

At the most recent meeting of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, Sept. 20, board members discussed the proposed paving of an existing gravel lot off Maryland behind Pointe Hardware on Kercheval.

They also discussed the conceptual design of a block-long lot proposed for construction on four contiguous parcels behind businesses on the south side of Kercheval between Maryland and Lakepointe. The land currently is vacant.

"The city owns three of these parcels," said Warren Rothe, TIFA director and assistant city

manager.

The fourth is owned at least in part by the GP News' owner or family.

"TIFA funds will only be used for the property TIFA owns," Rothe said. "It won't be used for any other property."

He stressed the point because the authority retains the district's property tax increases for reinvestment and eco-

nomie growth of the TIFA district.

The district is bounded roughly between Mack and a block above Jefferson, and from the Detroit city limits below Wayburn to Nottingham.

"The idea was to coordinate (design and construction), so we have a lot that looks continuous

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Projects catch foundation's eye

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — While the creation of a dog park and construction of a Rotary Tot Lot community building in the City seem to be at the very least a few years out, the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation has

both on its radar.

Following a wishlist of recommendations from city council for its efforts moving forward, the foundation board of trustees identified four projects during its September meeting that it would be interested in pursuing.

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Digging up history

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

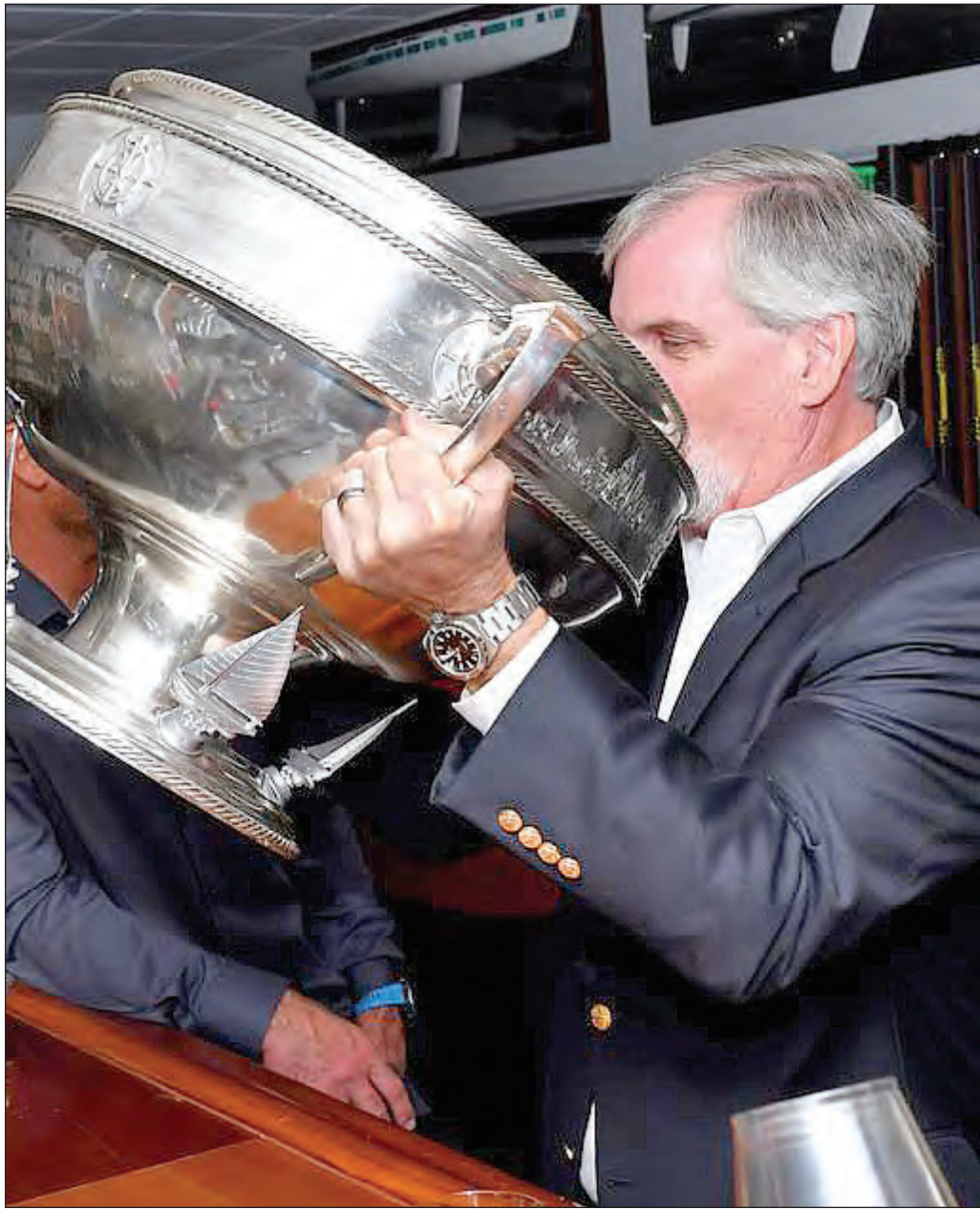
GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Contractors installing a new water main along Lakeshore found a piece of cast iron pipe with the year 1911 stamped on it, the same year the Shores was incorporated as a village.

"That's the year it was built," according to Department of Public Works Director Mike Way. "We think it was installed sometime

between 1911 and 1915." The goal is to put the pipe on display in city hall.

Way said workers also have found water and sewer lines dating back more than a century, to when Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River were dotted with ribbon farms from Detroit to the Clinton River. The ribbon farms were around 400 feet wide and up to three

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Sweet sailing victory

Grosse Pointe Farms native Chuck Stormes drinks from the J.L. Hudson trophy as the winner of the Overall Division 1 Cove Island Course at this year's Bayview-Mackinac Race. Stormes and the rest of his crew from the DeTour were honored at the Bayview Yacht Club on Sept. 23, as part of the club's annual Bayview-Mackinac Celebration.

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Discussing DPW contingencies in the Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's not as spectacular as finding a buried Viking longship, but excavators doing groundwork on the new DPW building bumped into the remnants of an old foundation.

The unexpected obstacle escaped pre-construction soil surveys. It cost nearly \$67,000 to remove and is among the public works project's unforeseen expenses totaling \$180,276.

Due to contingencies built into the construction contract, the building won't cost more than

the \$4 million agreed upon originally, according to Warren Rothe, Park assistant city manager and director of the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

In 2020, the authority issued bonds to construct the new public works garage, offices and storage area on

Mack Avenue between Maryland and the Detroit city limits. The site is within the TIFA district.

"When excavation began, there was an unknown building foundation that had not been removed," said Rothe, hired by the city last April. "The foundation

had to be removed (and) the earth compacted to facilitate a new structure being placed upon it."

In a related unforeseen expense, it cost almost \$37,000 to add a layer of backfill to support the weight of the new building.

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Public safety cost recovery passes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A unanimous city council approved a public safety cost recovery ordinance Monday, Sept. 19.

Park residents are exempt unless they fall under the ordinance while breaking the law. “Emergency response events that occur within the city ... performed for a property owner or taxpayer of the city ... are exempt from cost recovery charges under this ordinance,” according to the measure.

“It’s a cost recovery,” Councilman Tom Caulfield stressed against misinterpreting the ordinance as a fund-raising mechanism.

“We were the lone Grosse Pointe that did not have such a cost recovery ordinance,” Councilman Max Weiner said.

“This ordinance is intended for recovering costs incurred by the city in certain circumstances,” said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager. “Costs recovered under this ordinance are primarily intended to be recov-

ered when a bonded company or insurance policy is responsible for paying the charges.”

Emergency medical response is an exemption.

“We operate our own ambulance service as a city,” Rothe said. “We are going to continue to bill, in part, to cover the cost of that service. It’s a common practice among public municipal ambulance services as well as private.”

Do qualify

Responses to which the public safety department can recover costs

from responsible parties consist of:

- ◆ operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- ◆ drunken driving;
- ◆ causing a motor vehicle accident;
- ◆ causing water, sewer, gas and electrical utility emergencies;
- ◆ causing explosions or collapses;
- ◆ actions prompting medical treatment;
- ◆ obstructing, defacing or damaging a fire hydrant or related equipment;
- ◆ causing illegal or preventable fires;
- ◆ causing a technical

rescue, such as from a collapsed trench;

- ◆ the cost of fire investigations and
- ◆ the cost of the public safety department responding to a Homeland Security directive.

“If you’re a property owner, a taxpayer, a resident of rental property and one of these situations happens to you, you are exempt from cost recovery charges being sought unless it’s one of those specific 11 situations where a law is broken,” Rothe said. “If a law is broken, the exemption doesn’t apply.”

Don’t qualify

Public safety responses that don’t qualify for cost recovery include:

- ◆ false fire calls,
- ◆ reports of domestic problems,
- ◆ reports of suspicious activity, including trespassing and
- ◆ reporting stolen cars, break-ins, damaged property and neighbor disputes.

Public Safety Director Brian Jarrell asked the council in April to consider drafting the ordinance.

People subjected to enforcement, meaning non-residents and residents who broke the law, may appeal.

A two-stage appeal process begins with the complainant seeking relief within 30 days from the city manager.

If unsatisfied, the complainant has another 30 days to appeal to the public safety committee.

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miles deep, giving multiple landowners access to waterways necessary for transporting goods. The shape of the farms also made plowing easier, as fewer turns were needed. “We also found one house that had three water service leads,” Way said. “One lead and one copper, both of which were abandoned, and one that is working.”

Way said work is about half done on replacing the water main the entire length of Lakeshore. The project began in the spring replacing the existing 8-inch main with a 12-inch one from Woodland Shore on the south end of the city to just north of Fairlake Lane at the north end. The new line will be tied into a 12-inch main previously installed in front of

the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The main runs along the west side of Lakeshore from Vernier to Woodland Shore, but crosses to the east side in front of city hall.

“We’re thinking the work will go faster from Vernier north because there aren’t any sidewalks to deal with that need to be broken up and replaced,” Way said. “At least that’s our hope, knock on wood.”

City council at its March meeting approved selling \$8 million in bonds to pay for the work on Lakeshore, along with water and sewer line replacement on Oxford.

Work on Oxford is expected to be finished by the end of October, while Lakeshore should be completed by the end of November. Way said both have been delayed due to supply chain issues and a lack of workers.



COURTESY PHOTO

This piece of pipe is stamped 1911, the same year Grosse Pointe Shores was incorporated as a village. It was found during the water main replacement on Lakeshore.

Leaves & Laughter returns Oct. 13

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Leaves & Laughter, the main fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, is slated for 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

“We do different events and fundraisers throughout the year, but

this is our biggest,” GPSIF Trustee Marlene Smith said. “It’s a nice evening out for couples to enjoy dinner with quite a remarkable view.”

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of eight and

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Coming in as the easiest to fund is the \$3,000 replacement of faded and outdated Grosse Pointe welcome signs along Cadieux and Fisher. The foundation also committed to working with Main Street Grosse Pointe on further exploring the

potential of a \$5,000 Sonos system with speakers running the length of Kercheval, which would enable music in The Village.

Noting general support for the concept of a dog park, perhaps in a vacant lot on Jefferson across from Neff Park, the board said it would be willing to pitch in for the approximately \$40,000 that would

be needed for play features and fencing.

“The foundation is not in a position to purchase any land to pursue that project,” councilwoman and foundation trustee Maureen Juip explained, “but would be interested in supporting it if land were to become available.”

Kicking off what promises to be a years-long effort, the foundation also formed an exploratory subcommittee to begin pursuing a community center building with bathrooms that would replace the tot lot pavilion at Elworthy Park. The estimated cost of \$400,000 will require coordination with other city and charitable foundations.

“That would be a very, very wonderful addition for the entire community,” foundation President John Shook said, noting the lack of nearby bathrooms for children who are playing.

The City of Grosse

Pointe Foundation — a 501(c)3 nonprofit incorporated in 1985 and funded solely by private donations — is responsible for a number of staples throughout the City of Grosse Pointe, such as The Village clock arch and the Neff Park gate house.

“We constantly strive to provide funding for improvements, amenities and (beautification) efforts that are not covered by the citizens’ tax dollars,” Shook said.

Just last year, the foundation was a major sponsor for the Kercheval trolley, a \$5,000 gold level sponsor for Main Street Grosse Pointe, continued sponsor for the annual Village tree lighting and sponsor for the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, as well as provided the hanging flower baskets in The Village.

Anyone interested in donating to future foundation efforts may do so at cityofgpfoundation.org under the “donate” tab.

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Beaumont adds to fleet of surgical robots

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Prior to the recent addition of a second da Vinci robotic surgical system, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe already was conducting more than 400 robotic surgeries a year.

The second system, which doubles the hospital's capability, is one of seven installations throughout Beaumont Health in southeast Michigan, bringing its grand total to 24.

For cases in which robotic surgery is deemed appropriate, patients are afforded smaller incisions with less scarring, pain and tissue trauma, as well as a shorter recovery time, which many times is outpatient.

"I could shower the next day," said Lucinda Ernst, whose gallbladder was removed via an outpatient robotic surgery at Beaumont GP in late August. "... (I) had my surgery on Tuesday. By Sunday I didn't need to take any pain medication."

Most often, the da Vinci robots are used for removal of all or part of a prostate, gallbladder or kidney; gynecologic surgery, like hysterectomy; intestinal hernias; bariatric surgery; orthopedic sur-



PHOTOS BY LAUREL KRAUS

Above, the ends of the forceps are only about two centimeters long, but the camera view inside the demonstration torso provides an up-close image. Right, Dr. Krikor Arman sits at the console and uses the remote hand controls to demonstrate how the operation is conducted.

gery; and surgery of the colon or rectum.

While the robotic features can improve the surgeon's ability to manipulate vital structures, it still is the Beaumont physician who is in complete control of the patient's procedure.

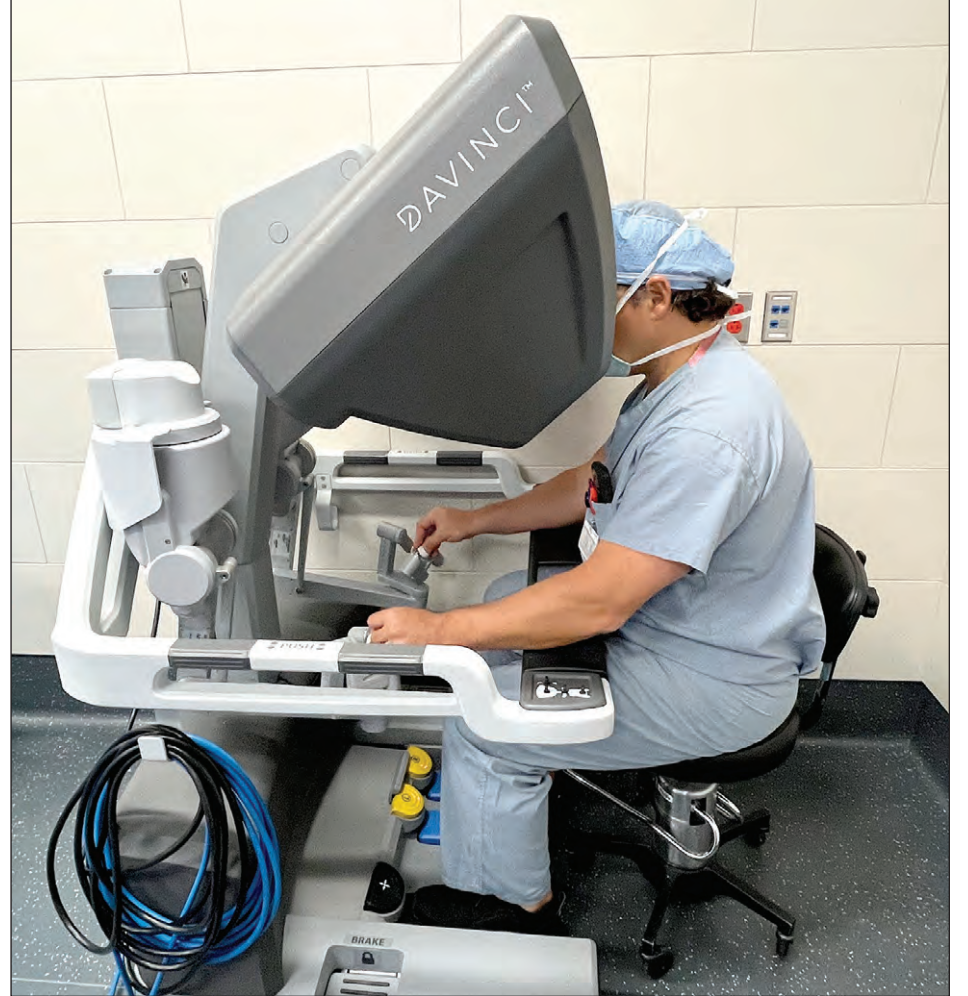
"One of the things that people ask me all the time is, 'How much does the robot do compared to what you do?'" said Dr. Krikor Arman, head of robotic surgery at Beaumont GP. "I do everything, so the robotic arms don't do anything without me controlling them. I place them; I position them; I put the ports in; (and) I do all the operating at

the console."

Using the console, the physician looks into a headset for a three-dimensional view of what a small camera at the end of one robotic arm is capturing inside the patient, then uses remote hand controls to guide the robotic arms with precision.

"The arms do exactly what my hand's doing," Arman explained. "... These arms have what are called wrists, so I can move these arms on the inside, just like my hands can move. There's much more degrees of motion in this arm than there is in my own arm."

Safety mechanisms built into the robotic



system prevent the physician from moving the arms if his or her head is not resting in the headset, as well as freeze the arms if it detects even a slight tremor in the physician's hand.

"Patients are getting out of here (the) same day," Arman said. "They're returning to work and activity much faster, so it's a real advantage even over

laparoscopy."

Systemwide, Beaumont Health now has the capacity to annually treat an additional 2,200 patients with the minimally invasive robotic surgery.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety open house, noon to 3 p.m. Includes food, giveaways, equipment demonstrations, fire safety sessions, a K-9 demonstration and more.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Communications Committee meeting, 6:15 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation's Leaves & Laughter fundraiser, 6 p.m. at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

◆ Hob Nobbins' with the Goblins, 6 p.m. Includes hayrides, pumpkin decorating, cider, doughnuts and more; for Woods residents and their guests only.

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"This item was not contemplated in the original budget and was discovered during soil boring investigations," Rothe said.

The third and most expensive surprise, totaling \$77,911 and discussed by the city council in June, was to bore under Mack Avenue and plumb another access point into the Detroit water network to supply the DPW building's fire suppression system. The Park already buys water from Detroit.

"The fire suppression system was originally designed to be fed through a water main off Maryland," Rothe said. "The water main was unable to supply enough pressure and volume to meet the fire code requirement to operate the specific system included in the project. We needed a different solution."

"It was the determination of our fire inspector that there was not sufficient pressure to run a fire suppression system for the whole building and we'd have to tap into a different water main on Mack," Chief Bryan Jarrell told the council last summer. "Water supply systems in the early 1900s were never designed to support fire suppression systems in every building."

TIFA meeting

Change orders to remove the old foundation, add backfill and hook up the fire suppression cost a combined \$180,276.83, Rothe told members of the TIFA board Sept. 29. He said the impact on the budget was only an additional \$36,357.

"How do I take \$180,000 down to \$36,000?" he said. "It's because we have unspent money."

Unspent funds came from:

◆ \$8,794 remaining in the construction contract's contingency account,

◆ a total of \$56,373.08 left over from building security, information technology, furniture and office equipment and

◆ \$78,751 from alley sewer separation and repaving associated with the DPW building.

"These issues represent less than 1 percent of the cost of the building," TIFA Chairman John Hughes said. "Whenever we build something — old house, new house, old building, new building — there's always something that is going to come up. That's the reality of it."

"Are there other options?" TIFA board member Pier King-

Piepenbrok asked.

"If this body doesn't approve it, it will have to be paid from the city's general fund," Rothe answered.

What happened?

Members Curt Ralstrom and Trenton Chamberlain asked how the building's fire suppression system could have been approved without realizing there was insufficient water pressure.

"When this was vetted and they did their due diligence, I would think having enough pressure coming into that building was something that should be determined at that point of time, not after the fact," Ralstrom said.

"It was my understanding it was reviewed and accepted by the DPW," Hughes said.

"What kind of water modeling did they do?" Chamberlain asked. "Did

they run flow meters and system tests on that prior to the bids? In theory, that should come to the plate right away, before we even meet for the bid."

"I don't know what that process was," Rothe said. "The architect looked at it. The engineer looked at it. At our next meeting (7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27), I can have more information."

City Manager Nick Sizeland said early vetting included water pressure.

"The engineers and builders said it would be sufficient," he said. "However, sometimes that flow changes. Ninety-five percent of our water system is over 100 years old. We have 6-inch mains, but they may only be four inches due to corrosion on the inside. After doing more testing, everybody recommended we have another way to supply the suppression system."

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Shores chess champ undefeated

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Jonathan Aleardi isn't one to brag, but he can't quite remember the last time he lost a game of chess.

"I've done pretty well, but I don't play as often as I'd like to," the Grosse Pointe Shores resident said. "It doesn't seem to be as popular as it used to be."

Aleardi, 36, has won the annual chess tournament at Osius Park every year since it began in 2013, except for two — 2015, when he was out of town and 2020, when it was canceled due to the pandemic.

"I think I learned how to play when I was in about fourth grade," Aleardi said. "Right away I became very interested in the thought process involved because there is such a variety of moves."

The 2015 winner, Kenneth George, was Aleardi's opponent in the final match of this year's

tournament, held Sunday, Sept. 18.

"I recognized his opening move, so I went with what's called Alekhine's Defense," Aleardi said. "It's not used as much as it used to be, but it works."

The move is named for Alexander Alekhine, a Russian who won two world chess championships in the 1920s. It begins when white, moving first, starts by moving his pawn in front of the king two spaces forward in hopes of tempting black to attack with pawns and open up the center of the board.

Black instead starts by moving his king's knight and allows it to be chased in order to capture several white pawns. Bobby Fischer is on record as having used it against Boris Spassky in the 1972 world championship.

The final match took two hours. When it was done, Aleardi had his king, a rook and three pawns, while George had



JONATHAN ALEARDI STANDS WITH HIS TROPHY AFTER WINNING THE GROSSE POINTE SHORES CHESS TOURNAMENT.

his king and a pawn before surrendering his king.

"I had a double attack set up on his rooks and obviously only one could

move, so I took the other one and that really opened things up," Aleardi said. "At the very end it was only a couple of moves before it would

have been checkmate."

Aleardi, a 2003 DeLaSalle High School graduate, said he has read books on chess strategy and also enjoys playing online to hone his skills.

"I've never played in a sanctioned tournament, but I'd like to just to see how I'd do," he added. "That's how you get an actual rating."

After graduating from the University of Detroit with a degree in mathematics in 2008, Aleardi worked as an auditor but now is looking to do something in the world of banking and finance.

"I've always been very analytical, which certainly helps in chess," he said. "I also like doing Sudoku puzzles."

Aleardi said he hopes more people enter the Shores tournament in future years.

"We really thought more people would be interested because of the popularity of 'The Queen's Gambit' on Netflix," he said.

Public safety open house

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Woods public safety department will kick off Fire Prevention Week with an open house noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

"We usually get a pretty good crowd," Director John Kosanke said. "The kids really have a fun time."

Fire Prevention Week marks its 100th anniversary this year. Its theme is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape."

Kosanke said it's important to go over that sort of information with children, including pointing out all possible exits from a house and designating a meeting spot outside. Other important lessons for children include remembering not to hide in closets if a fire breaks out; feeling door handles and knowing if they are hot not to open the door; and practicing the stop, drop and roll move.

Activities planned for the day include equipment demonstrations, smokehouse exercises, EMT treatment explanations and a visit from the Harper Woods Police Department's K-9 Officer Kaiser. The Michigan State Police bomb squad also will be on hand.

"We get a lot of requests to have a fire truck make stops at block parties or birthday parties, but this is a chance to come see everything we have," Kosanke said. "That includes our patrol cars and a full display of our ladder truck."

Cider and doughnuts will be served, and kids can collect coloring books, stickers and water bottles.

The day also is a Faith & Blue event, a national program designed to foster better relationships between law enforcement and communities.

"We like to encourage our various congregations to get involved and support the department," Kosanke said. "It's a nice tie-in with having it on a Sunday afternoon."

New TIFA counsel appointed in Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A lasting result of the TIFA board's unanimous decision this month to choose new legal representation is a commitment to be more inclusive in future selection processes.

Although the Tax Increment Finance Authority board agreed 8-0 Sept. 29, to retain a new law firm, at least three members did so with the understanding there would be greater board involvement in similar decisions.

"Going forward, there should be more openness than what is happening," said Joe Tompkins, a member since 2019.

"No problem," Chairman John Hughes answered.

The board cited financial savings for replacing the Park's longtime legal counselor Bodman PLC with the firm of McGraw Morris.

TIFA representatives Tomkins, Pier King-Piepenbrok and Curt Ralstrom received no opposition upon saying they and their colleagues should have been provided an opportunity to review information packets submitted by firms responding to the boards' statewide solicitation for bids.

As it happened Sept. 29, the board had only to approve or reject the sole applicant to survive vetting by an inner circle comprising City Manager

Nick Sizeland, Chairman Hughes and TIFA Director Warren Rothe, who also is assistant city manager.

"There should at least be discussion about what's going to happen (and) if some people want to be on a subcommittee, they should be allowed to have that opportunity," Tompkins said.

"Absolutely," Hughes said.

Rothe, Hughes and Sizeland interviewed multiple candidates in recent weeks while at the same time members of city administration and council also cited cost savings when replacing Bodman. The council's action meant Bodman also would no longer be handling TIFA business.

"That's why we wanted to move on this," Rothe told the TIFA board. "I

absolutely understand the due diligence this board desires. If we'd like further discussion at our next meeting or schedule a separate meeting to review these things, we can do so."

No, board members said, the point is made. Let's vote.

The McGraw Morris attorney appointed to work on behalf of TIFA is Kevin Kilby, a partner and head of the firm's municipal law section.

"Mr. Kilby has experience with Downtown Development Authorities, TIFAs, city government (and) law enforcement," Rothe said. "Also, the hourly rate is significantly less than what we are being charged."

Prior to Kilby's legal and law enforcement careers, he administered Clio, a

city of nearly 3,000 north of Flint.

The duration of McGraw Morris' contract is undetermined.

"The intention was to use them as items arose until the board (or) public desired change," Rothe said.

Hughes said the board was happy with Bodman's services.

"But, we also have to be responsible in looking at our costs," Hughes said. "It was a good time for review. We had a number of qualified candidates, including Bodman."

The TIFA district — between Mack and roughly a block above Jefferson, and from the Detroit border to Nottingham — was established in 1986, to halt declining property values, eliminate the cause of declining property values, increase property tax evaluations and promote growth in the district, according to the plan posted on the city's website, grossepointepark.org, under Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Property tax increases in the district are retained in the district to achieve the plan's goals.

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Switch saves money

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city council switched legal counsel last month.

The search for new legal representation began in January when the account was put up for review.

"The city reviewed eight responses," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The Kelly Firm, of Troy, came out on top.

"The Kelly Firm could start services in November or December of this year," Sizeland said.

Kelly, located in Auburn Hills, replaces Bodman PLC, located in downtown Detroit.

The switch saves the city money, but the impact will be clearer when the deal is settled, according

to Sizeland.

Kelly's compensation rate is \$165 per hour for senior attorneys and \$145 per hour for associates, according to its proposal.

"For prosecution services, the firm proposes an hourly rate of \$130 per chargeable hour and, if desired, will work with the city to agree upon an acceptable flat rate for prosecution services based on past averages," according to the proposal. "The firm also is willing to discuss alternate pricing, including a flat fee, monthly retainer or hybrid of same."

Kelly provided municipal references from Auburn Hills and the townships of Orion, Oakland, Independence, Macomb and Oxford.

See SWITCH, page 10A

City of Grosse Pointe

Drunk speeding

After speeding 45 mph on Cadieux at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, a 33-year-old St. Clair Shores man was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Keep the keys

After leaving the key fob in the vehicle overnight, a 2021 Ford Bronco Sport was discovered stolen from the 400 block of Kerby at 8:38 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.

While the vehicle later was located and recovered from an address in Detroit, it was returned without various items that had been inside, including a driver's license, insurance cards and recently purchased toys.

Lock car doors

A string of larcenies from autos overnight Tuesday, Sept. 27, targeted an unlocked 2015 Honda Civic in the 400 block of Hillcrest, an unlocked 2003 Jeep Wrangler in the 300 block of Ridgemoor and an unlocked 2014 GMC Acadia in the 400 block of Bournemouth.

Golden rule

A wallet containing a driver's license, numerous credit cards and \$105 in cash was found at Mack and McKinley by a 49-year-old Berkley man and returned to its owner, a 53-year-old Clinton Township woman, Wednesday, Sept. 28.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

DTE scam

A suspect claiming to represent DTE Energy convinced a 52-year-old Farms woman to pay more than \$1,000 via Zelle to avoid being disconnected Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Ridge fire

A construction worker using a heat gun accidentally set the outside of a Ridge house on fire at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. The resident, who was home at the time, smelled smoke and saw it coming out of the kitchen cabinets before Farms and City units responded and extinguished the fire.

Although there was significant smoke and water damage, there were no injuries.

Saving the day

Attentive staff at a business in the 100 block of Kercheval can be thanked for stopping a scam in progress when they noticed a 69-year-old Farms man attempting to purchase two \$500 gift cards after purchasing a couple in the same amount the night before.

Officers were called to the business at 1:51 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and discovered the man had fallen victim to a pop-up scam on his computer. The man had given the scammers \$4,000 and already had purchased another \$1,500 in gift cards.

Turned around

A 27-year-old Detroit woman immediately admitted to coming from a party where she had consumed alcohol, when she was pulled over for

driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of Mack at 1:19 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.12 percent and she was arrested for operating while intoxicated and open liquor transport.

Verbal attack

A couple in the 400 block of Manor called officers on a neighbor with mental health issues after the 62-year-old woman yelled profanities at their 14-year-old daughter and then continued screaming through their windows for a half hour midday Saturday, Oct. 1.

Stolen Chrysler

A black 2017 Chrysler 300 was stolen from Mack and Allard between 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Bike thefts

◆ **Witnessed:** A witness observed the theft of an orange Huffy bicycle at 7:32 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The witness said a black male wearing a tan jacket and black sweatpants took the bike from the basement of a multi-family dwelling in the 15000 block of Vernor.

◆ **Double thief:** A thief, described by police as a thin, black male with short hair, pried open

three garage doors in the 1400 block of Lakepointe around 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, and stole two bicycles from the third.

"Surveillance video in the area shows (him) fleeing on one of the stolen bicycles while pulling the other," according to police.

◆ **Trek taken:** A man's silver and blue Trek bicycle was taken from a locked garage in the 1400 block of Wayburn between 6:30 and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

Unlocked entry

Overnight Wednesday, Sept. 28, someone stole credit cards and change from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence in the 1300 block of Nottingham.

Porch pirate

An Amazon package containing an Apple watch and AirPods was stolen between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, after being delivered to the front porch of a house in the 1000 block of Lakepointe.

Drunk, but not distressed

Police arrested a 61-year-old Grosse Pointe woman for drunken driving at 4:16 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the intersection of Three Mile Drive and Charlevoix.

Officers responded to the scene on a report of a driver in distress.

"(An officer) located (her) behind the wheel of a vehicle," according to police. "(She) was incoherent, smelled of intoxi-

cants and in possession of empty alcohol containers."

Drugged driving

Police arrested a Detroit man, 21, at 3:41 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, namely marijuana.

An officer investigated him for speeding near Somerset and Mack.

— *Brad Lindberg*
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Flouting the law

A flute worth \$1,100 was stolen from Parcels Middle School sometime between Tuesday, Aug. 23, and Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The instrument is leased from a local music store and was left at the school at the end of last school year. A parent was supposed to pick up the flute at the school Aug. 23, but did not. It was discovered missing Sept. 6.

Stolen vehicle

A gray 2005 GMC Envoy was stolen from

the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital between 11:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, while the owner was at work.

The vehicle was recovered Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Detroit.

Bad aim

A resident in the 700 block of North Renaud reported a broken bedroom window around 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2.

The responding officer noticed the outer pane of glass was broken in the lower right corner and discovered it was caused by a pellet from a BB gun.

Party store party

A 51-year-old Warren woman was arrested around 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, after an officer noticed a red Honda Civic ignore the "no turn on red" sign at southbound Mack and westbound Vernier.

After initially denying she had been drinking, the woman told the officer she "had a few shots" at a local party store. The woman failed several field sobriety tests and registered a 0.257 percent blood alcohol content on a Breathalyzer. Officers found a nearly empty fifth of whiskey in the vehicle.

The woman was arrested for drunken driving and ticketed for having open intoxicants while her vehicle was impounded.

— *Ted O'Neil*
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

LEAVES:

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include dinner, drinks, an auction and a raffle. Sponsorships also are available that include VIP seating.

The event sold out last year and Smith expects the same this year.

Entertainment will be provided by comedian Dwayne Gill. A former Marine and retired Michigan State Police trooper, Gill has appeared in the ABC crime drama "Detroit 1-8-7" and the movie "Crave" and recently shot a pilot for a television sitcom.

The GPSIF is a 501(c)3 that raises money to enhance the community. Since its founding in 1984, the group has raised more than \$1.6 million and supported several projects at Osius Park, including the splash pad, pavilion, Playscape and an ADA-compliant swing, as well as tennis, basketball and pickleball courts.

"We're always looking for new people to join," Smith said. "All of the money goes right back into the community and that's important because we don't have as big of a tax base without a business district like the other cities have."

Visit gpsif.org for more information.

— *Ted O'Neil*

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OUR VIEW

Blessing of the animals Mass inspires

Last Sunday, a few churches around town resembled more of a zoo than a place of worship as the faithful brought along their furry companions to celebrate all of God's creatures in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals.

At Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Mass took place not outside on its expansive lawn, but inside of its sacred walls. You could not help but smile each time the pitch-perfect Christ Church choir received the vocal accompaniment of barks and enthusiastic tail wags, the crowd's version of enthusiastic approval.

The morning's church program explained the event's purpose: "It is said that St. Francis preached to humans and animals the universal ability and duty of all creatures to praise God, and the duty of humans to protect and enjoy nature as both the stewards of God's creation and as creatures ourselves."

Midway through the service, dogs paraded up the aisle to the nave, where officiants sprinkled them with holy water and bestowed a blessing. Levels of dog etiquette varied to the delight of onlookers. A curious cat, nestled in a pew inside of a protective carrier, looked upon the canines with particular disdain, incredulous at her owner's choice to bring her to such a circus.

After Mass, farmers assembled a petting zoo on the front lawn, while church goers enjoyed coffee and doughnuts. Dogs worked feverishly to get in their best sniffs and begged for crumbs to fall down from their owners' hands like manna from heaven.

The morning illustrated the joy that animals bring to our lives. Research shows that owning a pet helps lower blood pressure and increases activity levels. We wholeheartedly believe now is the "purrfect" time to bring a new furry friend into your home, especially given the fact most local animal shelters currently are filled to capacity.

We highly recommend working with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, found at gpaas.org,

Lola, a 10-year-old pug rescued from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, was one of dozens of dogs and cats who received a blessing at Christ Church Grosse Pointe last Sunday.



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Spooky season upon us

"Witch" way to the Haunted Garage? Head to page 1B for the full story.

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the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org or Detroit Dog Rescue at detroitdogrescue.com as just a few of the reputable places to rescue an animal in need.

This particular Sunday morning felt especially inspiring. We were reminded of our pets' unwavering affection and loyalty to us, and the realization they are truly one of God's most wonderful gifts to humankind.



The late Queen Elizabeth II would be proud, as Ollie the corgi held court at the front of Christ Church while the Rev. Andrew Van Culin led his congregation in prayer last Sunday at the celebration of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals Mass.

PHOTOS BY MEG LEONARD

LETTERS

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Disappointed

To the Editor:

I am disappointed in the Grosse Pointe News for printing a letter to the editor Sept. 29, the first day of early voting, from a member of Right to Life of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods that contained misinformation about the Proposal 3, Reproductive Freedom for All amendment. While my intent here is to provide accurate information and also to counter the interpretations of the proposal the Right to Life writer offered, let me be transparent; I support Proposal 3.

The Sept. 29 letter states that under Proposal 3, abortion would be allowed "any time during the pregnancy, including up until the moment of birth." This is clearly incorrect. The amendment allows state lawmakers to ban abortions after fetal viability that are not medically indicated. Specifically, Proposal 3 includes that "the state may regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability, provided that in no circumstance shall the state prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual." The Sept. 29 letter also includes the writer's interpretations of the proposal and I encourage voters to determine if they are reasonable. For example, the Right to Life member sees the

proposal as including an "infinite mental health loophole" that would allow a woman to request an abortion if the child needed "extraordinary medical care such as incubators for newborn preemies." In Michigan, in 2021, less than 0.02 percent of the total abortions occurred in the third trimester. Clearly, late-term abortions are rare and occur due to severe complications with a pregnancy. What woman, after continuing a pregnancy for two trimesters, would request an abortion because her mental health would be at risk because the child is likely to be born pre-maturely and require an incubator? What physician would defy the obligations and standards of medical practice to grant this request?

The writer also claims that the proposal would allow teenagers to "get an abortion without their parents knowing," remove "a ban on taxpayer funding of abortion," repeal "the law saying only doctors can perform abortion" and "prohibit parental consent rights if ... a child wishes to pursue, or is being pressured into pursuing, medical procedures or chemical treatments intended to change the outward appearance of his or her biological sex." Again, these are the writer's interpretations. Law professors, including those from UofM and MSU and those specializing in constitutional law, call Michigan's current parental consent requirement and funding limita-

tions completely unconstitutional under the Reproductive Freedom for All amendment. Additionally, nothing in the amendment would prevent regulations that apply to other forms of health care such as who can perform specific procedures.

I encourage everyone to take time to read up on Proposal 3. Dig for facts and weigh a broad range of expert opinions and interpretations before casting your vote.
WENDY SOUBEL
Grosse Pointe Farms

Response to grading questions

To the Editor:

Your Sept. 29 Our View, "Stuck in the middle with you," references a "proposed new grading system" in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

To be clear, no new grading system has been proposed. We are in the midst of evaluating our current processes and procedures and will work closely with our teachers and other stakeholders before recommending any changes.

It is important to note that in no way are we looking to lower academic standards or decrease student accountability. Our goal, in fact, is to increase opportunities for students to demonstrate, through their own hard work, mastery of specific skills and concepts, thereby equipping them for future challenges. Teachers will continue to maintain classroom expectations regarding attendance, participation and behavior, and help students develop good study habits, which includes turning assignments in on time.

Another misconception is that an equidistant grading system will result in more A's. Part of our review of current grading practices is to look at best practices in the industry and ensure

that grades are an accurate and consistent reflection of student achievement. In an equidistant grading system, the distance between an F and a D is the same as the distance between a B and an A, providing equal opportunity for improvement, regardless of whether the student is on the high achieving end of that scale or struggling in a particular content area.

High school is a time for students to explore, take risks and discover who they are. Sometimes this means multiple tries to get it right — just like in the real world. Scientists repeat experiments. Writers produce multiple drafts. Surgeons safely perfect techniques using the latest technology. While doctors in the field, for example, may only have one chance to get it right, their training ensures they have mastered a particular skill before moving on to the next.

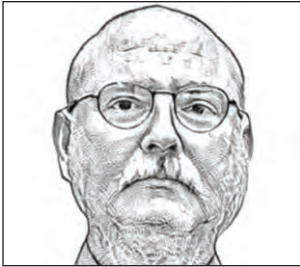
Grades are an important measurement of progress and indicator of areas for improvement, but they are a tool to promote learning first and foremost. Keeping this as our focus will benefit all learners while maintaining our reputation for high standards and educational excellence.

DR. DAN HARTLEY
Director of Secondary Instruction

Editor's note: In our interviews with both Dr. Hartley and Superintendent Jon Dean, both clearly stated that the proposed grading system is being evaluated by teachers throughout this year. Each also stated several steps would have to be implemented, including committee work and board approval. According to Dr. Hartley in our interview, he stated these policies may be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year if the evaluation leads to approval.

The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Ted O'Neil



Hurricane watch

I spent a good deal of time last week watching television. Lots of sports, of course, but that's not out of the ordinary.

But I may have spent just as much time watching The Weather Channel and its nonstop coverage of Hurricane Ian.

I'm fascinated by hurricanes; their power and the damage they are capable of. I never used to be, but that changed after living in coastal Georgia for three years and experiencing one tropical storm and two hurricanes.

From 2015 to 2018, I was assistant editor at the Bryan County News in Richmond Hill, a suburb of Savannah. It's a weekly

paper, which also happens to publish on Thursdays, and very similar to the Grosse Pointe News with an emphasis on schools, high school sports, business and the interesting people who make up the community.

As such, I didn't evacuate when Hurricane Matthew hit in 2016, or Irma in 2017. The paper's website and social media channels provided valuable information in the days leading up to the storms making landfall, as well as during and after for the people who did evacuate. While the governor can issue evacuation orders, it is up to local officials to determine when people can return, based on each town's particular condition.

As happened early last week, tracking a tropical storm or hurricane is

unpredictable. Meteorologists use several models to predict the storm's path, where it will make landfall and where it will go after that. That's why the maps you see on TV or on the web have so many different colored squiggly lines, also known as spaghetti models.

Matthew was the most devastating hurricane to impact southeast Georgia since 1979, and because of the amount of damage and loss of life in the Caribbean and states, is one of few hurricane names permanently retired.

Having lived in Michigan my entire life up until 2015, I quickly had to learn the ins and outs of hurricane "lingo" in order to effectively report. For example, when a mandatory evacuation is ordered, that doesn't necessarily mean you'll face conse-

quences if you don't leave. But it does mean that if you stay and run into trouble, you're on your own.

Local first responders explained to me that they will not — nor should they — put their own people at risk until the storm passes simply because of someone else's stubbornness. They need to focus their energies on bigger issues, such as downed power lines starting a fire or a busted natural gas line that could cause an explosion.

Evacuations also serve two purposes. Not only are they intended to keep people safe, but they also limit the amount of traffic on the roads in the immediate days after the storm while trees are being cleared and power restored.

The night Matthew finally hit, local officials

did order both a mandatory curfew and a shelter-in-place order, meaning anyone found out and about could be ticketed.

A state law in Georgia requires homes east of I-95 that were built after a certain date be fitted by the builder with pre-cut plywood to cover windows. I don't recall many of my neighbors putting them up, however, preferring to use the time to pack, buy supplies and hit the road. "I have insurance for a reason," was an oft-repeated mantra.

On I-16, which runs east and west between Savannah and Macon, on and off ramps have the same type of gates you'd see at a railroad crossing, as well as several large crossovers in the median. At designated times, all lanes are dedicated either westbound for evacuation or eastbound for return in what is called "contra-flow."

And then there is the Waffle House Index. It's a

very unofficial metric FEMA uses when determining the amount of disaster relief an area might need after an event such as a hurricane or tornado. The restaurants are open around the clock 365 days a year and at some busier interchanges along I-75 in the south, for example, you can find them on both sides of the freeway.

According to the index, red is the worst, meaning all Waffle Houses in the area are closed. Yellow means they are open but running on generators and offering a limited menu, and green is when the restaurants are open and fully functioning.

I certainly enjoyed my time in Georgia, especially not having to deal with snow. When I decided to come back to Michigan, I took some ribbing from friends and co-workers about returning to the "frozen tundra," but as I told them, nobody ever had to evacuate because of a snow storm.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

1ST PUBLIC HEARING ON PARK PLANNING ENDS IN CONFUSION: The meeting held in the Park Municipal Building for the purpose of giving interested citizens their first squint at the maps and plans that have been prepared by J. Martin Frissel of Lansing for the future development of

the village was only a partial success. The meeting progressively developed into a babel of voices and ideas and was finally terminated by Manager Everit B. Lane, who opined that the meeting had accomplished about all that could be hoped for at the first session.

1972

50 years ago this week

POINTES DUE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AID: It looks as though the Pointes will receive the first revenue-sharing checks around the end of October. The checks represent one-half of the total revenues the municipalities will get under the revenue-sharing act of 1972. The second payment is due around the first part of January. Revenue-sharing, one of President Nixon's "six great goals," is a project under which the federal government channels to states and local governments part of the income

taxes it collects.

1997

25 years ago this week

SKATEBOARDERS, SCHOOL LEADERS DISAGREE OVER USE OF SCHOOL YARD: The smooth blacktop surface and the curves and curbs of the parking lot and cul-de-sac at Richard Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms are irresistible to teens on skateboards and in-line skaters. But what some of them

leave in their wake has school administrators and parents furious. Richard Principal Pat Meek said they have bent back trees that have been planted, littered, taken paint off the curbs and knocked over the bike racks.

CARIBOU COFFEE OPENS DOORS: Grosse Pointe and the surrounding communities have been taken by storm in the last three weeks. Everybody is talking about the new Caribou Coffee that recently opened on Mack Ave. This Caribou Coffee is the 99th store

in a chain of 100 stores to date.

2012

10 years ago this week

AHEE JEWELERS CELEBRATES AWARD: As Ahee Jewelers observed its 65th anniversary Oct. 9, the family accepted the Five Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. It is the first jeweler in the United States to receive such recognition.



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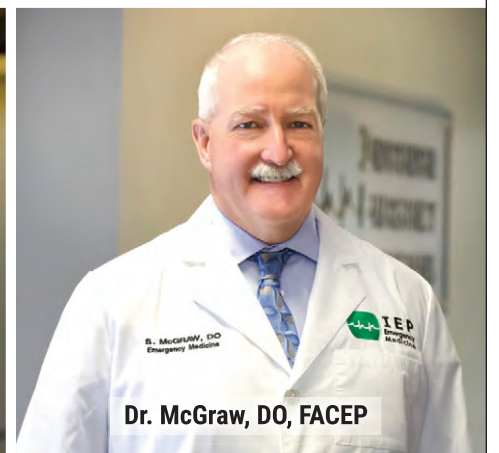
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AHEE Jewelers to pay for parking

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — To paraphrase Oprah Winfrey, you get free parking, you get free parking. Everybody gets free parking.

As part of its 75th anniversary celebration, Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers is paying for all parking meters in the city throughout November and December.

"This November marks 75 years of business and

we were exploring different ways to both give back to, and celebrate with, the community," Vice President Andre Ahee said. "Grosse Pointe Woods has been our home and a large part of our success since 1968, when the store relocated to its current location. This is a way to say thank you for the support all these years."

The idea was approved by city council at its meeting Monday, Sept. 19.

Decorative bags with the store's logo will be

placed over the 900 parking meters during the holiday season.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said he used a three-year average to come up with how much income the meters generate during the two-month period and determined it to be \$27,400. Normal cost for a meter is 25 cents for 30 minutes.

"It's really quite a nice gift," he said. "It's the first time I've ever heard of it being done."

Mayor Art Bryant agreed.

"It's wonderful that AHEE Jewelers wants to celebrate their 75th anniversary by giving this generous gift to the residents of our area communities," he said. "They are truly part of the heart and soul of Grosse Pointe Woods."

Three meters will be left open.

"We have three 10-minute meters that won't be bagged," Schulte noted. "They're located in front of a Chinese restaurant and two pizza places. The owners were worried about people parking

there too long because all of their business is take-out."

The Ahee family also has other events in the works for the anniversary celebration, including an on-site broadcast of "The Paul W. Smith Show" on WJR Friday, Dec. 2. The show runs from 6 to 9 a.m. and the store will open at 9 a.m. that day.

"Paul W. will be in the store for a while after the show," Ahee said. "He has been our spokesperson and friend for many years."

Saturday, Dec. 3, Santa will be at the store from noon to 5 p.m. handing out gifts to children.

A trunk show is planned Friday, Nov. 11, with creations from Roberto Coin and Mikimoto. The store will stay open until 8 p.m. that day, with drinks served 4 to 8 p.m.

A jazz band will perform on various Fridays and Saturdays in what Ahee calls "an homage" to the music of the era when the company was founded.

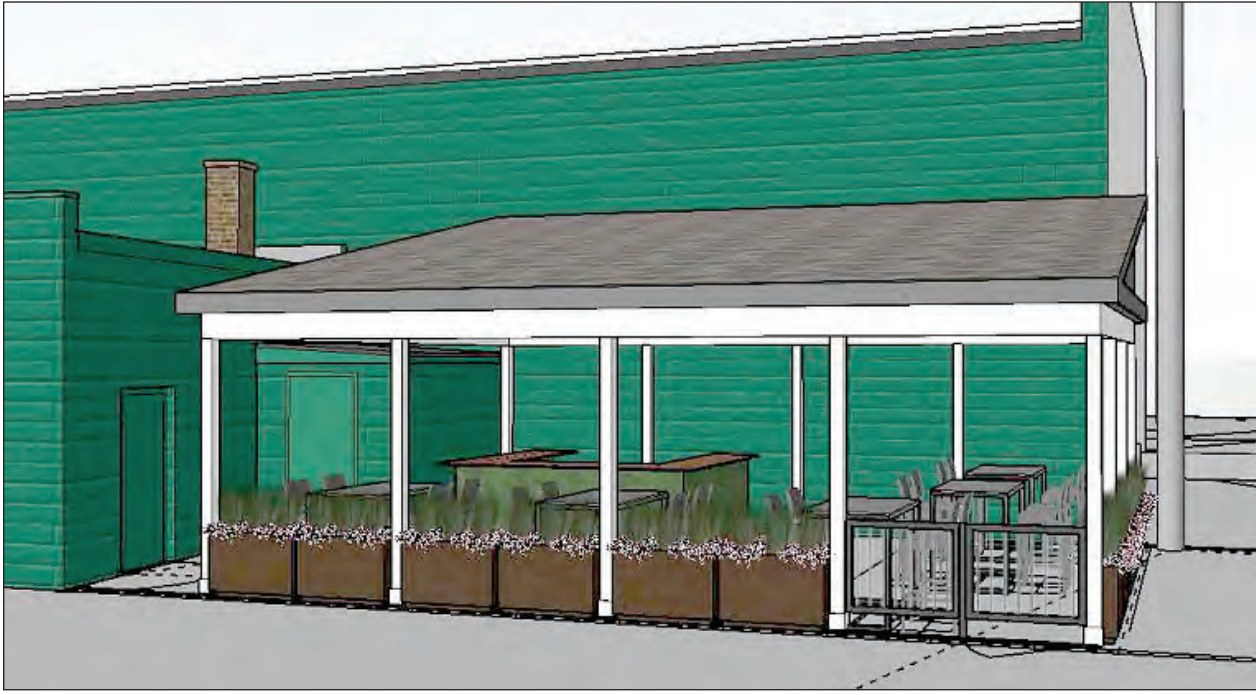
Irish Coffee gains permanent outdoor seating

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A permanent outdoor dining pavilion at the rear of Irish Coffee Bar & Grill, 18666 Mack, essentially will provide the same use as the canvas tent currently resting in the space and will sit in the same footprint.

"It's a little better on the eyes," owner Mike Kennedy said.

With the site plan unanimously approved by city council last month, the 650-square-foot permanent structure will incorporate a shingled roof and open sides with a removable aluminum fence panel and two-foot high planters.

"The perimeter has some planters, which will add some green to that parking lot, which has no green right now ... other than the building," joked Matt Badrack of Badrak Design Group.



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The permanent outdoor seating area at the rear of Irish Coffee Bar & Grill replaces the temporary canvas tent.

With 49 seats inside the restaurant, the outdoor seating area affords Irish

Coffee an additional 24 seats.

"Mainly, I think that the

use for this will be in the summertime when the indoor is not generally that

busy," Kennedy said, adding the space will not be heated. "... We don't do

much business in the summertime inside, so this would be an idea of, well, we're not using the inside, we have an option to use the outside."

Irish Coffee typically is open 5 to 11 p.m., and closes at midnight Fridays.

A caveat of council's approval was that the business must hold to the 11 p.m. close time on weekdays throughout the school year, out of consideration for residential neighbors.

"(We) just want the music off when the service stops during the summer, not continued for the stragglers," Mayor Louis Theros said. "So as soon as they close at midnight, the music stops during the summer. And then during the school year, they close the whole thing during the school week at 11 o'clock."

— Laurel Kraus



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Council reacts to Farms master plan public engagement

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — During the first council meeting since the Farms master plan online engagement report recently was released, some members of council took the opportunity to comment on what stood out to them among the summary.

Calling housing an issue of “huge importance,” Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding also focused on the fourth most popular comment from the online mapping activity — receiving 45 likes and not a single dislike — which called for

weekend hours inside the Pier Park community building, where recreation games such as ping-pong, billiards and air hockey are housed.

“Why isn’t our major (building) at Pier Park open on the weekends in the peak season when other parks are?” she said. “That’s a huge issue, I think, that I’m always hearing back from.”

Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis previously stated the issue was due to lack of staff and that the department was working to find part-time staff to run the building on weekends.

Councilman Lev Wood then noted opportunities

in the report to change zoning, “in particular, in areas where we’ve had quite a few requests for variances on side-yard setbacks and others,” he said.

This includes Muir, for example, where there are smaller homes and setbacks and where zoning changes could make it so residents no longer would need to come before council for certain variance requests.

He also noted the controversial desire for a bike and pedestrian pathway along the Lakeshore seawall, which he does not support, and the significant discussion over what should be done with

the greenspace at Mack and Moross.

“I’m not one who is really 100 percent against any development there,” he said. “I think people really value that location and, to me, the more open space we have, seeing the kids running around playing soccer and we have a dog park (next) to that, I think we really want to make sure that we keep that as open as we can.”

Following his colleagues’ comments, Councilman John Gillooly took a moment to outline city improvements already on their way to fruition, including increased traffic controls

for speeding, a long-term fix to the deteriorating Lakeshore seawall and the new Pier Park Playscape.

“We hear you,” he said to residents who’ve engaged in the master plan process thus far. “We’ve got a lot in the works for such a great, small community and it can only get better.”

The open house feedback, public engagement summary and master plan progress report may be found on the city’s master plan website — mcka.mysocialpinpoint.com/gpf-masterplan — near the bottom of the page.

“I urge people to go on

the website,” Mayor Louis Theros said, “to take time to read the report thoroughly, because we can spend hours digesting some of these numbers.”

A draft of the master plan is anticipated to be presented during the council meeting Monday, Oct. 17, incorporating recommendations for economic development, mobility, natural environment, community facilities, future land use and the zoning plan.

Public comment on the draft will be welcome and allow time for potential revisions before the statutory review period begins.

Pier Park landscaping to see facelift

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Although it will be trading out six evergreens for deciduous trees, plans are in the works to spruce up landscaping at Pier Park off the back of its new play structure installation.

Specifically in the area of the play structure, improvements will include replacing overgrown yews with hydrangeas and rhododendron to add color; derooting flowerbeds; planting grass where it has died; and replacing six pine trees with an equal number of *Cercis canadensis*, or eastern redbud trees.

“It’s somewhat overgrown,” City Manager

Shane Reeside said. “We’ve got trees that have overshadowed the play structure, where we see moss buildup and lack of light.”

The lack of light has killed the plant material below, he added, while some of the troublesome pines also are growing into the walkway and becoming an obstacle for pedestrians.

The deciduous trees in the area may be pruned, but otherwise will be left undisturbed.

The city and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation broke ground on the new play structure — replacing one more than 25 years old — Thursday, Sept. 22. The paired landscaping work was planned to commence a bit later and wrap up by the end of

October.

Council contention

While the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation partnered with the Farms to fund a little more than half of the \$283,000 play structure replacement, the city solely will cover the \$29,417 cost to Stuart Leve, Inc., for the landscaping work.

The expense led to debate during the September council meeting over council’s fiduciary responsibility with taxpayer money.

“Frankly, I’m (at Pier Park) almost three times a week and I haven’t noticed that this is a major issue worth almost \$30,000 to correct,” Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said.

She suggested park users rather would see the funds go toward staffing to open the community building on weekends — the fourth most popular comment during a recent public engagement activity as part of the city’s ongoing master plan update process — or to explore constructing an additional pickleball court.

“I don’t think they’re mutually exclusive,” Mayor Louis Theros said. “I think we can do those things. We have the money.”

“The place is tired,” Councilman Joe Ricci pitched in.

Following a suggestion by Councilman Lev Wood to explore whether much of the work could be han-

dled in-house by DPW staff to cut costs, Theros echoed Ricci’s statement.

“I walk by there every time and to me it seems exhausted,” he said. “Not just tired, exhausted. That area with all the yew that are old. They’ve been up there as long as the Playscape has been up there. ... To me, that’s the first thing you see when you walk into the park and the foundation has done a fantastic job raising the money for a Playscape, so for us to spend \$30,000 in our community? ... I think let’s do it. Let’s do it right.”

Councilman Neil Sroka noted the \$29,417 price tag from Stuart Leve, Inc., was 30 percent less than the other bids that came in.

“I think that if the staff maintaining the grounds thought that they could do what we needed,” he added, “they would have

been in there already doing (it).”

Ultimately, council unanimously approved the expenditure, although Wood and Konrad Wilberding stated their approval came with reservations.

“I’m kind of concerned,” Wood said. “I think that we can do business in-house.”

Part of the work, specifically dealing with adjusting the existing irrigation system, will be done in-house.

“We actually have somebody in our public works department that has some expertise in irrigation,” Reeside said. “We’re going to do as much of it in-house as possible, so that will save cost.”

The lowest bid on having a contractor do the irrigation work was \$2,100, with the highest coming in at \$15,300.

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Gravel lot to be topped

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The head of TIFA got what he wanted by submitting to the board a rough drawing of a proposed blacktopped parking lot behind Pointe Hardware, off Maryland below Kercheval.

The area currently is gravel.

“I wanted to create discussion by the board to make sure we have the best plan,” Warren Rothe,

director of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, told board members Sept. 29.

“I don’t like it at all,” said member and Pointe Hardware owner, Randy Cousineau.

He criticized the proposed layout’s five parking spaces as too few.

“I’ve seen as many as 12 cars parked in that lot, which is just residents and business employees,” Cousineau said. “I’d be more than willing to draw out a plan that would be

much more efficient than this.”

“The whole idea of doing these parking elements is to get employees and customers out of the neighborhoods and support the businesses so residents have more places to park,” Board Chairman John Hughes said.

“To go from 12 to five doesn’t make sense,” Cousineau said.

“Excellent point,” Rothe said.

“Let’s table discussion so we can come up with a plan that might be more suitable,” Hughes said.

Everyone agreed.

The lot is within the TIFA district, roughly

between Mack and a block above Jefferson, and from the Detroit border to Nottingham. Property tax increases in the district are retained in the district to promote economic growth.

“I wanted to bring this before the board for consideration,” Rothe said. “We’re in the right direction. I wanted to have the discussion before the paving season is done, before we line up a contractor who is already coming on site to do alleyways.”

Alley work starts Oct. 24, Rothe said.

He wants the alley contractor, Hutch Paving, to take on the parking lot while already on site.

Other firms shunned the job during the current economic climate of equipment, supply and labor shortages.

“We have tried to get quotes,” Rothe told the board. “We reached out to several contractors we’ve done work with in the past. Only one was willing to submit a bid. Hutch Paving was able to submit a bid for alley paving that was approved by the city council.”

He added, “I wanted to bring it to your attention to consider because I would like to do them both at once. We still can. We’ll be revisiting this at our next meeting.”

TIFA members also said the concept was flawed by having a 6-foot strip of greenspace between the lot and the back of the hardware

store. It should be the other way around, they said.

“We’re interested in having better barriers between the houses and parking lot,” member Joe Tompkins said. “Your schematic has it where Pointe Hardware doesn’t have to look at the parking spaces. You might want more greenspace on the other side.”

“A 6-foot brick wall would be appropriate,” Cousineau said. “If I lived next to a parking lot, I would want a solid barrier from noise, primarily.”

“We’d leave the 6-foot setback open to install a bioswale, some type of rain garden system,” Rothe said. “The concern is about stormwater runoff. The grade of this slope is toward this bioswale.”

SWITCH:

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Members of the Park council expect to rule on a draft contract during their Oct. 17 meeting.

“This decision has nothing to do with the quality of your work at all,” Mayor Michele Hodges told City Attorney Jake Howlett, Bodman’s attorney assigned to the Park. “Rather, what became clear during the process was that we have an opportunity to save taxpayers some dollars and to work with a firm that is uniquely qualified from

a municipal standpoint. I’m grateful for your professionalism.”

Bodman has done legal work for the Park for more than 50 years.

“That tradition means something,” Hodges continued. “We look forward to honoring that service at a future meeting.”

“I appreciate that very much,” Howlett said. “This body’s job is to make the best decision it can for the residents.”

Another law firm, McGraw Morris, located in Troy, was chosen last week to handle legal services for the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

High-five for park Wi-Fi

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Wi-Fi is coming in five-by-five at the marina of Windmill Pointe Park.

Installing new outdoor, all-weather wireless communication access points on some of the marina’s five piers increased reception markedly, according to Chris Delmege, Park recreation supervisor.

“The ones we’re replacing lasted eight years,” he said. “They’re still func-

tional. They’re just not providing the speeds we need now that everything is Wi-Fi.”

Installation began last week.

“There’s one on Pier 3, one on Pier 4 and one coming up on the Tompkins Center,” Delmege said. “You can see the difference right away, but we still have to install a lot more. We’re going to be installing one

on Pier 1, one on Pier 2, one on Pier 5. Depending on what we see after we install them, maybe we’ll have to order more.”

Signals can be obstructed by boats and masts, so placement is somewhat trial and error.

“They’re basically antennas that shoot in all different directions,” Delmege said. “That will help in trying to cover more area. Everything we purchased is supposed to be top-of-the-line.”

He ordered the equipment in March, but supply shortages and slowdowns delayed installation.

“We received the Wi-Fi access points Friday, (Sept. 9),” Delmege said. “I don’t know what it’s going to be like if I have to order more. But I’m going to install what I have now and see how it plays out for the remainder of the year. I’ve seen a huge speed increase already.”

— Brad Lindberg

PARKING:

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and consistent in design instead of having one lot that looks one way and a lot that looks another way,” said John Hughes, TIFA chairman. “It’s an

opportunity to work together with businesses in the community to try to do the right thing.”

Rothe presented a rendering of the lot, which he described as a work in progress, that nevertheless included some environmental components

to be required of the final plan.

“We want to make sure the stormwater works, that it does incorporate green infrastructure (and) permeable pavers,” he said. “We envision some sort of development agreement is going

to govern construction, operation and maintenance of that. I don’t know what it’s going to look like just yet.”

The rendering features:

- ◆ 47 parking spaces, including two handicap spots,
- ◆ peninsulas for seven trees,
- ◆ four enclosed Dumpsters split between the Maryland and Lakepointe intersections on the business side of the lot,
- ◆ four electric vehicle charging stations,
- ◆ a separate, 12-foot-wide alley behind businesses for shipping and receiving, and
- ◆ greenspace between the lot and alley to soak

up runoff.

It is the later feature TIFA board member Joe Tompkins wants relocated.

“The greenspace needs to be more of a buttress to homes,” he said.

The lot slopes toward Kercheval, which is why the concept locates drainage and greenspace closer to the businesses, not houses.

“The elevation has presented challenges,” Rothe said.

“It appears it will drain toward the green area,” Hughes said. “It ends up being a catch for runoff. Under pavers is where the drains are. They absorb the rain before it goes into the storm sewer. Those are things

that need to be worked out.”

“If you live on Lakepointe or Maryland, you see trees and greenery instead of wires and backdoors,” Hughes said.

“Having this will be a lot prettier than looking at the buildings as they are now,” member Christina Anton said.

The lot will have parking meters or pay stations of some kind, according to Rothe.

Nor will EV stations be free.

“This will probably be a recurring item on our agendas as we move forward,” he said.

“Get something on paper, get started, chew it around, mold it, tweak it, do it,” Hughes said.

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Parents Day Out grows at Christ Church

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Leah Mannino, director of the Parents Day Out program at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, said since the program started in 2014, demand for its early childhood care offerings has continued to increase.

Because of this, the program has expanded to operate Fridays, in addition to its original Tuesday through Thursday schedule.

While Mannino speculates about why demand has continued to grow, she is confident it is linked to parents' increased recognition that starting children in an early learning program produces longterm benefits.



Left, Lyla Fessel plays with a sensory toy. Above, the gross motor room.

"This program has been the kickstart for kids that transition well, for multiple reasons," she

said. "(During) the first month of September, typically, for a preschool program, there's very little that happens academically. It really is the work of (the child) separating from (their parents), getting used to hanging their backpack up, taking their coat off (and) putting it away. We do all of that here. So the kids that know how to do that are so much more advanced."

With programs offered for children of three different age ranges, children can begin developing these skills as toddlers. Simple skills, such as parental separation, playing independently and sharing are the established focus areas for the youngest cohort, while more advanced skills, such as calendar comprehension, Spanish, pencil grip and gross motor skills are included as children progress.

Throughout age cohorts, Mannino said, teaching children how to be kind is one of the primary focal points of the Parents Day Out program. She said the skill is so pronounced it often is the attribute most commented on by parents.

"One of the parents recently said that the word 'kindness' comes out of their child's mouth a lot and that (is really) one of our main goals, especially today, in the culture that we live in," Mannino said. "We try to teach kindness at home, but really, when they're in a setting with other children, it's the best opportunity for us to foster what kindness looks like."

As Mannino looks toward the future, she is optimistic the program soon will expand to offer age cohorts for older children, as well as extended hours. The classrooms currently being used by the program are at capacity, but the educational wing at

Christ Church has room for growth.

"I'm hoping that we can expand," she said. "We have more classrooms upstairs. The state will allow (children ages 3 and older) upstairs, which we are very hope-

ful that we'll be able to expand into. We have an additional classroom

down here that we're hoping we'll be able to expand into and we're hoping we'll be able to open extended hours next year."



Jimbo Saros works on independent-led fine motor color sorting.



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Raise Craze: Ferry raises funds through kindness

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ferry Elementary School recently kicked off the three-week fundraising campaign Raise Craze, during which students show their appreciation to donors by completing acts of kindness for others.

While students are given a list of popular acts of kindness to achieve, they are encouraged to come up with their own ideas as well. From picking up a neighbor's trash to hosting a lemonade stand for the benefit of a local charity, students are given a chance to shine while raising funds for Ferry.

"Raise Craze is a meaningful, interactive fundraiser where students collect donations online via a secure, custom website, then show their appreciation by serving others and completing random acts of kind-



COURTESY PHOTO

First graders at Ferry Elementary School pose near this week's donation box, which benefits the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

ness," PTO Fall Fundraising Chair Chelsea Brozo said. "In other words, students spend time serving, not selling."

Students hope to com-

plete 1,500 acts of kindness during the campaign, while also reaching the fundraising goal of \$45,000. Funds are earmarked for the outdoors: shading for the

Ferry playground, outdoor learning spaces and blacktop resurfacing, Brozo said.

In addition to matching kind acts to donations, students will

participate in lunchtime enrichment activities. The PTO will provide the necessary materials for students to make place-mats and birthday cards for local nursing homes and assisted living centers, as well as create "plarn" — plastic yarn — for Motor City Mitten Mission's Mats & Pillow Project.

"We've heard that this fundraiser has been not only beneficial in the classroom, but also at home," Brozo said. "Encouraging students to think outside of themselves and look to help others promotes good in the entire community. It's been a rough few years for these kids. We want to bring them joy, happiness and laughter."

Beyond students' participation, the community is invited to be a part of Raise Craze, by contributing items to collection boxes located at the front door at Ferry. Three

charities will benefit during the next three weeks. Oct. 3-7: Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society — a variety of feline and canine needs, as well as facility needs. Visit gpaas.org for details.

Oct. 10-14: Gleaner's Food Bank — cereal boxes and non-perishable food items.

Oct. 17-21: The Fundraising Company — new and gently used athletic shoes.

"Raise Craze supports the goals of our school by encouraging students to live a life full of compassion, empathy and gratitude," Brozo said, "and to give back to others."

Raise Craze will wrap up in October and students will celebrate their efforts with a glow dance Friday, Nov. 4.

To inquire about making an online donation, email chelseabrozo20@gmail.com.

Police respond to homecoming dance brawl

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Several Grosse Pointe North High School stu-

dents are facing disciplinary action after a fight erupted at the school's homecoming dance the evening of

Saturday, Oct. 1. "There were no complainants and no one wanted to file a report," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "We removed the guilty par-

ties and the dance went on as scheduled. It was handled well by their staff and our officers."

Kosanke said no arrests were made and no students provided

information as to what caused the fight.

North Principal Kate Murray sent a letter to parents Saturday night indicating all students involved will be excluded

from school during the investigation.

"As we always do at large student gatherings, we were fortunate

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GPPSS embarks on annual curriculum review

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Following the Grosse Pointe Public School System's focus of develop-

ing and implementing its strategic plan in the 2021-22 school year, it is once again forming committees to review curriculum areas and other aspects of the district deemed appropriate by the administration.

This year, the district is beginning the four-stage review process for social studies, library, counseling and TV productions. During the initial phase of the review process, a committee is formed for each content area under review, in which there is an emphasis on analyzing the current curriculum and its cohesion to state standards. Keith Howell, the district's director of primary instruction, said a big focus of the committee is to determine piloting opportunities, which subsequently affects future stages of the review process.

"We set the committees and brainstorm some ideas; take a look at our data and how things are going; and then we make some determinations on if we're going to look at piloting different resources to meet the needs of our students if it's necessary or

not," Howell said.

If piloting programs are recommended by the committee in phase one, then potential programs are evaluated more intensely during phase two of the review process. One of the most significant deliverables of the process — the written curriculum — also is produced during phase two. Howell said middle school math is the only subject currently in phase two of the review process. Finally, when a review topic gets to phase three, it is fully implemented. This, however, is not the last stage of the process. During stage four, the maintenance phase, the same curriculum committee is reformed to consider aspects of previous curriculum changes or to further evaluate pilot courses.

As part of the fourth stage, the high school level geology course was changed from a yearlong course to a semester-long course; two new classes — peer to peer and experiences in literature — are being piloted; and the elementary-level English language arts program is being further reviewed.

In addition to the more conventional curriculum areas under review, the district also is embarking on two specialized studies — one for middle schools and one for the education program's leadership council program, which governs all curriculum review processes.

Dan Hartley, director of secondary instruction for the district, said the EPLC study is more in line with precedent, while the middle school study is happening as a result of that level's recent grade reconfiguration.

"Reconfiguration has been in place for a little while now, so we want to take a look at how things are going with our fifth to eighth grade," Hartley said. "And then also (we are evaluating) our EPLC process, which is our review of the curriculum process. We're actually taking a deeper look at that, to make sure that it's aligned to our strategic plan. But also, that's something we usually will take a look at every four to eight years, just to make sure that we're staying in line with best practice."

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Walkers, runners and T-Rexes, oh my!

Finn it Forward race set for Oct. 22

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

The race is on to register for the four-mile run/walk, two-mile walk and four-person inflatable T-Rex relay set to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, in Grosse Pointe Park to benefit the Finn it Forward organization.

“We want to encourage people to register by Friday, Oct. 7, so we can make sure that runners get the right size T-shirt,” said Jamie Baker, president of Finn it Forward. “Registration is open until the day of the event, but the shirt order needs to be placed early.”

The event will take runners and walkers through Patterson Park and throughout the Windmill Pointe neighborhood south of Jefferson. After the race and walk ends, Patterson Park will temporarily become Jurassic Park when the four-person inflatable T-Rex relay starts at 11:15 a.m.

Baker said the race will be a big crowd pleaser. “(The T-Rex relay) will be held on the grassy open space on the hill in Patterson Park,” she said. “We will have our dinos running, weaving, spinning and putting on a show for teammates and spectators alike.”

Registrants can come as early as 9 a.m. the morning of the event to pick up race packets, visit an expansive merchandise table and “scope out the vicious competition,” Baker joked.

In years past, organizers have sent out race



Race participants gather at the starting line under cool fall skies at last year's Finn it Forward race and walk.

packets after the event, but in an effort to save on shipping, packets will be passed out in person this year. Immediately following the competitions, race participants can enjoy a picnic, complete with raffle prizes up for bid and merchandise tables, which will remain open.

“We’ve got some great prizes for our race winners and some really incredible raffle items,” Baker said.

Finn it Forward is a nonprofit organization promoting love, kindness and equality for all. The organization was started in honor of Finn Huston, a 15-year-old sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, who lost his life Oct. 10, 2019, in an accident while he was riding his bike home from work.

Baker, who is Finn’s mother, said the organization was created “to honor (Finn’s) legacy and live out his intentions by promoting random acts of kindness, awarding

scholarships for youth looking to attend Camp 4 All, an LGBTQ Youth camp in the Traverse City area.

According to Baker, the organization has awarded \$18,000 since the its inception to graduating seniors from Grosse Pointe South. It also has provided holiday dinner and wish list fulfillment to families in the Family Preservation Program at The Ruth Ellis Center for the last two years and has provided summer camp

scholarships for youth looking to attend Camp 4 All, an LGBTQ Youth camp in the Traverse City area.

“Last summer they dedicated camp to Finn and now include his artwork on their shirts,” Baker said.

“Additionally, we’ve helped to remodel the youth room at Affirmations, and my dad and brother have donated their time, talent and



A T-Rex relay team prepares to fight to the finish in last year's Finn it Forward race.

materials to repainting the entire Affirmations facility, an LGBTQ community center in Ferndale,” she added. Finn it Forward also has sponsored South’s Science Olympiad, a program Finn was instrumental in starting his freshman year. Baker said the organization is “patiently waiting” for the German exchange program to start again, as that was of great interest to him, but was put on hold due to COVID restrictions.

“These are just the highlights, as we continue to look for ways to carry out the intentions of a life that was so hopeful and vibrant, but cut

tragically short,” Baker said.

In addition to Baker, Finn it Forward board members are Sarah Peruski, Lynn Walsh, Ally Hathaway, Leslie McIntyre, Nicole Zacagnni, Jeremy Huston and Rob Baker.

At press time, sponsors for this year’s race include WunderCarParts, The Zealous Root, The Charlevoix, Lenhard Financial Services, Pearl Planning, Detroit Outpost, Detroit Sails, Global Telecom Solutions and Savvy Chic Boutique.

For more information, visit finitforward.org/. To register for the race, head to finitforward.enmotive.com/.



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From left, Andee Baker, Finn it Forward President Jamie Baker, her father Bill Balis, mom Nancy Balis and son Cole Huston show off a sign for Camp 4 All, created by local tattoo artist and store owner Samantha Wittstock.

BRAWL:

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large student gatherings, we were fortunate to have Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers on site who were able to respond immediately to the situation,” the letter read.

An announcement Murray read over the loudspeaker after first hour Monday, Oct. 3, focused on dispelling rumors that began circulating over the weekend.

“Having so many people in a single space with dimmed lights, loud music and balloons popping made it difficult for many students to have accurate information about what was going on,” the announcement said. “Information began to be passed around that a weapon had been or

could be present at the dance. The Grosse Pointe Woods police investigated that claim with us and we want to assure you that there was no evidence of any student having a weapon at the dance.”

Murray’s announcement also said any rumors of public safety officers drawing their weapons is false, which Kosanke verified.

“No officers drew their weapon,” he said. “We went back through the body cam footage to be sure. It doesn’t help when people who weren’t even there start spreading rumors on social media. It makes things 10 times worse. Social media can be a powerful tool when used correctly, but if not it causes problems.”

Schools reporter Michael Hartt contributed to this report.

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Spirits of the season

Haunted Garage Productions premieres Oct. 7

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since Aug. 3, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Glen Williams and a crew of volunteers have been working hard to transform his property — and the property next door, owned by his parents, Ray and Joan — into Haunted Garage Productions, the family-friendly haunt the community has come to know and love.

“This was my Halloween growing up,” Williams said. “It’s not about terrifying people or blood and gore. It’s about pumpkins and cool theatrical setups.

“I’ve got that old-school mindset of let’s

put on something cool for families,” he continued. “Everybody does Halloween differently. There’s no right or wrong way to do Halloween. This is just our way. And this is a true event we love to put on our schedule.”

What started as a fun way to entertain friends evolved several years ago into Haunted Garage, tours that raise funds for local PTOs and other charities. Nearly every school in Grosse Pointe will benefit from Haunted Garage ticket sales this year, Williams said, as will organizations like Cops for Kids, Full Circle and Kiwanis.

“I saw how the PTOs struggled and tried dif-



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Above, Haunted Garage mastermind Glen Williams stands between an evil doctor and a monster in the making. Right, a witch hovers over a cemetery scene. Below, zombies are a feature in this Haunted Garage scene.

ferent fundraisers,” he said. “That’s why I started this. Hopefully it’s going to be a yearly increase to each school’s budget.”

All ages are welcome to tour the trail, which includes tented scenes featuring aliens, witches, skeletons and other creepy favorites. This year’s haunt includes a new Jurassic Park scene, as well as a new indoor surprise toward the end of the trail.

“The things you’re seeing here aren’t anywhere around,” Williams said. “We’re exclusive on animation and figures. These are hand-built products exclusive to our show. ... I look for really cool, home-built artistry and want to display it accordingly.”

As a family-friendly haunt, Haunted Garage offers a blinking light to guests who may be easily frightened. No-scare lights are respected by staff and actors, who limit their movements and motions when someone with a light approaches.

“I say every year this is the biggest show we’ve ever done,” Williams said. “The trail hasn’t changed, but we try to put as much on the trail as possible. We try to set up as many



scenes and as many figures and animation. ... This will evolve. It’s something hopefully we can continue to build off of.”

One facet of the show that continues to endure is the participation of Williams’ parents, Ray and Joan, both 94 years old.

“I want them to be happy,” Williams said. “Dad loves to stay busy, to tinker, to create, to move stuff and build. Right now he’s at his happiest. Mom loves to get out of the house.”

Joan Williams will return this season to the witches’ scene — “it’s her insistence” — while Ray Williams will run the spider scene.

“They truly enjoy the fact that there’s action,” their son said.

Another faction of volunteers helps Williams operate the production. Ron Carloni, along with Diane and Daris Silcox, construct the scenes; Carloni also handles repairs. Animation is handled by Jim Weime, while Ken Seldon is in charge of the compressors. Steve Robinson handles media and is a liaison with the PTOs, as

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This 10-foot, 6-inch tall snarling monster premiered at last year’s haunt. It is the only attraction of its kind to be made and sold by Distortions, based in Greeley, Colo.



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The Dead Beats band is featured in this scene.

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is Dawn Magnuson, who also handles ticketing. Jamie Hackett runs the social media outlets and Marco Maceri is in charge of the website — he also set up Ticket Leap this year — while Liz Fildew runs concessions. Other volunteers include Teresa Hellrung and Scott Dunham.

“We are trying to run the lowest-price haunted attraction in Michigan,” Williams said. “Maybe it’s not as long as others, but you’re getting way more animation than other haunted attractions. We’re not actor driven. You’re getting more bang for your buck. We care about those details. We care about the product, which is not based on blood and gore or terrifying people.”

This year’s event is sponsored by Scott Adlhoch and Adlhoch & Associates Realty; John

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Haunted Garage Productions is located at 19520 Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms. Hours are 6 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 7 to 30.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$20 VIP, the latter of which allows guests to skip the line.

For more information or tickets, visit the Haunted Garage Productions Facebook page or call (313) 407-7979.

Moross Greenway fall cleanup is Oct. 15

The Moross Greenway Project is looking for volunteers for its annual fall cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15, rain or shine.

Interested volunteers are asked to gather at the corner of Chester and Moross in front of Love Rising Lutheran Church, 21230 Moross, between Chester and I-94. Parking

is off Chester behind the church. Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves and dress for the weather. Boots are recommended as the islands often are wet. Water, trash bags and traffic safety vests will be provided. Volunteers will be focused on two main tasks:

- ◆ Trash collection on the islands

and the entrance and exit ramps of I-94.

◆ Daffodil planting at the entrances of the Moross Greenway. Anyone interested in planting bulbs should bring a shovel.

Board members will be available to guide volunteers and answer questions.

AREA ACTIVITIES

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:

◆ Drawing for Seniors, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, through Dec. 8, with instructor Lorna Braxton.

◆ Egyptian Belly Dance, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, with instructor Stephanie Care.

◆ Release Your Inner Glam, noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, with instructor Rashida Williams.

◆ Flu Clinic, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

◆ Medicare Open Enrollment, Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Schedule an appointment by calling (313) 649-2110.

◆ Body Alignment, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays for beginners and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays for intermediate students. Gwendolyn J. Scales instructs this free class.

◆ Wise Guys conversation group for men, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays.

◆ Conversational French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.

◆ Reiki, 1 to 2 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Digital Downloads 101, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, via Zoom.

◆ Botmasterz—Robot Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Fern Michaels/James Patterson Monthly Book Discussion, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E.

Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The group will discuss Patterson’s “The Ninth Month.”

◆ Botmasterz—Robot Meet & Greet, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Girls Reading, for girls in fourth and fifth grades and their adult mentors, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Doll Head Planters, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The group will discuss “Red Rising,” by Pierce Brown.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Senior Hustle For Health Dance Class, 1 to

2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Hour of Code: Hello World! 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Book Talk and Presentation: “A Fight for Full Disclosure,” 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Draft Guard, 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.

◆ “Learn to Paint Like Bob Ross,” from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. Cost is \$75 per person. Ted Simpson of Nature’s Brush Studio leads the class.

◆ “OU Scholars Series: Dave Dulio,” from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10. Dulio will discuss, “Campaign 2022: Key Dynamics that will shape the Race and Outcomes.”

◆ “Pewabic Pottery—Tile Glazing Workshop,” 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, with an instructor from Pewabic. Cost is \$65 per person.

◆ “Cookie Rookies: Kids Fall Cookie Decorating,” 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 with cookie artist Kara Shall. Cost is \$65.

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Historical Society hosts 'Legends of Grosse Pointe'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Legends, passed from generation to generation, are rooted in fact but also tend to lean toward fiction, especially the longer they're shared. It's up to the listener of such tales to decipher fact from fiction.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is inviting the community to do just that as it hosts "Legends of Grosse Pointe," from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, on the front porch of the society's new home, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

All ages are invited to this open house event, which includes music, dancing and, of course, legends.

"We have a wonderful storyteller, Genot Picor, who can entrance every age in his legendary storytelling," said Suzy Berschback, who is co-chairing the event with Erin Dindoffer. "Genot knows all the local tales and really engages with his audience."

Picor is a professional storyteller, musician, dancer, feature writer and retired public school



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Storyteller Genot Picor will share local folktales during "Legends of Grosse Pointe."

teacher. He has a master's degree in theater arts/interpretive performance studies from Eastern Michigan University and studied voice and movement at the Stratford Festival Theatre, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

"There is always a bit of truth to legends," Berschback said. "Many of the names are names that we have documented in our local history

archives. These stories get handed down one generation to the next and we need to keep sharing them with the next generation or they will die. And they give us a little window into an earlier time in Grosse Pointe and the area, so we can appreciate how different lives were then and maybe count our blessings a little more today. These common stories to our history are

something we all share. We need things today that we can appreciate together, that remind us of our shared history and that we are all neighbors."

During the storytelling event, Historical Society board members will be on hand to assist with tours. Additionally, guests will be treated to a mixed media exhibit inside the center that focuses on

local legends.

Though the building will be open for tours, the storytelling portion of the program takes place outdoors, so guests are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs, as well as refreshments and snacks. Cider and doughnuts will be available, Berschback added.

"Everyone loves a good story and a good storyteller," she added, "so bring some popcorn and the grandkids and a cup of cocoa and learn about our local legends with your neighbors."

Among the legends Picor will share are tales of "The Nun of St. Clair," "Le Lutin," "La Loup Garou" and "The Legends of Windmill Pointe."

"I love all the legends and have tried to do some research on them to find the nuggets of facts they were built on," Berschback said. "As you may know, we used to have old windmills

up and down our shoreline in the 1700s and 1800s. There is a legend about the Windmill Pointe windmill and a brother and sister. One gets ill, one is jealous and there is a bad storm. These are all documented events. The windmill is lost in the lake and many years later is found and now (a piece of it) resides in the center of the Trial Gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. So if you have ever wondered about that grist stone, you will want to come to hear the story."

For more information about "Legends of Grosse Pointe," visit gphistorical.org or email events@gphistorical.org.



The millstone that sits in the center of the Trial Gardens at The War Memorial has a place in Grosse Pointe history.

Women's Harvest Lunch is Oct. 6

Metro Detroit food rescue Forgotten Harvest hosts its annual fall fundraising event, Women's Harvest Lunch. The event takes place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Royal Oak Farmers Market in Royal Oak.

Featuring a coursed luncheon highlighting the

seasonal, nutritious produce Forgotten Harvest distributes through its pantry partners, the event also features a mixology course and drink pairing led by a local mixologist — with alcoholic and non-alcoholic options — as well as additional distinguished speakers and a

networking hour.

Proceeds benefit Forgotten Harvest's efforts to provide fresh, healthy produce that is too often unavailable or unaffordable to those in need through the organization's farm, pantry partners and grocery rescue efforts. Tickets begin at \$100.

An online auction takes place in conjunction with this event, now through Sunday, Oct. 9.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit forgottenharvest.org/womensharvestlunch2022

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SENIOR LIVING

FINANCES AFTER 50

Lessen your financial load and protect your portfolio

A fiftieth birthday is often characterized as a milestone moment. Despite that reputation, upon crossing the half-century threshold, people typically don't feel that much different than they did when they were still a fun-loving 49-year-old. Though there might not be much to distinguish one year from another, 50 is a good time reassess certain parts of life, including finances.

Retirement may still be a long way off for people who are in their early 50s, but around this time thoughts of what retirement could be compel many people to seek ways to shore up their portfolios and reduce their financial load in anticipation of the day when they will no longer be working. These steps needn't be complicated, and there are some simple ways to make sure you are on track.

Conventional financial wisdom has long suggested reducing risk as retirement age draws closer. But a 2021 survey from American Advisors Group found that 18 percent of respondents indicated their intention to work past the age of 70, while another 12 percent indicated they have no plans to ever stop working full-time. Conventional financial wisdom rooted in retiring around the age of 65 may not apply to individuals who intend to work well past that age, but increasingly seniors are opting for jobs that may bring in less cash, but supply more work/life balance and personal satisfaction. That means recently-minted fiftysomethings could benefit from adopting a new perspective on managing their money more closely after they reach 50.



One way to prepare is to address all unsecured debt. Unsecured debt, which can include credit card balances and medical bills, tends to carry higher interest rates than debts that carry a collateral requirement. If possible, people over 50 should pay off these debts immediately or make their best effort to pay extra each month so they are paid off as soon as possible.

It's also important to stop accruing additional debt by resisting the temptation to use credit cards, instead paying with cash or debit cards. Credit card debt is often characterized as a problem for young consumers, but a 2021 report from ValuePenguin found that the median credit card debt among individuals between the ages of 55 and 64 was higher than it was for consumers aged 35 to 44. Paying in cash, whether it's with paper currency or a debit card, ensures you're not digging yourself into debt.



Since housing is one of the most major expenses at any age, it's good to reexamine your housing situation. Adults 50 and over who purchased their home in their late 20s or early 30s are likely nearing the maturity date on their mortgages. If so, paying a little extra toward the principal each month will help you pay off that mortgage a good deal earlier than if you keep paying the same amount you've been paying for years. Though paying extra money each month may not seem like reducing your financial load, it will do so considerably over time. For example, the financial experts at Wells Fargo note that individuals with a fixed-rate mortgage loan of \$200,000 at 4 percent can cut the term of that loan by more than 4.5 years by paying as little as \$100 extra each month toward their principal. Homeowners over 50 who have already paid off a significant percentage of their mortgage loans could reach maturity much sooner if they start paying more toward principal now.

Removing a mortgage payment from your financial ledger by the time you reach 55 could create significant financial flexibility as you get closer to retirement.

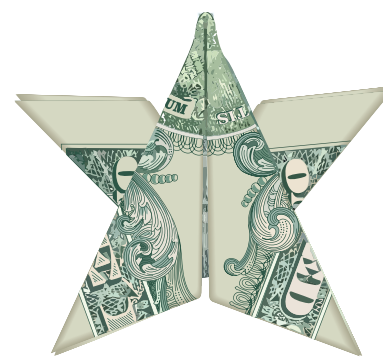
Once you've stabilized your financial load, it's a good idea to work with a trusted financial advisor or fiduciary to ensure your portfolio has the correct balance for your current stage of life. It's important to adjust investments and risk at each major stage of life. That peace of mind can be especially valuable for individuals over 50 who don't have as much time to make up for financial losses as younger people.



Be sure to also monitor the progress of your retirement accounts. Tracking the performance of retirement accounts like a 401(k) and IRA takes on more significance after 50, even for individuals who don't see themselves retiring anytime soon. Monitor how particular investments are performing and reallocate funds if certain ones have not

performed well in some time. Most investments will go up and down, but people over 50 can monitor performance more closely than they used to so they get an idea of which ones are working for them and which could be compromising their ability to enjoy financial flexibility in the decades to come.

Resist the temptation to avoid stocks entirely. A recent study published in the medical journal *The Lancet* found that life expectancy, which has increased dramatically across the globe since 1900, is expected to continue increasing in developed countries in the decades to come. That means people won't only be working longer, but living longer as well. Investors 50 and over can prepare for that longer life expectancy by utilizing the growth potential of stocks even after they hit the half-century mark. Limiting exposure to risk after 50 is still important, but avoiding investment risks entirely could lead to a financial shortfall down the road.



MORE WAYS TO SAVE

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Avoid paying late fees on credit card payments that slip your mind as life gets busy. Going paperless also helps the planet and decreases clutter.

Credit card rewards

For those with good credit, get rid of any credit cards with fees. Many credit cards don't charge an annual fee yet give you generous benefits like points you can use to make additional payments or get gift cards or free travel. Shop around.

Travel off peak

Seniors don't have to worry about planning vacations around school schedules the way families with little kids do. Use that to your advantage by enjoying the savings and lack of crowds at popular destinations off-season.

Plan ahead for gift shopping

Shop early and make a gift list of detailed items within your budget ahead of time. Starting before the rush allows you to take advantage of special sales and deals right up to the holiday.

Plan ahead for Senior Expo USA at the War Memorial

Grosse Pointe seniors have something new to put on the calendar — Senior Expo USA is coming to town at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

The Expo allows seniors an opportunity to connect with dozens of local organizations dedicated to helping community seniors and their families with the latest information on health, financial planning and legal resources and so much more.

Experts will be on hand to answer

questions about important concerns such as Medicare coverage, Veterans benefits, mobility solutions, home care, medical equipment, aging in place, assisted living and home improvement.

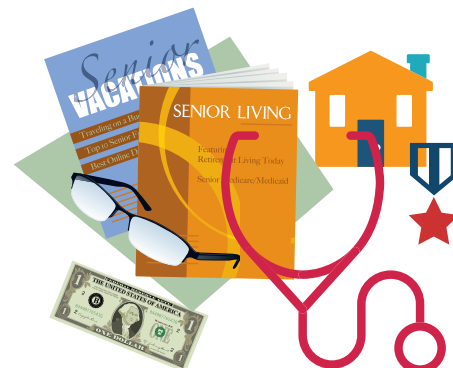
Need the latest information on hearing aids, eye care or physical therapy for yourself, mom or dad? Businesses that specialize in senior needs will be on hand to provide details on state of the art devices and services. Free health screenings will also be available on site.

Seniors looking to travel will find lots of information to plan for their next trip.

Admission is free and free coffee and bagels will be served. Expect to find many giveaways to collect along with all of the great information.

Pre-register at seniorexpousa.com for a chance to win a \$200 Visa gift card and other prizes.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lake Shore Dr. in Grosse Pointe Farms.



THE ENCORE YEARS

Carol Semack: Good-hearted volunteer has colorful and fun bucket list



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Having her picture taken in a fire truck was a bucket list item for Carol Semack, above, that led to a ride in the big red machine and a chance to thank firefighters in person.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Carol Semack is a firm believer in making the most of the time you're given.

"I have a wonderful life," she said. "I tell people, 'Put a smile on your face. If you die tomorrow, are you happy today?' You've got to live for the moment and enjoy it."

She lives by that philosophy daily, making sure to help at least one person each day.

"I try to do one good deed a day, whether that's holding a door open or helping someone put groceries in their car," she said. "I've got to do one good deed a day to feel like the day is complete. My parents had very strong feelings on that. Now my children and grandchildren are doing it."

Daily good works aren't the only trait Semack inherited from her parents.

"My work ethic was instilled in me and my family because of my parents," she said. "It's in my blood."

The 50-year Grosse Pointe Farms resident worked a variety of jobs in vastly different arenas, starting by putting her biology degree to use at Henry Ford Hospital, assisting with dermatology research on lupus. After her first son was born, she became a stay-at-home mom, but

eventually returned to the workforce at Grosse Pointe North High School, teaching students about retail. She followed that with a stint in event planning, then ended her career after 18 years with Comerica Bank, where her workload ranged from estate settlement to executive secretary.

"I've enjoyed every job I've ever had," she said. "And I enjoy what I'm doing now."

While many people settle into retirement, Semack, 77, has done no such thing.

"I manage the George and Elise Fink Foundation," she said. "I pay the bills, write letters, write checks and gather finances for the accountant. And I work for my old boss at Comerica, who writes a weekly outlook on what's happening in the financial world. I get that together. He's 80 years old and still uses a fountain pen on graph paper — and ink smears. I've gotten to where I can read about 90 percent of what he's done."

Semack also volunteers at Full Circle Foundation's Upscale Resale Shop, as well as at The Helm, transporting seniors to doctor appointments.

When she's not working or volunteering, Semack is off finding new adventures. She's been checking off items on her bucket list for some 30 years.

"It gives you something to look forward to," she said.

Items she's already crossed off that list include attending the Olympic Games, going to a Bob Seger concert, whale watching, visiting the Panama Canal, feeding a bear, taking a hot-air balloon ride, touring a decommissioned freighter and more.

"I wanted to go to Tombstone," she said, "so we went to Tombstone and I got a picture with Bat Masterson and Doc Holliday. I always wanted to go to the Grand Canyon, so we went through the Grand Canyon."

Semack recently fulfilled a more local bucket list item during a visit to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department.

"I've always looked at fire trucks and thought they're so clean and immaculate and powerful," she said. "I thought, 'I'd really like to get my picture taken in a fire truck.'"

Grosse Pointe Farms Lt. Thom Dionne helped set up her visit, which took place Sept. 23.

"It was so exciting," she said. "... One of the firefighters told me they'd come over and let me take a ride in the truck."

Semack enjoyed the visit so much, she returned the next day for the department's open house.

"I talked to a lot of them," she said. "I said,

"God bless you all. I have great respect for you."

Her respect carries through to her daily good deeds.

"If I see a policemen or firemen at a restaurant, I pay their bill," she said. "They put their lives on the line and they have children. They could be at a desk, but they're protecting us, so I'll buy their breakfast."

The more items Semack checks off her bucket list, the more she tacks on.

"My thinking is if I do everything on my bucket list, then I'll die, so I keep adding," she said.

Two big ones she'd like to achieve include zip-lining and going to Alaska. She'd also like to visit the Vatican — "That's a big dream" — and Hawaii.

"I would love to go to Hawaii, not for a luau, but to see the USS Arizona Memorial," she said.

In the meantime, the mother of three, grandmother of six and great-grandmother of one is enjoying her days and living them to the fullest.

"You have to love life and that's what I do," she said.

"I have so many friends and I cherish all of them," she added. "If one of them pops in my head, I call them. I may not be here tomorrow and they might not be here either."

"Life's too short. Every day is a gift."

Gotta have friends!

There is nothing like having someone in your life who understands you, enjoys the things you love and always has your back. It's not always a romantic partner who fits that description so perfectly, sometimes it's a good friend.

Psychologists are beginning to understand that socialization in midlife can have a profound positive health impact as people approach their golden years. A 2019 study led by researchers at University College London found that being more socially active in your 50s and 60s predicts a lower risk of developing dementia later in life. The study used data from a previous study that tracked more than 10,000 participants between 1985 and 2013. Participants in the study completed cognitive testing from 1997 onwards. Researchers found that someone who saw friends almost daily at age 60 was 12 percent less likely to develop



dementia than someone who only saw one or two friends every month. Strong associations between social contact at age 50 and subsequent dementia were also uncovered. The study supports the idea that remaining socially active in one's 50s and 60s can benefit long-term cognitive health.

So gather around those pals, buddies, acquaintances and besties, and keep them close. They not only make life more interesting and fun, but will keep your mind healthy as well in the long run.

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OBITUARIES

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Charles Kenneth "Ken" Harle Jr.

Charles Kenneth "Ken" Harle Jr., 90, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022.

A 56-year resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Ken was born Nov. 30, 1931, in Asbury Park, N.J., to Miriam Hepburn Harle and Charles Kenneth Harle Sr. They lived in many states as his father sought work during the Great Depression. The family finally settled in Miami, Fla.

With the beginning of World War II, Ken's family moved to Tucson, Ariz., where his parents were employed making B-24 bombers. After the war, the family returned to Miami where Kenneth completed his public education at Jackson High School. After a short employment at Eastern Airlines, he joined the United States Air Force in 1950.

Ken's military career included schools for aircraft mechanics, aircraft instruments and autopilots. His first assignment was in the Pacific at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii and Kwajalein Island in the Marshall Islands. He completed his four-year enlistment at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

Mr. Harle re-enlisted in the Air Force in October of 1954, and spent the next four years at Selfridge Air Force Base where he met his wife, Marlene Marie Mayer, at a USO dance. The couple were married in August 1957, a union that lasted 65 years. They had two children, Jonathan Edward and Sabrina Louise.

After his discharge in 1958, Kenneth enrolled at Wayne State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Master of Education degree in secondary social studies. After obtaining a teaching certificate, he taught at Cousino High School in Warren for 29 years.

Their search for a home was realized when Kenneth and Marlene discovered their love for antiques and a house they could afford in Grosse Pointe Farms, built in 1894 and upgraded in 1910, only three blocks from Lake St. Clair. Sailing was Ken's ultimate quest. A fresh breeze, on a starboard tack, heading for the St. Clair Light was nirvana.

When he and his wife could no longer safely handle the Tartan 34 Classic, Ken shifted gears and joined the Michigan Fly Fishing Club in 2007, and became a fly fisherman chasing the elusive trout of the AuSable River.

Charles Kenneth is survived by his wonderful loving wife, Marlene; his son, Jonathan Edward (Abby) of Tiburon, Calif.; and daughter, Sabrina Louise of Portland, Ore. He also is survived by his grandson, Nicholas Lockwood Harle and granddaughter, Natalie Donahoe Harle. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Kenneth Harle Sr.; mother, Miriam Hepburn Harle; sister, Marjorie June Harle Pate (Monty); and brother, David Neal Harle.

His death was the result of a melanoma on the heel of his foot that several medical professionals failed to recognize until it was too late. It is a shame his life of 90 years was cut short, for he was otherwise healthy, active and looking forward to driving up north and fly fishing on the AuSable River this fall.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Donations may be sent to the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, 39200 W. Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154.

Nancy Carol Donahue

Nancy Carol Donahue (nee Largent), 89, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, at her daughter's home in Bridgeton, Mo.

Nancy was born in December 1932, in East Detroit, to Jack and Delores Largent. She married John E. Donahue Jr. in 1950; they moved to Mount Clemens where they raised their three daughters. They were married 57 years before her beloved husband passed away.

Nancy worked for 28 years as an administrative assistant at the YMCA, where she created several programs to help those in need. She was active at First United Methodist Church, where she was a member 70 years. She also helped with the warming center and distributed food to the homeless twice a week with her faithful friend, Toshi.

Nancy was president of Mount Clemens Beautification, vice president of the Clinton Grove Cemetery and a member of the Mount Clemens Historical Commission, Crocker House and Bicentennial Committee. She served on the Historic District Study Committee and Affirmative Action Board of the city several years and was active in the March of Dimes and United Way.

In 2014, Nancy was elected "Grand Dom" of the Daughters of Macomb, of which she was a founding member, and in 2019, she received the Local Treasure Award from the city of Mount Clemens. One of her rules to live by was that you should do a good deed every day, but it didn't count if you told anyone.

Nancy loved her family, her many friends, her church, her Eastman Street family, the color green and coffee. She is survived by her children, Sherry McRill (Lannie) of Grosse Pointe, Cindy Sue Donahue of Clinton Township and Georgie Donahue of Bridgeton, Mo.; grandchildren, Megan Schaden (Joseph), Branden McRill (Melissa Fuechtman), Courtney McRill, Adam Donahue (Nikki), Amy Farnham (Sherwood) and Patrick Young (TJ); and great-grandchildren, Marnie, Indiana, Kylee and August.

Visitation took place Oct. 3, at Will &

Schwarzkoﬀ's Funeral Home in Mount Clemens. A funeral service was held the following day at First United Methodist Church in Mount Clemens.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Mount Clemens, 57 SB Gratiot, Mount Clemens, MI 48043.

Maureen Therese Moynihan

Maureen Therese Moynihan, 93, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away of natural causes Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at The Rivers Grosse Pointe.

She was born April 7, 1929, in Detroit, to James Sinnott, M.D., and Eleanor Sinnott (nee Nestor), both now deceased. She was baptized at St. Brigid's Catholic Church and attended Convent of the Sacred Heart, graduating from Visitation High School in 1947, where she was class valedictorian. She attended Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing and worked several years, primarily in polio wards, until she met and married William Michael Moynihan II in 1953. They settled in Gesu Parish in Detroit and had five children: Lucy (Christine D'Arpa) of Champaign, Ill.; William III (Elizabeth Brennan) of Boise, Idaho; Joseph (Kay Douglas) of Bloomfield Hills; Mary (Robert Conway) of Grosse Pointe; and Michael of San Diego, Calif.

After her children were grown, Maureen returned to nursing. She worked well into her 70s as a hospice nurse with Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, being their second hire. She was a determined and devoted advocate for compassionate care for those facing the end of life. Her kind face and gentle manner were the last things hundreds of people saw and experienced before they passed.

She was a voracious reader, talented gardener and superb cook. Maureen enjoyed watching her grandchildren's sporting events while praying the rosary to ensure no one got hurt. She had no patience for unkindness or pretense. As a child of the Great Depression, Maureen was careful, provident and suspicious of monied showiness. She had a huge heart, keen mind and wry sense of humor. She was quiet and not quick to judge.

A treasured memory of which she often spoke was a trip to Ireland with her daughter Mary, granddaughter Clare and twin sister Rose. If there is an Irish section of heaven, her family is confident Maureen is there reunited with her husband and all those who went before her.

She is survived by her four children, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two nephews. Maureen was predeceased by her parents; husband; son, William III; grandson,



Charles K. Harle Jr.



Nancy Carol Donahue



Maureen T. Moynihan



Shirley Ann Sharon



Margaret Claire Astfalk



Rick Bosley

William IV; twin sister, Rose Marie; and sister, Margaret.

The family thanks the staff at The Rivers Grosse Pointe and Custom Hospice for their exceptional care and kindness. Their professionalism allowed Maureen to handle her end of life the way she saw fit.

A gathering will take place Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. until the time of her funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Inurnment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, uofdjjesuit.org; or St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Grade School, stclareschool.net.

Shirley Ann Sharon

Shirley Ann Sharon (nee Sipniewski), 87, of Grosse Pointe Woods and formerly Warren, passed away quietly Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022.

She was born June 1, 1935, in Detroit.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years, Richard James Sharon, whom she met at The Fairmont Creamery Co., of Detroit, where they both worked. One of her greatest joys was raising their three children and later enjoying their grandchildren. Shirley's hobbies included collecting Belleek China, Waterford crystal and cookbooks.

The year she married, Shirley began an annual tradition of baking and delicately decorating festive Christmas cookies. These delicacies have been savored and enjoyed by generations of family and friends as this tradition — and several of the recipes — continues today by her children and grandchildren.

Shirley was the loving mother of Richard Sharon Jr. (Alla), Robert Sharon (Angela) and Debra Mann (Robert); grandmother of Laura Mitchell (Chris), Richard Sharon III (Klodia), Ryan Mann (Kathleen), Lia Sharon, Stacy Jones (Carl) and Andrew Sharon; and great-grandmother of William Mitchell. Visitation was held Tuesday, Oct. 4, at D.S. Temrowski and Sons Funeral Home. A prayer service took place the following day. In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

Margaret Claire Astfalk

Margaret Claire Astfalk (nee Simpson), 92, passed away Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at her daughter's home in Ortonville.

Beloved by a large and extended family, Margaret, or Peggy as she was known to many, was born April 15, 1930, on the family farm in Saranac. Her parents were Harold and Margaret (nee Troy) Simpson.

Last year, Peggy happily attended that same farm's centennial celebration, with her brother Darold Simpson (Anne) and his family still operating the farm. Peggy attended school in Saranac and graduated from Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. After graduating, she went seeking adventure and moved to California with four friends. There, she met her future husband, Edward G. Astfalk.

Peggy and Ed eventually settled in Grosse Pointe and raised a family of nine children: Cathy Simon (Mike), Ed, Dan, Anne Carpenter, Tim (Donna), Martin, John, Chris (Jennifer) and Peter. Peggy also was grandmother to Terry Roberts, CJ Astfalk, Mary Astfalk, Ronald Carpenter, Courtney Pokorney, Jacob Astfalk, Emily Astfalk, John Paul Astfalk, Eveline Astfalk, Maevae Astfalk, Molly Astfalk, Erin Astfalk and Jessica Gregory.

Peggy was great-grandmother to Madelin Roberts, Josephine Roberts, Grant Roberts, Grace Roberts, Charlotte Pokorney, Amelia Pokorney, June Astfalk, Johan Astfalk, Reese Gregory and Knox Gregory. Family was most important to Peggy and she provided them with many treasured memories, including picnics at the park and cross-country road trips.

Peggy also provided care and service to the larger community through her decades of work as a registered nurse. Even after retiring from employment at Bon Secours Hospital — now Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe — Peggy continued volunteering there and enjoyed the many friends she made at the hospital. Peggy lifted up many lives through her nursing and volunteer work.

Peggy's Catholic faith

was a central pillar of her life. She was a member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church for 60 years. All of her children attended St. Clare School. The fellowship she found at St. Clare nourished and sustained her throughout her life.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Chas. Verheyden. A funeral Mass takes place at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state beginning at 10:30 a.m. Internment will be at Saranac Cemetery in Saranac.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to St. Clare of Montefalco School, stclareschool.net. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Rick Bosley

Rick Bosley, 71, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died peacefully Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022.

He was born July 21, 1951, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Carl and Elizabeth Bosley (née Oberlin). He was proud to have graduated from the University of Michigan and to have worked his entire career in the automotive industry.

Rick married Cheryl, the love of his life, in 1977, and together they enjoyed 45 years of marriage, raised two sons and enjoyed trips, family time and the tending of a loving home.

Rick is survived by his wife, Cheryl (née Purcell); their sons, Joshua Beausoleil (Elisse) and Justin; beloved granddaughters, Liesel and Tavi; and siblings, Carl, Raymond and Walter. Rick was predeceased by his brothers, Larry and Teddy; and sister, Donna.

He counted himself blessed by family and friends, and to have opportunities to serve others, with the work of the Capuchin brothers in Detroit being particularly close to his heart.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held Friday, Oct. 14, at Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. with a funeral service at noon. A gathering will occur afterward.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the Capuchins, cskdetroit.org.

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OBITS:

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Jennie Muir

Jennie Muir, 83, passed away Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

A former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jennie was born in Detroit, to Joseph and Santa Grammatico. She attended Nativity of Our Lord High School in Detroit.

Jennie was an integral part of MCI, their family business. She also worked as an administrative assistant at Thyssen Krupp Steel and The League Shop in Grosse Pointe.

Jennie was involved with the Bayview Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Hunting Club. She had a passion for tennis, art and gardening, and enjoyed wildlife and nature.

Jennie was predeceased by her husband, Robert "Bill"; her parents; sister, Frances Horton; brother, Frank Grammatico; and brother-in-law, Daniel Dyer. She is survived by her daughter, Renee Kay; sister, Dianne Dyer; niece, Kelly Dyer; and nephew, Kevin Dyer.

Donations may be



Jennie Muir



Carter Garrett Mann

made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, lls.org/givenow, or the Michael J. Fox Foundation, michaeljfox.org.

Carter Garrett Mann

Carter Garrett Mann, 80, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at his home in Grosse Pointe.

Carter was born Aug. 20, 1942, in Temple, Texas, to Joseph Edward Mann and Mary Elizabeth Carter Mann. He grew up in Princeton, Ky., a town of 5,400 people.

Carter graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., in 1964, with a major in history, a minor in political science and a certificate in secondary education. After

graduation, he became a high school history teacher until deciding to pursue a law degree. Carter graduated from law school while working at American Mutual Liability Insurance Co., in Atlanta, where he started as a trainee underwriter and eventually became a district underwriter manager.

In 1973, Carter joined Johnson and Higgins, a risk management and insurance brokerage firm. Carter's career at J&H, while starting in Atlanta, took him to Birmingham, Ala., and then Detroit, as a vice president. Carter retired from Marsh Inc., in 2007, ending a successful 30-plus-year career in the insurance industry.

Carter married fellow Transylvania alum, Gwen Mather, in 1965. Together

they had one child, M. Elizabeth Mann, who married Ned Johnson in 1997. Carter was the proud grandfather of three granddaughters, Laine, Ashlyn and Sara.

In retirement, Carter was an avid reader and student of history, politics and more. His curiosity and devotion to continued learning never stopped. One of his passions was his volunteer role as a "college selection consultant" for his grandchildren. He helped research and compiled detailed information for his grandchildren to help make the best college selection.

Carter was not only driven and analytical but loving with a profound sense of humor and enjoyed engaging in conversations with others. He will be remembered for his hard work ethic, charm and respect for others — characteristics he passed on to his daughter and granddaughters.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions in Carter's honor may be made to The Helm at the Boll Life Center, helmlife.org; Transylvania University, transy.edu; or Hospice of Michigan, hom.org.

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p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, with cookie artist Kara Shall. Cost is \$65.

Family Center

♦ The Family Center's Community Wellness Series resumes at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Sessions take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, is Yoga with Victoria Birk Hill. Tuesday, Oct. 18, is Yoga with Page Heenan. Tuesday, Oct. 25, is Sound Bowls with Tammy Battista. Email maryjo.harris@familycenterweb.org.

♦ The Family Center offers Preschool Playtime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 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 Narcan Opioid Overdose Rescue Training from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 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.

♦ Parenting Panel Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. A panel of experts will discuss the documentary, "Brain Matters," which is available to watch on YouTube. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Joe Scriplin, director of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, speaks. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20 at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmccattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents "Fabulous Music for the Fall," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The program features violinist Adrienne Ronmack, pianist Maria Meirelles, vio-

linists Velda Kelly and Sonia Lee, violist James Madison, baritone Dan Mihaescu, former Student Leaguer Margaret Wenzel and others. For more information, visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

♦ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, St. Basil Catholic Church, 22860 Schroeder, Eastpointe.

♦ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Veterans

The next meeting of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Veteran's Room at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A presentation about Operation Sunshine, during which the nuclear submarine USS Nautilus traveled under a polar ice cap, will be followed by a round-table discussion. Call John Bates at (313) 881-1125 or Tom Jantz at (586) 772-6703.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the home of member Sandy Magreta for the group's bi-annual "Treasures and Trinkets" fundraiser. The ladies are asked to bring their best treasures to be auctioned off to provide funds for charitable endeavors. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Ford House

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

♦ Poetry Tour, 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

♦ Little Goblins, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, includes trick-or-treating stops, photo ops and a haunt-free wagon ride. Tickets are \$15 per child for members, \$20 per child for nonmembers. Adults do not need tickets.

♦ Big Goblins, 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, includes adult beverages, goodie bags, appetizers and more. Cost is \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Detroit Zoo accredited by AZA

In recognition of its dedication to continuing excellence, the Detroit Zoo has been granted accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, or AZA, the accrediting body for the top zoos and aquariums in the U.S. and eight other countries.

Founded in 1924, the AZA is a nonprofit dedicated to the advancement of zoos and aquariums in the areas of conservation, animal welfare, education, science and recreation. The AZA only accredits institutions that meet the highest standards and are proven leaders in the care and conservation of wildlife and wild places. The Detroit Zoo has been continuously accredited by the organization since 1985.

"I couldn't be more thrilled to make this announcement," said Dr. Hayley Murphy, executive director and chief executive officer of the Detroit Zoological Society. "AZA accreditation ensures adherence to professional standards, drives continuous improvement and demonstrates a commitment to excellence."

To be accredited, the Detroit Zoo underwent a thorough review to assure it has and will continue to meet rising standards, which include animal care and welfare, veterinary programs, conservation, education and safety. The AZA requires zoos and aquariums

to successfully complete this rigorous accreditation process every five years to be members of the association.

"The public expectations for animal care are constantly increasing, as are our own, which is why AZA's accreditation standards are focused on providing the best animal care possible," said Dan Ashe, AZA president and CEO. "Our rigorous accreditation standards evolve based on modern animal research, ensuring a process the public can trust. We applaud and admire these exceptional zoos, aquariums and related facilities on meeting the 'gold standard' for a modern zoological facility."



The accreditation process includes a detailed application and a meticulous on-site inspection by a team of trained zoo and aquarium professionals. The inspecting team observes all aspects of the institution's operation, including animal care and welfare; keeper training; safety for visitors, staff and animals; educational programs; conservation efforts; veterinary programs; financial stability; risk management; visitor services; and other areas. Finally, top officials are interviewed at a formal hearing of AZA's independent Accreditation Commission, after which accreditation is granted, tabled or denied. Any institution that is denied may reapply one year after the commission's decision is made.

During the Detroit Zoo's site inspection, conducted in June, AZA officials noted several points of particular achievement, including Murphy's leadership, the dedication of zoo staff, the expansion of several animal habitats and more.

"While we are pleased with the AZA's assessment of the Detroit Zoo, we are not done," Murphy said. "We plan to continue to move forward and provide leadership in the areas of animal welfare, conservation, education, environmental sustainability and diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility. We look forward to continuing to be accredited by the AZA for years to come."

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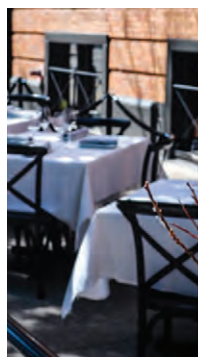
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Belle Isle Nature Center reopens following \$2.5 million renovation

The newly reimagined Belle Isle Nature Center, 176 Lakeside Dr., Detroit, has reopened to the public after being closed more than two years. Since its doors were shut in March 2020, the center, operated by the

Detroit Zoological Society, underwent a \$2.5 million makeover. The center is now home to all-new exhibits and animal habitats designed to celebrate urban wildlife and highlight the intersection of humans,

infrastructure and nature.

“We are so proud of this new facility and, after more than two years of being closed, we are ready to show everyone what we have been working on,” said Amy Greene, nature centers director for the DZS. “We have so many new and exciting features for guests to explore.”

Located on five acres at the northeastern tip of Belle Isle State Park in Detroit, the Belle Isle Nature Center offers unique educational, environmental and natural experiences that help connect people with urban nature. Highlights of the upgraded facility include an expanded mudpuppy habitat, a replica Detroit sewer tunnel and a pollinator area that allows guests to see how bumblebees experience their world.

Now that it has reopened to the public, the Belle Isle Nature Center offers a variety of community and educational programming. For

a full schedule of events, visit belleislenaturecenter.detroitzoo.org.

“The Belle Isle Nature Center is truly unique,” Greene said. “We’ve completely reimagined a new nature center that

puts the focus on urban wildlife. Our intention is to reinforce the connections people have and the spaces they share with the nature that surrounds us. We want people to feel that nature is

where we already are — we just have to notice and appreciate it.”

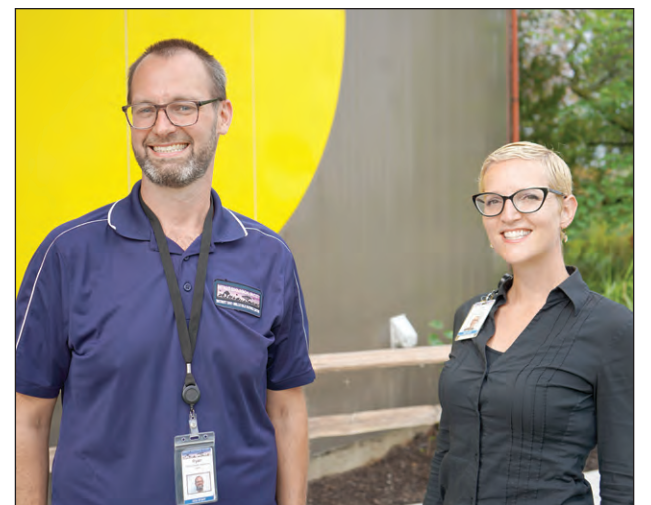
The Belle Isle Nature Center is free for guests to attend and is open daily to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The expanded pollinators area offers interactive elements, including the opportunity to closely observe an active beehive.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Right, DZS Nature Center Supervisor Ryan Vance and DZS Director of Nature Centers Amy Greene have worked behind the scenes to bring the newly reimagined Belle Isle Nature Center to life.



Below, A floor-to-ceiling expansion creates a bird viewing bay that offers an immersive learning experience and helps visitors identify backyard birds.



ASK THE EXPERTS

By Henry Ford Health

How to find the right mental health professional for you

Mental health illnesses are among the most common health conditions in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 50 percent of Americans will be diagnosed with a mental health illness or disorder within their lifetime. That’s why eradicating the stigma around seeking help is so important. But if you’ve never seen a mental health professional before, you might not know where to start. Cathy Frank, M.D., a clinical psychiatrist at Henry Ford Health, explains the difference among psychiatrists, psychologists and psychiatric social workers — and how to know you’re seeing the right person.

1. Psychiatrists are medical doctors. “They go to medical school and complete — at minimum — a four-year residency in psychiatry, so they can diagnose a wide variety of medical and psychiatric illness,” Frank said. They also can prescribe medication to manage a variety of mental illnesses and are trained in a variety of psychotherapies, commonly known as talking therapy.

2. Psychologists can have two different postgraduate degrees. Some have a master’s degree and some have a doctorate degree — generally either in philosophy (Ph.D) or psychology (Psy.D). “Psychologists are not medical doctors,” Frank said. “They can’t prescribe medication, but they have expertise in a variety of psychotherapies. Psychologists with doctorate degrees have specialization in research and psychological and neuropsychological testing. Testing is utilized to clarify diagnostic issues, as well as aid in treatment strategies.”

3. Psychiatric social workers graduate from a two-year master’s program. “They have training in psychotherapy including individual, group, family and marital therapy,” Frank said.

To start your mental health journey, see your primary care doctor.

“Primary care physicians are the main providers of initial mental healthcare in the United States,” Frank said. “They also have the advantage of knowing you, their patient. They can say, ‘These are

symptoms of a mental illness or ‘These symptoms sound like a situational stressor.’ Depending on the mental health complaint and its severity — as well as the patient and family’s wishes — they’ll help find the best referral for you.”

Primary care doctors also can prescribe medicine for mild to moderate anxiety or depression, but if you don’t respond to initial treatment — or if your problem is more complicated — they likely will refer you to a psychiatrist.

Your primary care doctor also may refer you to a psychiatrist if you have co-morbidities, meaning you have more than one health condition. This could mean you have alcohol-use disorder along with severe depression, or heart disease and severe anxiety, or that you’re pregnant with a mental illness.

“Having more than one condition can complicate things in terms of what medications you’ll take,” Frank said. “It will make your case more suitable for a psychiatrist.”

Psychiatrists work in tandem with psychologists and psychiatric social workers to help patients with mental illness.

“Finding the best mental health professional and treatment for you is not a one-size-fits-all approach,” Frank said. “Everyone’s plan should be individualized. While it can seem overwhelming, just start with getting a diagnosis from your primary care doctor and then they’ll refer you to a specialist. Don’t hesitate to make that first step, because most mental health illnesses are very treatable. And treatment can be life-changing — and lifesaving.”

Cathy Frank, M.D., is a clinical psychiatrist and chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Services at Henry Ford Health. For more health and wellness tips, visit henryford.com/blog.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Best friend habitually cancels fun get-togethers

Dear Gabby: One of my best friends keeps ditching me. Every time I invite her to dinner or drinks, she says yes and seems excited, but then bails out the day before or even the day of. I know she's super busy with her job, kids and life in general, but I'm getting annoyed by the last-minute cancellations. How

can I ask her about this without messing up our friendship? — **Bailed on a bunch**

Dear Bailed,

As we get older and have more obligations, socializing and friendships get more complicated. It's unfortunate for you to plan an event and then be left without

plans at the last minute. That is not fair and it's (even if unintentionally) disrespectful of your time and energy.

One idea would be for you to suggest she come up with a date and time to meet up, and see if she's able to follow through.

Another would be to only plan meet-ups with

a larger group, so that everyone else can at least make it.

Maybe she will suffer from FOMO and start joining in. If none of this helps with the situation, I believe a heartfelt phone call would be your best course of action.

Whatever you do, do not express your con-



cern in a text message, where often the tone and intention of your note can be misinterpreted. Honesty and compassion go a long way.

Best of luck to you. Your friendship is worth an honest conversation! — **Gabby**

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointenews.com.

Raising nephew with no help from biological mom

Dear Ann Landers: When my sister remarried two years ago, her new husband did not want to raise her son from a previous marriage. In those two years,

the boy lived with an aunt, a grandmother and an uncle. Now, he is living with me, and I plan to keep him. He is a wonderful, adorable child, and I love him.

The problem is, his mother gets government benefits for this boy. She won't give up the welfare check and refuses to give me some of the money to compensate for raising him. She also claims him as a deduction on her income taxes, yet she is not supporting him at all.

Should I just forget about the money and consider the boy my own, or should I try to convince my sister to take care of him? Your advice would be greatly appreciated. — **Ticked Off in Texas**

Dear Ticked: You say your sister's son is "a wonderful, adorable child" and you love him. His own mother doesn't want him, and you don't know what to do? Forget about his mother's chiseling on the welfare checks. Keep the boy, and consider him a blessing in your life. And please be aware that you are a blessing in that

child's life, as well. If he doesn't know it now, he will later.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently read the letter from the daughter whose mother was lonely, bitter and dependent on her for a social life. You said Mom needed some extracurricular activities. May I make a few suggestions?

I am a 79-year-old widow with the physical disabilities that often come with age. A year ago, my children gave me an old computer. It wasn't too hard to learn, though I confess it was frustrating at first.

Every Sunday evening, our family gets together in a chat room so I can talk to my children, their spouses and my grandchildren, no matter where we are. I've learned to surf the 'Net and can send electronic musical greeting cards to nieces and nephews.

They also send me interesting and funny things to let me know they are thinking of me. I am having so much fun, there is no time

to be lonely.

If that mother doesn't want a computer, she may be interested in tracing her family genealogy and collecting family photographs. Last Christmas, I sent my children an album of their childhood pictures, awards and report cards. They said it was their favorite gift.

Being alone can be depressing, if you let it. I keep my aches and pains to myself and never criticize. I just listen, smile and pray a lot. — **Cyber Grandma**

Dear Cyber Gram: You sound like my kind of woman: No leaning on others to entertain you; you entertain yourself. Your closing mantra is a pearl of wisdom. Four cheers, lady!

Dear Ann Landers: My father recently passed away. He was 95. Right up to the end, his mind was active, and he was alert and aware.

My sister and I were at

his bedside, along with my father's wife. For several days, my stepmother insisted on whispering into Dad's ear that it was OK to die, OK to let go. She urged him "to follow the light."

To me, it sounded like she was telling him to give up and get it over with. I found this offensive and disturbing. When I told her how I felt, she insisted she only wanted to make things easier for Dad. What do you say? — **Bob in New York**

Dear New York: At 95, I doubt that anything she said to your father would have made much difference one way or the other. It sounds to me as if the real problem is an undercurrent of hostility between you and your stepmother. Give it up, and let your father rest in peace.

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Wife fights losing battle versus husband and his mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband inherited a nasty habit from his mother. He calls people "crazy" to discredit them so he can win arguments and stifle discussion.

I have told him it's lazy to pass judgment on someone that way. It also shows the world how ignorant he is, because he thinks he'll win every argument by playing the crazy card — a personal attack.

I think it's immature and immoral to take advantage of others'

bias against mental health issues. He has done it to me in front of people. I have said, "You wish!" right back at him. It has reached the point that I think he's character deficient.

His misogyny is exhausting to fight. His mother is even worse. She throws in her armchair diagnosis, which is always "schizophrenia."

My husband's argument is an emotional one and too pervasive to enjoy time with him.

Any idea how I can fight these below-the-belt punches? — **DEFINITELY NOT "CRAZY"**

DEAR DEFINITELY NOT CRAZY: That shouldn't be too hard. When your husband acts this way, don't engage with him. Ignore his comments, leave the room or the house. Spend less time with him and NO time with his mother. And while you're doing that, ask yourself why

you tolerate the disrespect you're receiving from both of them.

DEAR ABBY: My brother is old enough to work on the farm, but he refuses. He goes to school, comes back angry and doesn't like to be told what to do. Everyone has to work except him. We have tried time and time again to get him to help out. We appease him, but he only gets worse. How can we get him to develop good work ethics? It hurts when we ask him to do something and he gets angry and starts swearing. All we want is for him to help out. — **GOOD WORKER IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR WORKER: I wish you had been clearer about who "we" is. If it's you and your siblings, there isn't much you can do to teach your brother the lessons he needs to learn.

However, if it's your parents you are referring



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

to, there is plenty THEY can do to set rules and enforce them while their son lives under their roof. Hint: It involves rewards for good behavior and consequences if he is disrespectful and noncompliant.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were dating, he introduced me to the sport of cycling. Before that, it had just been a means of transportation. A few years of training later, it turns out I'm actually pretty good at it. I have been on the podium three times this year, but he has not. He is definitely jealous. Should I stop competing? — **BICYCLE GAL IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR BICYCLE GAL: A man who loves his wife wants to be the wind beneath her wings, not an anchor around her ankles.

You should not have to give up something at which you excel in order to salvage your husband's childish ego.

Rather than give you heartburn for your success, he should be praising you for your progress. Shame on him.

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An earthy fall soup

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This soup absolutely brings me back to my childhood and is so fitting for our current weather. Earthy mushrooms and sweet paprika make the best of friends.

Dried dill and sour cream join the party to make the most luxurious fall soup ever.

There is a place in Windsor, Ontario named the Blue Danube. I remember going there as a child and eating Hungarian mushroom soup, then sleeping on chairs pulled together while my parents finished eating.

I researched the restaurant and think the owners changed and unfortunately they don't make the soup anymore.

It's a hearty and heartwarming bowl of goodness that you want to eat in front of a fire on a cold day. Sour cream makes it extra special.

This soup is hard to find but is an absolute treasure. For all you mushroom lovers out there, this recipe will take you to your happy place.

Cheers, Mombeau

Hungarian Mushroom Soup

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| | 1 cup milk |
| | 3 tbsp flour |
| 1lb assorted mushrooms, sliced | 1 tsp each salt and pepper |
| 4 tbsp butter | |
| 2 cups chopped onion | |
| 2 tsp dried dill | |
| 2 tsp sweet paprika | |
| ½ dry white wine | |
| 1 tbsp soy sauce | |
| 3 cups chicken broth | |



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In a large soup pot, begin by sauteing the sliced mushrooms and onions for about 10 minutes in the butter.

You want to make sure all of the liquid has evaporated from the vegetables for maximum flavor.

Next, add the dill and paprika and stir until the spices combine. Pour in the wine, soy sauce and

chicken broth. Bring the soup to a simmer for 10 minutes. In a medium bowl, whisk together the milk and flour until totally combined. Add to the simmering soup and stir again to combine. This is the thickening agent. It should thicken in about five minutes. Plate up and serve with an extra dollop of sour cream and fresh parsley, if you so desire.

'Earliest ever' wine harvest due to record heat and drought in 2022

In the last two decades, no one has done more instant adjusting to life's meteorological vicissitudes than a California winemaker.

year has been as wild a ride as most winemakers have ever seen.

Harvest time worldwide always is hectic. Many things go on at the

play minor roles, but one grape dominates.

By contrast, most U.S. wineries produce several different wines: chardonnay, pinot noir, grenache,

high heat caused reds to ripen earlier than some whites, an anomaly. In 2022, all bets were off after the second week of September, when an outrageous four-day heat event (110 degrees plus) created all sorts of headaches for growers and winemakers.

What appeared to be a normal year through mid-August shifted by early September. A week later, the heat dome that slammed northern California vineyards played havoc with expectations and ripening cycles. The vintage went from normal to frenzied.

My phone chats with winemakers were brief. Most ended with, "Sorry, I'm really busy!" Followed by a rapid hang-up. No goodbyes. All said the same thing. They were trying to figure out what was happening in the vineyards. Scant field reports led to guesswork. More often than not, winemakers told me, "We just don't know."

One winemaker who has made wine in Europe said overseas harvests are easier: "They only have to deal with one grape," he said, adding, "I haven't had much sleep and when the grapes finally do come in, I'm just glad things aren't worse."

All anybody wants now is for fermentations to finish so wines can be moved into tanks, barrels or bottles.



One blessing was a spot of rain.

Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties typically get about a half-inch of rain in mid-September. Global climate change altered that pattern, but rain returned, providentially, on Sept. 17. Most areas received between 0.5 and 1.5 inches, allowing some vineyards to return to normalcy.

Before all the grapes are in for the year in Northern California, the early word is that the frost of last April reduced the crop size by about 30 percent. But what's already in looks terrific.

Wine of the Week:

2015 Harlow Ridge Petite Sirah, Lodi, California (\$11): This grape variety typically produces a dark, fairly tannic red wine, but here the winemaking team at Bronco Wine Co. crafted a lovely example of deep fruit with no excessive astringency. Flavors of plum and blackberry lead the way, and the after-taste is perfectly structured to pair with food. Occasionally seen for less than \$9.

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Erratic weather events, including climate change, have altered normal winemaking strategies and an early harvest this year compressed everything absurdly.

The 2022 Northern California wine grape harvest is roughly 80 percent concluded and September has just ended. To hear winemakers talk about it, it's been a stressful and aggravating picking period.

Outsiders say it looks like chaos. Insiders say it's!

Living in wine country, I just witnessed my 38th consecutive harvest and have heard about "harvest havoc" annually since the late 1990s. This

same time, usually at all hours. So, there's little time for sleep, regular meals or much else, which is one reason many winemakers and cellar workers develop what's often called a "crush beard."

Raggedy facial hair is a result of no time to shave. Crush beards are so widely cultivated that many winery workers keep one year-round.

Annually, the grape harvest in this country differs from most European regions, where one or two grape varieties are harvested, limiting picking hecticness. In France's Loire Valley, the primary variety is sauvignon blanc. Other grapes

zinfandel, cabernet, merlot and more. Different grapes ripen at different times. Whites usually come in first and reds arrive later.

Logistically, it's hard to crush red wine grapes early in the year while white wine grapes remain to be picked. That's because you have to work hard to keep grape crushing equipment from imparting any red color to later-picked whites. Erratic harvests often lead to more cleanup work.

One thing global climate change has done in California is to alter how grapes ripen. In several unusual cases this year,



Drought causes smaller grapes with more concentration and deters diseases such as mildew. But the downside of a lack of water and 100-degree temperatures is lower-than-normal yields and thus less wine to sell.

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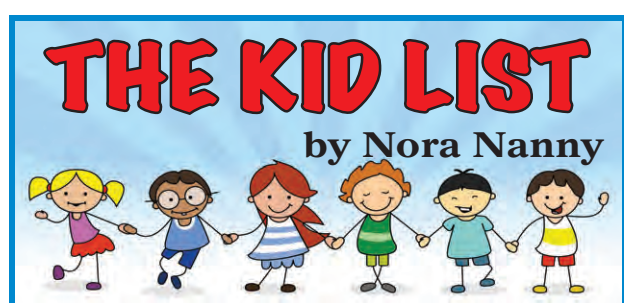
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A few weeks ago, the kids and I spent a few days in Lansing for a tennis camp. After camp each day, we had a few hours of downtime before dinner to explore Michigan State's campus and the surrounding areas.

At first, I was a little concerned that everyone would be "sooooo bored" by our first afternoon in Lansing. I was pretty unfamiliar with the area so I called a family friend who lives nearby to give me some suggestions on

the best places for kids.

Luckily, this particular friend is a retired kindergarten teacher who literally knows all of the coolest and best spots for kids. One of her top recommendations was the Impression 5 Science Center. She described the facility as being full of different science, nature, sports, and water exhibits for kids. I bought our tickets on the spot and the next morning, we were heading to Impression 5.

When we walked inside the building, I was immediately impressed. There are two floors of dif-

ferent areas that are filled with materials for kids to touch, build, and play with.

On the first floor, there is a huge water room where children can build and test their own sailboats, explore the science of a vortex, and play with water jets.

In the adjacent room, kids had the opportunity to make and throw paper airplanes to perfect their pitching form and blast targets with an air cannon. Sounds fun, right?!

There is an entire room filled with bubbles, an area with dozens of foam blocks, a room to explore the electromagnetic

spectrum with a huge Light Brite board, and more! We had the most fun directing sailboat races in the water room, and spelling our names on the gigantic rainbow board.

The kids were able to learn about sea creatures, healthy and unhealthy foods, and even the composition of an atom.

This place is AMAZING. We loved this hands-on museum so much that we came back again the next day. The kids were actually begging to visit Impression 5 again.

The staff was super nice and helpful, everything is clean and sani-

tary, and they even have coffee. I think this would be the perfect family day trip. We spent 3-4 hours there and wish we would've had more time. It's great for kids of all ages, and parents might learn something there too!

While Lansing isn't a usual destination for us, this hands-on museum was absolutely incredible and definitely something every parent and caregiver should know about.

Adults and children over 2 years old are \$12 per person, while children under 2 are free. If you are planning a fall day trip, consider Lansing as one of your potential destinations!



EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

» **2nd Annual "Just Ask" Health & Fun Fair**
Eastern Market,
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
2934 Russell St.

» **The A to Z of Acrylics with Valerie Allen**
6:30-8 p.m.
GP Art Association
32 Lake Shore Dr.

» **Alexander Zonjic**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **Digital Downloads 101**
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.
grossepointelibrary.org

» **Gopher Broke**
Cadieux Cafe, 7-7:30 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd.

» **Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River
Avenue, 1 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **In the Pink! 2022**
The Village, Downtown
Grosse Pointe, 5-7 p.m.
Kercheval between
Cadieux & Neff.

» **Lizzo**
Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

» **Masquerade for the Stacks**
Offsite, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
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» **Michael Palozzolo Quartet**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

» **North vs South Field Hockey**
5-7 p.m.
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd

» **Ribbon Cutting for Grounds for Belief Community Church**
28400 Little Mack Avenue,
4:30-5:30 p.m.

» **Senior Expo 2022**
Assumption Cultural
Center,
12 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
21800 Marter Road.

» **St. Clair Shores Farmers Market**
Blossom Heath Park,
5-9 p.m.
Jefferson Ave. south of 10
Mile Road.

» **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.
20680 Mack Ave

» **The Village VIP Holiday Preview Pop-Up**
The Village, Downtown
Grosse Pointe, 7-9 p.m.
17101 Kercheval.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

» **Alexander Zonjic**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **Demi Lovato**
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.

» **Detroit Cocktail Classic 2022**
Eastern Market, 6-10 p.m.
2934 Russell St.

» **Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River
Avenue, 5:30 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **South vs. Lakeview - Homecoming Football Game**
5-7 p.m.
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

» **12th Annual Men's Health Event**
Ford Field, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
2000 Brush St..

» **Alexander Zonjic**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **Monthly Book Discussion**
Ewald Branch,
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Harper Woods Creatives Festival**
Salter Memorial Park,
12-4 p.m.
19430 Harper Ave.

» **Immersive Klimt Revolution**
Lighthouse ArtSpace
Detroit,
10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E Grand River Ave.

» **Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River
Avenue, 5:30 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Social District events**
St. Clair Shores Social
District, 5 p.m.
Mack Avenue between
Cavalier Drive and Nine
Mile Road.

» **St. Clair Shores Farmers Market**
Blossom Heath Park,
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jefferson Ave. south of 10
Mile Road.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

» **Disney Junior Live On Tour: Costume Palooza**
Fox Theatre, 4 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.

» **Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River
Avenue, 5:30 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **King Princess**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

» **An Evening with Michael Bublé**
Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

» **Blues Jam**
The Cadieux Cafe,
8-11 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd..

» **Boat Handling and Marine Navigation Class**
7-9 p.m.
788 Lake Shore Dr.

» **Girls Reading**
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River
Avenue, 1 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.
20680 Mack Ave

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

» **7th & 8th Grade Book Group**
Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Middle School Book Group - 7th/8th**
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom**
Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.
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» **Storytime with Miss Melissa**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Tuesday Night Book Discussion**
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

» **Doll Head Planters**
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
15175 E. Jefferson Ave..

» **Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel**
Woods Branch,
10:30-11 a.m.
20680 Mack Ave

» **Sarah DeAngelo**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
97 Kercheval.

» **Science Fiction Book Club**
Woods Branch, 7-8 p.m.
20680 Mack Ave

» **Tasha Page-Lockhart live at "The Historic Bailey Cathedral"**
The Bailey Cathedral,
7-10 p.m.
7045 Curtis St.

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

Grosse Pointe Fall Book Review:

'Hotel Nantucket' by Elin Hilderbrand

By Renee Landuyt
Special Writer

There, it's done. The last sentence is read.

I moved through this book much slower than I normally would have. If I'd gotten this book from the library, I would have probably inhaled it in two, maybe three days at most. But I didn't get this book from the library. It was a gift from my friend.

I like this author. It's a beach read and a mind escape, but the author also gives her characters enough depth to keep you interested enough to want to know what's going to happen next on Nantucket. This author, Elin Hilderbrand, is an Nantucket resident and her books — all 28 of them — take place on

Nantucket. This story is about a hotel on Nantucket that has quite the history, but sat in ruins until a London billionaire decided to purchase and remodel it in hopes of getting an exclusive five-key review. No other hotel has ever gotten that — they've only received four keys at most — so five out of five keys is coveted.

This book was special to me because it was a gift, hot off the presses, purchased at a bookstore in Nantucket and signed by the author. It also came with a bookmark like the "do not disturb" door hanger you put on your door when staying at a hotel. It also came with a key ring that looks like some-

thing attached to a retro motel key.

So, I didn't read this one fast; I read it slowly. I wanted to savor it, because when you get to the end you feel like you were there with the people who worked in the hotel and on the island. They became familiar in a way, as though you are observing their lives. In the characters, you see who's good, who's trying, who's making amends for a wrong, who's learning about themselves and who's standing up and growing.

I once was the manager of the concierge floor at a Marriott Hotel and reading this novel about a hotel took me back to those days. I loved it.

In this book, the hotel general manager of the newly renovated Hotel Nantucket is Lizbeth Keaton. She's looking for a fresh start. She had her heart broken by her boyfriend, the man she ran a restaurant with, lived with and loved at the same time he dallied with a wine rep. Heartbroken, she comes back in a big way and makes a success out of the hotel, which has its own heartbreaking history.

In the early 1920s, a fire killed a chambermaid named Grace. She was locked on the fourth floor by a jealous woman who felt that way because her husband was having an affair with the chambermaid. But nobody at the time realized the wife had killed Grace, so Grace has been stuck as a ghost at this hotel ever since and has witnessed many things taking place there.

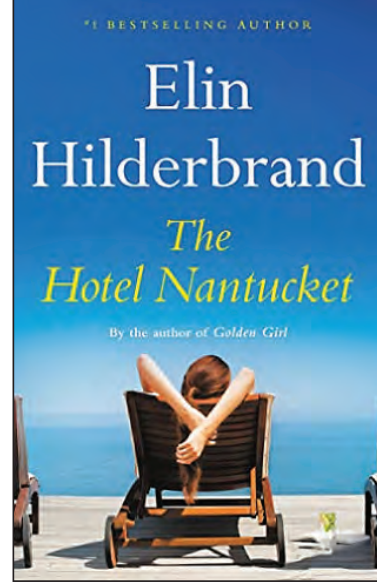
A woman with her two

kids and their dog come to stay for the summer and it's the young girl, Wanda, who is intrigued by the harmless ghost, so she writes a story, which the local newspaper prints.

who come and stay and the people who come to work there, each with their own story. One of the employees who leads a secret life, one who people think is bad, ends up going on to do good things. Another employee comes from a wealthy background and causes something tragic to happen, but works hard to make it right. Someone who works there and who's very good at her job turns out to be a lot more than people thought.

I want to tell you more about the characters, but I don't want to give anything away. Hilderbrand's books usually are on a long hold list at the library. If you like a good beach read or just need an escape into other's lives in a story, check out her new book, "Hotel Nantucket."

And if there's a long list of people waiting to read it, start with any one of her others.



The story intrigues so many people that the hotel experiences full occupancy, and newspapers and news stations from all over the U.S. pick up the story.

In the book, you read snippets about the guests



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Left, Leo Long as Stevie and Ed Skrein as Vince in the 2022 movie, "I Used to Be Famous" directed by Eddie Sternberg.

Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin



★★★★☆

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.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-

well tour. He's a bit reluctant to help Vince out. And Stevie's dream is to attend music school.

The film takes a few jabs at just how jaded the music biz is. There are several side stories that add to the drama. Vince has a strained relationship with his mother, which is explained later in the movie. And Stevie and his mother are involved in a drum therapy group that meets at a local church.

Vince ends up participating with the interesting mix of folks, and it's some of the more engaging parts of the film.

each have dreams that propel them forward. Vince is trying his hardest to return to the fame of his youth. To that end, he contacts a former band mate Austin (Eoin Macken) to help him out. Austin is still thriving in the music biz and is about to launch a fare-



From left, Leo Long and Eleanor Matsuura as Amber.

MOVIE REVIEW "I Used to Be Famous" 2022 - TV-14 1 hr 44min

I had this preconceived notion of what "I Used to Be Famous" was going to be about. It was going to be one of those cheesy "riches to rags to riches" stories, filled with all sorts of clichés. Well silly me for being such a cynic! It actually turned out to be a charming, well-done little film that is sure to put a grin on your mug.

A lot of the credit to this film's success is due to its stars. Vince is played by Ed Skrein ("Dead Pool", "Game of Thrones") and the first starring role for the young and talented Leo Long who plays Stevie.

The story begins in the recent past where Stereo Dream, a boy band, is getting ready to take the stage. Think One Direction or Boyz II Men. They come out and are greeted by a thunderous applause and break into one of their overproduced numbers.

Cut to 20 years later. Vince is now a down on his luck musician, trying desperately to make a comeback. He hauls his ragtag collection of keyboards and amps to a South London open-air produce market and performs.

While busking, he hears someone drumming along with his music. He discovers it's Stevie, a shy teenager, who's banging on a park bench with his drumsticks. Vince is so taken with his playing, he invites him to collaborate and perform together. In spite of their age difference, the two become fast friends, due mainly to their love of music.

It turns out that Stevie is autistic. In fact, Leo Long is actually neurodiverse in real life. His mother Amber (Eleanor Matsuura) is very protective of him and is a bit wary of Vince's intentions. However, she reluctantly lets him team up with Vince, and it's their friendship that is the crux of the film. They



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North homecoming parade

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



North's Color Guard leads the homecoming parade behind the Grosse Pointe Woods fire truck.



Beth Rainbolt, Katie Zemenick and Molly Westerman hold up Fan Faces featuring Peggy Bonbrisco's face. Bonbrisco, student activities director at Grosse Pointe North High School, was the grand marshal of the parade.

The freshmen class created a SpongeBob SquarePants float.



The sophomore class float was called "Bubble Guppies."

Phineas and Ferb starred on the junior class float.



The Mystery Machine took center stage on the senior class's Scooby-Doo-themed float.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 9 a.m. EDT today (6 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Pisces.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022:

You are a spontaneous adventurer who is alive and dynamic. You crave a strong spiritual connection with someone. Simplicity is the key to this year. It's time to take charge of your health. Physical exercise is important. Get organized and work hard for your own benefit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Today's a bit of a mixed bag. No matter -- you can still have a positive, upbeat day! Your involvement with friends and partners will be pleasant, friendly and rewarding. However, some of you might choose to be on your own in a private way. Tonight: Solitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Relations with co-workers and customers are positive today. You will enjoy playful times with children and younger people. A conversation with a female acquaintance could be important and meaningful because this is a warm, wonderful day to relate to everyone. Tonight: Be friendly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
This is a romantic day! You feel playful, energetic and ready for fun! Social outings, sports events and fun times with children will be tops on your menu. It's a great day for a date, a lunch appointment or to meet the gang for happy hour. Tonight: You're admired.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
This is a great day to entertain at home, because you will enjoy hosting friends and family. You're full of ideas and eager to share your thoughts with someone. Similarly, you might explore real-estate opportunities. Tonight: Explore!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Get out there and fly your colors today! Take short trips. See new places and meet new faces, because this is a fabulous day to schmooze. You will enjoy the company of friends, relatives and neighbors, which is why you should make some plans to have fun! Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Because your ambition is aroused, you're assertive. Furthermore, this week you have a strong focus on earnings, cash flow and shopping for beautiful things. As you juggle your life for these events, take time today to socialize with someone close to you. Tonight: Cooperate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
This is a fabulous day for any social occasion. Make a point to meet someone for breakfast, lunch, dinner, happy hour -- you name it. Hang out in your favorite coffee place. A new romance will flower for some of you. The main thing is to get out and socialize with someone. Tonight: Get organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You will enjoy hanging out with younger people today. In fact, these interactions will make you feel younger. They also might influence your approach to future goals. Meanwhile, look for ways to amicably resolve disputes about

insurance, shared property, inheritances and jointly held property. Tonight: Socialize!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a kind of day when you will enjoy socializing! You will enjoy sharing your ideas. You want to hear what others think. You want to talk to people, especially creative, artistic types. You also will enjoy interacting with groups and organizations. (Go for the gold!) Tonight: Cocoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This is a fabulous day to schmooze with others, because you are admired and respected. (Who doesn't like to be held in regard?) Today you impress authority figures and bosses, some of whom might be the object of a romance or saucy flirtation. You have a strong need to communicate today. Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Grab every opportunity to socialize today, because you will enjoy meeting and talking to others, especially people who are "different." Sporting events, musical performances, the theater, movies, conferences, meetings, parties and fun get-togethers will delight you! Tonight: Monitor your money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You are pumped today! Because the Moon is in your sign, your emotions are running high, and so is your good fortune. Financial negotiations favor you, along with socializing and enjoying the company of others. Tonight: You rock!

BORN TODAY
Actress Elisabeth Shue (1963), actor Jeremy Sisto (1974), actor Ioan Gruffudd (1973).

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♣ A Q J 8 3

The bidding:

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| East | South | West | North |
| Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass | 2 ♦ |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT |
| Opening lead — six of hearts. | | | |

When declarer takes a finesse, he usually hopes it will win, but there are occasions when he actually hopes it will lose. Here is an example of such a situation. Declarer wins East's queen of hearts with the ace and should conclude that the best play at trick two is to lead a low diamond and finesse the jack.

If East has the queen and takes it, South acquires 10 cast-iron tricks, since he can later overtake the king of dia-

monds with the ace and run dummy's suit. This is the reason South hopes the diamond finesse will lose.

Leading a diamond to the jack also wins if West was dealt Q-x. When South later leads the king and West's queen appears, he can overtake the king with the ace and so score six diamond tricks.

But let's assume that, as in the present case, East has the queen of diamonds and is shrewd enough not to take the jack with the queen at trick two. In that event, declarer next leads a club from dummy and finesses the queen. (This time South hopes the finesse will win.)

When the queen holds, declarer leads the king of diamonds and overtakes it with the ace. He then finesses the jack of clubs, cashes the ace and continues with a club. East takes the king and cashes the queen of diamonds, but South finishes with 10 tricks consisting of two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

Note that if declarer starts by playing the king and another diamond to the jack, losing to East's queen, he is in serious trouble and eventually goes down one or more tricks. The first-round diamond finesse is easily the best play, as it assures two entries to dummy if the finesse wins and five diamond tricks if it loses.

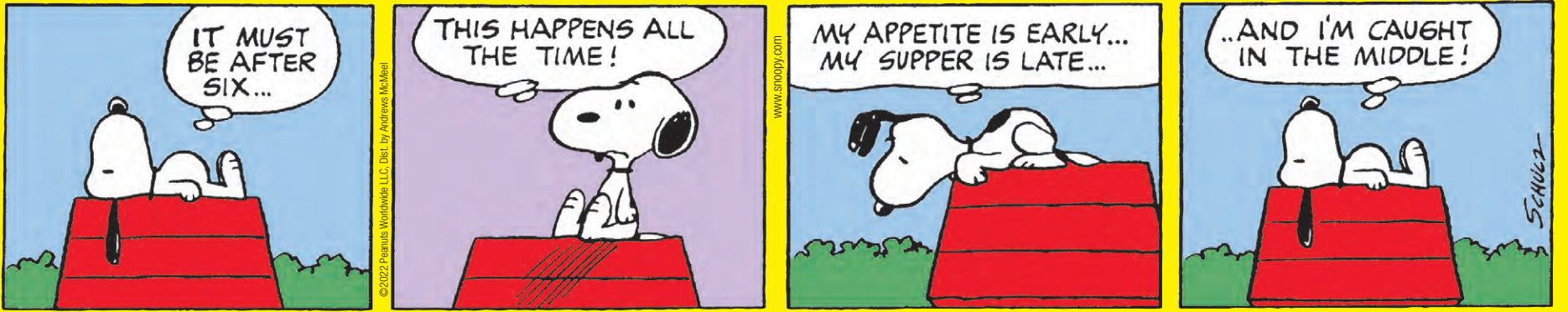
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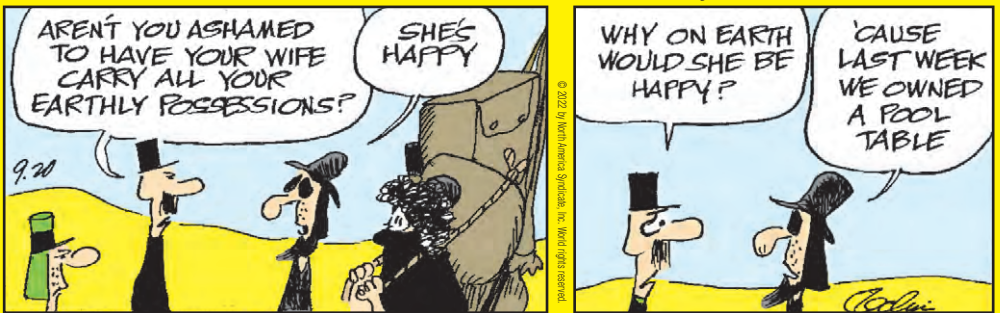
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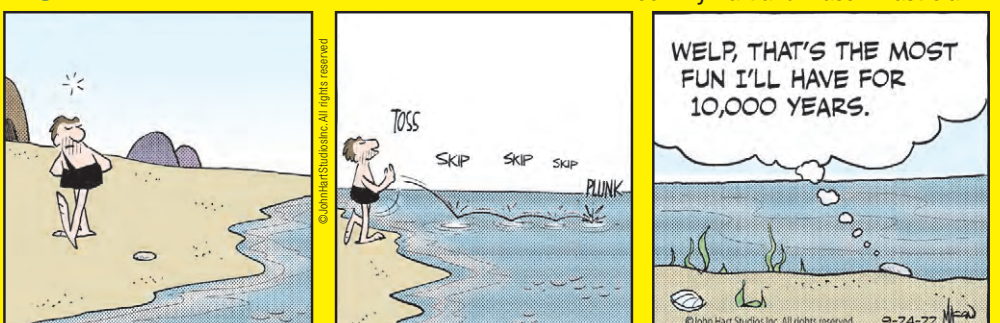
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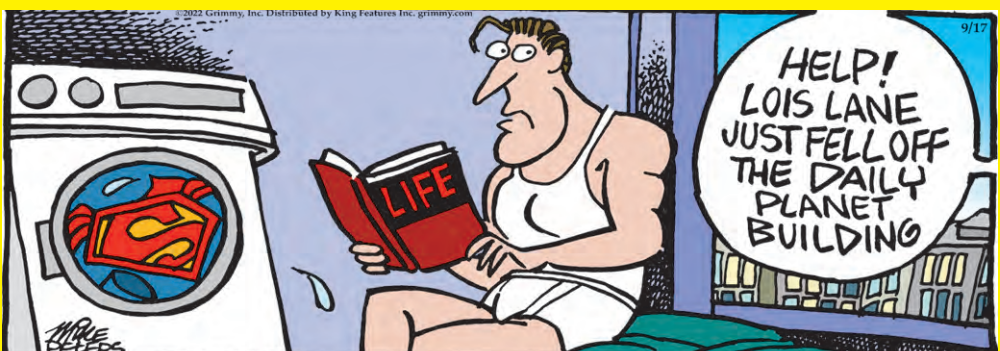
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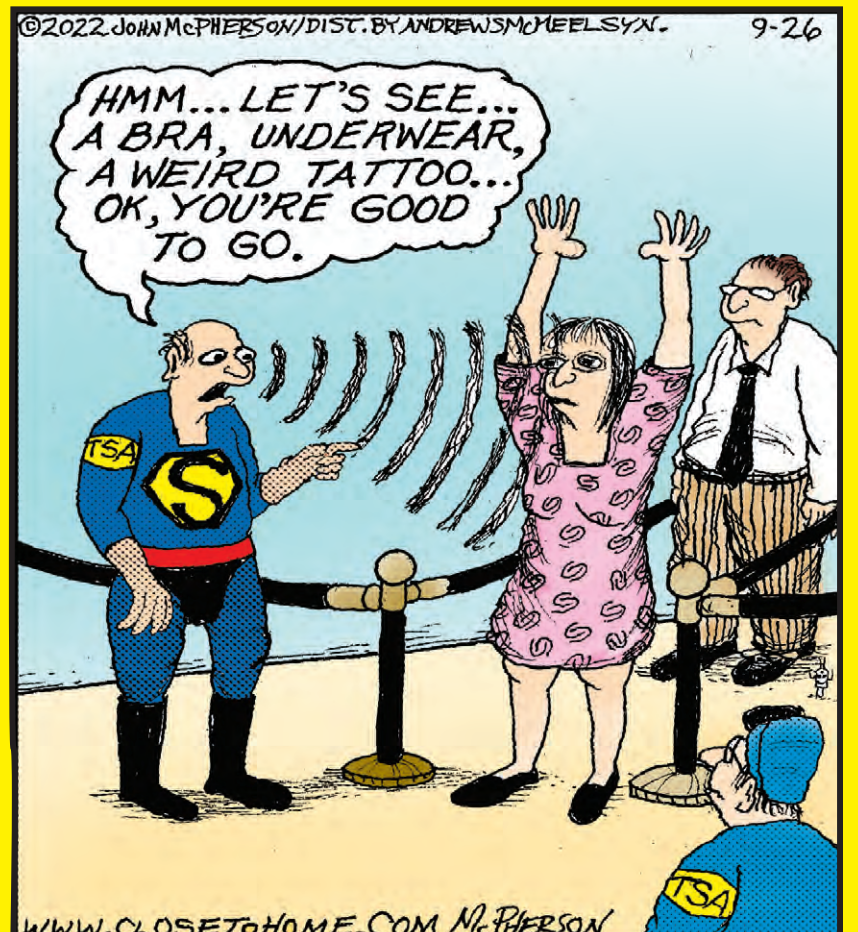
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South swings its way to MAC Red title

By Meg Leonard
 Associate Editor

Golfers from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools teed off in the MAC Red Championship last Thursday at Lochmoor Club, with the Blue Devils raising the tournament trophy, conquering the divisional field in convincing fashion.

South finished with a team score of 368, followed by Port Huron Northern (403), Dakota (414), Eisenhower (475) and North (516).

Blue Devil Freshman Lyla Hampton was the tournament's overall medalist, finishing first among 29 golfers, shooting an 82 on the day. She beat second-place finisher Elizabeth Hermann, of Dakota, who shot a 90.

South head coach Shaun Hampton credits much of his team's success thus far to assistant coach Samantha Troyanovich, a professional golfer on the Epson Tour. Troyanovich, who is out this season with an injury, is helping refine the Blue Devils' short game.

"Sam is a big asset," Hampton said. "We have



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN STIYER

South girls varsity golf celebrates a MAC Red tournament victory on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Lochmoor Club.

made dramatic improvements in our short game. We have put in a lot of work on our putting and chipping."

North's Rita Shemmai led all Norsemen with a 106, finishing just shy of a Top 10 finish at the No. 12 spot. Morgan McIntyre finished 20th overall with a 124.

Both South and North headed to the 13-team Division 2 regional after press time Wednesday at Pine View Golf Club in Ypsilanti. Each squad has goals in mind as they prepare for the postseason.

North head coach Greg Normand said his team is on an upward trajectory.

"We head into (regionals) with the hopes of continuing our improvement," he said via email. "The team has dropped 40 shots from their team score in the last month for 18 holes and have made great progress over the last two weeks. We started the season slow and we are young, inexperienced and in some cases, just began playing golf, but these young women have worked hard to improve

and we look forward to a mid-field finish at the regionals."

Normand said Shemmai, North's team captain and lone senior, should like the Pine View Country Club layout.

"I think if Rita can play conservative and thoughtful golf, she can manage this course and qualify for state finals," Normand said. "She's worked really hard the past two months on her short game and the scores have been coming down."

Shemmani will have to

shoot under 100 to qualify for states, based on the traditional scoring at Pine View the last three years. She shot a 93 during a practice round Monday.

Morgan McIntyre and Scarlett Flynn, both North juniors, are two more competitors who have made great gains in their practice habits, according to Normand. He said both golfers have talent and he's just waiting for their scores to start reflecting their efforts.

"Morgan and Scarlett have the ability to shoot scores in the 90s, and if that happens ... anything is possible," he said. "Both golfers are more talented than their confidence shows, which honestly, is the game of golf. You can be talented, but if you're not confident, the rest doesn't matter. We just look forward to a good, solid and enjoyable regional."

In addition to winning the MAC Red tournament, South also won the regular season with a 7-1 record, losing only one match to Port Huron Northern by four strokes. Hampton said his players have a good opportunity in front of them.

"We are very excited heading into regionals," Hampton said. "We have a pretty good shot making states. But golf is a weird sport. On any given day, you can just not have your game."

Hampton hopes to see his team focus on details without getting bogged down by a bad shot. He compared the ability to shake things off to the advice given by TV character Ted Lasso, a professional soccer coach, to "be a goldfish."

Lasso reminded one of his struggling players, Sam Obisanya, how a goldfish was the happiest animal in the world because it had a 10-second memory. Lasso then encouraged Sam to "be a goldfish."

"Every stroke matters," Hampton said. "Everyone is going to have multiple bad shots when they are golfing, but it is really about not compounding a bad shot by following up with a bad decision."

Should the teams or individual golfers qualify out of regional action, they will compete in the Division 2 state tournament Oct. 14-15, at Forest Akers West golf course on the campus of Michigan State University.

Athlete of the Week

By Meg Leonard
 Associate Editor

With an older brother and sister already knee-deep in competitive swimming when she was just a toddler, Sophie Schuetze never consciously decided to become an elite swimmer — it just ran in her gene pool.

"My parents sort of threw me into the water as soon as they could," she said. "I played other sports when I was young, but nothing felt the same for me as swimming."

"I have never gotten sick of swimming. And I'm willing to put in the hard work."

Schuetze started competitively swimming at age 4 during summers at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Today, the 17-year-old is a high school senior, a year-round competitive club swimmer and one of Grosse Pointe South's girls varsity swim team captains

and most accomplished athletes.

She has used that hard-working mindset to earn herself a spot on the University of Cincinnati swim and dive team next fall.

But before she embarks on a collegiate swimming career,

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Athlete of the Week

Sophie Schuetze

School: Grosse Pointe South
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since her freshman year in 2019. In her rookie year, she earned three all-state times in the 200 medley relay, 100 butterfly and 400 freestyle relay. She clocked three personal bests, as the team finished second in the state in Division 2, South's highest finish for girls varsity swim and dive, before the team repeated that finish again last year.

Her dedication to the water did not wane during COVID, an especially difficult time for swimmers to find available pools and training facilities.

When public pools shut down in March 2020, Schuetze and her many fellow swimmers had to come up with unique plans to stay in shape. Schuetze tried running for a few weeks. Then she swam on a tether in teammate Olivia Yoo's backyard pool. As sum-

Schuetze is focused on leading the Blue Devils to a state championship this November to follow up on the team's 2021 second-place finish.

As a butterfly and individual medley specialist, Schuetze has been one of South's top swimmers

mer hit, she began training in open swims in Lake St. Clair.

"It was cold and it was dirty," she quipped. "But it was also fun and tough and great to just be swimming again."

Eventually, South's swim season began in fall 2020, but with various restrictions. Five days before state finals, the state of Michigan shut down all high school sports, including swimming.

"My heart was shattered in a thousand pieces," Schuetze said. "We were in mid-taper and so close to being in peak championship form."

With Grosse Pointe Schools in remote learning until March, Schuetze made the decision to train in Texas, where pools remained open.

She returned to Michigan that summer, where pools and summer swim leagues resumed activity. In fall 2021, she picked up right where she left off at South, only this time adding more accomplishments to her already-impressive



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A butterfly and individual medley specialist, Sophie Schuetze is hoping to help bring a state championship to Grosse Pointe South girls swim and dive.

resume. Schuetze earned all-state honors in the 200 medley relay, 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly and 400 freestyle relay.

Along with earning four personal-best times, Schuetze helped South place second overall and score the most team points in program history.

Her teammates also voted her the most valuable player in the junior

class. In tandem with her big 2021 season, Schuetze also embarked on the recruiting trail for college. She found a main source of guidance and support through Lead Sports Co., an organization that according to its website aims "to elevate and empower female athletes through our yearly summits and

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South handles Falcons with ease

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a rocky start to the season losing its first two games, Grosse Pointe South varsity football appears to have righted its ship over the past month.

The Blue Devils traveled to Utica last Friday looking to extend their winning streak to four games in a matchup against MAC White Division basement dweller Henry Ford II.

The Falcons did not put up much of a fight to disrupt that streak as the Blue Devils earned an important road win 30-7.

Senior running back Egan Sullivan put South in the driver's seat early in the game. About halfway through the first quarter, Sullivan burst through the Falcons' defense for a 47-yard



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South's defense lines up across from the Falcons' offense awaiting the snap. The Blue Devils allowed 134 yards during last Friday's win over Henry Ford II.

touchdown run, which accounted for nearly half of his 88 rushing yards in the game, to put the Blue Devils on top 6-0 after the extra point attempt was blocked.

Moments later, South found the end zone again on the ground when Ben Domzalski scored, though the Blue Devils went for two, and failed again on the conversion,

leaving the score at 12-0 Blue Devils to end the opening quarter.

The lead continued to build for South in the 12 minutes before halftime. Two passing touchdowns

from senior QB Anthony Benard highlighted the second quarter. The first touchdown, caught by Brady Kennedy, and the second by Cliff Grabowski made it a 27-0 lead for South going into halftime.

While the Blue Devils reached the end zone four times in the first half, the only points they would add in the second half would come from a 25-yard Christian Potts field goal in the third quarter. However, a 30-0 lead was more than enough cushion for South as the Falcons scored one late touchdown in the fourth quarter to avoid the shutout.

"It's been a weekly improvement with that unit," South head coach Chad Hepner said about his defense. "We knew going into the season that we had some good

players but they were very inexperienced. Fortunately, they've been able to get that experience along the way and we've been very pleased with how they're coming together and playing well together."

The Blue Devils' defense held the Falcons to just 134 yards of offense, including allowing only seven yards on the ground. On the offensive side of the ball, Benard went 12-16 passing for an even 100 yards and two touchdowns. Grabowski led South in receiving with three catches for 55 yards including his one touchdown.

South returns home for its annual homecoming game this Friday night against Lakeview. The Blue Devils get to play two of their final three games on home turf.

Norsemen win big on homecoming night

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A special feeling is always in the air when a high school football team takes the field under the lights on homecoming night. That feeling was certainly present at Grosse Pointe North last Friday, made even sweeter by ending the special night with a win.

The 2022 season has already had its fair share of special nights

for the Norsemen as the team entered homecoming night with an undefeated record. With a dominating 41-6 win over Lake Shore, North succeeded in earning a homecoming victory and keeping that perfect record.

North gave the homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about early on during last Friday's win with two touchdowns in the first quarter. The first score came on a touchdown pass from

Ryan Henderson to Kyle Armbruster to put North on top 7-0. Jaden Holyfield extended the lead a few moments later with a touchdown run to make it a two-score game.

With just 30 seconds left in the opening quarter, North's defense did something it had not done since Week 2 against Warren Mott — surrendered a point. Lake Shore managed to find the end zone and put up six points, but it

would be the first and last time they would put anything on the scoreboard.

Despite the slight hiccup in allowing a touchdown, the Norsemen continued to dominate before the first half was over. Drew Hill made it a two-possession game again in the second quarter with a pick six on defense. Holyfield managed another touchdown run, this one an impressive 70-yard scamper to the house, and P.J. Sorce capped off the first half with a touchdown grab to make it 34-6 at North heading into the locker room.

The game slowed down in the second half. Sorce caught another touchdown in the third quarter to further extend the Norsemen's lead and keep the clock running until eventually the team ended homecoming night with its sixth win in a row.

"We were focused because we wanted to go into homecoming 5-0 and come out 6-0," North coach Joe Drouin said following the win. "Now our next big goal is next week. It's small steps because we want to compete every day and our guys are doing it."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Drew Hill celebrates in the end zone with teammate Nick Dixon after completing a pick six in North's win over Lake Shore.

Sorce's two touchdowns made up the majority of his three receptions on the night for a total of 41 yards. It was Armbruster who led North in receiving on homecoming night with eight grabs for 115 yards. Holyfield had another strong night on the ground, passing the century mark yet again

with 133 yards on 11 carries to go along with his two TDs.

The win puts North at 6-0 for the first time since 2004 and has helped solidify the team's position atop the MAC Gold Division. The team plays its final game of division play this Friday at home to host Warren Fitzgerald.

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Swimmers impress at county meets

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Swimmers from all three high schools in the Pointes faced stiff competition from throughout Wayne and Macomb counties in championship meets last weekend, dropping times, earning personal bests and making state cuts on their way to impressive individual and team finishes.

Grosse Pointe South hosted the 13-team meet, where its varsity

swim and dive team finished second last Friday night to only one team — Division I powerhouse Northville — by a score of 564-479.

“We got more state cuts, which is always a good thing,” said South’s head coach John Fodell. “A second place finish against Northville, who is always a top Division I team, was good, too.”

“I’m really happy where we are as a team,” he said. “We are at that part of the season where it just starts to fly by and

we tell everyone, ‘Let’s stay focused and get ready for the (state) run.’”

At county meets, the top eight places earn medals and all-county times.

For the Blue Devils, its 200 medley relay of Brooke Lezotte, Sophie Schuetze, Phoebe Handwork and Lily Petz grabbed second place with a time of 1:49.89.

In the 200 free, Sophia Kapla took second overall (1:56.61), with freshman Heidi Bryan coming in a close fourth (1:57.35).

Schuetze took home the top spot in the 200 IM in 2:10.47, while freshman Mischa Eng took fifth (2:13.60). Schuetze also finished third in the 100 fly (57.59).

South took home another first place with Handwork’s swim of 1:09.00 in the 100 breaststroke. Her freshman sister, Whitney Handwork, finished in fourth (1:10.00), while junior Keira Collins finished

sixth (1:10.28).

Junior Charlotte Bedsworth earned a state cut and seventh place finish in the 100 fly (1:01.23).

Other notable finishes for South include:

- 500 free
 - Kapla: 2nd place (5:08.71)
 - Bryan: 5th place (5:15.43)
- 200 free relay
 - Petz, Hannah DiDio, Kapla and Handwork: 3rd place (1:42.37)
- 100 back
 - Lezotte: 2nd place (59.08)
 - Eng: 3rd place (1:00.53)
 - Sienna Clark: 6th place (1:03.45)
- 400 Free Relay
 - Kapla, Bryan, Lezotte and Schuetze: 3rd place (3:38.21)

Three Norsemen swimmers also competed in the Wayne County Championships. Avery Beal finished second in the ultra-competitive and fast 50 free, with a speedy swim of 25.26. Beal was only 0.02 seconds off of first place and clocked a state-qualifying time.

Rylee Nugent finished 12th in the 500 free in 5:38.28. With Maggie McSkimming’s time of



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Liggett-Regina’s swim and dive head coach John Girdwood, front, says he is “ecstatic” by the progress his team is making this season.

the progress they are making,” said John Girdwood, who is in his first year as head coach of the joint ULS-Regina swim and dive team.

Seven University Liggett School swimmers qualified for the 16-team Macomb County Championships, which took place last Saturday at L’Anse Creuse High School. “We are ecstatic with

the progress they are making,” said John Girdwood, who is in his first year as head coach of the joint ULS-Regina swim and dive team.

The team’s best finish of the day came in the medley relay, where Annabel Klassen, Alice Roth, Sierra Liggins and Miki Farah finished fourth overall with a time of 2:06.92.



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Avery Beal, Rylee Nugent and Maggie McSkimming stay warm while representing Grosse Pointe North last weekend.

North, South finish in top three at MAC Red Jamboree

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Following a weather delay from earlier in the week, the girls cross country teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South finally got on the course last Thursday to run in the MAC Red Jamboree.

Both the Norsemen and Blue Devils found themselves near the front of the pack in the field of eight schools. Though neither side was able to claim the top spot in the MAC Red, North finished second place overall with South just behind in third.

North sophomore Lilian Deskins continued her strong season during last Thursday’s run. With a time of 19:24, Deskins crossed the fin-

ish line first out of nearly 130 runners and was more than 30 seconds ahead of the second-place runner from Utica Eisenhower.

Deskins’ teammate, junior Lucie Leonhard, was the other Norseman to finish in the top 10 at the Jamboree, placing sixth overall with a time of 20:35.

“Having Lillian and Lucie up front in the pack of runners in every race has been a great asset for us, along with the strong showing of the rest of the runners behind them,” North coach Scott Cooper said about his top two runners from last Thursday.

Sophia Dragich (21:34), Zofia Lutoborska (21:47) and Emma Babcock (21:50) also earned finishes in the

top 20 for North.

Once again, Savannah Spangler led the pack of Blue Devils. The sophomore crossed the finish line eighth overall at 20:41. Fellow sophomore Chloe Caulfield (21:18) was just outside the top ten in 11th place. Morgan Deenik (21:33) and Kloie Roy (21:34) also made it into the top 20 for South.

“Our girls continue to improve and race with intensity and we continue to meet our goals,” South coach Steve Zaraneck said. “We’re looking forward to an excellent October.”

The Blue Devils are in action again this Thursday at the Marysville Invitational. Next up for North is the Wayne County Meet on Saturday at Willow Metropark.



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Junior Morgan Deenik earned a top 20 overall finish for South at the MAC Red Jamboree.

Working at the car wash



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The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity cross country team had a busy weekend off of the course getting cars from around town sparkling clean at a car wash in South’s “S” lot last Sunday afternoon. In just three hours, the team raised \$2,130 for the program.

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South legend enshrined

Last weekend, longtime Grosse Pointe South cross country and track coach Steve Zaranek, left, was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Zaranek, pictured with assistant coach Shawn McNamara, was part of the Hall's class of 2021, but was enshrined this year, as last year's ceremony was postponed due to COVID. Zaranek has coached South's girls cross country and track and field teams since 1979. He has won a combination of four state championships.

Knights complete comeback win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For the past few games, the University Liggett Knights have experienced ups and downs on the gridiron.

Liggett began Catholic League play with a loss to Cardinal Mooney, followed by a dominant win over Our Lady of the Lakes and then another loss last week to Everest Collegiate.

The Knights entered last Friday night's game on the road at Cabrini looking to return back to the win column. Trailing by two scores at halftime, that goal looked like it might be in jeopardy. However, a second-half comeback led by freshman QB Solomon Spann helped Liggett charge back and earn a 15-12 win.

Cabrini found the end zone twice in the opening two quarters to take a 12-0 lead into the break, leaving Liggett searching for a comeback.

That comeback began just a few minutes into the third quarter. Eddie Narva found the end zone on the ground to finally get the Knights on the scoreboard and cut the score to 12-7.

The two sides continued to fight through much of the rest of the second half without any more scoring. However, late in the fourth quarter, the Knights offense came up clutch when they needed it the most.

Freshman QB Solomon Spann, who has found himself getting more game action in recent weeks as regular starter Ryan Jones deals with injuries, led Liggett down the field in a late fourth-quarter drive. Narva made it into the end zone again, this time catching a pass from Spann to give the Knights the lead.

Liggett followed with a successful two-point conversion to make the score 15-12 and ensure its lead was safe by at least a field goal.

After taking the lead, the Knight's defense held strong in the final 90 seconds. Narva came up big yet again, this time on defense, intercepting a Cabrini pass in the closing minute to seal the Liggett win.

Narva had 10 carries and 51 yards rushing along with two catches for 28 receiving yards. Senior Jake Martin was the Knights' leading rusher in the win, carrying the rock 13 times for 60 yards.

"It was a tough game and we were growing in the moment," Liggett coach Matt Lapolla said about his team's comeback win. "You can see there were growing pains happening. I was so proud of the boys for the battle they showed."

Following back to back weeks on the road, the Knights finally return home, hosting Shrine Catholic at 4 p.m. Friday for their final league matchup of the season.



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Sophie Schuetze, along with teammates Phoebe Handwork, Phoebe Bedsworth and Olivia Yoo holds South's pool record for the 200 freestyle relay, set last season.

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online academy."

Through the program, she connected with a swimmer heading to the University of Cincinnati and learned more about the Division 1 program. Once she spoke to coaches there, she knew she found her future swimming home.

"(The coaches') philosophy about swimming aligned with mine," she said. "They want well-rounded athletes and students. Swimming D1 is no joke; it's like a full-time job."

"They made me feel like they will take care of me mentally and physically."

Connecting with coaches is important to Schuetze. Her strong bond with John "Fo" Fodell, her head coach at South, who also is her head coach at her year-



Sophie Schuetze, one of South's varsity swim team captains, works hard and plays hard, often keeping her teammates loose before each meet by providing a huge boom box as the self-appointed "team DJ."

round swim club, Grosse Pointe Gators, formed early in her career.

"By the time I was in fourth grade, Fo pulled me up to swim with the high schoolers," she said. "It was hard, but I loved it."

"He's been with me every step of the way. He gives us the map, but it's up to us to walk it."

Fodell did not hesitate when asked what makes Schuetze a special swimmer.

"Her work ethic and her drive to get herself better and the team better sets her apart," he said.

As the final weeks of the regular swim season approach, Schuetze said she understands why she has to make sacrifices atypical of her age group, including getting enough

sleep and eating right. She has even invested in younger female swimmers by creating a support group to provide mentorship and guidance called "Chlorine Queens."

Schuetze meets with a group of about five girls in a series of meetings complete with ice breakers, team-building activities and, of course, swim talk.

"I try to bring in girls who love to swim," she said. "I want it to be a safe space where girls can talk about all the middle school pressures."

For now, the pressure sits squarely on Schuetze's shoulders to make her high school swim career complete. While she tries to keep her team loose before each meet by providing a huge boom box as the self-appointed "team DJ," she is aiming for nothing less than a state championship for the Blue Devils, who are currently ranked No. 2 in the state in Division 2.

"We have been working incredibly hard," she said. "We are focused on building our state roster. We have more to go, but we just need to stay healthy and be ready to race."

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) to excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 7, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on August 24, 2022.
- 3) to Add to the agenda a payment to Wayne County for the Milk River SRF Program and a payment to Truist for a bond payment.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 125389 through 125523 in the amount of \$745,933.67 as submitted by the City Manager and the Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$13,500.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with a water main break, service line repair, storm damage removal and the installation of a water fountain at Johnston Park. (3) Approve payment in the amount of \$8,436.25 to Vargo Building for the professional services provided for the renovation of the library's lower level.
- 2) To approve the rendering of a mural submitted by Justin Wentland, (aka Amadeus Roy) and further to permit him to proceed in painting the mural on City property at Salter Park.
- 3) to approve the request from applicant GAV & Associates to rezone Parcel #42-009-01-0001-000, Lot 1 of "Eastland Center Sub No. 1" a Subdivision of Part of Private Claim "FF" Town 1 South, Range 13 East, City of Harper Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, locally known as 17700 Vernier Road, from RS-1 Regional Shopping District, to C-1, General Business District.
- 4) to accept the low bid submitted by BMSCat/Jarvis in the amount of \$239,499.31 for the restoration work in the library's lower level.
- 5) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$208,140.94 for the principle and interest on the Milk River Drain System SRF Program.
- 6) to approve payment to Truist in the amount of \$20,980.01 for the interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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- Fence Ordinance Sec. 12-4 Amendment
- Pool Ordinance Sec. 6-174 Amendment

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Bruce Nichols,
City Clerk

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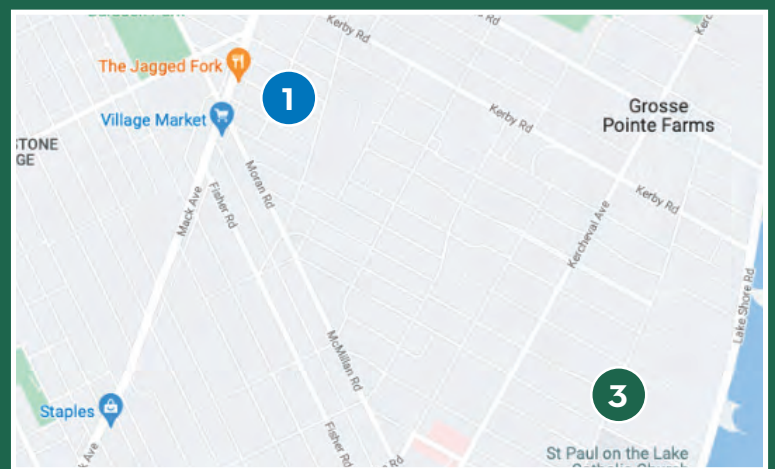
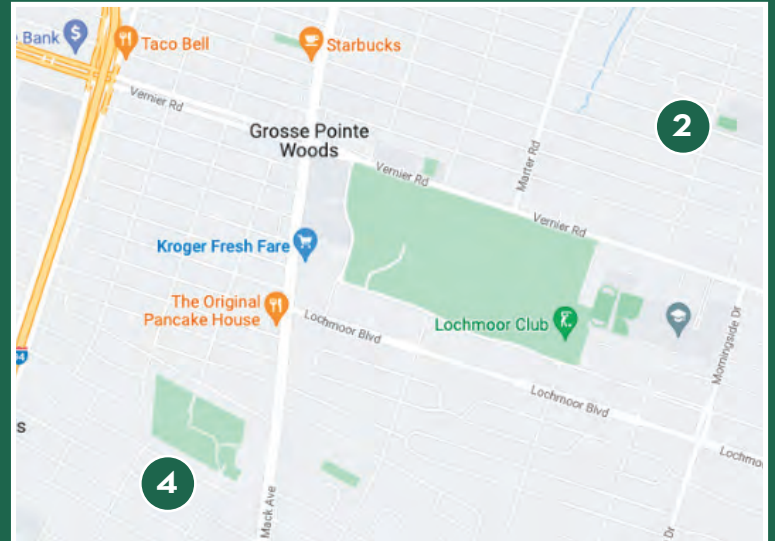
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Monday, Oct. 3, Grosse Pointer Jerry Green, an American sports journalist and author, was recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists as a Fellow of the Society, the highest professional honor awarded by the SPJ. Karyn Sneath with SPJ spoke with Green via Zoom at the Ewald library. Green, who served as an officer in the U.S. Navy before beginning his journalism career, talked about his experience as a sportswriter for the Associated Press, starting in 1956. He worked as a staff writer there until 1963, when The Detroit News hired him. He worked at The News nearly 41 years, winning the Michigan Sportswriter of the Year 11 times by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. The Detroit Sports Book awarded him a Lifetime Member Award as well. Green told stories of the sports greats he interviewed, including Gordie Howe, Vince Lombardi, Sparky Anderson and Ted Williams, and spoke about his thoughts on Tom Brady. The author of eight books said he was 8 years old when he got into sports and was happy to have been able to get a job that combined his two passions: newspapers and sports. Green is one of only four sportswriters to cover all 56 Super Bowls held so far, from 1967 to 2022. He was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Karyn Sneath talks with Green about his career then gives him instructions to begin the recording of his speech.



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