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Council to decide lot rezoning

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTER PARK — By a 3-2 margin, a depleted planning commission on Oct. 6 recommended the city council approve a developer's request to rezone four residential properties into a public parking lot behind a block of commercial property on lower Kercheval.

"We have plans to continue developing," Mike Stines, an attorney representing the developers, members of the Cotton family that also own the Grosse Pointe News, told the commission. "There's

a retail clothing store coming down the street as well as new restaurants. When you have a business district that is growing and flourishing like this one, it goes without saying that parking is needed."

Stines said the group he represents intends to build a 31-space, metered lot spanning the lower 1200 blocks of Wayburn and Maryland bordering an alley north of Kercheval.

The city will receive meter receipts. The developer will build and partially maintain the lot,

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Controversy hits school board race again

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE

— Accusations and a flurry of social media activity were at the forefront last week in the race for three open seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, focused on the

veracity of claims made regarding the background of Ginny Jeup, one of 10 candidates in the mix.

The issue arose Wednesday, Oct. 5, when Fox2 News ran a story with claims — now proven untrue — that Jeup had never been a certified school teacher as her public comments and

campaign website say.

In an on-camera interview, Maria Lograsso, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident and Harper Woods teacher, told the Fox2 reporter that Jeup's claims about her education and teacher certification were untrue.

"We don't want anybody running under the

pretense that they are something they are not," Lograsso, part of the Michigan Caucus of Rank-and-File Educators, said. "I'm trying to get the word out to my neighbors that there's something fishy going on here."

By late Wednesday

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Base repairs on Fisher Road are planned for this week, with the project wrapping up Thursday, Oct. 27.

Farms hopes for final month of roadwork

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

— While the dates are tentative and subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, all ongoing road construction in the Farms is on track to be completed by the end of October.

Members of the Ordinance Review Committee endorsed the changes Sept. 20, as part of an ongoing update of the city code. The committee forwarded its recommendation to the city council for approval.

"The most significant revisions to the code involve a more thorough description of the licensing process," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager.

He drafted the update

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Ridge Road construction from Kerby to Lewiston — having started early this summer, making it the longest-running ongoing work — is anticipated to wrap up Saturday, Oct. 22.

Turning out to be a more intensive project than was expected, paired with delays

brought on by issues with contractors, led to the extended timeline, City Manager Shane Reeside explained.

While engineers initially thought the work would require going down a foot in some areas to make base repairs — the anticipation was based on boring samples — the

reality of the project had contractors going down more than two feet in some places to rebuild the base of the road.

"It was going to be a more extensive project originally," Reeside said, "but it ended up even exceeding what the engineers had originally

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Greater basement backup coverage at greater cost

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— What began with intent to cut costs ultimately led to an increase of \$50,000, as a trade-off for better peace of mind, when the City of Grosse Pointe recently went out to bid for its liability and property insurance.

Following last summer's late June rain event, the City's six-year insurer, Tokio Marine/HCC, more than doubled its premium and began charging \$209,414.

In response, city officials solicited proposals from three of the largest, commonly used liability

property insurance insurers in Michigan: Tokio Marine/HCC, Michigan Municipal League Liability Pool and Nickel & Saph, which is a broker for Trident Insurance.

Tokio Marine/HCC did not submit a proposal, while MML — which covered the City between

1985 and 2016 — provided a quote for \$198,931 and Nickel & Saph quoted \$260,025.

The deciding factor for city council was the largest difference in coverage: Nickel & Saph includes \$10 million in

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at least one-third of which is to be a permeable surface to absorb runoff. A permitting process is being worked out to let neighborhood residents use the lot during off hours, Stines said.

No matter what the commission recommended, rezoning is a legislative function reserved for the council, which is expected to consider the question at its next meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at city hall.

Almost everything that happened at the planning commission meeting will be repeated and expanded upon at the council session.

Planning commissioners were less worried about the expansion of parking facilities in the four-block Kercheval business district than they were about the way a quartet of houses on the lots targeted for rezoning were razed last month without meaningful public notice.

"I sincerely apologize to you all," Mayor Michele Hodges, a commission member, told the public. "I share all the concerns of my colleagues. It should not have happened the way it did."

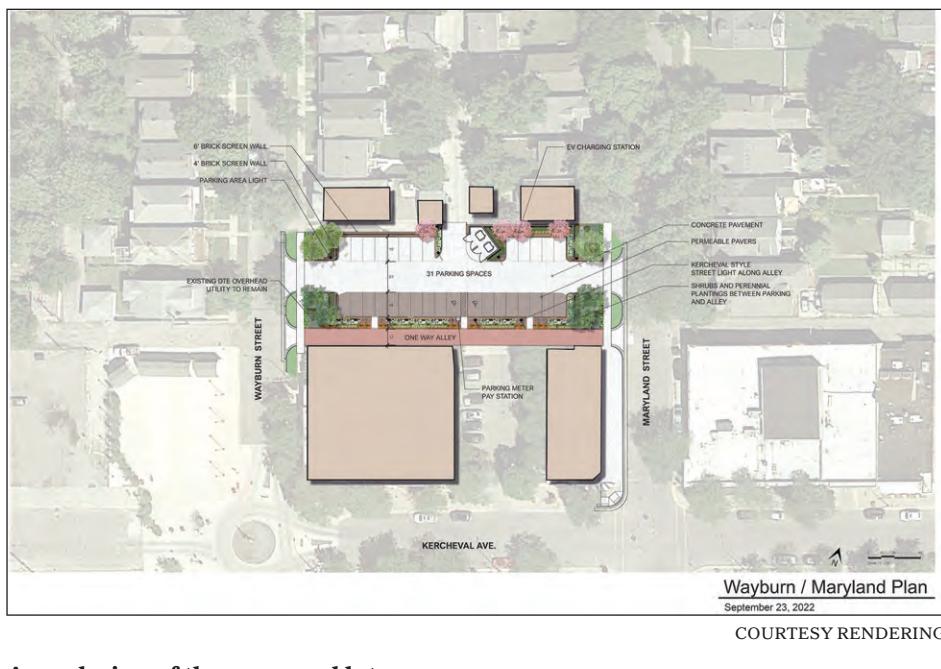
"When demolition of the first home — our next-door neighbor — began, we were literally woken up by the sound of the excavator moving into position," said Belle Teesdale, a resident of the 1200 block of Maryland. "We were not given any advanced notice of when the demolition would begin — no phone call, no letter, no email, no one stopping by in person to tell us anything."

The vote

Each member of the commission, which is short two members due to vacancies, explained his or her vote.

♦ Interim Chairman Michael Vethacke, voting yes: "Clearly, we have a conflict between business owners and a portion of the residents in that area. In my view, when we have two factions, the thing in my mind is what does the rest of the community think about it?"

Vethacke cited the results of two public sur-



A rendering of the proposed lot.

veys conducted during the recently completed update of the city's master plan. Survey results showed majority support for more parking in the Kercheval business district.

"In my mind, that shows this stuff the developer is doing — taking vacant properties, redeveloping them, adding (and) improving parking in order to make those properties more likely to succeed — as being in alignment with the data we got as part of the master planning process."

♦ Commissioner Hodges, voting yes: "This is not only good progress, but great progress. It's part of a transformation. The area is flourishing."

♦ Newly appointed Commissioner Jimmy Saros, voting yes: "We should not have neighbors that aren't aware that a home next door is getting knocked down. We need to bring more traffic to the Kercheval business district and to Charlevoix. Many of these businesses struggle. They have one to two days a week to make money. I know many of these business owners and one of the things (they cite) is a lack of parking."

♦ Commissioner Matthew Evans, voting no: "This is an issue of procedural integrity. I have a concern that this sets a precedent that will turn into a slippery slope on how we conduct these types of projects. I have no issue with the developers. I just don't feel comfortable with the way this process was rolled out."

♦ Commissioner Patrick Coletta, voting

no: "I'm really troubled that none of the neighbors seemed to know that the homes next door were coming down."

Coletta told Stines, "I don't know how these people are supposed to know or have any assurance that you're going to be a good neighbor going forward. In terms of the site plan, as far as parking lots go, it looks like a nice parking lot."

Hair-raising morning

"The demolition of the first house (the house directly beside us, 1217 Maryland) started around 7:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23," said Teesdale, a librarian for a law firm in downtown Detroit.

She and her fiancé, Devan Stachecki, an automotive manufacturing manager, bought their house two years ago. It was located three lots north of the Kercheval alley and thereby buffered from the noise, lights and cooking odors of the Kercheval strip and nightlife.

"Now," Teesdale said, "we're a corner lot and don't have any neighbors to our right (toward Kercheval). We adored our house. We were so excited to start a family here. That has all been ruined."

"We were unsurprised but nevertheless dismayed to find, through discussions with real estate professionals, that our home has likely lost substantial value due to the razing of our neighbors' homes and the proposed parking lot development," Stachecki told the commission. "I shudder to think of the pain that other homeowners will incur in the next phases of this development that were mentioned, as this entire sad song and dance repeats itself."

The couple's attorney addressed the commission and promised a

costly legal fight.

"We want to be compensated for the fact that the home we purchased will effectively be rendered worthless by this rezoning," Teesdale said. "Furthermore, we want to make sure that none of our neighbors or anyone else in this community has to endure what we've endured."

"Belle and Devon woke up one morning to excavators (next door); not even a knock on their door," said Brent Dreaver, an area resident, senior business analyst, University of Michigan MBA graduate and former crew chief of Marine Helicopter Squadron One, which transports the U.S. President. "Why do we have to tear out more and more housing instead of exploring (the construction of parking) structures? I understand they're expensive, but it's a way that maintains density. I understand progress is going to happen, but we need to think about conditions to the zoning approval because right now it doesn't make sense for our city."

"After demolition of the first house, Devan and I were stopped on our way out to our car by the planners of the parking lot," Teesdale said. "They jokingly remarked that they should have reached out to us sooner. Something along the lines of, 'Guess we should've introduced ourselves earlier and told you our plan before demolition started last week, ha ha.' On Sept. 29, we received a letter from the developer's spokesperson saying they were sorry for the disruption and lack of notice and lack of communication. They included a \$100 gift card to one of the local restaurants they own in the Cabbage Patch."

"We could have done a better job," Stines said. "We did attempt to reach

out, I know too late. Our intent moving forward, if this is approved and other projects are approved, is to absolutely better communicate."

Comment tally

During the public comment period, two people spoke in favor of rezoning, 19 against.

Additionally, four people signed letters of opposition.

Eight members of the public signed letters of support. They included one of the speakers, Park resident and Realtor Tom Steen, and Joe Hebeke, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

"We strongly support creating parking to fill the needs of our vibrant commercial areas," said Steen, reading a letter he co-signed with Realtors Kay Agney, Cathy Champion, Peter Dow, Mike Fikany and Eric Goosen.

Hebeke wrote, "As the commercial district has grown with many new businesses over the past 10 to 15 years, so has the demand for parking. Customers and patrons are increasingly frustrated with parking issues. Lack of parking also poses a problem with staff."

Tyler Klifman, a Park resident and planner with SEMCOG, opposed rezoning.

He wrote a letter citing a parking study conducted as part of the master plan update that noted existing lots in the district were occupied less than 60 percent of the time and recommended the city make better use of existing lots.

Never again

Future developers are likely to face rules mandating advance public notice of demolitions.

They'll also have to deal with a planning commission having more oomph.

"You've helped improve this process and you've helped us learn what we need to do better," Hodges told the audience. "We have to fix it and we will. I want you all to see that in the form of action."

He'll assign Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee, to draft an update to the city code.

"The administration is on notice to improve the administrative policies," Hodges continued. "You will see that action. It can't be just words."

Mini site plan review

Although site plan review isn't within the commission's sphere, participants of the meeting discussed a rendering of the lot to aid deliberations.

"This parking lot will have two EV stations and a solar-powered pay station," Stines said. "I think we're going above and beyond. At least, that's what we're trying to do."

"One of the goals was

to have a canopy over the parking lot," said Bill Thomas, project architect. "Sugar maples and oak trees that eventually cover a good bit with canopy, which has been a goal of the Cotton family from day one, (not) an eyesore or a heatsink in the city."

"This is to support the larger picture of what we see as the continued future development of that business district," Stines said. "There have been discussions recently that this distract or impedes the walkability of the district. I disagree. You need parking to bring people into the district to go walking. It will draw people, sort of like the (K Line) trolleys do."

"The parking study and master plan both say eventually there's going to be a need for surface parking if you want to realize your vision for the redevelopment of the area along Kercheval," said John Jackson, president of McKenna Associates, planning consultant for the Park, City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods. "Parking has to go someplace. This is a location immediately adjacent to the business district you're trying to encourage development in."

"There should at least be a lot's worth of landscaped buffer," Teesdale said.

Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe said the four houses that were torn down generated a combined \$5,400 per year in tax revenue, including for the land itself.

"The land isn't going anywhere," he said. "There will still be some taxes received on that property."

Aspects of the site plan concerning placement and shielding of dumpsters, rodent control, walls bordering the lot and landscaping are action items by the city council. In future, however, they could be within the authority of the planning commission.

"I hear from this body it's our will to want to incorporate conditions (on the rezoning recommendation)," Hodges said. "Unfortunately, however, we (planning commissioners) don't have the legal authority to do that. That is something to be put on a list of things to accomplish. In place of that, I'll be a facilitator. There's nothing stopping me from convening the parties to help facilitate solutions we all feel good about. I will commit to helping facilitate those solutions."

"There's space on that site plan for additional landscaping that can grow taller than the proposed (6-foot) wall," Jackson said. "That might be one thing to explore."

"So, there's an opportunity to explore moving the dumpster and additional screening?" Saros asked.

"Yes," said attorney Kristin Kolb, sitting in for the Park assistant city attorney. "The site plan approval process comes later. There's opportunity when the applicant is ready to proceed with developing the site. They will submit a formal site plan. It will be reviewed. There will be negotiations, I'm sure, over what the final parking lot will look like."

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Beautification awards return in City

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — While Jennifer Coleman has been vehemently vying for a beautification award — “You have no idea,” her husband, Todd, joked — Mark Wojtas was not even aware of its existence. Nevertheless, both were excited to be honored during the City’s annual beautification award ceremony last Wednesday.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the awards returned this year to celebrate the particularly impressive landscape design of eight



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Above, Steve and Maureen Cavera designed 439 St. Clair. Right, Kathryn Gregory designed 600 Notre Dame.



Ron and Barbara Babb designed 999 Fisher.

homes and one business in the City of Grosse Pointe, as is tradition.

The winning homeowners and their properties are Ron and Barbara Babb at 999 Fisher Road; Steve and Maureen Cavera at 439 St. Clair; Todd and Jennifer Coleman at 764

Washington; Barry and Sue Dickson at 780 Neff Road; Gary and Mary Failla at 646 Lincoln; Kathryn Gregory at 600 Notre Dame; and Mark and Lorraine Wojtas at

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Garbage rules impact everyone

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A proposed update to the city’s garbage ordinance includes rules for the disposal of waste created by building contractors.

The draft was approved by the Ordinance Review Committee Sept. 20, and sent to the city council for approval.

As part of the city administration’s review of the entire city code, Assistant City Manager Warren Rothe proposed rewriting the section on garage and refuse.

“We’re trying to make sure what’s in our ordinance matches our current practice,” Rothe said. “I wanted to clarify when trash can be put out (for collection), when it can’t be put out, where a trash can should be located and things like that.”

New provisions concerning contractors state:

“Building contractors shall be responsible for the removal of all wastes, rubbish, remodeling or maintenance materials and site clearing material from the building site and the transportation and dis-

posal thereof beyond the corporate limits of the city.

“All building contractors’ waste, rubbish and site clearing material shall be moved or cleared from the premises before final inspection shall be made or before a certificate of occupancy shall be issued.”

Rothe drafted the ordinance with help from the assistant city attorney and administrators from the public works and code enforcement departments. He also based it on a Grosse Pointe Woods provision written in 2017.

“I like the way they word things,” Rothe said.

Garbage and rubbish containers must meet city standards for size and durability, and have handles and a tight-fitting cover, which is to be kept on whenever containing garbage.

Garbage and food waste must be placed within plastic bags before put into a container for collection.

“The city will provide one container at no cost to each residential property,” said Erica Shell, assistant city attorney. “Additional or replacement containers

may be purchased from the department of public works. A resident requesting an additional or replacement container shall pay the charge established by resolution of city council from time to time.”

The same for recycling containers.

“Plastic bags are a suitable container for garbage and rubbish if they are securely sealed and filled so the contents will not cause tearing or rupturing of

the bag when it is lifted at the sealed or tied end,” according to the draft.

Also, “All rubbish and garbage placed for collection shall have been generated from the specific property from which it is to be collected.”

Containers or materials for collection are to be placed curbside or at another city-designated pickup point no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before the regularly scheduled collection day. Containers must be removed from the collection point by midnight thereafter.

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thought.”

Work on Cloverly between Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kercheval was built into the Ridge Road project and therefore is set to the same timeline.

“Because (Cloverly) was done in conjunction with Ridge, I think the schedule was longer than anticipated,”

Reeside added.

Fisher Road construction, a joint effort between the Farms and City, began last month and appears to be staying on track. Prior to the actual road construction, it kicked off with the replacement of an 8-inch Fisher water main from Kercheval to Charlevoix, as well as the replacement of about a dozen service lines.

With the length of

Fisher from Kercheval to Mack being tackled at once, pouring the concrete base repairs and replacing bad curbing is planned for this week.

“The base repair is not nearly as extensive (as Ridge),” Reeside said, “so that one appears to be going a little more smoothly.”

Fisher construction currently is set to wrap up Thursday, Oct. 27.

The final street in the Farms’ 2022 road

improvement program is Williams between Kerby and Belanger: a special case in that it is all concrete compared to the other asphalt repairs.

The work began last week and covers only one block, so concrete is expected to be poured this week. Allowing for cure time and landscaping restoration, the end date on Williams construction is scheduled Monday, Oct. 24.

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with help from the assistant city attorney and other administrators.

“The current ordinance (written in 1957, and updated mainly in the 1970s) merely says a license is required and shall be obtained by approval of the chief of police,” Rothe said.

New wording approved by the ordinance committee not only codifies the public safety department’s current practice of conducting background checks, but also authorizes the council to set fees for doing so.

“The fee would likely be under \$50 for a permit lasting less than 30 days

and perhaps larger for a permit lasting an entire year,” Rothe said. “City administration will review fees in other communities before preparing a recommendation.”

“Anybody selling a product who is making a profit on that product has to follow the permitting process,” said Bryan Jarrell, director of public safety. “You have to have a permit on display at all times while soliciting.”

Residents not wanting solicitations may post a sign saying so.

“That will be enforced,” Jarrell said.

Although the ordinance is being changed as part of the administration’s code-wide review, a pesky solicitor of, ironically, pest control ser-

vices enthused committee members into action.

“He’s a pit bull,” Commissioner Marty McMillan said of the solicitor. “He will not take ‘no’ for an answer.”

Conversely, city officials don’t want to impose onerous regulations on organizations and causes the community traditionally regards as benign or beneficial.

“We don’t want to regulate the Girl Scouts,” Rothe said.

The ordinance being revised has significant regulations on charitable solicitations.

“They require a large amount of information, including financial statements and estimates for the wages (and) expenses

expected to be incurred in the solicitation process,” Rothe said.

While researching this part of the update, Rothe learned the Park manager, who is responsible for licensing charitable solicitors, had never received or processed a charitable solicitation request.

“I don’t like laws on the books that aren’t used anymore, so all of those specific regulations were struck,” Rothe said. “It is recommended the category be removed entirely and all solicitation requests be processed the same.”

The proposed ordinance allows permitted solicitations Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to sunset.

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sewer basement backup coverage, whereas MML includes only \$100,000.

“Given that the City has had two floods since 2016,” City Manager Pete

Dame said, “... I think it would be most prudent to accept the proposal that includes basement backup coverage as a mechanism to protect the City of Grosse Pointe from risk.”

Council voted 6-0, with Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak

absent, to approve the \$260,025 contract with Nickel & Saph during its September meeting.

The policy covers all city-owned property including vehicles, contractor equipment, electronic data processing equipment, buildings,

parks and the marina. It also covers protection from lawsuits against city officials, along with crime, employment, personal injury, police and fire professional liability, and cyberliability.

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Tracing the steps of time by generation

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's something we all know of but most of us don't think about. When we hear it, we're not sure we did.

"My great-grandmother was a slave."

Wait a minute. What? More like, waitaminute-what?

"My great-grandmother was born a slave," Lisa Kyle said.

Another waitaminute-what and cocked head like the RCA Victrola dog later, Kyle said, "It was at a plantation down in Mississippi."

The ancestor to which Kyle referred is on her father's side of the family, where the years between generations are stretched, effectively compressing family ties through history.

"Women on my father's side of the family had children late in life," Kyle said. "My dad, born in 1905, was 55 when I was born."

Even a Victrola dog has the smarts to realize the 159 years since the Emancipation Proclamation wasn't so long ago when tallied by late births, long lifespans and old memories kept alive.

"She didn't die a slave," Kyle said. "For black slaves that had been freed, she and my great-grandfather were fortunate to have rather good educations for their day. The family moved to Missouri and opened a school."

As a child, Kyle didn't realize the impact of her



COURTESY PHOTO

Lisa Kyle is the exchange student coordinator at Wayne State University.

family history.

"I look back now and think of what they had to do to open the first school in their area for black children," she said. "I feel very fortunate that education was valued and it carried on to me."

Kyle, of Grosse Pointe Park, is the international exchange student coordinator at Wayne State University.

"Our students started coming in about the last week of August," Kyle said. "I feel uneasy during this time of the semester because now is when students start getting homesick and go into culture shock. When they first come, they're excited. Now, the hard work of academics comes in. This is when they often have a dip."

Some foreign students

from regimented countries adjust better than others to America's relatively loosey-goosey ways.

"A student from Iraq asked to come in and talk to me," Kyle said. "He sat down in a chair and said, 'I made it. I'm in the land of milk and honey.'"

They resumed the discussion a few months later.

"He said it was an eye-opening experience," Kyle said. "He said the U.S. is nothing like they perceive it to be in Iraq. He said, 'We think Americans are so rich and they complain about gas prices. We think they have all the money in the world.'"

Gasoline in Iraq sold for 20 cents per gallon at the time.

"He said the one thing

he's taking from being here is that normal, everyday people in the United States are the same as everyday people back home," Kyle said. "I was glad to hear that because that's the true meaning of a cultural exchange."

At present, at least one exchange student is at Wayne, like it or not.

"We have a student from Ukraine who is stranded here," Kyle said.

The family of Kyle's late father came from Jamaica. Her late mother was Italian. Both valued education, especially the biological sciences.

"My father was an anesthesiologist and true scientist at heart," Kyle said. "My mother worked in a lab. They met at a hospital."

Her mother wanted Kyle to go to medical school. Kyle's heart wasn't in it. At Michigan State University, she studied the physical sciences, yet sent her mom apoplectic by working in

the college of agricultural engineering.

"I remember my mom saying, 'I didn't send you to charm school for you to tromp around in fields all day,'" Kyle said.

During the late 1980s, Kyle transferred to Wayne State while helping care for her ailing father.

She graduated with a degree in ecology, got married, had a son and began volunteering at Trombly Elementary School.

"One day I was clinic mom at Trombly when Pat Deck, of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, came in with all these pine seedlings that fell all over the place," Kyle said. "I helped her sort them out."

"Lisa was President of Trombly PTO at the time we first met," Deck said. "I believe our Arbor Week Poster Contest winner came from Trombly that year. Lisa went on to join the com-

mission in 2011, and has served as secretary, vice chair and chairman. She has been a conscientious and involved member."

Kyle, since divorced, also is board secretary of the Arboriculture Society of Michigan Foundation, a board member of Keep Michigan Beautiful and project coordinator of the National Wildlife Foundation Mayor's Monarch Pledge in the Park.

"Her involvement in these organizations was in part due to her curiosity and concern for the natural world," Deck said.

Kyle grew up in northwest Detroit. She studied fourth through eighth grade at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

A classmate was Shane Reeside, now manager of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Shane was the nicest," said Kyle, maiden name Gibson. "We were among the first group of kids coming from Detroit to the academy. We kind of got picked on in the beginning. You know — new kids on the block and all that. I remember Shane sticking up for me. I remember stepping off a bus and dropping something on the ground and Shane running over, picking it up and handing it to me."

"I remember Lisa," Reeside said. "I remember her being smart and a nice person."

"I have a newspaper article about my great-grandmother and great-grandfather starting the school," Kyle said. "I feel very fortunate being where I am today knowing that I come from this ancestry. I feel very fortunate that education was valued and it carried on to me."

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Farms re-ups officers' contract

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

— Public safety personnel in Grosse Pointe Farms are set for another three years as the city recently settled

a new contract with its biggest union — The Police Officers Association of Michigan, which represents Farms patrol officers, dispatchers, parking enforcement specialists and fire specialists.

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The three-year contract went into effect retroactively July 1, 2022, and will continue through June 2025.

"The terms of the agreement ... are pretty similar to what was approved for our public works group (a few months ago)," City Manager Shane Reeside said.

These include wage increases of 3 percent the first year — plus a \$1,500 signing bonus — and 3.5 percent in years two and three.

Each category of longevity bonuses also has increased by \$250.

Those who have served the department for five years now receive \$750, for 10 years receive \$1,000, for 15 years receive \$1,200, for 20 years receive \$1,400, for 25 years receive \$1,600 and for 30 years receive \$1,800.

Other odds and ends include increasing the four fire specialists' annual food allowance by \$300 — from \$700 to \$1,000 — and providing the fire marshall with a \$2,000 annual stipend.

Impacting employees hired after Jan. 31, 2011, who are not eligible for post-retirement healthcare, the contract also increases the city's health savings account contribution by \$250, from \$1,750 to \$2,000.

"I think it's a great

job," Mayor Louis Theros said of the negotiation to reach the contract terms, "and our PSOs are well deserving."

Farms city council unanimously approved the contract during its September meeting.

Patrol purchases

The Farms public safety department will add two 2022 Chevy Tahoe patrol vehicles to its fleet of Ford Explorers as a result of significant cost increases. Since the department last purchased one in January, the Ford Explorer patrol vehicle model has gone up \$8,764.

While the two vehicles — to be purchased through Berger Chevrolet — cost a total of \$82,576, the city only will pay half that as one is an insurance replacement car.

The department also will purchase a 2022 Ford Explorer through Gorno Ford to replace the deputy director's vehicle. As it is a civilian model, it is priced lower than the patrol models at \$41,938. Trade-in value knocks an additional \$2,500 off the cost.

The expenditures were unanimously approved by city council during its September meeting.

— Laurel Kraus

City of Grosse Pointe**Help yourself**

A woman in her early 20s stole \$135 worth of various groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26.

The next day, a 19-year-old Detroit woman and two juveniles were arrested for stealing \$55 worth of items from the same business.

Stolen wallet

A wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 500 block of Cadieux between 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, and 7:30 a.m. the next morning. Three credit cards within the wallet were used at various locations.

Gun gestures

A 26-year-old Park man was seen standing near Grosse Pointe South High School just after school let out Friday, Oct. 7, making handgun gestures at random people.

When City officers caught up to him at St. Paul and University, he was arrested on a warrant for obstruction in the City. The man actively resisted throughout the arrest, calling the officers racists and injuring one officer's hand.

Phone swiper

A man was captured on security video stealing a cellphone from the cafeteria counter within a local hospital at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. An investigation is ongoing.

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

Grosse Pointe Park**Why wait**

A couple of crooks didn't wait for a market to open for business this week.

They showed up at 3:20 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, and loaded a U-Haul box truck with wares displayed on the sidewalk in front of the store in the 15000 block of Charlevoix.

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"(They) pulled next to the store and loaded items, including firewood, pumpkins, cases of water and plants into the rear of the truck," police said.

A patrolman attempted to stop the vehicle.

"The truck fled at a high rate of speed and escaped," according to a detective.

The suspects are two black males.

Stolen bikes

A 6-foot, middle-aged black man wearing an orange or tan shirt was spotted around 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, carrying a \$600 RedMax edger while riding a \$1,000 gray mountain bike with saddle bags — both items that were stolen from a resident in the 1000 block of Maryland.

"(The) victim witnessed the suspect enter his unlocked garage and take (the) items from inside," said police. "(The) suspect fled the area on the victim's bike."

Car entered

Sometime between Friday, Sept. 30, and Friday, Oct. 7, someone stole an undetermined amount of miscellaneous change from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 1000 block of Cadieux.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores**Above the law?**

A 28-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for speeding around 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Lakeshore and Fontana.

While the man was able to produce a valid driver's license, he did not have a vehicle registration or proof of insurance and told officers he did not need them because he is a "sovereign citizen." Instead of

a license plate on the back of his 2016 Nissan Sentra was a piece of cardboard with handwriting that read "US Amendment 14."

A search of the vehicle found a knife with a blade longer than the 3 inches allowed under Michigan law. The man was cited for having an improper plate and is being investigated for a CCW violation.

Drunken driving

A 36-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for drunken driving shortly after midnight Sunday, Oct. 9, after running a red light on eastbound Vernier at Lakeshore and nearly hitting a patrol officer's vehicle.

The woman failed several field sobriety tests and registered 0.177 percent blood alcohol content on a Breathalyzer.

She also was cited for driving with a suspended license and lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail.

A day late

A 31-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for several outstanding warrants in Grosse Pointe Park, St. Clair Shores and Roseville after a traffic stop around 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

The man was pulled over on Lakeshore near Moorland after an officer noticed his vehicle's rear lights were out. His vehicle registration had expired one day earlier.

He was cited for an invalid registration and lodged in the Grosse Pointe Park jail.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods**Expiration date**

A 22-year-old resident was arrested around 10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, after an officer stopped

her for an expired license plate on her vehicle.

A LEIN check showed her license was suspended and she had warrants out of the Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, St. Clair Shores, Detroit, Ferndale and Hazel Park. The vehicle was impounded and the woman was cited for driving with a suspended license and the expired plate.

Identity theft

A resident in the 800 block of Hollywood reported around 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, she received a notice from the state that her address had been updated to an address in Detroit.

The woman told officers she had yet to suffer any financial loss, but she also had not received her absentee ballot. She corrected the latter issue with the city clerk's office.

— Ted O'Neil

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

After officers met with the student and his family, it was determined there was no credible threat. While no charges were pressed, the student was removed from school during an investigation per the school's student code of conduct. He has since returned.

on its license plate, none of them were current.

The 47-year-old Detroit woman driving was cited for driving while license suspended, not having insurance and no valid plate. Her vehicle was impounded.

No hall pass**Found keys**

Two keys were located near Lakeshore and Beacon Hill at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Fanatic thief

Among the \$7,208 fraudulently charged to a 52-year-old Farms woman's Bank of America account, were purchases of building equipment and Detroit Lions tickets.

The woman discovered the unauthorized charges Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Quality over quantity

While a vehicle pulled over at Mack and Colonial at 9:46 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, had multiple registration tags

on its license plate, none of them were current.

The 47-year-old Detroit woman driving was cited for driving while license suspended, not having insurance and no valid plate. Her vehicle was impounded.

No hall pass

A 16-year-old Farms boy and 17-year-old Woods boy are being charged as juveniles for trespassing after a hall monitor spotted them in Grosse Pointe South High School at 12:07 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, although neither attends the school.

Stolen plate

The license plate was stolen from a 2019 Buick Enclave parked in a driveway in the 400 block of Bournemouth between 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, and 12:30 p.m. the next day.

— Laurel Kraus

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and, to be honest, we were kind of embarrassed. We said, 'Jeez, we've got this sign in front of our house and look how it looks. Somebody's going to think we know somebody.'

The 2022 business winner is Flagstar Bank at 16821 Kercheval, which took home a beautification award for the second time. It received its first award in 2012.

"We're very flattered about that," said Joe Semaan, who attended the ceremony with fellow bank representative Sheri Kelchner. Kelchner, a master gardener, is responsible for inspiring much of the bank's landscaping design.

The City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission currently is seeking new members. Anyone interested in volunteering and/or serving may contact Julie Arthurs at city hall by calling (313) 885-5800.



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Gary and Mary Failla designed 646 Lincoln.

AWARDS:

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spring and summer at the Fisher residence they purchased in 1983.

"We moved in (on) the coldest day of the century, Jan. 21, in 1984," Ron Babb recalled. "It was 20 (degrees) below zero the entire (day). We had an apartment in Grosse Pointe Park and we moved everything for like 18 hours in 20 below zero. We still remember that day."

Pitching in with their

own amusing tale, the Faillas recalled the unfortunate state of their Lincoln property after they were selected as a winner back in June.

"Funny story about this house," Gary Failla said. "The day that Jane Davies of the Beautification Commission came to plant the sign in front of it, we had the door boarded up because we were having it replaced. Our front lawn was all burned up because the fertilizer over-fertilized

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OUR VIEW

Couric's breast cancer diagnosis sounds alarm for screenings

When former "Today" host Katie Couric revealed her breast cancer diagnosis last month, she once again let the world in on a personal cancer journey. With October designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we would be remiss to not reinforce this message to all women about the importance of having regular, comprehensive breast screenings.

Couric became an outspoken advocate of cancer screenings after her husband, Jay Monahan, died of colon cancer in 1998, at age 42. She even had a colonoscopy live on "Today" to help reduce America's fear and misconceptions about the procedure.

Now facing her own breast cancer diagnosis, Couric was diagnosed June 21, underwent surgery July 14 and began radiation Sept. 7.

She is among 45 percent of American women who have dense breast tissue, which can make it difficult for mammograms alone to detect cancer.

Couric's cancer was found on a breast ultrasound, a non-routine screening many insurances do not cover. Currently, 38 states require doctors to notify their patients if they have dense breasts, including here in Michigan. But often that information doesn't convey the need to have a supplemental screening and instead just directs you to discuss it "further" with your doctor.

But the importance of following up with your doctor is underscored by the fact that the denser your breasts, the higher your risk of cancer.

The FDA proposed federal legislation in 2019, that would make the language and guidance more specific. But so far nothing has changed.

We say it's time to put these words into action.

Many organizations, such as the Susan B. Komen Foundation, continually raise funds to provide low- or no-cost mammograms for women. But unfortunately, only 14 states and the District of Columbia currently require insurance companies to fully or partially reimburse patients for breast ultrasounds, so many women forgo this potentially lifesaving screening.

Lack of insurance coverage also translates into far too many women not benefiting from a technology that diagnoses their breast cancer earlier, when it's most treatable.

In an Oct. 3 interview with "Today," Couric said, "It's indicated on a mammogram, so you have to ask your radiologist, or your radiologists ideally should be telling you you have dense breasts, and then you often need secondary screening."

Couric also said she is working with Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., who is introducing legislation requiring insurance companies to cover breast ultrasounds for women who have dense breasts.

GROSSE POINTE 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST							October 13 - 19
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OUR VIEW

Students must give voting a college try

College students who live away from home must exercise their right to vote this Nov. 8.

Gone are the excuses that the "dog ate my homework" as a reason for students who are living away from home not to vote, in particular because voting by absentee ballot has become easier than ever.

Whether students attend college in or out of state, as long as they are Michigan residents they can vote here. First, college students need to register at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>. Heck, you can even register to vote in under two minutes on social media platforms like Snapchat, so there is absolutely no excuse.

To register you must be:

- ◆ A U.S. citizen
- ◆ At least 17.5 years old (18 when you vote)
- ◆ A Michigan resident (at the time you register)
- ◆ A resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- ◆ Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

According to the Michigan Secretary of State, "while

it is strongly advised that you don't wait to register to vote before an election, under Michigan law, you can register to vote in person at your local clerk's office up to 8 p.m. on Election Day."

Other reminders for college-aged voters include:

Any registered Michigan voter can request an absentee ballot and isn't required to provide a reason for doing so.

You can request an absentee ballot online, by mail, or at your local clerk's office up to 40 days before an election or by signing up to receive an absentee ballot application automatically before every election.

To ensure your absentee ballot is counted, it needs to be returned to your local clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

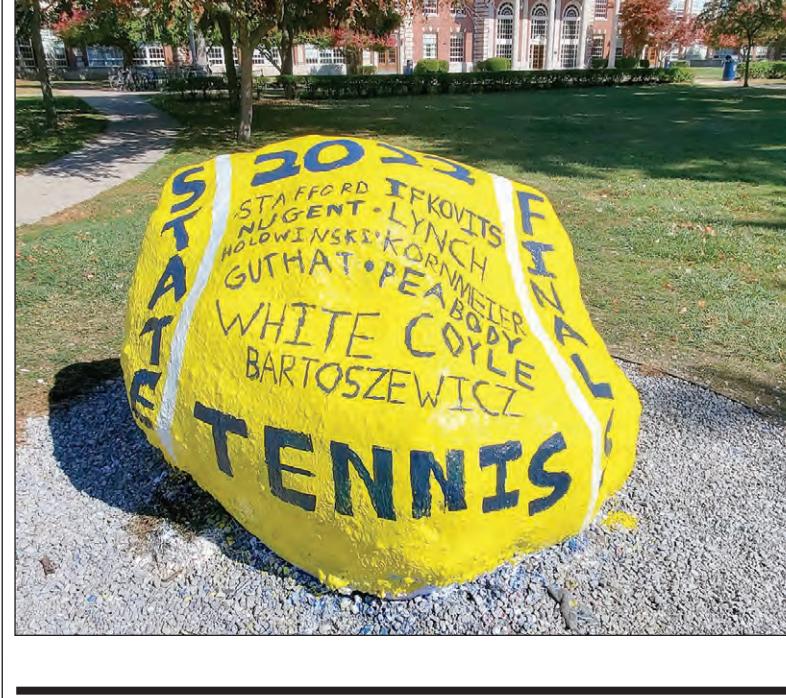
And if you happen to go to school in-state, we say Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Mt. Pleasant, East Lansing and Ann Arbor are close enough to consider coming home and voting at the polls. While you're here, doing a load of laundry and enjoying a home cooked meal from mom and dad could be part of the deal for you, too.

DeLaurio said she took action "because it's criminal. All these breast cancer diagnoses would happen much earlier if, in fact, women with dense breasts had breast ultrasounds."

So if this message resonates with you or a loved one, we encourage you to take action, too. Too many of us

have lost a mother, sister, daughter, co-worker or best friend to breast cancer. Schedule that mammogram, especially if it's overdue, and discuss an ultrasound with your doctor.

And to the state of Michigan: Do right by women and cover these screenings, period.



South tennis rocks regional

Grosse Pointe South's boys varsity tennis rocked the competition last week by earning 21 points to win the Division 2 regional tournament Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Grosse Pointe North. North finished the day a close second as regional runners-up. Both the Blue Devils and Norsemen now head to the state championship in Midland Oct. 14-15. On Saturday, Oct. 8, University Liggett School boys varsity tennis also captured a regional title in Division 4. For more tennis action, head to page 3D.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A SMART choice

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Grosse Pointe with low vision who relies on SMART as a means of transportation. Public transit is vital for my independence, something I highly value. My husband also drives me, but he is not always available due to his work schedule and I try to avoid asking my parents too much. Uber and Lyft are options in a pinch

but are expensive, especially with the high gas prices.

SMART is a viable option that gets me where I need to go. Public transit is the most cost-effective way to get around. This is why it is important to vote YES on the November millage that supports SMART and make sure everyone has the freedom to move. Thank you very much.

KATHY BALL
MEAGHER
Grosse Pointe

LETTERS

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Surprising success gives Friday night lights new life



MAC White title.

Both teams still have two regular season games remaining, but concluded division play with perfect 5-0 records. Even more, North is still undefeated on the season at 7-0. South used its five division wins to pull to 5-2, an impressive feat after back-to-back losses to start the season.

Having both schools in town win their divisions has helped make this football season much more entertaining than many might have expected. I myself entered the season fairly uncertain about what both teams could do.

The Blue Devils entered the season without a good amount of the talent that helped carry the team into the play-

offs last year, especially on the defensive side of the ball. Pairing that with a new head coach on the sidelines certainly creates a lot of question marks, but South has proved up to the task.

Perhaps the most impressive thing about South's season so far is the adversity it has been able to overcome. It could have been easy to write off this team after those opening back-to-back losses. Coach Hepner and his staff deserve a ton of credit for getting the team to rally and fight for every win, with the players proving up to the challenge every week, even when the going gets tough.

As for North, it is no secret things have been

rocky for the program in recent seasons. Last fall was my first season covering the team and I knew it would be difficult to have high expectations knowing the team recorded just one win in 2018, and went winless in 2019.

Entering this fall, I could sense the confidence Coach Drouin and the team seemed to have. They approached the off-season with a new intensity and had a certain level of swagger about them I did not see last year. Still, I knew nothing would be guaranteed and did not quite know what I would get.

Say what you will about the level of competition they have faced, but the Norsemen have done their job in every

week of the season so far. They are not just winning games, they are winning them handily, averaging almost 40 points per game while holding opponents to an average of just 4.6 points.

A lot of questions will be answered Oct. 21. That is the final week of the regular season and the day North and South are scheduled to meet for their annual rivalry showdown, with the Norsemen hosting this year.

Last year's game was a dominant 42-0 win for South and marked South's third shutout win over North in a four-year span. This year's meeting could be quite different. Blue Devils fans might think they can still handle their

rival with ease, while North supporters can see their team as more than capable of getting the program's first victory over South since 2017.

The showdown MAC White vs. MAC Gold champs will surely be on the radar of every football fan in the area next week. For me, I would not have expected in August that this would be the year new life was breathed into this rivalry due to the success of both sides.

Neither team can look ahead and risk falling in their respective Week 8 games this Friday. That said, this year's game is going to be fun. I can already feel it in the air. So, may the best team win.

Last Friday night, both the football teams at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South won the championships of their respective MAC divisions. The Norsemen completed their quest for the MAC Gold crown with a 50-0 drubbing of Warren Fitzgerald, while South pulled off a dramatic 20-16 late comeback victory over Lakeview to claim sole possession of the

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

SEEK HOMES FOR MARRIED INSTRUCTORS: Married teachers with children are finding it impossible to obtain places to live in Grosse Pointe. In spite of an intensive campaign all summer, the Board of Education was unable to find housing for all its teachers. The response of the public was excellent in respect to rooms and all single teachers found living accommodations. Very few houses, flats or apartments were offered for couples, and none for couples with children.

GRAND OPENING AT LITTLE SHOP: Event of the month for the feminine population in the Pointe was the grand opening of the Junior League Little Shop at Kercheval and Cadieux. Sporting its new décor, the Shop provided a popular spot for browsing and inspection. Soft music, sherry and a brand new line of children's clothes were thoughtfully provided.

1972

50 years ago this week

PARK RULING CAUSES FUROR: Park solons sat patiently for three hours during a regular council meeting, listening to a home owner's views on a newly enacted Certificate of Occupancy Ordinance, which went into effect Aug. 1. The council was unanimously firm that the law should stand. A standing room only crowd, most of whom were property owners, spoke against the new law. A few property owners were in favor of the ordinance.

OBSCENITIES GET BEST OF YOUTHS: Four

Woods public safety officers combined to arrest three juveniles shouting obscenities. Officers nabbed the youths in the area of Mason School. Each was charged with using obscene language in a public place, police said.

DODGE-DETROIT DISPUTE ENDS: After more than a year, the family of Anna Thompson Dodge, widow of auto pioneer Horace Dodge Sr., and the city of Detroit have reached an agreement regarding the construction of a \$2 million memorial fountain for Detroit riverfront Civic Center Plaza. Mrs. Dodge, who died at the age of 103 in her Lakeshore home, "Rose Terrace," on June 2, 1970, stipulated in her will that the fountain be constructed.

K-9 CAMPAIGN WOULD ASK COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE: A group of public safety advocates are trying to help cities fund police dog units. "I've been trying to talk the other cities into acquiring a K-9 program," said John Stevens, announcing the creation of K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes. Stevens is a former City of Grosse Pointe councilman. The City is the only Pointe to have a police dog.

FATE OF DRIVER'S ED PROGRAM TO BE STUDIED: Following the first summer of the new graduated driver's training for teens, the Grosse Pointe schools have come to a fork in the road. It can choose to drop out of providing driver's education, it can opt to continue and charge tuition or it can contract with a commercial driving school. What the school system ultimately will do has not yet been decided.

PARK RESIDENT PREPS FOR GRUELING DAY IN HAWAII: Imagine swimming 2.4 miles in the Pacific Ocean. Or riding a bicycle for 112 miles. Or running the marathon distance — 26.2 miles. Pretty grueling stuff, right? Now imagine doing all three in the span of 17 hours. Impossible? Not for Grosse Pointe Park attorney Todd Briggs. Briggs,

Millage presented as best option

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Almost all of the city's water mains, installed in the 1920s, are up against or past their lifecycle, according to municipal officials hosting a primer on why they're seeking voter support Nov. 8, of a 2.5-mill infrastructure millage.

Of the city's 35.3 miles of water mains, 95 percent date to the 1920s, according to the presentation by the infrastructure committee Sept. 20.

"We have a lot of things to work on," said committee chairman Councilman Max Weiner. He and other Park officials and consultants presented the advantages of passing the 10-year millage. The levy is projected to generate more than \$1.7 million annually through 2032 to fund water and sewer system improvements throughout town.

A 2.5-mill tax translates into an additional \$425 in property taxes per year to the owner of property having a taxable value of \$170,000.

"This millage can only be used for water-sewer," Weiner said.

According to the ballot question, the millage, amounting to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, can only be used "for the purpose of maintaining, repair-

ing, replacing, and enhancing water and sewer systems and related infrastructure in the city."

Receipts aren't targeted for marina construction, as Weiner said is rumored.

"If approved, the funds would be tracked separately from other funds," according to the presentation and many questions and answers posted on the municipal website, grossepoincelpark.org, near the top of the home page under "INFRASTRUCTURE" — all capital letters.

City Manager Nick Sizeland said, "This is only for water and sewer infrastructure in Grosse Pointe Park."

"Major investments are needed to ensure our infrastructure can meet the needs of our community both today and 100 years from now," according to the site. "The city cannot afford to bear the financial and operational

burden that comes from service interruptions and system failures."

"The water mains in the ground are exceeding their life cycle," said Patrick Drose, of the city's engineering consultants, OHM Advisors. "They age and break. You can be repairing the same area of pipe over and over again."

"It's not just about breaks," Weiner said. "It's better service to residents."

Plans include but are not limited to:

- ◆ replacing a half mile of water mains per year and replacing 6-inch diameter pipes with 8-inchers to increase the rate of flow,

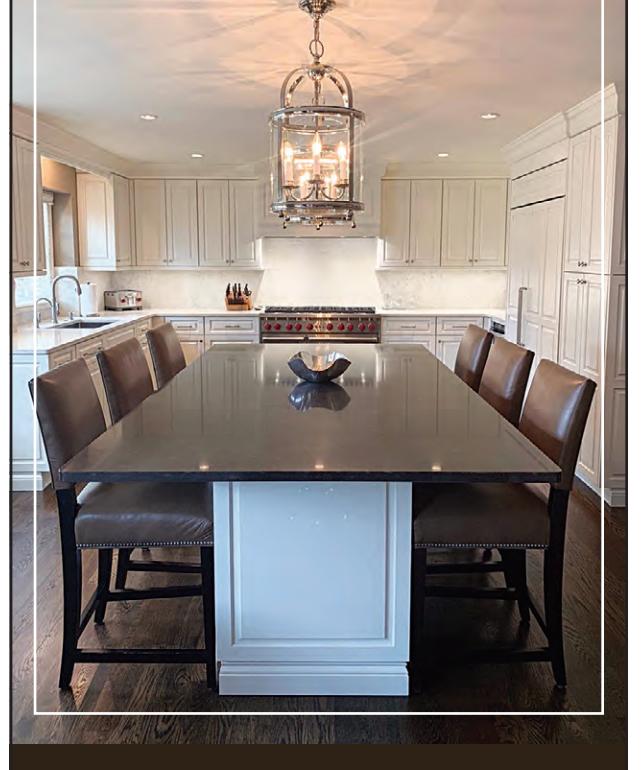
- ◆ replacing lead service lines, an unfunded state mandate prompted by the water crisis in Flint and

- ◆ rehabilitating two-thirds of a mile of sewer mains per year.

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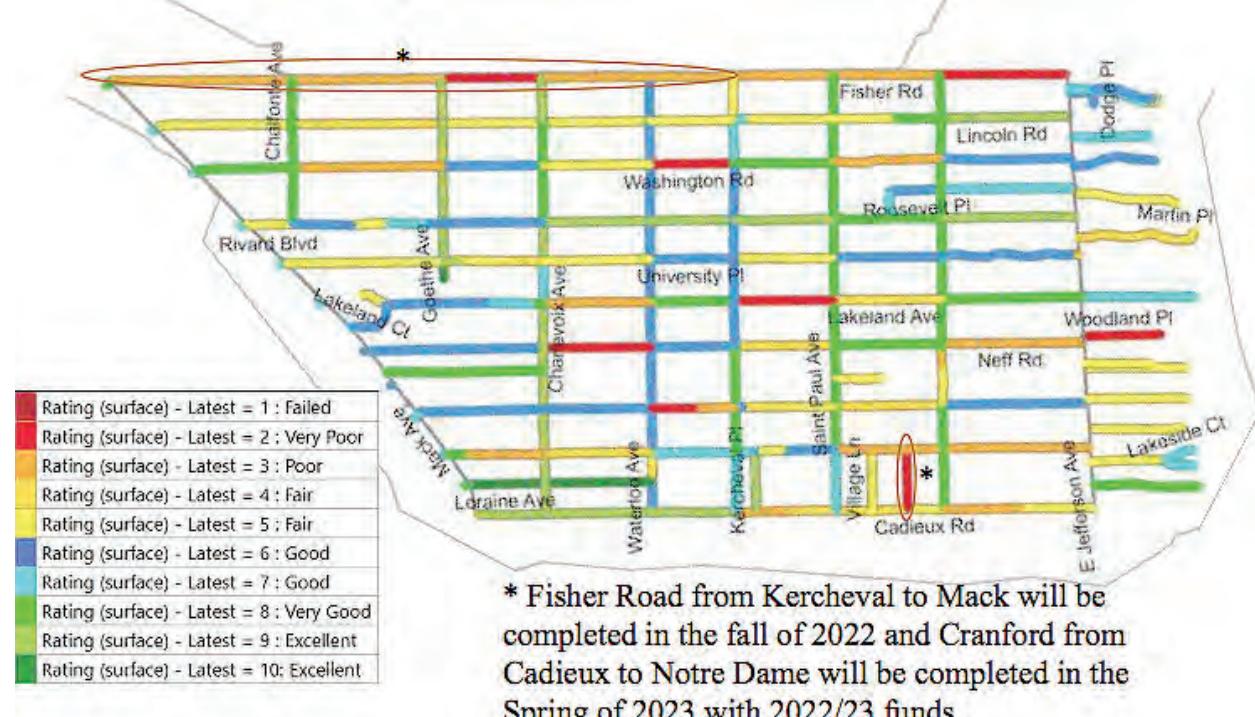
Neff, Cadieux focus of 2023 roadwork

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City is nearly three months ahead of schedule this year as council approved its 2023 road improvement plan in September.

"The reason why we're here about three months earlier than we normally do it, is we would like to get the bid packets done and ready to go and out to bid shortly after the first of the year when all the projects start coming out to bid," City Engineer Steve Pangori said, "instead of later on in the spring when a lot of the contractors already have their quota filled for the year."

On deck for reconstruction next year is Neff Road from St. Paul to Charlevoix; Cadieux from Jefferson to Kercheval; and Cranford, which was in the plan for 2022 until



This map shows a 2022 analysis of the condition of City roads.

the city was unable to secure a good price when attempting to bid out the singular block alone.

While a portion of the Kercheval work will be

covered by federal funds, year nine of the 15-year 2.5-mill road improvement levy is anticipated to provide \$966,000 in funding.

Since the program

began in 2014, the percent of City streets rated in good condition has risen from 12 percent to 35 percent.

"You are making good progress," Pangori told

council.

The tentative plan for 2024 is Lakeland from Maumee to Kercheval and Waterloo to Charlevoix, and for 2025 is Notre Dame from St.

Paul to Jefferson.

While much of the plan, which tentatively lays out the next six years of road construction, remained unchanged from what was presented last year, both a section of Neff from Jefferson to Maumee and a couple sections of Notre Dame had to be pushed until 2028, to make costs inline with projected millage amounts.

"We've seen some tremendous increases in construction costs this year," Pangori explained, "and one of the major changes that we made to the entire program is we've increased the anticipated costs for doing this roadwork by about 20 percent, which had some ripple effects on through the program."

Reconstruction of Fisher Road from Kercheval to Mack is expected to be completed this month.

COURTESY MAP

Funding sets marina's course

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Information is dribbling in about what it might cost to revive the municipal marina, rated the equivalent of a dead man walking last spring by engineering consultants.

"We've met with one company and are scheduled to meet with a second company to assess the marina, come up with drawings and their take on the marina," said Chris Delmege, supervisor of the parks and recreation department and in charge of the marina at Windmill Pointe Park.

As evaluation progresses, Delmege expects firms to survey boaters for specific needs or wants.

"That's part of what an engineering company will do," he said. "They're going to come up with options we can do with the marina. Obviously, they're going to come up with a bid."

Members of the recreation commission marina subcommittee are supposed to suggest and evaluate ideas, too. Members meet four times annually.

"We should consider meeting maybe twice as often as we currently do because we have so much on our platter to deal with looking at the future of the marina," said Larry Haggart, chairman of the subcommittee. "The structure of the subcommittee is to get representation from each of the (five) piers in the marina.

HRC gave us a ballpark cost of roughly \$10 to \$15 million for what a new marina would cost," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "Since that time, we've been working to get engineering proposals to provide us options on whether we Band-Aid the marina or do a new rebuild."

"Can we agree with the engineering report, which was done over 1 1/2 years ago, that it is functionally obsolete?" asked Christina Buchanan, newly appointed to the recreation commission.

"The overall marina facility is in fair to poor condition and functionally obsolete for the current needs of today's boaters," according to the report.

HRC faulted the condition of the marina's

- ◆ finger docks,
- ◆ tight quarters and tough navigation for larger watercraft,
- ◆ long distances between pilings,
- ◆ exposure of electrical transformers and panel-boards to high water and splashing,

- ◆ insufficient number of light poles and
- ◆ lack of slips complying with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines.

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"The reason I joined the committee is to put the message out that it's actu-

ally dangerous. We have stray (electrical) current. We don't have a ladder in case somebody falls into the water. We don't have throw-rings."

"You're going to see the ball rolling significantly faster once these proposals come in," said Chad Craig, park director.

Engineering assessments and outlooks are early parts of a three-part, five-year plan to, if financially feasible, rebuild the marina.

Part of the wish list features floating docks, electric power pedestals on every pier, water piping, LED lighting and new entrance seawalls.

"The first year is to maintain and bring up the (financial) reserves and work on engineering," said Mike Hindelang, elected com-

mission chairman Sept. 14.

"The three-year plan is to choose the (engineering) company and come up with a plan and recommendation to the commission and council. The five-year plan is completing the marina. I don't want to get caught up in what the three-year items might look like when (we're) on the one-year portion."

Consistent throughout each phase is the overriding reality of figuring out how to fund whatever improvements the city council approves.

The marina operates from an enterprise fund. Revenues and expenditures are separate from the city's general fund, which is supported by property taxes. The marina must pay for itself.

"We have one engineering proposal by Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, which does

a lot of marinas on the west side of Michigan," Sizeland said. "We're meeting with Abonmarche, a company Grosse Pointe Shores and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club used. The firms are to provide us the good, better and best options."

Year's end is the goal for meeting with all engineering companies.

"I don't think we can fully come up with a three-to-five-year plan until we get these proposals back," Craig said.

"Then," Sizeland said, "we will be able to go further to the parks and rec commission and city council showing costs and options and looking at financing options for the marina, which now would be a significant increase in marina rates, bonds and possible donations. We cannot receive any grants because we're a private park."

Tennis courts need ironing out

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Retopping the tennis courts happened later this year than expected due to supply shortages, but the contractor won't get paid until rough spots are ironed out.

Rather than reconstructing the courts at Windmill Pointe Park with asphalt, Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, chose a carpet-like material that came with a guarantee.

"We did more of a recreational surface," he said. "One of the main

reasons I went that route was, from a financial standpoint, it's cheaper and it came with a five-year warranty. The problems we're having are seams on the court and some bubbling."

Craig received uniformly positive reviews of the product prior to selecting the contractor.

"This project is not finished and it won't be finished, meaning it won't be paid for, until these issues are corrected," he said. "I have a meeting planned with the installer

and manufacturer. We're going to get these issues right."

The carpeted surface has less bounce action than asphalt.

"The ball will be a little slower," Craig said. "Anybody who is a fairly serious tennis player may not love this surface. But I wanted to offer a safe court, something we didn't have to worry about. It also goes 10 to 15 years as long as you repaint it from time to time."

When balls hit seams

or bubbled areas, it's like the player hit a trick shot.

"The ball takes funny bounces," Craig said.

No contractor would grant a warranty for an asphalt surface due to the likelihood of cracking.

"They knew how Michigan weather was," Craig said. "They won't even give me a one-year warranty because they couldn't promise that it would hold up."

— Brad Lindberg

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Alternative funding methods don't provide

enough of a financial kickstart or enough money overall to do the work, according to the presentation:

- ◆ Only 33 percent of

taxes paid by homeowners stays in the city. The rest is sent to the state, county, local school district and other entities. Currently, no taxes are used to support the water and sewer systems."

◆ "It is estimated that at a minimum, a 30 to 40 percent increase in water/sewer rates would be needed to raise the equivalent funds as the proposed millage. This magnitude of rate increase would disproportionately impact lower income residents,

which would be compounded with the current environment of historic inflation."

◆ "A bond requires the money to be spent within a short amount of time whereas a millage allows strategic funding to replace infrastructure as conditions change."

"A bond is a loan," said Jake Howlett, city attorney. "You have to pay it back. A millage is a tax. A bond would be borrowing money at a higher interest rate. A tax is a yearly levy."

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ULS gets new playground equipment

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Peggy Dettlinger knew it was time for new playground equipment when she noticed a trend at University Liggett School's lower school.

"I realized we had kids playing on the equipment whose parents had played on it when they were students here," she said.

Dettlinger, head of lower school, said students had been asking for new equipment for a while.

"Our student council is made up of fourth and fifth graders and it rotates so that everyone has a chance to be involved at some point," she said. "Part of it is about teaching leadership and so we always ask them what



COURTESY PHOTO

Peggy Dettlinger, head of lower school at University Liggett School, and students celebrate the ribbon cutting for their new playground.

projects they think would improve the school."

After looking back through her notes, Dettlinger realized that same issue was coming

up more than anything else.

"They were able to do some little things, like repainting the lines on the four-square court and putting in a tetherball court and tire swing, but the bigger pieces of equipment were really getting old," she said. "That stuff isn't cheap though, so that was the main focus of our spring fundraiser."

Dettlinger and the lower school students cut the ribbon on the new playground, which cost \$150,000, on Sept. 28. The school's Liggett Knight paddle-raising fundraiser more than covered the cost, bringing in \$157,000 last spring.

"They are absolutely thrilled," Dettlinger said

of the students. "We also redid the ground surface and added new mulch."

The new equipment offers 13 different play areas, including a spiderweb for climbing.

"That was one of the big requests," Dettlinger said. "The students were noticing that more and more at the various city parks."

Next on the project list is a new playground for pre-K students.

"We use the Reggio Emilia approach in pre-K, which involves incorporating the environment, using natural materials and the ideas of the students," Dettlinger said. "There may also be an opportunity for our CAD students in the upper school to get involved in the design."

RACE:

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night, Jeup had posted to social media a picture of her teacher license (pictured at right) issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education

July 20, 1993, along with a picture of her and a group of students while she did her student teaching in Massachusetts. She also posted a review from her supervising teacher saying she was "polite, helpful, considerate ... and respectful of students ..." and that her lessons were "well-organized and very effective."

While Jeup's license is no longer valid as she did not continue to pursue teaching and chose a different career path, she said that is irrelevant.

"I'm not applying to be a teacher, I'm running for the school board," she said in a telephone interview with the Grosse Pointe News Thursday, Oct. 6. "I went to a top-notch school, I graduated and I was a certified teacher."

According to Jeup's campaign Facebook page, she was contacted by Lograsso Saturday, Oct. 1, asking if she had been a teacher. Jeup said she responded affirmatively. Lograsso told the GP News the MI-CORE group she is part of was vetting school board candidates around the state who had made claims of having teaching experience.

"We don't talk about platforms. We just want to see if they are one of our own," Lograsso said. "There's no overarching agenda."

Jeup disagrees.

"She and her group tried to do a hit piece on me right when the absentee ballots were sent out," she said. "I guess we'll see in a court of law."

This is the second time during her campaign that Jeup has mentioned taking legal action, the first being last month when a different Facebook page posted information concerning Jeup's presence in Washington, D.C., Jan. 6, 2021, and claiming she had made comments about being at the Capitol during the protest. Jeup said she has been forthcoming in the past and says she was in D.C. that day at then-President Donald Trump's speech, but that she didn't go anywhere near the Capitol.

Lograsso posted an apology on Jeup's campaign Facebook page, but it is

unclear when Lograsso began questioning Jeup's claims about her background. The GP News has a screenshot of a tweet Lograsso sent the night of Tuesday, Sept. 27, about the matter.

A Twitter account calling itself GPMIMemes tweeted at 8:41 p.m. that night, during the League of Women Voters' candidate forum, "Ginny Jeup is exactly the kind of Grosse Pointer you avoid at your block party." To which Lograsso replied, "She's not a certified teacher in Massachusetts. Why lie. This isn't hard information to find."

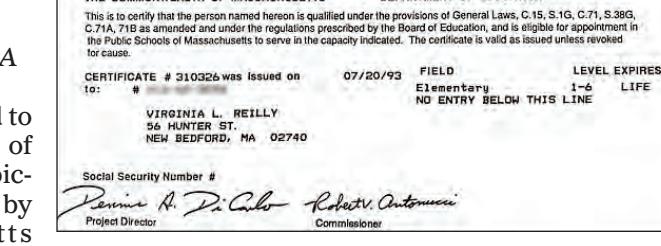
This back and forth did cause Jeup to change two items on her campaign website that had drawn attention in Facebook posts. Jeup originally stated that among her volunteer activities she'd been a school nurse in the various schools her daughters attended. That was changed Thursday, Oct. 6, to say she volunteered in the school clinic.

The second change regards her degree from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. What originally said she'd received a "K-5 teaching degree" from the school now says she received a bachelor's degree in humanities and social science and a teaching certificate.

The GP News called the registrar's office at UMass-Dartmouth and was told Jeup received that degree in 1993, and had taken teacher certification courses.

The registrar's office at UMass-Dartmouth also said Jeup's certification is good for life, meaning she could get re-licensed to teach in Massachusetts if she chose to in the future.

In a written statement to the GP News Friday, Oct. 7, Jeup said, "I would like to provide members of my community clear, detailed and accurate information about my educational background to dispel an aggressive, calculated effort to discredit me as a candidate for the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education." The statement also included the updated details regarding her degree.



'Fall Follies' kicks off South choirs' new season Oct. 14-15

Grosse Pointe South High School's nationally award-winning show choirs kick off the 2022-23 season with two performances of their annual "Fall Follies" show, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Curtain time Friday is 7 p.m., while the Saturday matinee starts at 2 p.m. for families who prefer an earlier show.

"Fall Follies" features all three of South's choirs — The Pointe Singers, Serendipity and Rhapsody in Blue — as well as the extracurricular groups, The Tower Belles

and The Suspensions, and solo performances.

"The 'Fall Follies' concert is a completely new and original program," Choir Director Vince Matia said.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors age 65 and older, and \$10 for K-12 students. They are available through the choir website, gpsouthchoir.org.

Other performances on tap for 2022-23 include "Sounds of the Season," a holiday show, Dec. 9 and 10; "Winter Spectacular," a competition preview concert, Feb. 2; and "Broadway," which features solos from all of the choirs' seniors, May 25 and 26.

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'Little Blue Book' celebrates 75 years

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — When Kim Towar came back to Grosse Pointe in 1989 to take over her dad's business, she said her first thought was, "A telephone directory, really?"

She quickly realized it was much more than that.

"Grosse Pointe is a very eclectic community," she said. "When I took over I kept thinking how we were going to make money. Then people started telling me, 'That's our Bible.' It's amazing how many people feel that way."

About to publish its 75th edition, "the little Blue Book" has gone from a 16-page, black-and-white pamphlet to a glossy, full-color guide of more than 300 pages.

Looking at the very first issue is like taking a trip back in time through the Pointes. Page 1 features a display ad for Farms



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Market, now called Fresh Farms Market, which is still located at the same address on Fisher Road. Under funeral directors a reader could find Chas. Verheyden Inc., which at

the time was on Mack near Outer Drive. Belding Cleaners also is in there, listed at the same address on Kercheval where it can be found today, and of course the Grosse Pointe News is in there, listed at an address of 99 Kercheval in the Farms.

According to Towar, the concept for the book was created in the late 1940s by restaurateur Diamond Phillips and Matthew Gobel, an advertising manager for the GP News.

"I didn't find this out until years later, but it was printed by Acme Press and their office was on Nottingham at Mack," Towar said. "That was the same building I bought when I first took over the company."

At the time, the pamphlet was printed quarterly with the motto "Grosse Pointe One of America's Finest Residential Communities. Here Fine Shops and Services Attract Patronage

from Far and Wide" at the top of the first page.

Towar's father, A.J. "Bud" Towar, bought the company in 1977.

"It had been sold to Parish Publishing in 1968, the company that does all the church bulletins," Towar said, "but they eventually decided it didn't fit their business."

In an effort to learn more about the publication's background, Towar started putting out the word that she would pay

\$10 for copies from each year, which she now has obtained.

"The way we look at it, anyone can buy an ad on Google, but not everyone can be in our book," Towar laughed. "We do, however, list every single business in all the Pointes, whether they buy an ad or not. The reason is, if someone picks it up to look for a specific business and it's not in there, what do they do? They toss it in the trash."

Through hard work and dedication, Towar's 10-member, all-female team has kept the book going. In addition to the guide, Towar Productions has branched out to include branding, printing, content marketing and media strategy services.

"We have a six-month sales cycle and I started thinking about what we could do the other six months of the year," she said. "So we started a blue book for St. Clair Shores."

Towar said she wasn't sure how successful it would be, but had her answer soon after the first issue came out.

"We included a scavenger hunt where people

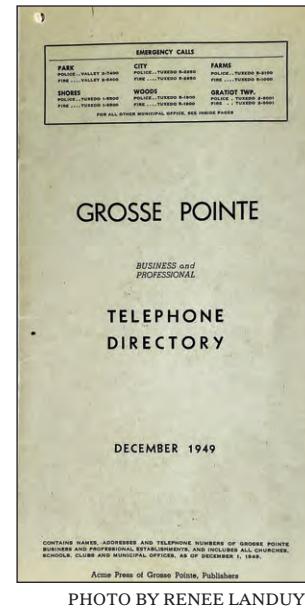


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The cover of the first edition of what would become "the little Blue Book."

could win tickets to the Renaissance Festival," Towar recalled. "Within a few weeks we had hundreds of entries."

Towar has similar plans for the diamond jubilee edition of the directory.

"We're going to include 10 diamond tickets for \$100 gift cards to various businesses and one for a \$1,000 shopping spree to several of our advertisers," she said. "We're so fortunate to be in this community and want to show our appreciation for how people have embraced us all these years."

Give your support

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, there are countless ways around Grosse Pointe to help support a breast cancer cure. One such event is an open house from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Chez Lou Lou Salon, 16900 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

The salon has partnered with Fenton-based manufacturer and engineer Stuart Fletcher, who has designed the "Mugzle," a coffee mug that is part

interactive puzzle, to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

For each purchase of the Mugzle, \$5 will be donated to the BCRF to help find a cure for breast cancer.

The event also will feature Humble Beauty owner and Chez Lou Lou staffer Lindsay Trudell, who specializes in restorative tattooing for breast cancer survivors. She will consult with women who are interested in this procedure.

— Meg Leonard



Chez Lou Lou Salon in Grosse Pointe will sell the "Mugzle" to raise money for breast cancer research.

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Above, Roger Garrett poses next to the newly installed "Berea Horse" sculpture, which carries a \$10,000 price tag. Left, Michael Magnotta's "Purple Haze" weighs 175 pounds and stands 6 feet high. Cost is \$5,000.

New art graces greenspace Moross Greenway rotates in new pieces

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since 2004, the once dilapidated islands along Moross, from I-94 to Mack Avenue, have been carefully kept up by the Moross Greenway Project, a nonprofit whose volunteers not only care about the aesthetics of the community, but also its ecology.

As part of the project, four years ago a public art installation on the islands began to take shape, introducing passersby to colorful sculptures and the artists who created them. In its first year, 10 sculptures were placed. The second year, that total increased to 17. Last year and this year, the islands bear 20 sculptures.

"One is permanent and the other 19 rotate," said Roger Garrett, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and arts committee chairman, who oversees the installation. "We rotate half of them each year, so there are nine or 10 new ones each year."

Garrett is first to admit he amped up his support when the idea of sculptures was introduced.

"I've been a small sup-

porter of the greenway all along," he said, "but when Sheila talked about sculptures, I got excited. That's my thing."

Garrett said it's an interesting task to balance the islands, each of them 100 feet wide. To be accepted for installation, sculptures must be greater than 6 feet tall.

"We look at images to decide what to install," he said. "The problem is having pieces large enough so they can be viewed by people driving by."

Each August, the art selection committee works with sculptor Ken Thompson, of the Midwest Sculpture Initiative.

"Twice a year, he solicits images from 200 sculptors from all over, but largely from the Midwest," Garrett said. "This year there were 165 images to look at. We cut that to 30 or 40, then cut it down again until we end up with nine or 10."

Thompson then handles the installation, as well as moves one or two sculptures to new loca-

tions.

Joining the islands this year are Michael Magnotta's "Above the Waves" and "Purple Haze," Ray Katz's "Winter Moon" and "Ascension," Jonathan Bowling's "Berea Horse," Ken Thompson's "Steel Inverted Arch 5," Brian Ferriby's "Big Blue X," Jim Gallucci's "Flutter Archway III" and Jennifer Meyer's "Cluster of Poppies."

Each sculpture costs between \$1,000 and \$1,200 for the Moross Greenway Project to "rent" them for a year.

"We do pay for it," O'Hara said of the artwork. "The artist gets exposure here and when people go to our website. And we get to have the piece for a year. We have to fundraise for the art and the landscape work that has to be done."

Maintenance of the islands costs an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year and is performed by Backer Landscaping.

"They have shown a real interest in it," Garrett said, noting, "Wayne County does not touch those islands."

Added O'Hara, "They (Backer) want to do it right."

Other than an annual appeal, the organization does not host fundraisers; however, O'Hara is hopeful that sort of event will be arranged in the future.

For now, the group depends on the generosity of donors large and small.

"This is grassroots; there are no paid employees," Garrett said. "Our major donor base is very small. We get support from the garden clubs and some local citizens."

"The \$20 checks we get are as important as everything else," O'Hara added.



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Randy Lee unhooks the straps around "Flutter Archway III" as he and Ray Katz, who assisted with installations, discuss the secure placement of the piece.



"Above the Waves" by Michael Magnotta. The 300-pound sculpture stands 6 feet high and costs \$11,000.

"We appreciate every bit of support we get."

Though the sculptures carry price tags, the impact they've had on the community has been priceless. Since the Moross Greenway Project has taken root, Garrett and O'Hara have watched the surrounding community change. While over-

seeing installation this year, Garrett noticed fresh paint on houses and neatly trimmed bushes in front of them.

"It happened slowly; the neighborhood has improved," O'Hara said. "When you live around nice things, you want to contribute. It's sort of the reverse of the broken-window effect."

Plus, she said, the greenspace is an attraction not only for art lovers, but for those interested in gardening, landscaping or the outdoors.

"From the beginning, it always was about taking care of the landscaping and the community so it looks well-cared-for, so it looks loved," she said.

"It's for the environment. We planted trees on the

island and up and down Moross in front of houses. It's to clean the air, to shelter a house from the heat, to filter water — it all made sense. We had a vision. People told us, 'You're crazy. It's never going to happen.' But we didn't lose our faith or tenacity."

"I have appreciated art a long time," said Garrett, who met O'Hara when they both served on the board of the Greening of Detroit. "The idea of public art is very cool and here was this great landscape — seven huge islands on which to display art. I was like a kid in a candy store ..."

"It's incredibly rewarding," he added. "... It's satisfying to participate in something you can get your hands around and see happen."

Apart from John Piet's "Full Swing," all of the sculptures are for sale; the organization receives 20 percent of the sale price.

Details — including artist, sculpture name and price — soon will be available on the website, morossgreenway.org.

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GPT's Purdon Studio Theatre presents 'Tiny Beautiful Things'

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre takes the stage Oct. 14 to 16, and Oct. 20 to 22, for "Tiny Beautiful Things," at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Based on the best-selling book by Cheryl Strayed and adapted for the stage by Nia

Vardalos, "Tiny Beautiful Things" personifies the questions and answers "Sugar" published online in her "Dear Sugar" advice column from 2010-12. When the struggling writer was asked to take over the unpaid, anonymous position of advice columnist, Strayed used empathy and her personal experiences to help

those seeking guidance for obstacles both large and small. "Tiny Beautiful Things" is a play about reaching out when you're stuck, healing when you're broken and finding the courage to take on the questions that have no answers.

Tickets are \$15, plus a \$5 customer service fee, and available online at gpt.org/tiny.

Coming up

Grosse Pointe Theatre also is hosting auditions for "Broadway Bound," from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Character descriptions and registration forms are available online at gpt.org/auditions.

tions. Hopefuls are asked to bring a headshot photo, if available. If not, a digital photo will be taken at auditions.

"Broadway Bound" will be performed at Parcells Middle School late January and early February.

For more information, call (313) 881-4004.

Candidate for Michigan Supreme Court speaks Tuesday

Attorney Paul D. Hudson, candidate for Michigan Supreme Court, will speak to the Eastside Republican Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hudson leads the appeals group at one of Michigan's oldest and largest law firms and has argued more than 150 cases in the Michigan appeals courts.

"As leader of his firm's appeals group, Mr. Hudson is one of the most experienced appellate lawyers ever to run for the Michigan Supreme Court," said Eastside Republican Club Chairwoman Marie Hackleman, in a statement in advance of the meeting. "He knows from the front lines just how important the Michigan Supreme Court is in protecting our rights and freedoms and is committed to treat everyone who appears in court with dignity and respect."

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and a meet-and-greet with Hudson.

The forum is open to the public at no charge; those interested in learning about Michigan's judicial process are invited.



Congrats!

Jerry Krueger, right, and John DeBoer recently won the first Grosse Pointe Shores Century Pickleball Tournament, which took place Saturday, Oct. 1, at Osiris Park. The winners received jars of pickles. The tournament was played under sunny skies and featured nearly 20 teams. Each team consisted of players whose ages totaled at least 100 years old.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive from 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at 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.

Library

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

◆ 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.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Fairy House Craft, 4

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Writing Group

◆ Writing Group, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Outdoor Storytime

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

1,000 Hours Bat & Nighttime Animal Walk

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Brain Matters

◆ Brain Matters, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Storytime with Miss Jane

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Body Alignment

◆ 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

◆ Gwendolyn J. Scales instructs this free class.

Conversational French

◆ Conversational French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners,

Storytime with Miss Jane

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.

Reiki

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

Dogfight Over Tokyo

◆ Dogfight Over Tokyo, by John Wukovits, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Nonfiction Book Club

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Medicare Open Enrollment

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

Body Alignment

◆ Body Alignment, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays for beginners and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays for intermediate students.

Pewabic Pottery—Tile Glazing Workshop

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

Kids Fall Cookie Decorating

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

Adult Cookie Rookies

◆ Adult Cookie Rookies: Cookie Decorating 101, 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, with cookie artist Kara Shall. Cost is \$65.

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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.

◆ "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.

◆ "Adult Cookie Rookies: Cookie Decorating 101," 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, with cookie artist Kara Shall. Cost is \$65.

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 haunted wagon ride. Tickets are \$15 per child for members, \$20 per child for nonmembers. Adults do not need tickets.

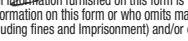
◆ Big Goblins, 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, includes adult beverages, goodie bags, appetizers and more. Cost is \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

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The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the John Paul Jones Society of the National Society Children of the American Revolution host a flag-retirement ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms Boy Scout Troop 96 will assist. All are welcome to attend the ceremony and/or bring a flag to retire.

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On the road again

Galbenski training for next adventure

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Dave Galbenski just can't get running out of his system.

As the Detroit Free Press Marathon nears — it takes place Oct. 14-16 — Galbenski has hit the streets, logging miles in preparation for the event.

Training or not, the longtime long-distance runner considers every day a gift since receiving a living liver donation

from his brother-in-law, Mark Dybis, in 2019.

"Running down Lakeshore has a special spot in my heart," Galbenski said. "In September 2019, I had been on the (transplant) list about seven months. I was training to participate in the (Free Press) half marathon that October. My energy levels were starting to decline. I was wondering when I would get a new liver. So I strap on my shoes, because I do my best thinking when I run down Lakeshore."

"I go to the end of my street and I stare at the lake and I think, I don't know if I want to run today," he continued. "Then I hear this inner voice: It doesn't matter how you feel sometimes, you just got to get out there and run."

As he set off on his way, taking in the familiar, comforting sights,

he caught a glimpse of inspiration. "Monarch butterflies create hope and are a symbol of transformation," he said. "As I started to run, from the corner of my eye I see a monarch 'running' with me. I felt hope. I felt opportunity. I kept running. And then a few more monarchs came along. I was so grateful I went on that run."

"Two days later, after seeing those monarchs that gave me hope, my brother-in-law called and told me he was going to be my liver donor."

Training on Lakeshore brings Galbenski back to that life-changing run, during which he found "hope and inspiration that can change your life," he said.

As he prepares for the upcoming marathon, Galbenski reflected on his last decade of participation.

"The Detroit Free Press Marathon offers a variety of races," he said. "Over the last decade, I've done every type of distance run they've put on, starting with the full marathon. Then on my transplant journey I did the international half marathon and the U.S. half marathon. This year I'm doing the five-leg marathon relay."

Galbenski related the relay's five legs with the five "legs" of transplant:



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Dave Galbenski trains along Lakeshore, which holds a special place in his heart.

donor, recipient, health care professionals, caregivers and the community that supports transplant.

system is a sponsor of the Detroit Free Press Marathon.

"When you run longer distances, injury prevention is key," he said. "Henry Ford has a performance athletic center, where they did a gait analysis and they taught me a flexibility and stretching routine."

"... Injury prevention is what my focus is on, particularly post-transplant," he added. "Henry Ford helped get me ready to go."

Joining him are team members from Hall Render, a health care-focused law firm. The team is captained by Mark Adams, who will run two legs. Emily Beukema and Liza Brooks round out the team.

"Mark and I have been business partners in another venture coming up on 30 years," said Galbenski, who will cross the finish line after running 6.57 miles.

Also playing a role in Galbenski's training is the team at Henry Ford Hospital, where he received his lifesaving transplant. The health

available on the website — livingliver.org — where Galbenski will share insights as the race nears. Donations also are welcome.

"It's fun training in Grosse Pointe," he said.

"For long-distance runners, Sunday is generally the long run for marathon and half-marathon

runners. Eight out of 10 people training this time of year who are doing a Sunday run are training for this marathon.

"This is a special year," he continued. "They're doing the international race again. The last few years they couldn't do that. The racing and running community is ready for that community build. This post-COVID race is a return to normalcy. That's why I selected this relay. It's about community. I see it running down Lakeshore; I feel it.

"I'm grateful to be alive and have opportunity to raise awareness."



Galbenski is all smiles after last year's Detroit Free Press marathon.

Fisk for Footlights returns Oct. 16

Local musician Jef Fisk returns to the Cabbage Patch Saloon for an evening of fun and fundraising at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Park.

Fisk will entertain attendees with old favorites, as well as new music. Drinks and snacks will be available, but no meals are offered at the

venue.

Tickets for the concert are available online at gpt.org/fisk or by calling (313) 881-4004. All proceeds benefit Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra opens 70th season Sunday, Oct. 16

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra opens its 70th season with a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Led by conductor and Music Director Joe Striplin, the orchestra opens its season with Leopold Stokowski's orchestral arrangement of Johann Sebastian Bach's organ composition Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor. The orchestra then welcomes solo violinist Jing Zhang in a performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major.

Jing, a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, began studying violin at age 4, entered the Shanghai Conservatory of Music at age 10 and has bachelor's and master's degrees in violin performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. She has performed extensively around the world and has won multiple national and international competitions.

The concert then concludes with the performance of American composer William Grant Still's Symphony No. 4, "Autochthonous." Known as the "Dean of African-American Classical Composers" and recognized one of America's foremost composers, Still described the symphony as speaking "of the fusion of musical cultures in North America."

A pre-concert lecture introducing and discussing the concert music, presented by Davis Gloff of radio station WRCJ, begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at the orches-



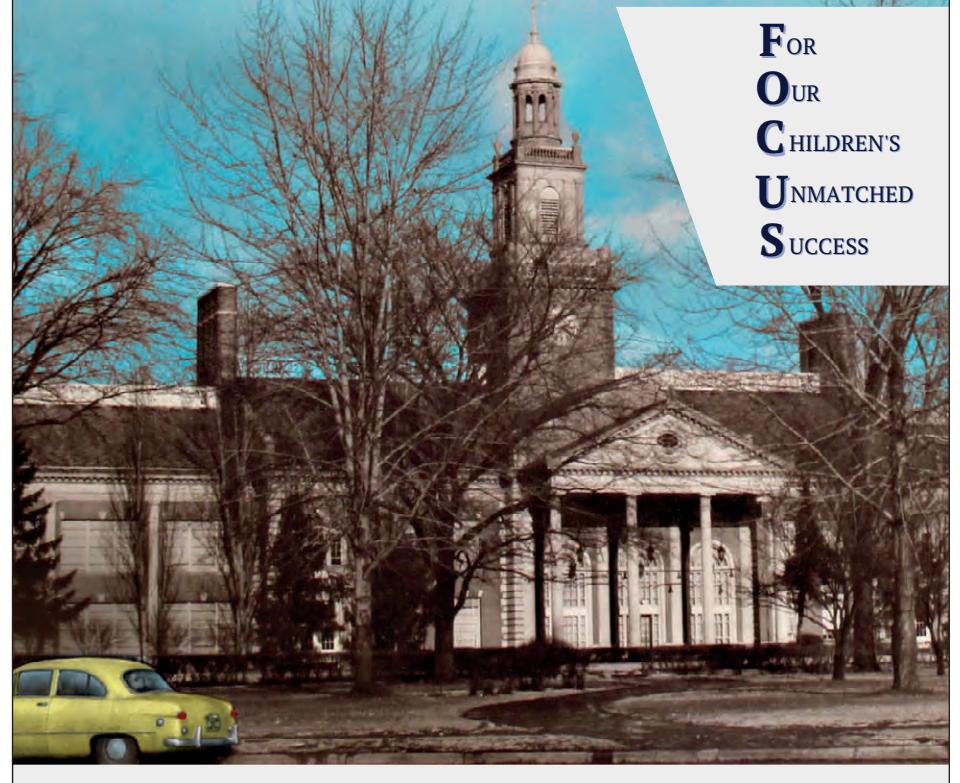
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tra's website. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for college students and free to K-12 students.

The performance of Still's Symphony No. 4 is made possible in part by the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Funds grant to the orchestra, to support diverse concert programs featuring compositions by underrepresented composers.

The GPSO season continues Dec. 4, with a holiday-themed performance that includes Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," as well as concerts Feb. 26 and April 23, and an outdoor summer concert in August.

The orchestra also will host its Oktoberfest-themed donor appreciation and annual meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Building. Details and tickets for these events are available online at gpsymphony.org.



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Oct. 15 concert celebrates renovations, highlights new theater space at GPCC

By Jody McVeigh

Editor

Covid-19 and last summer's floods were a one-two punch that could have devastated Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

Just as the church began celebrating extensive renovations — including a new portico, elevator, main hallway and reception area, as well as a revamped stage in the lower-level fellowship hall — the summer 2021 floods hit and forced them to start anew on the entire lower level, which also houses its kitchen, arts studio, recording studio and more.

Despite the blow, the congregation stayed positive, largely thanks to the outlook of its leader.

"The flood was for us a



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The new dinner theater area. The stage is lower than before and now accessible to all.

baptism," the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver said. "It made us get rid of all the old and get

some newness. This was the opportunity."

Since last summer, the art gallery has been restored and everything in the recording studio has been replaced. The kitchen underwent a remodel that includes stainless steel surfaces and stone countertops, as well as a more open, barrier-free floor plan that allows for more maneuverability.

"We're going to swing back into collecting food for Crossroads and redo the things we thought we lost during the pandemic and then the flood," Yeager-Stiver said. "Like all injuries, it just takes time."

Also reconstructed was the fellowship hall stage, which had to be torn down due to mold and deteriorated wood. The former stage, which sat four feet from the floor, was replaced with one just seven inches off the ground. A ramp will be added to provide stage access to anyone, Yeager-Stiver said.

Though some of the

renovations still need final touches, the church is opening its fellowship hall to the community this weekend for a concert that will be a celebration and an introduction of sorts.

Between the new kitchen and the new stage, "the opportunities were right," Yeager-Stiver said. "... This is our opportunity to do some-

thing new and amazing.

"Our goal is to plant a seed," he added. "The money we're raising will help create the first dinner theater in the Pointes."

"We've got the space," said Diana Jones-Kirby, who manages stage productions at the church. "We're more than happy to welcome the community. We want them to know we're here and we're having a good time, so come join us."

Showtime

Phase 2, a 1980s tribute band, will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and include snacks, wine and soft drinks. Singing and dancing is encouraged; '80s attire is optional.

"Something good came out of something bad," Jones-Kirby said, noting the church's performances are open to anybody.

The new stage first was used this summer, when the church hosted a series of four short plays writ-

ten by Grosse Pointe Theatre veteran Pete DiSante. It served as a pilot run for congregants and was well received.

"We showed the church what's possible," Yeager-Stiver said.

Currently, the stage is used for rehearsals by the Fine Arts Society of Detroit and Theatre Arts Club of Detroit. When they run through dress rehearsals, an audience is invited and a freewill offering collected; proceeds go toward the dinner theater space.

Dinner theater productions, likely to begin this spring, will be open to the public.

The church also hopes the members of the community attend its New Year's Eve party, which currently is being planned to include live music and food.

"It's a fun time for people to come and enjoy it," Jones-Kirby said.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 884-3075.



The elevator had to be replaced because it had water damage.



The remodeled kitchen, which includes stone and stainless steel countertops, is nearing completion.

Historical Society benefits from We Are Here Foundation donation

The We Are Here Foundation furnished new office furniture to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's new administration and collection resources building.

The society was given new desks, tables, chairs, file cabinets and other needed items.

"We really enjoyed working with GPHS and donating the needed

office furniture," said Tom Cleaver, founder of the We Are Here Foundation.

The We Are Here Foundation is an IRS-registered 501(c)3 non-profit lake and river cleanup and youth education group. Its volunteers have removed more than 12,600,000 pounds of debris from the Clinton River, Lake St. Clair and

Gull Island during the past 27 years.

"We also have provided needy school districts and nonprofits in southeastern Michigan with over 150 full 53-foot truckloads of new and used office furniture and student desks," Cleaver said.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society was founded in 1945, to pre-

serve and protect the rich heritage of all five Grosse Pointes and share it with the community. Through programs, facilities and events, GPHS brings history to life, protects historic artifacts and collects and shares Grosse Pointe

stories.

Its new administration and collection resources building is 5,000 square

feet and provides a permanent home for the organization's collections and archives, the Alfred B. and Ruth S. Moran Resource Center and space for programs and exhibits.

"The donations from the We Are Here Foundation are a terrific boost to this project," said GPHS Vice President of

Development Stuart Grigg. "Being able to open our building with new furniture is a positive message for the community, our staff, board and volunteers. We are grateful to Tom Cleaver and his team for their enthusiasm and support."

More information about GPHS can be found at gphistorical.org.

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The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe recommends three voter resources for the Nov. 8 general election.

First, vote411.org provides a wealth of election information, in English and Spanish. Voters can check their voter registration, find a polling place, learn about candidates and more. Vote411 has served tens of millions of voters and won multiple national awards during the last 15 years. It has long been a trusted source of objective and factual election information — a one-stop shop for everything election related. It provides meticulously researched bilingual election information in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and provides updated information throughout the year as information changes.

Second, the League of Women Voters of Michigan's 2022 Non-Partisan Voter Guide contains information on the following candidates: Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, all 13 U.S. Representatives in Congress, Michigan Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of

Trustees, Wayne State University Board of Governors, Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals and three ballot initiatives.

The guide also includes a map of the new Congressional districts and information on voter registration, tips for voters, voting on Election Day, election hotline information and more.

Paper copies of the Voter Guide have been distributed throughout the community, including libraries, clerks' offices, churches, businesses and other areas. Digital copies of the guide may be found on the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe website at lwvgrossepoinete.org.

Third, voters are invited to watch videos the league recorded of the following candidate forums:

Michigan Supreme Court
Grosse Pointe School Board
U. S. Congress, 13th District
Wayne County Commission, 1st District
Michigan House, 11th District
Michigan House, 10th District
Visit lwvgrossepoinete.org for more information.

OBITUARIES

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

Barbara Jean Jacoby

Barbara Jean Jacoby (nee Allen), 97, passed away in her sleep Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, and joined her husband, Al, in the company of heaven.

A former resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Barbara was born April 25, 1925. She will be missed by those who knew her for her kindness, easygoing nature and strong Christian faith. Barb was quick with a smile, sometimes mischievous and even a bit flirtatious.

Diminutive in size at 5 feet, Barb was an enthusiastic athlete who enjoyed tennis and golf well into her 80s. She and Al were active members of the Detroit Athletic Club, Indian Village Tennis Club, Lochmoor Club and Leland Country Club. Her athleticism helped her overcome adversities, such as surviving a severe stroke at age 92 and COVID-19 at 95.

Barb enjoyed a lifetime association with the Michigan State University Class of 1947, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Cooley High School, often referring to herself as a "Cooley Girl." When asked why she had such a large family, the mother of six replied, "Your father and I thought it would be great fun."

Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Al, to whom she was married more than 70 years. She is survived by her children, Al, Catherine, Curtice, Christine, Chuck and Connie; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 7155 Huron Ave., Lexington, followed by a funeral service at 11:30 a.m. and a graveside service at 12:30 p.m.

Flowers and memorials may be sent to Pomroy Funeral Home, 6 S. Howard Ave., Croswell, MI, 48422.

Lucille "Lucy" Evans

Lucille "Lucy" Evans, 95, died peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, surrounded by the love of family, receiving visits from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren during her last days.

Lucy was born Aug. 14, 1927, in Hamtramck, to Tadeusz and Minnie (nee Szajnik) Tanalski. She had an older stepbrother named Charles Peltz and a younger sister named Rita Garontakos.

Lucy spoke fondly of her home on Lehman Street, how she shared a bedroom with her mother and sister, and how they took on borders to stay afloat financially. Despite the economic challenges, Lucy shared fond memories of her mother buying her birthday cakes and of her father repairing leather bags at the kitchen table for musicians and local businesses, as well as purses for her.

Lucy worked hard in and out of the home her entire life. Her first job as

a young girl was at a live poultry market in Hamtramck and, after high school, she worked at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. In 1950, she married her high school sweetheart, Jim, after he returned from World War II. Their wedding day at St. Florian Catholic Church was one of the happiest days of her life. She loved her orchid and lily of the valley bouquet, and her dress was handmade by her seamstress neighbor. Lucy and Jim were happily married nearly 72 years.

They first lived in Hamtramck with her family in the upstairs duplex of the house, then proudly purchased a newly built home on Cheshire Street in Detroit. She was loving, devoted and frugal as a homemaker.

Lucy was excited to start a family and as her girls were born, she stayed at home and tended to the family and home. She was grounded in faith, raised Catholic and later became a member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Lucy loved God, Jesus, the saints and Pope John Paul II and was a strong believer in her faith, always in attendance for Sunday service. She looked forward to church fellowship and everyone was her friend.

Working with Jim in the men's clothing department for the bi-annual church rummage sale was anticipated with excitement.

She rejoiced in the birth of every grandchild and great-grandchild. When she was not hosting grandchildren for sleepovers, she would attend their sporting events, concerts and scouting award ceremonies with pride.

Lucy was a constant and steady presence in the lives of many, whether at home or church, looking after others and offering to help. Lucy spent her time at the round table in her kitchen, praying for loved ones, writing letters, completing crosswords and reading the New York Times, which spurred discussions of current issues.

She was prayerful, unconditional in her love and would offer a smile and blessing to those she met, always wearing her signature hat — a tam — and colorful pins with Jim at her side.

Lucy is survived by her daughters, Judith (James Ritts) and Dr. Lisa (David Thomas); cherished grandsons, James (Caitlin), Dr. Evan (Dr. Jennifer Ress), Dr. Paul (Dr. Amanda Charney), Christopher Thomas (Katherine) and Jason Smith (Faith); and beloved great-grandchildren, Alexander, Julian, Everett, Nolan, Arlen, Henry Thomas, Gregory, Victoria and Jacelyn.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Evans; daughter, Karen Smith; and great-granddaughter, Powell Louise Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Clair Grant Keough

Clair Grant Keough, 82, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022.

Formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, Clair, who went by Grant, was born Aug. 2, 1940, in Iowa Falls, Iowa, to Ardelle "Art" Thornton Keough and Hazel Keough (nee Show). He grew up in Iowa Falls and Hampton, Iowa, graduating from Hampton High School in 1958.

In high school, Grant was active in the school paper and yearbook and was president of the science club. He also was president of the Thespians and active in the stage crew, serving as lighting director several years and technical director for the musical "Brigadoon" his senior year.

Grant received a scholarship from the Maytag Corporation Foundation to attend Iowa State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1962. While at ISU, Grant was a resident of Woodrow House and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and Institute of Radio Engineers. He remained active in theater groups, again providing his expertise in technical direction.

Upon graduation, Grant moved to Detroit and began a long career with The Detroit Edison Company, where he spent more than 25 years as an engineer in the purchasing department. He bought and inspected electrical and mechanical equipment and materials, designed electrical circuitry for new power plants and was involved in the process to provide power to the Renaissance Center. Grant closed his career working as a consultant for Moylan Engineering.

Grant's years at Detroit Edison helped fuel his lifelong interest in the history of Detroit, and his Irish heritage was always of major interest. Discovering the historic Irish presence in Detroit drew him to strong involvement with The Gaelic League and Irish American Club. For many years he served as treasurer and board member of these organizations. He and his former wife Jane actively assisted in the production of the initial Detroit Riverfront Irish Festivals.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Farms and City for nearly 50 years, Grant often was seen walking or biking through the Pointes, stopping to visit friends and family on the way to his favorite destination, the Grosse Pointe Public Library. He had a lifelong love of learning and never stopped expanding his knowledge of the world around him.

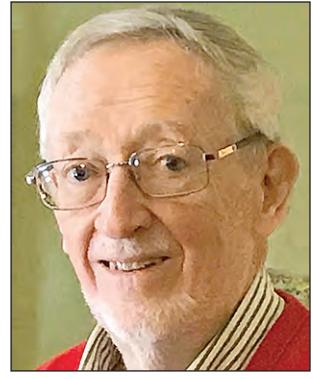
After retirement, Grant acquired a keen interest in genealogy. He became skilled at genealogical research and websites, digging deep into books and public records and making contacts in other cities with enthusiasm. He always was willing to share his specialized knowledge or volunteer his time at the library to assist others in starting



Barbara Jean Jacoby



Lucille "Lucy" Evans



Clair Grant Keough



Lee Warner Brooks



Linda M. Carlson

their genealogy journey.

Grant's other hobbies were varied and his interest in other people was innate. He made new friends everywhere he went, easily conversing no matter the topic — history, current affairs, politics, arts and culture, travel, sports, food or the best local beer in any city — learning their interests, often surprising them later with a book, photo or trinket.

Generous with his time, Grant enjoyed helping others with technical projects, especially electrical, putting his long career in electrical engineering into practice.

He also was a loving dog-sitter for several friends and kept dog treats on hand for neighborhood dog visitors.

Grant gave special assistance to his former mother-in-law, Mary Belle Reed, with whom he lived many years.

As she aged, he helped care for her and her home and gardens, while bringing her treats from the bakery or grocery store.

In his last decade, Grant suffered from macular degeneration. Not letting his diminishing eyesight

keep him from living his life fully, he became proficient navigating public transportation around the Detroit area and to other cities and was eager to learn new vision supportive technology to keep his beloved books in his life.

In his final year and a half, Grant moved to Wilmington, Del., and Shaker Heights, Ohio. He graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1972, where he lettered in soccer and sang in the a cappella choir. As a Boy Scout, he earned the rank of Life Scout.

Lee attended the University of Michigan and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1977, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors in English. In 1975, he circumnavigated the United States in a 1968 Camaro.

Grant is survived by his daughter, Katherine Keough-Jurs (Peter) of Cincinnati, Ohio; brother, Craig T. Keough (Barbara) of Dubuque, Iowa; nephews, David Keough, Michael Keough and Ryan Keough; and niece, Laura Keough Blackburn and their families. He maintained a close family relationship and friendship with his former wife, Jane Reed Keough Davies; former sister-in-law, Sister Ruthanne Reed, OP, of Racine, Wisc.; and honorary stepsons, Rob, John and Brian Davies and their families. He also enjoyed a special friendship with former neighbors, Brian and Tamra Fromm and their dog, Bailey. He will be missed by them, as well as many friends and acquaintances.

In addition to his parents, Grant was predeceased by his brother, Duane Keough (Patricia) of Georgetown, Fla.; former father-in-law, Clarence Reed; and former mother-in-law, Mary Belle Reed, with whom he remained close and helped care for in her later years. He also was very recently



Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses.

Lee is survived by his first wife, Suzanne, and their children, Alethea Anoush Brooks and Lee Gai z a k Brooks (Artemisha); two grandchildren, Alma Faith Brooks and Francis Ambrose Brooks; his siblings, Linda Larsen (Kent), Brenda Jones (Buddy) and Bruce Brooks (Jilane); and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, LeRoy and Faith Brooks; son, Austen Berj Brooks; and in-laws, Torcome and Roxie Sahakian.

A memorial service for Lee will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorial tributes may be made online to Bear River Writers' Conference Scholarship Program, University of Michigan, lsa.umich.edu/bearriver/scholarships/donate.html

Lee Warner Brooks

Lee Warner Brooks, 68, passed away Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. He was born May 28, 1954, in Ann Arbor, and grew up in Wilmington, Del., and Shaker Heights, Ohio. He graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1972, where he lettered in soccer and sang in the a cappella choir. As a Boy Scout, he earned the rank of Life Scout.

In his final year and a half, Grant moved to Wilmington, Del., and Shaker Heights, Ohio. He was especially pleased to be active in the Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans at American House. There he was fortunate to continue his favorite practices of meeting new people and providing guidance on genealogical research.

Grant's family is grateful to the staff at American House East II and the volunteers at the GSFA for being so welcoming and kind.

Lee obtained a master's degree in English from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979, and a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School in 1986, where he was an editor on the Michigan Law Review. He clerked for federal Court of Appeals Judge James L. Ryan one year, then practiced law and became a partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in Detroit until 1996.

Lee was married to Suzanne Sahakian for 26 years and lived in Grosse Pointe Park until recently. He was devoted to his children, Alethea, Lee "Zak" and Austen, and to his writing, publishing several books of poetry, including "Novlets — 67 [Shakespearian] Sonnets" (2009). His sonnets have appeared in The Iowa Review, Passager, Light Quarterly, Poetry in Performance and the online Bear River Review. He coached soccer and enjoyed playing flute and guitar. From 2003 to 2018, he taught composition, creative writing, fiction and poetry at the University of Michigan.

Linda was the beloved wife of the late Robert Carlson; loving mother of Margo Croke (Mike) and Mark Ambrose (Nicole); and dear grandmother of Drew Croke, Gavin Croke, Noah Croke, Lucy Ambrose and James Ambrose. She was predeceased by her parents, as well as her sister, Margo Chadwell.

A funeral service took place Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

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GP United Methodist welcomes new choir director

Oct. 16 reception slated

By Joan Richardson
Special Writer

The new choir director at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church is, not surprisingly, consumed by music. He sings baritone with the highly regarded Detroit Concert Choir, plays tuba for various professional engagements, teaches music to middle schoolers in Farmington Hills, serves on the voice faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in northern Michigan and now conducts the Chancel Choir at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

"I love music, but I'm especially passionate about sacred choral music and love having the opportunity to praise God with the gifts He's given me," Giustino Carrano said. "My faith is a big part of who I am and using music to help others enter into worship, that's a very special thing."

Carrano, 36, joined GPUMC this summer following a nearly year-long search to replace Cleopatra Greenwell, who had been choir director for 37 years and died unexpectedly in 2021.

Sunday, Oct. 16, the choir will present a special performance of "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius and the church will formally welcome Carrano with a reception following the service.

Carrano's interest in music was sparked when he saw "the big, shiny silver sousaphones" in the marching band at a high school football game when he was in fifth grade.

"I knew right then that I wanted to play the tuba," he said.

By college, he was preparing to become an orchestral tubist, but expected music to just be a side gig. The professional plan was to join the U.S. Air Force after



COURTESY PHOTO

Giustino Carrano directs the choir at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

graduation and become a pilot.

"From the time I could walk until I was 22 years

old, I was on the path to become an Air Force aviator," he said. "That was my life's goal. I thought I would just play with local symphonies along the way."

But, after taking voice lessons for the first time during college, he slowly realized playing music was a bigger draw than flying planes. He completed a degree in music performance with a specialization in voice and tuba at the University of West Florida. From there, he moved on to Ball State

University in Indiana, where he earned a master's degree in music performance with secondary studies in orchestra conducting.

His professional vita includes a long list of solo recital and vocal performances in numerous operas. As a tubist, he has primarily performed in smaller chamber appearances, as well as performing as tubist and trombonist with the East Central Indiana Chamber Orchestra.

"The instrumental work was my first love, but I've spent the better part of 10 years singing opera and I love them both equally," he said.

However, conducting ensembles offers him an even richer experience.

"As a soloist, you get to do a lot of work that is pretty exciting," he said. "But, working with a group means you build on the strengths of a lot of musicians. You pull out their sound and you get to show them how big and how rich a sound they can make together. I really love that."

At GPUMC, Carrano selects music after conferring with the Rev. David Eardley about the focus of his message for each week and closely reading the scripture for that service. He wants to find music that is both enriching for the choir and supportive of the message.

"I spend a lot of time thinking about the mes-

sage," he said. "Where are we going in our worship? Where does our heart need to be? Where is the scripture leading us?"

He's also mindful of offering a variety of music.

"Sometimes, the music will be very upbeat; sometimes, it will be more reserved," he said. "Having a good variety is really important. We all have different taste in music. The choir belongs to all of us. Worship belongs to all of us. So it can't be Giustino's favorite jukebox. I want everyone to find something they love in the music."

Limited time also is a factor in directing a church choir that rehearses only once a week, plus a brief warm-up before the Sunday morning service.

"We have such a short amount of time to prepare that we have to be as efficient as possible," he said. "There's a lot to balance when you're working with an ensemble like that. How far do you push? How do we squeeze all that we need to do into the limited timeframe that we have? But I love that challenge.

"Musicians tend to be perfectionists, always pushing to get to a higher level," he added. "But in church, we're not putting on a performance. We're giving an offering of music to the Lord and helping others enter into that place of worship."

CHURCH EVENT

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents a choral program by the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. The concert, part of the church's 75th anniversary celebration, features 1940s swing music from the decade during which St. Michael's was established. The concert is open to all. A freewill offering will be collected. Call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

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Audubon

Grosse Pointe Audubon hosts its next meeting Monday, Oct. 17, in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Thrift Store building, behind the church at 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. In his presentation, "The Signs Animals Leave Behind," Luke Grange, from the Detroit Zoo, will teach guests who they share space with through careful observation. Doors open at 7 p.m. for social hour; the meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Contact brapai@aol.com or visit gpaudubon.blogspot.com/

Family Center

◆ 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. A panel of experts will discuss the documentary, "Brain Matters," which is available to watch on YouTube. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

◆ 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. 18, is Yoga with Page Heenan. Tuesday, Oct. 25, is Sound Bowls with Tammy Battista. Email maryjo.harris@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.

Historical Society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's next Bicknell lecture takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. The lecture examines the history of the Detroit Opera House, which opened in 1922. Mike Hauser, marketing manager of the Detroit Opera House, presents the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

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One-day exhibition features three local artists

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When the pandemic forced a shutdown in early 2020, artist Lauren Radke used the extra time off from her place of business, Macomb Bike, to get creative.

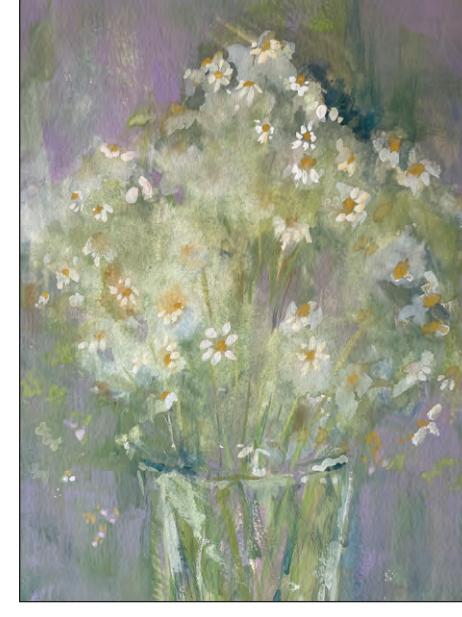
She began texting and emailing snapshots of her original paintings to family and friends, along with a short story that inspired each piece. She included words of encouragement, providing others an escape from the stressors of the pandemic.

The weekly messages were well-received and Radke was urged to continue.

"It was really therapeutic," she said.



Radke's "Sunflower."



Radke's "Chamomile."

"Some of them are not-so-great experiences, but they're still something people can relate to."

When Macomb Bike was deemed essential just three weeks after the shutdown, Radke was tempted to stop, but the demand for those sparks of inspiration was too high. She eventually developed a website — lau-

renradkeart.com — that features a blog with every painting and message she distributes to a growing number of subscribers.

Now the Grosse Pointe Woods resident is taking some of her favorite pairings from the past couple of years and using Macomb Bike as the backdrop for an exhibition. Joining her with artwork of their own are two of her friends, Sarah Heinemann and Nicole Richards.

"Nicole grew up across the street," she said, "and Sarah was in a book club I was in."

"I know them and I



Nicole Richards's "Gray Balance."

band's recent retirement, Radke cut back her hours at Macomb Bike, working two or three days a week as she eases into semi-retirement.

"I'm not ready to not be doing anything," she said. "I thought this (exhibition) would be fun. I can't just be a sitter."

Apart from the exhibition, Radke is putting finishing touches on her latest children's book, "Dinner with the Queen," a book about good manners that will be ready for the holidays. She'll have copies of the first two books in the series, "Will You Be My Friend" and "Always Be Nice," at the art show.

The exhibition takes place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

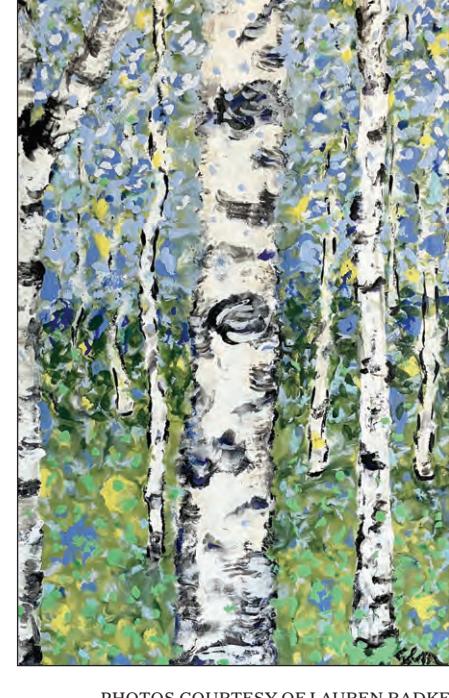
Saturday, Oct. 15, at Macomb Bike, 28411 Schoenherr, Warren. A wine and cheese reception takes place 5 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

Following her hus-

people see more of my stories from the paintings and sign up for my email list," Radke said. "The paintings inspire the writing or sometimes I have a story that needs a painting to go with it. They're not long, just short snippets, but they're usually things that are relatable to others as well."

"I welcome questions," she said. "I've got a silly story with each painting."

Find Radke's work online at laurenradkeart.com.



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Sarah Heinemann's "Birch Trees."

Detroit, Cincinnati zoos collaborate to hatch chick

A king-sized bundle of joy has been welcomed into the world thanks to a collaboration between two Midwestern zoos.

A king penguin chick hatched at the Detroit Zoo on Aug. 13 — but this chick's story actually began nearly 300 miles away, at the Cincinnati Zoo, where its parents, 27-year-old Larry and 8-year-old Stacy, initially laid the egg.

"One of the tried-and-true ways to check fertility of an egg with a thick shell — like a king penguin egg — is to do something called 'floating,'" said Jennifer Gainer, the Cincinnati Zoo's curator of birds. "Simple enough, we briefly float the egg in warm water to look for ripples in the water. We were excited to confirm fertility when the little bundle of joy was bouncing around like crazy."

When the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan recommended the Detroit Zoo as a home for the future chick, representatives from both zoos started collaborating — carefully crafting a plan to incubate, transport and transfer the king penguin chick egg to its new foster parents.

Awaiting the little nestling at the Detroit Zoo was the perfect pair of foster parents — a 21-year-old male and a 7-year-old female named Gertie. These king penguins blended and bonded during the July to September mating season, but didn't produce an egg of their own. Instead, to prepare the couple for parenthood, zookeepers provided the pair a "practice" egg to care for until the "real" egg from the Cincinnati Zoo arrived.

"It was a perfect situation," said Jessica Jozwiak, bird supervisor at the Detroit Zoological Society. "We had a pair that was closely bonded but did not produce an egg this year, so we were able to give this egg to them. Everything has worked out wonderfully."

Since the egg hatched in August, Detroit Zoo experts said the king



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The king penguin chick hatched at the Detroit Zoo in August.

chick — who has yet to be named — is doing well and being closely cared for by its foster parents.

"They are excellent, attentive parents," Jozwiak said of the foster parents. "We don't know the sex of the chick just yet, but we are all looking forward to watching it grow up. We are already picking out names we can give the chick once we know the sex."

Representatives of both zoos said they are pleased their collaboration led to the hatching of a healthy and well-cared-for king penguin chick.

"This was a very time-sensitive situation that has resulted in the best-case scenario," Gainer said. "We couldn't have made this happen without the professionalism and extensive knowledge of both the Detroit and Cincinnati bird teams."

"We are so grateful for relationships like these with fellow zoos, because they lead to excellent outcomes like these," added Bonnie Van Dam, curator of birds for the DZS. "None of this would have been possible without the creative and hard-working people at both the Cincinnati Zoo and the Detroit Zoo."

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Helpful services for seniors right here in our own backyard

This week, Gabby turned to a true expert in this area, Karen Fontanive, Communications coordinator at The Helm, senior center.

Dear Gabby: My friend who is in her 80's has been a very independent person until recently. She underwent surgery and now is unable to drive herself to the grocery store, doctor's appointments and other errands. She does not like to burden her family and friends. Are there services in Grosse Pointe that could help her?

— Caring Friend

Dear Caring Friend, Back surgery isn't easy. I hope your friend is well on the road to recovery. There are a number of services in the Grosse Pointe community that could be of assistance.

Your friend's first call should be to The Helm, (313) 882-9600. The Helm has an escort driver program where volunteers will drive people to medical appointments. Your friend would need to make arrangements at least 10 days in advance of the appointment. Additionally, another wonderful service in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is Pointe

Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS). These are the small commuter buses you see driving along our local streets. For a small fare, \$1 to \$3 each way, the PAATS bus can take you to any type of appointment within the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods as well as the area from Eight Mile to 11 Mile roads between Jefferson and Gratiot, and special locations of St. John Surgery Center in St. Clair Shores, Henry Ford Main Campus, Detroit Medical Center, V.A. Hospital, Detroit City County Building and The New Center.

PAATS service is curb-to-curb with an elbow assist when necessary. Each bus is handicap accessible. Many people use this service to take them to doctor appointments, hair appointments, grocery store, or even to The Helm to take part in exercise classes, lectures or to get out to socialize with others.

Additionally, if your friend can do her own grocery shopping or needs to walk a bit for rehab purposes, every Friday, there is a special PAATS service, Shop the Gratiot Loop, that will take you to stores and malls in the Little Mack/



Gratiot area include Kroger, Walmart, Target, Macomb Mall and Meijer. And, it's free! Appointments must be made 48 hours in advance. Call (313) 394-9712 to schedule a ride.

— Karen Fontanive

If your friend isn't quite able to do grocery shopping on her own and isn't comfortable ordering groceries online, she could schedule an appointment

with a technology volunteer at The Helm who could help set up an account and teach her how to order, pay and schedule grocery to her home.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a column that listed tips to help people give up cigarettes. The tips came from the St. Helena Health Center in Deer Park, California.

I want you to know I did almost everything on the list and have finally given up smoking. The reason I wanted to quit was because of my health. I have diabetes, and both of my grandparents died of lung cancer. Since I quit, I can breathe better, and my diabetes is now under control. Thanks for providing some encouragement for those of us who needed it. — Kimberly in Virginia.

Dear Kimberly: Many readers appreciated the encouragement and wrote to say so. Here's more on the subject of smoking:

From Philadelphia: The column with tips for giving up cigarettes was good but

not strong enough. Robin Stoloff, a local South Jersey health reporter, said recently, "Cigarette smoking is responsible for 419,000 deaths per year in the United States. It causes cancer, heart disease, emphysema, bronchitis, poor circulation, fatigue, smoker's cough, and smelly hair, breath and clothes."

It produces wrinkles and stained yellow teeth and fingers, and reduces your sense of smell and taste. And you don't get all this for free. It actually costs you money; a pack-a-day habit is more than \$800 per year, two to three packs per day can run into the thousands."

Chicago: After two packs a day for 20 years, I decided to quit. I kept my resolution to myself so my friends wouldn't be asking

me about it all the time. Every time I lit a cigarette, I would put it down and turn on the water, wash, cook, whatever. I soon realized I didn't crave the smoking -- only the habit of lighting up.

I put the saved money (70 cents a day) in the bank. I bought a new desk for my son's school. I



bought a ticket to a ceremony honoring my anti-smoking uncle when he was named Man of the Year. During a recent rainstorm, I remembered the

times I used to go out in bad weather for a cigarette. Not smoking can be the greatest freedom you will ever know.

Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida: I quit smoking years ago. I substituted thin-stick pretzels for cigarettes. It worked like a charm, and it feels simply wonderful to be free of that curse.

Chula Vista, California: Let me tell you my story about smoking. I was 62 years old and had smoked two packs a day for 40 years. I tried to quit over and over, but I failed every time. Then, I had to go to the hospital for major surgery. When I was recuperating in the intensive-care unit, a doctor stood at the end of my bed and said, "This is Mrs. Blank, the

EX-smoker." I have not touched a cigarette since, and it's been 18 years. Tell the surgeons in your reading audience to take heed and give their patients this post-operative suggestion, which could be their greatest gift.

Coos Bay, Oregon: Twenty years ago, my wife and I visited our son in Utah. My wife was a heavy smoker. Our son told her, "You have always said, 'My house, my rules.' Well, you are now in MY house, and the rule is no smoking, no way, no how. If you need to smoke, you can use this empty can as an ashtray and go outside on the balcony."

— My wife went out on the cold, snowy balcony but returned shortly in a semi-frozen state and didn't smoke the rest of the evening. Two weeks later, we visited our other son in Nevada, and my wife got the same treatment. She ended up on their front porch with an empty soup can. She was extremely angry with both of our sons, but their toughness started her on the road to quitting. Today, she knows they did her a huge favor. She has lived smoke-free for the past 18 years.

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Wife can't abide husband's other love: His weed

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for seven years, and I'm tired of having the same fight every day. He smokes marijuana, and I hate it. It has been a constant battle for years.

We tried therapy, which helped for a while, but he goes back to smoking behind my back. We tried to reach a compromise that he smoke only after a certain time of day, but it still leads to fights.

He shuts me out when

he's doing drugs and says I don't care about his happiness because it's something he enjoys, and I am taking it away. I love him so much, but I hate drugs and don't like who he becomes when he's smoking.

I want to have a baby, but I am uncomfortable with drugs being in the house. I feel like I can't trust him to be alone with a baby when he's high. I don't want to leave him, but I can't take it anymore. Having

the same fight every day is exhausting, and it's had a really negative impact on our marriage. I want him to choose me over this, but if I give him an ultimatum, he'll hate me. What do I do? — ANTI-DRUG IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ANTI-DRUG: Give your husband that ultimatum and pack your bags. If you prefer the father of your child not have a marijuana habit and he cannot

quit, then, as much as you may love him, this person isn't The One for you. Sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I've read

your column for years, frequently taking advice you provide to others and applying it to my circumstances. I have developed a mutual bond with a woman who is 30 — 28 years younger than myself. She's a waitress at a diner I frequent. I've seen her children grow over the past six or seven

years. We have had many meaningful conversations and shared our highs and lows. She's naturally friendly.

Three or four years ago, she began sharing casual side hugs when I arrived. I never ask for them. Over the last year, these hugs have become more intimate, not in a sexual way — just a deeper bond of friendship. We occasionally bump into each other when she's off work, but I don't see her socially.

Lately she has been teasing that she'll be my next ex. I reciprocate the flirting and teasing. I believe there is a mutual attraction. If not for the age difference, which I'm OK with, or the fear of causing issues with our friendship, I'd ask her out. Societal taboos weigh heavily on my mind, and I am pragmatic. Should I or shouldn't I? Or am I reading

too much into our friendship? — UNSURE IN THE MIDWEST.

DEAR UNSURE: Not having witnessed the chemistry between the two of you, I couldn't say. However, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

The next time you see her, after one of those "more intimate" hugs, tell her teasingly that you have been thinking about her comment that she'll be your next ex and ask if she'd like to have dinner with you sometime. Her response will tell you if you have been reading too much into the friendship.

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Football food Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

We were lucky enough recently to host a dear person who helped raise the twins when we lived in Boston. As a new mother of five and with the younger three all under the age of three, I knew I needed help.

One of the best parts is that it reheats the next day perfectly and almost tastes better. We prefer serving this with tortilla scoop chips so you can get the maximum amount of dip with each bite. Enjoy this warming and comforting appetizer, or dinner.

Hot Corn Dip

4 ears of corn, kernels removed
1 minced shallot

TV I would be shocked. We just sat around the kitchen counter and ate and ate and just kept eating. It comes out of the oven bubbling and melting with cheesy perfection.

3 cloves minced garlic
2 tbsp unsalted butter
1 tbsp olive oil
1 cup minced bell peppers (red, orange or green)
½ cup scallions
1 tbsp mayo
1 tbsp sour cream
1 tsp sugar
2 cups Gruyere cheese
1 cup cheddar cheese
½ tsp smoked paprika
½ tsp nutmeg
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large skillet, sauté the shallot and garlic in the butter and olive oil for two minutes. Add the fresh corn kernels, bell peppers and scallions and cook, stirring for five minutes.

In a separate bowl, combine the mayo, sour cream and sugar. Add the sautéed vegetables and spices, season with salt and pepper.

Next, stir in half of the cheddar and two-thirds of the gruyere cheese. This is the point when you should taste to make sure there is enough salt and pepper.

Once combined, add the mixture to a greased iron skillet or 8x8 greased baking



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dish. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over top and place in a pre-heated, 375 degree oven. Cook for 10 minutes and then turn the oven to broil and cook for another three minutes. Serve with lots and lots of tortilla chips.

Wine prices and the Euro

In the last 25 years, imported wine has become fascinating for many American wine lovers.

Starting about 2003, we began buying more imported wines than in any prior year, and one reason was that millennial wine lovers, who were just reaching the legal drinking age, fell in love with the diversity we began to see in reasonably priced wines from Europe.

European wine reached such a strong position in the U.S. market in 2003 that it represented one bottle in every four sold here. A reason for that was that several wine-making nations took huge steps to appeal directly to the American wine consumer.

Spain, France and Italy have long sold lots of fairly priced wines here.

Imports continue to command attention in spite of the fact that the euro traded for much of the last decade at close to \$1.25. This meant that we were paying more for European wines than we had in the late 1990s.

Now, however, anyone paying close attention to the currency markets knows that the euro has, in the last few months, taken a major nosedive.

With the U.S. dollar and the euro now approximately dead even in trading value, prices for European wines here may begin to soften and even drop a bit. You may think this will lead to a lot of wine bargains, but it won't be particularly visible in wines selling for less than about \$20 per bottle.

Almost regardless of currency fluctuations, inexpensive wines rarely make a lot of money, partially as a result of fixed costs including marketing, shipping and warehousing. And large producers usually take orders for large amounts of wine on contracts, and those contracts could represent many more months before they expire.



out somewhere around \$.80 to the U.S. dollar.

If so, this would be roughly 40 percent less than it has been for years. So, is there a way to take advantage of the weak euro?

Yes, and it's called the wine futures market. But it is tricky. Buying wine futures is a game that requires serious homework as well as a broad knowledge of what you're doing. But it can pay dividends. Here's a brief look at how it works.

Say you love German riesling and prefer the wines of one producer (say Fritz Haag). For the last four years or so, quality German rieslings have risen in price by about 30 percent, so in-demand many of them are. Fritz Haag's 2021 Trocken (dry) riesling has a national average Suggested Retail Price of about \$23 a bottle.

Several stores around the country offer futures on various wines, usually expensive Bordeaux red wines. But I

have bought futures on German rieslings and usually save about 30 to 40 percent over the SRP. In the case of the above wine, a year ago that means paying around \$15 for it. Either a partial

or full payment must be paid upfront, which means working with reliable stores.

But at today's dollar/euro ratio, I'd expect the 2022 Fritz Haag Trocken to be offered on futures at, say, \$12. Or roughly half of what the 2021 now sells for.

In 2003, I bought futures on several German rieslings from the 2001 and 2002 vintages, from some excellent producers, paying (in advance) a significantly lower price. Yes, it took months for the wines to be delivered. But by the time they arrived, demand for them had risen so much that prices jumped nearly 50 percent when they hit store shelves.

Wine of the Week:
2021 Fritz Haag Riesling, Mosel, Trocken (\$23) — The very stylish aromas of this wine include citrus, peach, pear and delicate tropical fruit with kiwi and rose petals. It's dry but not austere and will be better in two years..

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Grosse Pointe Fall Book Review:

'Finding Me' does not disappoint

By Kristin Duus
Special Writer

I thought I knew Viola Davis.

Well, not really, but I was aware of a bit of the actor's history — her degree from Juilliard and being the first black woman to earn an actor's ultimate trifecta: a Tony, an Emmy and an Oscar.

She is beloved by many, but only now is she being truly understood by her fans through her memoir, "Finding Me" (Harpers, 2022).

Shocking in its frankness, "Finding Me" is at times a raw flashback of a brutal childhood filled with the most disturbing neglect and violence. At times, after closing the book for the night, I wondered how this woman

could still function. What she witnessed and experienced as a child will make the reader gasp.

But this is no puffed-up story of personal victory. For all her giftedness, Davis is aware that her "luck" cannot be underestimated. As a child, Davis lucked into a smattering of mentors who recognized her cleverness and made sure she had opportunities not usually afforded those living in such impoverished chaos.

As a high school student she began acting classes through the federally funded education program, Upward Bound, where she was exposed to other talented "higher-education bound" students. Many in her cohort came from

places of poverty and tumult due to a variety of issues, including political abuse and genocide. The observation that "everyone is going through something" changed the paradigm of Davis's worldview and gave her the intestinal fortitude to escape her parents' experience in the most implausible of ways — betting her future on the stage.

Post college, the gypsy life of an aspiring actor seemed cushy compared to the way Davis had lived. By her own admission, her difficult childhood probably gave her an almost instinctive resilience required to make a life as a thespian. After growing up without heat — and often without water and soap — having

an apartment that "was never cold" felt to her like the ultimate in swank. Trying to break into television so she could join a union that would pay for therapy seemed impossible, as Davis often was thought of as "not pretty" by casting directors and, according to her, Hollywood had few opportunities for a classically trained black woman.

Despite lean hope of a robust career, Davis remained in the game. Not only does it "just take once" to suddenly be taken seriously in her industry, but Davis's star suddenly shone brightly. With success came time for a look back — and look back she did.

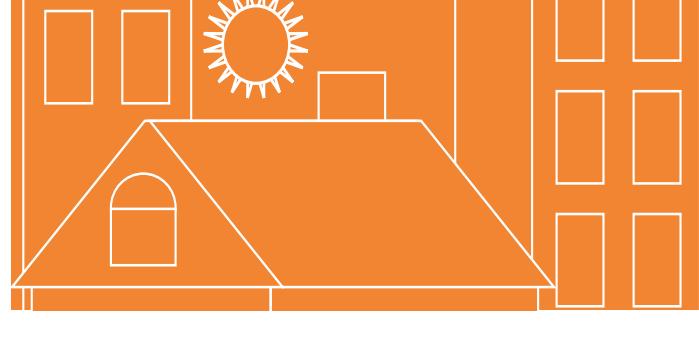
"Finding Me" is indeed a story of reflection. It also is a story of forgiveness and family. Despite her disordered history, Davis is close to her family and has made peace with

those who nearly destroyed her. That alone makes this book worth the read. To not only reign supreme in Hollywood, but to come out of anarchic beginnings with family and emotional health intact makes it something worth pondering.

grew into her stability, eventually finding home after asking God to "give her a big, black man who already has children, understands the artistic community and goes to church." Her prayer was answered down to the detail in her husband, actor Julius Tennon.

Memoirs can read like a novel in that the good ones keep you on the edge of your seat. The memoirs of the Hollywood variety rarely keep my attention, but the story of Viola Davis BY Viola Davis made me glad Harpers gave her the platform to share her story and how it shaped her.

Her life grabs you and doesn't let go. Like every good book, this one challenges the reader to look at their own lives and learn that where we come from creates who we are and who we will become. It does not disappoint.



EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

- » **Blues Jam**
First Place Lounge,
8 p.m.-12 a.m.
16921 Harper Ave.
- » **Book Talk and Presentation: "A Fight for Full Disclosure"**
Woods Branch, 7-8 p.m.
20680 Mack Ave
- » **Carl Cabalero & The Wreckage**
Cadieux Cafe, 7-7:30 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd.
- » **Get in the Game 2022**
One Campus Martius,
5:30-9 p.m.
1000 Woodward Ave.
- » **The Helm 26th Annual Gala**
788 Lake Shore Rd, 5:30 p.m.

» Senior Hustle For Health Dance Class

Ewald Branch, 1-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» St. Clair Shores Farmers Market

Blossom Heath Park,
5-9 p.m.
Jefferson Ave. south of 10 Mile Road.

» Tabitha Brown: Cooking from The Spirit

The Fillmore Detroit, 6 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.

» Zen Zadravec Quartet

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

» Draft Guard

Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» Immersive Van Gogh

311 East Grand River Avenue, 12 p.m.
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311 East Grand River Avenue, 6:30 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» Metronomy

The Garden Theatre, 7 p.m.
3929 Woodward Ave.

» Sarah DeAngelo

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

» All Star Comedy Festival

Fox Theatre, 7 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.

» Faith and Public Education Forum

Huntington Place, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
One Woodward Ave.

» The Flashback Bash

The Cadieux Cafe,
7-11:30 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd..

» Highly Suspect

The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward 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, 11 a.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» "New Jack City"

Music Hall Center, 3 p.m.
350 Madison.

» KEWL Sweetest Day Dinner Party

Sinbad's, 6:30-11 p.m.
100 Saint Clair Street.

» The Millennium Tour: Turned Up!

Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

» Sarah DeAngelo

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» SCARY HOURS Music Festival 2022

Big Daddy Games,
3-10 p.m.
21901 Kelly Road.

» St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center Grand Opening!

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
14061 Lappin Street.

» Sweet Willie Tea

Bert's Warehouse Theatre,
11 a.m.-5 p.m.
2739 Russell St.

» Zen Zadravec Quartet

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

» Bridal Show

Eastern Market, 12-3 p.m.
2934 Russell St.

» Clerks III: The Convenience Tour

The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.

» "New Jack City"

Music Hall Center, 3 p.m.
350 Madison.

» KEWL Sweetest Day Dinner Party

Sinbad's, 6:30-11 p.m.
100 Saint Clair Street.

» The Millennium Tour: Turned Up!

Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

» Michael Schenker

Harpo's Theatre, 6 p.m.
14238 Harper Avenue.

» SNKR SHOW

Eastern Market, 12-6 p.m.
2934 Russell St.

» Zen Zadravec Quartet

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

MONDAY, OCT. 17

» Blues Jam

Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd..

» Boat Handling and Marine Navigation Class

7-9 p.m.
788 Lake Shore Dr.

» Fairy House Craft

Woods Branch, 4-5 p.m.
20680 Mack Ave

» Immersive Van Gogh

311 East Grand River Avenue, 5:30 p.m.
311 E. Grand River Ave.

» Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

» 1,000 Hours Bat & Nighttime Animals Walk

Ewald Branch, 5-6 p.m.
15175 E. Jefferson Ave.

» Brain Matters

Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
15175 E. Jefferson Ave.

» Detroit Pistons vs. Orlando Magic

Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

» 2022 Team Cares Luncheon with Franklin Deese

The Roostertail, 12-2 p.m.
100 Marquette Dr..

» AWOLNATION - Falling Forward Tour

Fillmore Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.
431 E Congress St.

» Duane Parham

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
97 Kercheval.

» Blues Jam

Cabbage Patch Saloon,
9:30-11 p.m.
15130 Mack Ave.

» Metric - The Doomscooter Tour

The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.

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

We Tried It!

Lately, my social media feeds have been filled with posts and advertisements discussing the benefits of acupuncture. From stimulating the body's natural healing abilities to promoting physical and emotional well-being, it seems like there are numerous benefits to this traditional Chinese medicine practice.

Being that I am not prepared to invest a substantial amount of money into acupuncture at this time, I wanted to find the next best thing. After doing some research online, I saw acupressure mats on Amazon and other similar websites. At just \$29.24, I decided to order it and give it a try!

The acupressure mat I ordered is made of thick foam and cotton. The top of the mat and pillow are covered in over 8,000 acupressure points. The pressure points claim to naturally reduce muscle tension, help relieve stress, and increase energy.

The description also said that this product is great for users who sit at a desk daily because it stimulates nerves and improves circulation. After reading the reviews, I absolutely could not wait to try this product.

So, everything was going well until I opened the package. When I reached my hand into the box to pull out the mat, I literally stabbed my finger with one



by Anna Lizer

of the acupressure points and it started to bleed. After unrolling the mat, I felt like I had just wrestled a cactus with my bare hands. I was definitely not feeling relaxed or calm at this point.

After laying on the mat for about 30 minutes per day for the past two weeks, I can say that I feel the exact same as I did before purchasing the mat. Do I feel more relaxed after using this? No. Do I have more energy? Nope. Did I almost stab myself every time I used it? Yes.

I guess I'd say to use the acupressure mat at your own risk. At this point, I think I'll be leaving the ancient Chinese medi-

cine practices to the professionals, not Amazon. After this experience, I'd be interested in booking an appointment at Pointe Acupuncture to see if the real deal provides more benefits!

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW

"Detachment"
2011 - Not Rated
1 hr 38min

This is not your typical inner-city high school drama where the inspiring teacher helps turn the troubled student body around, and is hailed as a modern day hero.

It's a very stark and realistic portrayal of a rough school that represents society in general — the struggles to be seen and heard, the underlying anger and despair, and at times the humor that helps us rise above it all.

Sounds pretty heavy duty, doesn't it? Well, it is pretty powerful stuff, but ultimately it's just an incredible piece of movie making that will stick with you days after you see it.

"Detachment" is a film by director Tony Kaye, best known for his gritty "American History X." It features an all-star cast that includes Marcia Gay Harden, James Caan, Lucy Liu, Christina Hendricks and Blythe Danner. It stars Adrien Brody who delivers an absolutely riveting performance as Henry Barthes, a substitute teacher who cares deeply about his students and the teaching profession in general.

The film gives one the impression that it's a documentary. Laced throughout the film are

close-up shots of Brody, who appears to be interviewed as he reflects on his students, his life, and life itself. There are several stories being told concurrently, which adds to the richness of the film. Henry takes a job in a tough inner city high school. His assignment is to last three weeks, which is what he prefers. That way he doesn't get too attached to his students, and he can move on to his next job.

While riding the bus home one evening, he encounters Erica (Sami Gayle), a young prostitute. She's been living on the streets and he offers to let her stay in his apartment temporarily. He acts as her guardian and provides a safe haven for her, provided she not return to her old ways. I found myself saying, "Please don't let this relationship develop into anything other than a purely platonic one."

Another key part of the film is in the school itself, as you'd expect. The other teachers are a ragtag mix of characters. One of the most amusing is Mr. Charles Seabolt (Caan). He's a happy-go-lucky sort who deals with life in the classroom by popping pills. They're lead by Principal Carol Deardon (Harden), who's being forced to retire against her will. One of my favorite scenes involves school

counselor Dr. Doris Parker (Liu). She's had it up to her eyeballs with students who are apathetic about getting an education. Her tirade is against one of the kids who has potential but is failing in all her classes. At first I was shocked by her meltdown, but then I thought, that's probably how I'd handle the situation.

While all this is occurring, Henry has to deal with his elderly grandfather (Louis Zorich). He's in assisted living, where he doesn't exactly get the best care. (What facility does offer great care, I ask you?) Grandpa suffers from dementia and Henry has to spend several evenings talking him back to reality.

Through flashbacks, we get a glimpse of what Henry's life was like growing up.

"Detachment" isn't the happiest of stories, but it really makes you think about the way this country approaches education. During the film, No Child Left Behind is being rolled out.

These students are barely getting a decent education to begin with, and now they're to focus on passing standardized tests? It's just one of the topics that makes this such a powerful movie. And as usual, I'm surprised this film isn't better known.

Note to parents: While the film isn't rated, it's probably not for kids younger than 15 or so. There is some strong language and implied sex in it.

Lucky for you, there are several viewing options. Watch it for free on Hoopla.com (with your library card), Freevee, and Tubi. Also on Crackle, Peacock, Plex, Pluto TV, and Prime Video.

★★★★★

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to

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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.



Blythe Danner as teacher Ms. Perkins.

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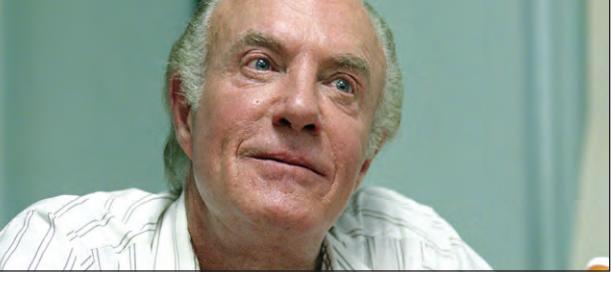
Lucy Liu as counselor Dr. Doris Parker.



Christina Hendricks as teacher Ms. Madison.



Marcia Gay Harden as Principal Carol Deardon.



The now-late James Caan as teacher Charles Seabolt.



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Left, Adrien Brody as Henry Barthes and Sami Gayle as Erica in the 2011 movie, "Detachment" directed by Tony Kaye.

Pumpkins in the Park

...and more festivities make the Pointes a Halloween haven

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By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

Time to rev up the spirit and prepare for a scary good time at Grosse Pointe's annual Halloween celebrations. With much planned across the Pointes, there is sure to be something for every little ghost or goblin to enjoy. Here's a sampling of what's happening in Grosse Pointe's neighborhoods.

Pumpkins in the Park

The second annual Pumpkins in the Park celebration kicks off at 4 p.m., Saturday, October 29 in Grosse Pointe Park with an evening of music, fun and treats. With last year's premiere a huge success, there is no doubt that 2022 will be even more spectacular. Community families are expected to show up in full force for the event.

Costumed kiddies can hit the streets on and around Kercheval for trick or treating with participating merchants from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Music will fill the air courtesy of a local DJ from Ripe Records, while warming fire pits will add a spooky glow for revelers to bask in.

Pumpkin painting for the kids will also be on deck, courtesy of Ed Rinke Chevrolet, along with plenty of their coolest cars on display for the whole family to see. The trolley will be running from 5-9 p.m. and The Bricks will be rocking with the band, Weekend Comeback, from 4:30 until 6 p.m.

New this year is the Tour de Park Passport — buy any beverage at participating pubs and restaurants and you're entered to win great prizes.

Halloween in the Park

Wind your way through a magical fall wonderland to decorated candy stations galore at this treasured Halloween event taking place at Windmill Pointe Park. The

fun starts on Saturday, Oct. 22 with time slots available at 3, 3:45 and 4:30 p.m.

Kids can dress up in their favorite costumes and enjoy a sweet time filling their bags at various uniquely decked-out candy stations. Participants should bring their own treat bags or buckets to the event.

Sign-up is required at the Lavins Activity Center. Tickets are \$12 per child ahead of time and \$17 on the day of the event.

Call the Grosse Pointe Park Parks & Recreation Department at (313) 822-2812 for more information.

The Haunted Garage

Haunted houses are known for surprising thrill-seeking guests. Yet the biggest surprise for visitors to the Haunted Garage, located at 19520 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Farms, may be just how authentically well-done the amazing local production is. The award-winning venue has been scaring up a shrieking good time for 15 years. Visitors can expect to experience professional-level frights by costumed performers, from mummies to vampires and more, right in their own neighborhood.

For little ones (and guests that prefer less-terrifying fun), 'no-scare' blinking lights are available for attendees to signify they'd prefer the 'monsters' not interact — and tone down the horror.

The Haunted Garage greets visitors of all ages every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available at haunted-garage-productions.ticketleap.com. Children 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Although the scares are hair-raising, it's fundraising for local schools and organizations that are at the heart of the Haunted Garage.

So go ahead and test your fear factor — it's for a good cause.



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Miles Kingrich dressed as a cheetah and his brother, Wesley, dressed as a cookie for the first-ever Pumpkins in the Park celebration in 2021.



It's clear that the Stackpoole family are real winners! They brought their A-game to Pumpkins in the Park last year. From left; Reid, mom Allison, Molly, Dean and dad Mark Stackpoole are each dressed as a trophy from their favorite activity. Allison created and assembled the golden costumes for her family herself.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT





Pet project: Costumes that let fur babies join in on the spooky fun

Striking Viking

Pet Supplies Plus has the best cat hats and doggie derbies, like this plush Viking helmet worn by the sweet kitty below. Shopping for pet costumes is almost as fun as seeing your pet wear them!



Pet Supplies Plus in the Village is located at 17010 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe (313) 884-2962

Witchy-poo

Halloween headbands are popular and aplenty at the costume and variety stores. Just because they are designed for humans doesn't mean you can't repurpose them for Fido or Fluffy. The tiny witch hat headband, right, fits easily around kitty's head. It's a one-minute costume with glam results!



Somebunny special

Recycle those Easter or Christmas headbands to get more bang for your buck. This little fella, left, is rocking his bunny ears one more time this year. The headband can be loosely taped to the back or sides of the collar so it doesn't fly off! Always be extra careful never to create a danger to your pet when securing costuming and don't give them anything that can be chewed off or swallowed.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Monkeyshines and a magic rabbit

This cutie pie, above, makes a perfect little monkey in his comfortable costume that lets him move easily enough to wag his tail. And, not to be outdone, his bunny friend, left, makes a fabulous Merlin the Sorcerer with lots of tricks up his furry sleeve. They were both outfitted by Pet Supplies Plus in the Village, where there is a great selection of pet costumes in sizes from teensy to giant.

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Appetizer? Don't knock the guac!

HALLOWEEN FUN

Holy guacamole! Bring some scary whimsy to your Halloween party with a simple and Instagram-worthy appetizer dip.

Wash, dry and carve a pumpkin with a nice open mouth.

Arrange some tortilla chips along with the pumpkin on a large platter. Buy or make some guacamole (try our recipe at right) and scoop and place the dip as seen in the photograph, left.

Let your party guests dig in to the good fun. You'll have a conversation piece and a delicious party snack all in one!

Guacamole

Ingredients:

4 ripened avocados (pitted, scooped and mashed)

Juice of one squeezed lime

1 jalapeno, finely chopped

Half a medium red onion, diced small

1-2 cloves grated garlic

1 t salt

Pepper to taste

1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro

1 tomato, diced (optional)

Plus: Your preferred brand of tortilla chips

Directions:

Mash your avocados to your desired consistency (some like it chunky) with a masher or fork. In a large bowl, add all ingredients and mix together with a fork. Serve immediately with tortilla chips.

10 MINUTE TIPS:

Pumpkin carving hacks



- Cut off the top of your pumpkin, but include a large cut into the back as well, above. This makes putting the candle in easier, and also makes getting the "guts" out a breeze.
- Sprinkle cinnamon on the top of your pumpkin for a sweet smelling pumpkin spice candle once you light a candle.
- Try using cookie cutters and a mallet to make precise shapes and designs. Or if you are handy, adults can use a drill to make fun patterns.

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Spooky book recommendations

From Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe

My First Halloween Bedtime Storybook

Featuring Mickey, Winnie the Pooh, and all the Disney favorites. This collection of Halloween tales is perfect for bedtime, story time, or any time at all!



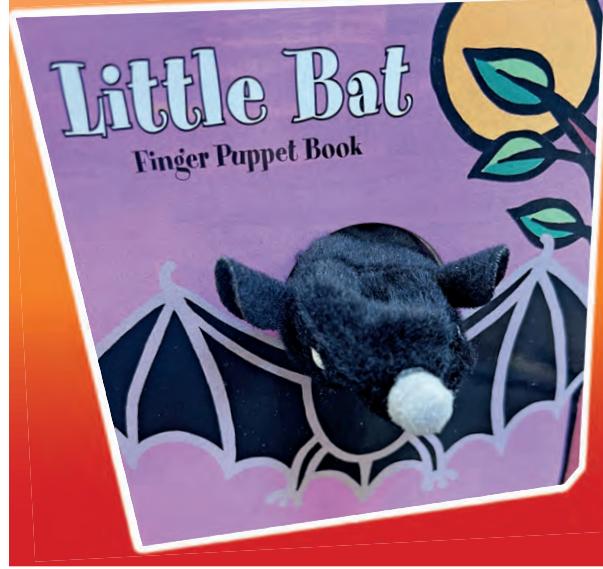
Happy Halloween Colorforms Read and Play Reusable sticker activity book

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Little Bat Finger puppet book

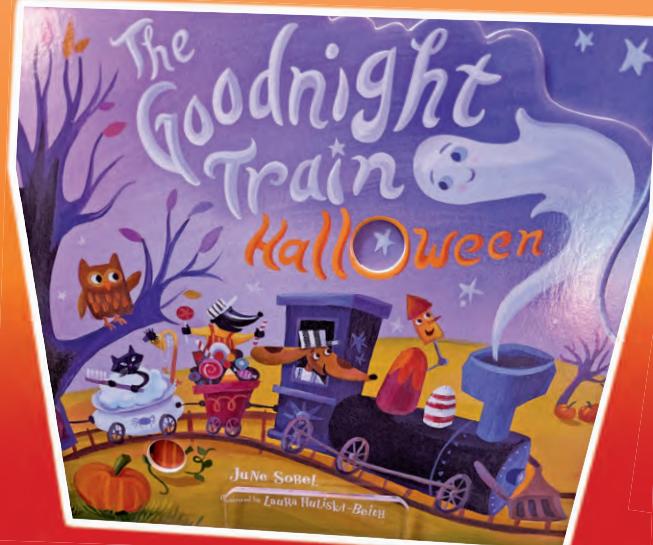
Little Bat swoops and spins through the night sky, gathering treats before returning home again in this adorable finger puppet book.



The Goodnight Train Halloween

By June Sobel

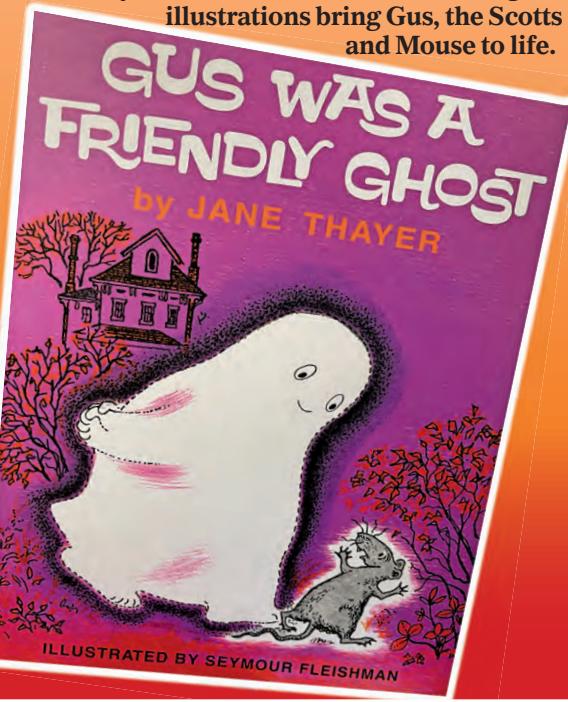
The Goodnight Train takes a magical Halloween ride to bedtime in this sturdy board book with peek-a-boo pages.



Gus Was a Friendly Ghost

By Jane Thayer

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South homecoming parade

Photo story by Renee Landuyt



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Class of 2024, Jack Sparrow Juniors.



Juniors float, Jack Sparrow Juniors.



Surf's Up sophomore float.



Funky Freshmen float.

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 1:15 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Gemini.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022:

You are hardworking and intelligent, and you have strong opinions. Justice and fair play are important to you. You are also witty and entertaining! This year is slower paced. It will give you a chance to rejuvenate your energies. Focus on business and personal relationships to discover what makes you happy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is a great day to take a short trip, because you will enjoy seeing your surroundings. Whatever you do will probably expand your experience of the world. You might talk to people from different backgrounds and learn something new. Tonight: Serious discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you might boost your earnings or you might buy something that you like that increases your assets. It's a good day to ask for a raise. Tonight: Work hard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you optimistic and upbeat! You will enjoy hanging out with friends as well as members of clubs. Romance with someone older or more established might begin. Make fun plans. Tonight: Socialize!

SOUTH (NORTH)

♠ 5
♥ K 10 8
♦ K Q J
♣ A Q 9 7 6 3

WEST (EAST)

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

SOUTH

♠ 7 4
♥ A Q 9 6 5 4 2
♦ —
♣ K J 8 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♣
5 ♥	5 ♠	6 ♥	

Opening lead — two of spades.

This deal, which occurred in a duplicate game many years ago, is most remarkable in that a different result was achieved at nearly every one of the 13 tables where it was played.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Family discussions with someone older or in a position of authority will benefit you today. Perhaps you will get approval for a loan or a mortgage. Something related to the wealth of others (including a bank) can benefit your home or your real estate. Tonight: Entertain at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a good day to talk to older people or people in authority, because this discussion will go well and you might get what you need — perhaps advice or practical or financial assistance. In fact, a friend or a group is ready to support you now. (Sounds good.) Tonight: Serious plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You impress people today because not only do you appear to be successful and affluent, you're approachable. Meanwhile, this is a solid financial day for you. Negotiations will go well, especially for the long-term future. A mentor at work might help you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tonight: Make sensible financial decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Do your homework and work behind the scenes today, because it will benefit you, especially in terms of family issues or your home. Indeed, the support you need from others —

BORN TODAY
Actor, director Sacha Baron Cohen (1971), actress Kate Walsh (1967), singer-songwriter Paul Simon (1941).

The North-South pairs who bid and made slam in hearts earned the best scores in their direction. The East-West pairs who sacrificed in five or six spades achieved good scores, going down 200 or 500 to prevent the opponents from making a vulnerable game or slam.

Only one East-West pair found the way to set six hearts. The bidding went as shown, with West deciding not to sacrifice against six hearts because he thought he had a reasonable chance to defeat the slam. And defeat it he did. He boldly led the deuce of spades at trick one, taken by East with the queen. The fact that West had underled the ace of spades — a highly risky maneuver against a slam — was not lost on East, who was certain that his partner had a very good reason for such an unusual lead.

He therefore resisted the natural impulse to try to cash the ace of diamonds. Had he played the ace, of course, South would have ruffed and taken the rest of the tricks to make the slam. Instead, demonstrating supreme faith in his partner, East returned a club, fully expecting his partner to be void in that suit. West happily ruffed to defeat the slam, and the defenders earned themselves a well-deserved top score.

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by Steve Becker

Contract Bridge

A MATTER OF FAITH

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 5
♥ K 10 8
♦ K Q J
♣ A Q 9 7 6 3

WEST

♠ A J 9 6 2
♥ J
♦ 10 8 7 6 4 3 2
♣ —

EAST

♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ 7 3
♦ A 9 5
♣ 10 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 7 4
♥ A Q 9 6 5 4 2
♦ —
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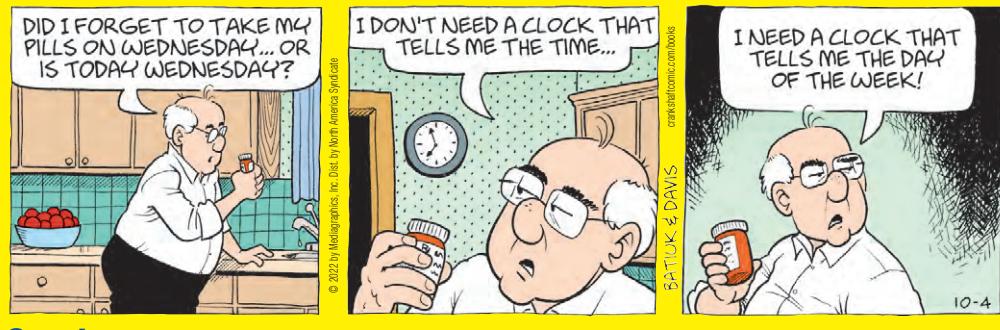
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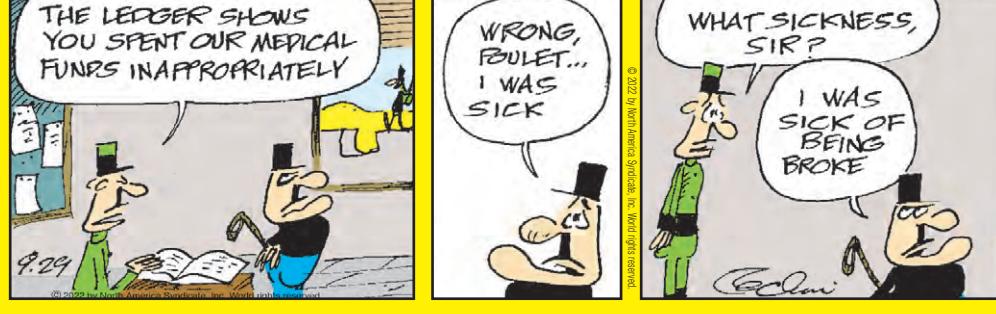

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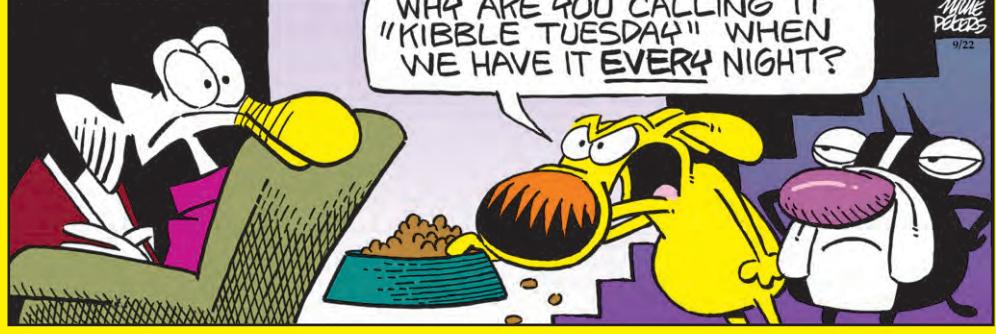

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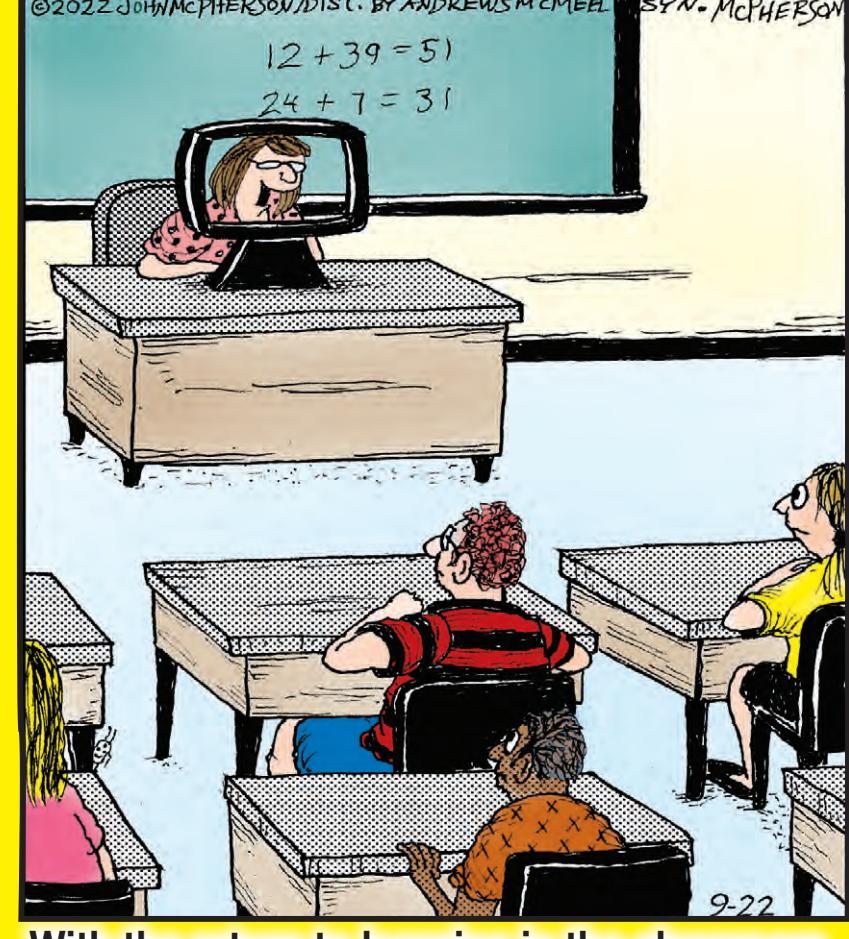
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South clinches title with dramatic win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Wins in the MAC White are often not easy to come by. Finishing division play undefeated and taking the crown is an even tougher feat to pull off. But the Grosse Pointe South football team managed to do those very things last Friday night as it hosted Lakeview for homecoming night.

For part of the game, it looked as though the title of outright division champs might elude South. However, the Blue Devils successfully pulled off a second-half comeback to flip a nine-point deficit in the third quarter into a 20-16 win over the Huskies.

South found itself trailing for much of the game, despite finding the end zone first. Lakeview nearly scored on its opening drive, but a fumble in the red zone gave the Blue Devils the ball and helped set up a touchdown run by Egan Sullivan to make it a 7-0 game.

The Huskies answered

rather quickly, scoring a touchdown of their own to tie the game before the end of the opening quarter. Both defenses held strong for most of the second quarter, with the only points coming on a Lakeview field goal to give the Huskies a 10-7 lead going into the break.

Lakeview extended its lead even further to start the third quarter, scoring on a touchdown, but a failed two-point conversion attempt kept the score at 16-7. South's comeback effort began at the very end of the third quarter, as Sullivan found the end zone for the second time and helped close the gap to 16-14 entering the last 12 minutes of the game.

While trying to break through and take the lead, Lakeview's defense kept the Blue Devils in check for much of the final quarter. With less than three minutes remaining on the clock, South finally reclaimed the lead on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Benard to Sullivan. The Blue Devils

failed on the two-point conversion, which kept the score at 20-16.

It was up to South's defense to hold off the Huskies in the final minutes, but the late drama continued. Fans were on the edge of their seats as Lakeview marched down the field and nearly got in position to pull off its own late comeback, but the Blue Devils made key stops in the final seconds to hold on for the victory.

"We hadn't played tremendously well all evening on defense," Blue Devils head coach Chad Hepner said. "When we really needed it, they got the stop and stood and never lost confidence."

South's MAC White Division title win is the team's first since 2019, which was the program's fourth consecutive division title at the time. The Blue Devils host their final home game of the regular season for senior night on Friday as they take on Romeo from the MAC Red. The team heads across town Friday, Oct. 21 to end the regular season against Grosse Pointe North.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Egan Sullivan celebrates with teammate Jack Kendall in the end zone during the Blue Devils' 20-16 win over Lakeview.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There have been plenty of surprises so far this fall when it comes to Grosse Pointe North football. After going just 3-6 last season, not many entered the season expecting the Norsemen to clinch the MAC Gold division title with an unbeaten 7-0 record.

But in a season full of surprises, one of the best has been the outstanding play of rising star and senior running back Jaden Holyfield.

Holyfield, the anchor of North's offense this season, is a reliable force in the backfield who has shown that he can consistently deliver 100-plus yard performances on the ground week in and week out. As he and his team find more success, Holyfield has learned just what a difference a year can make.

"From last year to this year it's way different," Holyfield said. "A

lot of people know my name now just because of this year and it feels good."

The difference between Holyfield's performance in 2021 and 2022 is noteworthy. Last season, he eclipsed

on a weekly basis has been on full display in nearly every game so far this fall. The Norsemen's featured back has even been impressed by some of his own performances, but knows that the job is still far from finished.

"My biggest goal has been to have a thousand yards this year," he said. "Having our team be able to get to the playoffs and win in the first round is also a goal I really want."

With his stats this season on the rise and the team unbeaten, every week has an even more special big-game feel for the Norsemen. Each week, Holyfield looks to help North's offense, which has outscored opponents 265-32 so far this season, run like a well-oiled machine. To do that, the senior back has his

own way of getting locked in and ready to take the field.

"As soon as I come home from school on game day I meditate," Holyfield said. "I relax and listen to music and get myself in a good mindset for the game."

His performances this fall have shown that Holyfield is indeed the real deal. In fact, the same could be said for the entire Norsemen team.

Having that zero in the loss column has put a target on Holyfield and North's back in recent weeks. Each opponent wants to be the one to take down the unbeaten MAC Gold Division champs.

The added pressure heading into the final games of the regular season, including a rivalry showdown with Grosse Pointe South, and eventually the postseason can be a bit daunting. However,

Holyfield and his teammates have proven themselves capable of taking on any challenge so far in 2022 and know they can continue to do so.

"There's some pressure every week



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North senior running back Jaden Holyfield has scored 11 touchdowns for North in the first seven games of this season.

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North stays unbeaten, takes MAC Gold crown

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It might be hard for any future Norsemen to make winning a division title look as easy as the Grosse Pointe North football team has on its road to the outright MAC Gold division title. The team grabbed the 2022 division crown and wrapped up league play last Friday night by earning another shutout victory, beating Warren Fitzgerald 50-0.

The majority of North's scoring on a big night came in the opening quarter. It began with a Jaden Holyfield touchdown run that gave the Norsemen their first points of the night, and they never looked back. Holyfield's run was followed up by a punt



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Norsemen improved to 7-0 last Friday night with a 50-0 blowout win over Fitzgerald. The victory helped North clinch sole possession of the MAC Gold Division title.

return touchdown by Drew Hill, who tallied an impressive night on both sides of the ball.

North's good fortune continued when Fitzgerald had to take a safety following a bad snap on a punt, which helped extend the lead. Sebastian Rouse brought in a touchdown catch

and Daniel Taylor took an interception to the house, putting the game out of reach before the first quarter's end.

Hill scored twice in the second quarter, with one touchdown run followed by a touchdown catch. With the game already well in hand, and with a running clock, Ben Praet scored the only points of the entire second half with a fourth-quarter run to the end zone to cap the blowout victory.

"We have to focus on Sterling Heights then it's onto Week 9 and the team across town," North coach Joe Drouin said. "I just hope we get a favorable playoff draw and we can continue this run."

With seven wins under its belt, North is guaranteed to see playoff action

this season after missing the postseason in 2021. A fourth shutout win of the season also tied the record for the second-most shutouts in a season in team history.

Hill played a major role in helping the Norsemen achieve that fourth shutout win last Friday. Along with his two offensive touchdowns and punt return score, Hill filled up the stat sheet on defense with ten tackles including two tackles for a loss.

North heads on the road this Friday against Sterling Heights from the MAC Blue. The regular season concludes on Friday, Oct. 21 when the Norsemen host this year's crosstown rivalry game against Grosse Pointe South.

Defense helps Knights seal close win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The last two weeks have brought some nail-biting wins for the University Liggett football squad. The Knights needed a last minute touchdown in Week 6 to beat Cabrini and found themselves battling again in the late moments last Friday at home against Shrine Catholic.

Liggett stayed in front during what was a mostly low-scoring game, and its defense came up big in the

clutch. A late pick six ended up being the key to victory for the Knights as they pulled out a 16-13 win.

The first quarter was scoreless and for much of the second quarter, it looked like the entire first half might end in a scoreless tie. But just 15 seconds before halftime, Jack Jones caught a pass from freshman QB Solomon Spann to put Liggett up 7-0 heading into the locker room.

Neither side managed to bring up the intensity much in the third quarter as well. Liggett's Mac

Katz made a field goal that ended up being the only points of the quarter, with the Knights taking a 10-0 lead into the final 12 minutes.

While Liggett's defense held Shrine in check for much of the day, Shrine broke into the end zone with less than five minutes remaining to make the game 10-7. With less than two minutes to go, Shrine marched down the field yet again, putting themselves in scoring position. That was when Liggett's Jermaine Calloway made the play

of the game with a pick six to extend the Knights' advantage to 16-7.

Although Shrine managed to score one final touchdown and make it a one-score game, Calloway's interception return proved to be the winning play, sealing the Liggett victory.

"I wish they weren't as close and we could ex-

cute and put teams away a bit sooner," Liggett coach Matt Lapolla said after his team's second close win in as many games. "I think it helps us in the long term because our kids understand how there are highs and lows. Not everything is going to go right at the same time and you have to be able to respond."

The win brings Liggett's record to 5-2 so far this season, with a 3-2 record in the Catholic League after its final league game of the season. The team will look to solidify their spot in the playoffs during the last weeks of the regular season, and they are set to host Detroit University Prep in Week 8 this Saturday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Ryan Jones (left), celebrates in the end zone with teammate Andrew Stalker (No. 21) after catching a touchdown pass against Shrine Catholic.

Golfers get set for state finals

Grosse Pointe South's girls varsity golf team will compete in its most important match of the season, beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at Forest Akers West golf course in East Lansing for the state championship.

The team qualified for the state tournament thanks to a solid performance Oct. 5 in the Division 2, Section 11 regional in Ypsilanti,

shooting a 379. The Blue Devils missed winning the regional title by one stroke to the home team, Ypsilanti Lincoln.

"We got through and we got it done," said South head coach Shaun Hampton, who said the team experienced a rough finish on a less-than-stellar golf course.

South freshman Lyla Hampton finished at the

top of all South golfers, shooting a 91 on the day. She missed the top spot overall by one stroke to Lincoln's Madison Cowhy (90).

Junior Cate Hampton followed her younger sister with a 94, while senior Charlotte Peabody (95) and sophomore Tenley Stoyer (99) also shot under the 100-mark.

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Knights win CHSL, continue hot streak

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Everything seems to be coming perfectly into place for the University Liggett boys soccer team this fall. With the state playoff tournament now just days away, the Knights captured their first hardware of the season last Wednesday night.

Liggett squared off against Everest Collegiate in the CHSL Cardinal Division championship game. The match ended up being one of the toughest challenges yet for the Knights this year, as Everest took them scoreless into overtime and eventually into a penalty kick shootout. Liggett was able to prevail 4-2 in PKs to take home its second consecutive Catholic League title and the third in four years.

"It was nice to know that we would have a really worthy opponent in a game with something extra at stake," Liggett coach David Dwaihy said. "In preparation for the state tournament, it's all that matters."

want...We definitely had everything we could handle. They defended really well and were organized. It was a good test game for some of the experiences we might have in the playoffs."

The win continued the Knights' unbeaten streak this season. The only non-winning result Liggett has received so far was a 0-0 draw with Detroit Cass Tech on Sept. 20. While a so-far unbeaten record might cause some to think the Knights have not faced many challenges this season, coach Dwaihy is proud of the way his team has handled adversity in some close games.

Last week's Catholic League championship win was certainly one of those instances, and a challenging, close game like that could end up doing the Knights plenty of good. As the playoffs get closer, the room for error also becomes smaller. Liggett is taking that in stride and knows that staying focused and approaching it one game at a time is all that matters.



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

The University Liggett boys soccer team won the CHSL Cardinal Division championship last Wednesday, Oct. 5, with a thrilling penalty kick shootout victory over Everest Collegiate. The win gave the Knights their second consecutive CHSL title and the third in four years.

"The thing we harp on the most, and what any team stands to improve upon, is focus and being locked in during the game," said Dwaihy. "There's going to be moments when focus

gets challenged. It can be a call or bounce that doesn't go your way. In soccer, those things happen so often and there's a chance you let those moments snowball. I think we've done a good

job of being a team that can quickly regain focus."

Liggett faced Lutheran Northwest on Monday in its final home game of the regular season and kept its unbeaten streak alive with a 3-1 win. The regular season comes to a close for the Knights on Thursday as they travel to Plymouth Christian. District playoffs are set to begin Monday, Oct. 17.

South, Liggett take top spots at regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week's boys tennis regional tournaments brought teams from all over Metro Detroit to the Pointes to compete for spots in this year's state finals. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, Grosse Pointe North played host in Division 2 action, while down the street, University Liggett School hosted the Division 4 regional on Saturday, Oct. 8.

By week's end, all three teams had strong showings in their hometown, with South and Liggett both taking their respective regional championships, and all three squads qualifying to move on to the state championships.

South and North clashed several times in the regional bracket, finishing first and second overall respectively, as each final match in both singles and doubles came down to a battle between the two schools. South's

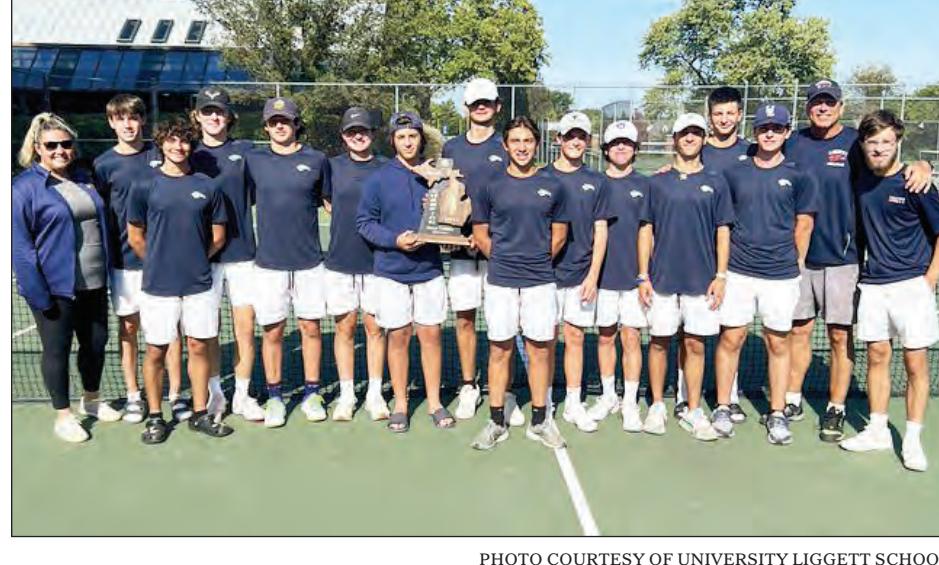


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The Liggett Knights celebrate after winning the regional tournament and punching their ticket to the Division 4 state finals.

Connor Stafford defeated Kaiden DePascale from North in the No. 1 singles finals, while Corbin Izkovits from South beat North's Sathish Nannapaneni in the No. 2 singles bracket championship.

In No. 3 singles, Sam White of the Blue Devils was victorious over North's Alex Muawad. Yerramelli and Vasilios

Mikey Kornmeier defeated Aakash Nagor in No. 4 singles to complete South's sweep in singles competition.

The doubles brackets were a bit more kind to the Norsemen. Danny Michael and James Mussiaux claimed victory for North in the No. 1 doubles final. Gruhith Yerramelli and Vasilios

Vasilios took the top spot in No. 3 doubles, while the pair of James Muawad and George Safadi won the No. 4 doubles bracket for the Norsemen. Danny Nugent and Jack Lynch had South's only doubles bracket victory as the No. 2 seed.

The Knights dominated their Division 4 regional tournament, using home

court to their advantage to take wins in every bracket of both doubles and singles play.

Sebastian Courtright, Gerry Sherer, George Anusbigian and Charlie Cooksey all took wins for Liggett in singles competition. Campbell Marchal and Tommy Ugval, Neil Murphy and Luca Marciano, Steve Wheatly and Griffin Marchal

along with Ryan King and Niko Cooksey were the doubles pairs to all win their respective brackets for the Knights.

State finals play is set for this weekend, Oct. 14-15. Liggett will compete in the Division 4 finals in Kalamazoo, while North and South head to Midland for the Division 2 championship tournament.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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South's Connor Stafford returns a serve during singles play at last week's Division 2 regional tournament. Stafford would go on to win the No. 1 singles bracket.

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Allaer follows in family footsteps with first SCCA national title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Growing up watching his grandfather, dad and uncle all race competitively, Grosse Pointe native Nolan Allaer's chance to add to his family's auto racing legacy finally came earlier this month. Allaer took the track at the Virginia International Raceway on Oct. 2, in his Formula Continental car and etched his place in history alongside his dad and uncle by taking first place at the SCCA National Championship Runoffs.

"My whole body was shaking," Allaer said.



Nolan Allaer shares a hug with his father Robert Allaer while celebrating his victory in the Formula Continental class at the 2022 SCCA National Championship Runoffs.

"Coming through the final corners, my whole body was tense and I was terrified to make a mistake. The race means so much to us and crossing the line, it was like a monumental weight came off my shoulders."

Allaer's road to reaching the checkered flag first was far from easy. Thanks to Hurricane Ian, the race's weather conditions were in question all week and the storm brought plenty of rain to the racetrack.

The wet conditions set up Allaer for some adversity early on. While starting the race in pole position, he went wide on the first corner and

ended up off the track. The mistake took Allaer from the front of the pack to near the back.

For Allaer, it was all part of adjusting to the environment.

"For a wet race, you're kind of the guinea pig going into the first corner," he said. "I was the first one to test the levels of grip and pushed it a little too hard. ... As soon as I went off the track, I was disappointed but got back control of the car pretty quickly."

Allaer used the rest of the 15-lap race to make it back to the front. He worked his way through the pack, even passing his own father, Robert Allaer, in the process. He eventually found himself in the final laps in a one-on-one battle for first place with Trevor Russell.

"It's almost like a game of chess at 130 mph," Allaer said. "You're playing a cat-and-mouse game figuring out how you can make this happen. ... I took my time and started to stay calm. I analyzed where he was making mistakes and where I could be better than him. I decided that turn one would be the best place to overtake."

The same first turn that nearly cost him the race on the opening lap was where Allaer ultimately secured his win during the final lap. He used the outside to pass Russell and cruised home to cross the finish line in first place.

The win was unlike any one the Allaer family had seen in their decades of racing experience. With Allaer working his way through the pack and conquering adversity, he was able to add his name to the trophy that carries both his dad's and uncle's names as well.

"I cried like a baby in the car," said Allaer's



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Nolan Allaer takes a victory lap around the Virginia International Raceway with the checkered flag.

father, Robert, who finished the race in fifth place. "When I crossed the finish line and the team told me that Nolan had won, I almost crashed. Then I cried for about half a lap. ... I love the fact that he's out there with me and it's something we get to experience together."

Both Allaer and his dad were able to celebrate after the race with family, friends and the rest of their team. The

win is a landmark victory for Allaer's young racing career as it can help propel him down the road to turning professional and possibly reaching his ultimate goal of racing in Formula One.

The victory already has helped open new doors for Allaer's career just days after the race; however, the details must remain confidential for now, he said. The biggest part of the win is what it means to his place in his

family's legacy and how it shows the apple does not fall far from the tree.

"It means so much that I was able to finally get one in my name and follow in their footsteps," Allaer said. "I grew up at the racetrack and up until 2019, I didn't even know if I'd ever be stepping in a car and let alone be competing and contending for a championship and winning it in the car I used to clean as a child."

Norsemen and Blue Devils race at county meet

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It was a packed field at Willow Metropark last Saturday in one of the biggest cross country meets of the fall. Both boys and girls teams from Grosse Pointe North, along with the boys team from Grosse Pointe South, were part of that field at this year's Wayne County Championships, as the Pointes teams all managed to finish in the top half of their respective divisions.

Among 31 teams in the boys race, South finished in seventh place overall and North in 14th. The Blue Devils were once again led by Logan Detweiler, whose time of 15:54 placed him

third in the entire field. Fellow senior Brendan Downey also notched a top five finish, just two spots behind his teammate in fifth with a final time of 16:05. Jet Miller (17:00) was the only other South runner to finish in the top 50 at 43rd.

For the Norsemen, junior David Rochon scored the team's highest finish of the day in 37th place at 16:53. Senior captain Alex Agius (17:11) crossed the finish line in 51st, just barely missing out on a top-50 finish.

North's girls team had its second top-ten finish in a row at the county meet, finishing sixth this year after being tenth in 2021. Leading the way once again was sopho-

more Lilian Deskins, who crossed the finish line sixth overall with a time of 19:20.

"Deskins continues to heat up the race courses with faster times each outing," North girls cross country coach Scott Cooper said. "She's such a highly focused competitor."

Sophia Dragic (21:23) was North's second highest finisher on Saturday, making it into the top 40. Junior Zofia Lutoborska cracked the top 50, finishing 41st with a time of 21:24.

The teams from North and South are set to be in action together again this Saturday, Oct. 15 as they head to Hudson Mills Metro Park to race in the Gabriel Richard Invite.

Playing in pink



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Last Thursday night, the field hockey teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North faced off in the "Stick It To Cancer" game. The teams raised a total of \$4,000 for cancer research to be split between St. Jude's and the American Cancer Society. The varsity game between the Blue Devils and Norsemen ended in a 1-1 draw.

North gets first division win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team still has time to make some good out of what has been a disappointing season thus far. And with the state playoffs around the corner, perhaps some momentum can come from the Norsemen's first division win of the season on Oct. 5.

Playing host to Sterling Heights on the Norsemen's senior night, North found itself still on the hunt for its first MAC White Division win of the season. With very few league games left, the team finally put a

division game in the win column with a 2-1 victory over the Stallions.

Neither side broke through on the scoreboard until the 38th minute, when sophomore Matthew Robert gave the Norsemen a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

North built on its lead in the second half, holding off attempts by the Stallions to equalize the game before going up by a two-goal advantage. Senior captain Martin Daher put North up 2-0 with a goal in the 60th minute, leaving the Norsemen with 20 minutes left to hold on for their first league win.

Sterling Heights did not go out without a

fight, however. The Stallions scored in the 65th minute to close the gap and cause North's defense to have to work even harder. In the end, the Norsemen held strong for the narrow one-goal victory.

The win brought North's season record to 4-13 and helped take the team out of last place in the MAC White Division, sending Sterling Heights to the basement. On Monday, North followed up their win with an 8-0 road loss to Henry Ford II in the final game of the regular season.

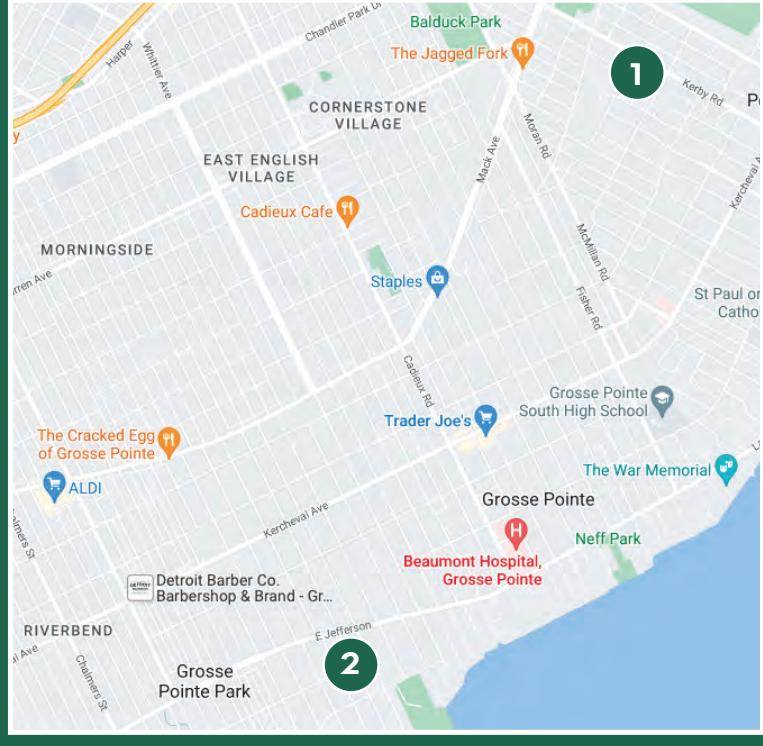
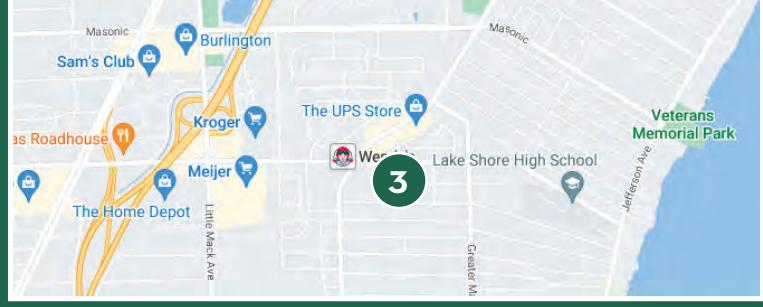
The Norsemen will host the opening round of district playoffs Monday, Oct. 17.



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North senior Ethan Michalski takes the ball around a Sterling Heights defender in the Norsemen's 2-1 win last Wednesday night.

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