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## Rezoning breaks procedural ground

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**  
— The city council this week not only endorsed construction of a parking lot to support the growing business district on lower Kercheval, but in a

tandem action that paved the way for more transparent deliberation of such matters, also passed a resolution making the lot's developer obey site plan conditions intended to limit the lot's impact on nearby residents.

The resolution, intro-

duced by Councilman Brian Brenner and passed unanimously, gave the city manager additional authority to alter the site plan to decrease impacts on adjacent residential properties.

"First and foremost,"

Brenner said, reading conditions in the resolution, "dumpster placement away from the homes with appropriate enclosure."

Other requirements are:

◆ electric vehicle

charging stations must

be included and located in agreeable spots that don't interfere with neighbors,

◆ appropriate lighting that doesn't impact neighbors,

◆ neighborhood-appropriate landscaping, wall or other type of bar-

rier between the parking lot and homes;

◆ use of permeable surfaces and

◆ explore the creation of a permit parking system for residents to use the lot during off hours.

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## Shores seeks new finance director

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — City council is looking for a new finance director for the third time in less than three years.

Current Finance Director/Treasurer Candice Giles recently announced she'll be leaving to take a new position with Oakland County.

"The main draw was

that it's remote," said Giles, a St. Clair Shores resident who was deputy finance director in Ferndale five years before starting with Grosse Pointe Shores in May 2021. "I went from a 20-minute commute on the freeway to a 15-minute drive down Lakeshore, which I might miss a little bit. We're so blessed to

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## State OKs ballot measure

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The Michigan Attorney General's office recently signed off on ballot language that would change the Woods's charter regarding purchasing.

If approved, it would increase the amount of money the city administrator could spend without city council approval from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

City council approved placing the question on the Nov. 8 ballot in July, but because it involves changing the city's charter it required approval at the state level.

"If the voters are OK with it, then the council could bump it up with just a resolution down the road," City Administrator Frank Schulte said after council's approval. "The

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## Grosse Pointe's Big Game

With the Norsemen and Blue Devils football teams gearing up for Grosse Pointe's version of "The Game," this Friday, Oct. 21, memories of past contests re-emerge, including this '80s-era snow show. For years the North-South game, like the one pictured above, took place on the last week of the season, often when a playoff berth was on the line for each squad. This year's game kicks off at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School. The annual Community Tailgate will take place ahead of game time from 5 to 7 p.m., complete with food trucks, music, games and a variety of information tables hosted by local organizations, including the Grosse Pointe News.

## Permit deadline extended for new developer

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — After the initial developer defaulted on its agreement to purchase the former school administration property at 389 St. Clair in June, the Grosse Pointe Public School System sold the property to Condo Detroit LLC for \$1 million in August.

"As far as why we are in this position, we participated in the RFP three years ago, came in second place and were asked if we wanted to step back in and we were very excited to do so," devel-

oper Brian Giles told City council Monday night during a request to extend the building permit deadline put in place for the initial developer.

When council first approved the rezoning from Single Family to Transition in November 2021, one of the conditions upon which it rested was a requirement for the developer to get permits within one year. As the site plan and conditional

rezonings now have been grandfathered in to Condo Detroit's purchase — and closing on the property is planned for early January, which is past the original deadline — city council approved a 12-month extension until Dec. 31, 2023, with Councilman Terence Thomas absent.

Calling the new deadline a conservative date, Giles said he hopes to get the permits well before then, which would fall in line with his plans to begin construction during summer 2023, and then have the units com-

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# Attempted abduction

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Police are investigating a possible attempted abduction that occurred late Sunday, Oct. 16.

According to an alert from the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, the incident is reported to have happened around 11:30 p.m. in the 2100 block of Lennon.

A 20-year-old man said he was walking his dog when he was grabbed and pulled toward a white work van.

The man told officers he was able to strike the suspect and break free, at which time the suspect left. He is described

as a white male, 40 to 45 years old, approximately 6 feet tall and clean shaven. He was wearing a black jacket, black pants and a black winter coat.

The vehicle is described as a white work van, possibly a Ford Econoline, with whited-out windows.

Anyone with information about the incident or who notices suspicious activity involving a van matching that description is asked to call Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety at (313) 343-2410 or email the detective bureau at gpw.detectives@gpwmi.us.

— Ted O'Neil

# Sewer survey finished

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

— A roughly year-long inspection of the sanitary sewer system is as complete as it can currently get.

Despite cleaning the system beyond initial contract terms, the company hired to do the inspection was unable to access the whole network with remote-control cameras due to restrictions by such things as tree roots and debris.

Many restrictions result from the age of the century-old sanitary system and reduced natural flushing of the network due to storm water runoff being diverted to a separate system installed during the 1990s to reduce pollutants entering the state's lakes and streams.

A color-coded map of the Park's 41-mile sanitary network highlights numerous sewers south of Jefferson and in the middle

portion of the northern half of the city as unable to be surveyed using video equipment.

"Evaluations indicate the need for ongoing system maintenance comprised of jetting, root treatment and lining," according to the latest monthly report by Patrick Drose, a project manager at OHM Advisors, the Park's consulting engineers. "A full asset management plan will be completed in future years to prioritize segments for this work. Projects are also based on wet weather analysis performed since 2018."

A bugaboo in the city's plan to increase the sewer system's water-handling capacity on par with the volume of downpours that backed into thousands of basements during the summer of 2021 is a lack of subsequent rainfall by

which engineers need to test theoretical ways of increasing network efficiency.

Lacking fresh, real-world data, hydrologic flow models are based on historical rainfalls from 2019 through 2021.

"Models will be developed for the flow meter locations once flow metering is completed," Drose reported. "OHM used this to build four separate models for the 10-year, 25-year, 50-year and 100-year recurrence intervals."

The heaviest storm totaled 2.34 inches last June, which contributed to the highest recent monthly total of 3.61 inches.

"To date, the majority of rain events have been relatively light," Drose reported.

"We met with the (Michigan Department of) Environment, Great Lakes

and Energy at the end of September to develop a working relationship (regarding) the existing Grosse Pointe Park sanitary model," said Nancy Russell, an OHM engineer.

Now that the majority of pipelines and manholes have been inspected, Drose recommended the city move forward with an assessment of the entire system.

He said specific tasks consist of:

- ◆ identifying structural, operational and maintenance defects of sewers and manholes,

- ◆ recommending various methods of making repairs, such as replacing segments of pipe, lining pipe, sealing joints and, for manholes, comparable options for relining;

- ◆ prioritizing and mapping repairs and improvements,

- ◆ determining costs and

- ◆ identifying work to be done in 2023.

— Brad Lindberg

## BALLOT:

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change will make things easier all the way around."

The official ballot language says: "A charter amendment approved in 1989 provides that sales, purchases, and contracts of more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)

shall be approved by City Council with competitive bidding required above that amount unless waived by the city council. To adjust for inflation and to reduce administrative costs, it is proposed that Section 8.8 of the Charter be amended to increase from five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)

to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), this thresh-

old amount for such approvals by council, with future adjustments to this amount to be determined according to procedure."

City Clerk Paul Antolin said voters can find the question on the back of their ballot on the far right side.

Repeat purchases of varying amounts, including less than \$10,000, are

presented to council each month as routine agenda items, including things like paying legal bills, equipment purchases and public safety equipment and uniforms.

"We'll still follow that procedure for ordinary business, but the new ordinance would be for emergency situations or things that weren't planned for," Schulte

said.

An example could be if the Department of Public Works needed a new riding lawn mower in the middle of summer at the height of grass-cutting season. The current process could take weeks to complete, even if the cost was one penny over \$5,000, including seeking two bids and presenting the information at one of

council's two monthly meetings.

Schulte told council that Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms have limits of \$10,000 and \$11,000, respectively, while the larger cities of St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe are at \$15,000.

The last approval by voters, which increased the threshold from \$1,500 to \$5,000, was in 1989.

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Most of the conditions were already part of the plan, but the resolution codifies them.

"We're obviously willing to work with the city and residents to provide the elements they discussed," said Mike

Stines, an attorney representing developers — members of the Cotton family who also own the 31-space, metered lot behind a block of commercial buildings on the north side of Kercheval between the 1200 blocks of Wayburn and Maryland. "We're OK with the resolution."

"Nothing against the developer," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "I agree they're going to do what they say, but it's smart business to put something in place so we have assurance."

"I'm more optimistic than I was coming in tonight," said Devan Stachecki, a Maryland homeowner next to the forthcoming lot. "I hope, based on the resolution, to be involved with discussions with the developer. We'd like to see (the council) use this as an opportunity to involve residents in discussions about site plans."

"I'm impressed that happened," said neighborhood resident Brent Dreaver about the resolution. "One thing that wasn't on there, that we talked about before, was how to compensate people

that are nearby and suffer damages as a result of the zoning change to a parking lot next door."

Technically, the council voted 6-1 Monday, Oct. 17, to rezone four contiguous residential lots — two each on Wayburn and Maryland — to become a parking district.

Under the current ordinance, the city manager approves site plans, not the council. Neither does the planning commission, which by a 3-2 vote Oct. 6, recommended the council approve rezoning.

During the commission meeting, Hodges, also a planning commissioner, instructed members of the city administration and ordinance review committee to rewrite procedures

allowing members of the commission and council greater sway over site plans.

Hodges also instructed the ordinance committee to develop rules requiring neighbors to be informed in advance of demolitions. Such a provision wasn't applicable when the parking lot developers arrived unannounced the morning of Friday, Sept. 23, and began clearing four houses from the property.

"Going forward, we're going to be much better," Hodges said. "We held a meeting (after) the planning commission meeting to discuss with the homeowners a remedy. That's why you're seeing improvement in the site plan. That didn't happen by accident."

During the council meeting, a few members spoke in opposition to the lot, most saying it violated the city's master plan.

In response, city offi-

cials asked the Park's planning consultant, John Jackson, president of McKenna Associates, to comment.

"The master plan calls for development along Kercheval of two- and three-story mixed-use structures," Jackson said.

Further recommendations include transforming existing parking lots between buildings into commercial structures.

"Parking shouldn't be on the valuable, commercial three-story development area," Jackson said. "The logical place to put parking is between the commercial areas and residential (area) adjacent to the business district. This is the pattern the city has already embraced in other commercial areas."

The lot's owner will partially maintain the property with street sweeping and snow clearing, pay property taxes and forward all meter receipts to the city.

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# Spirit moves ghost hunter to unearth paranormal stories

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Jen Brujitske might be a nurse practitioner by day, but she plays a full-on ghost hunter by night.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident first became interested in ghost hunting years ago when she began watching reality shows like "Ghost Adventures," "Ghost Hunters" and "The Dead Files." The popular TV genre features brave souls who head to spine-tingling spots with sophisticated equipment to investigate paranormal activity.

But in March 2021, the spirit finally moved Brujitske to join the hunt for the haunt. She visited Eloise Asylum, a former state psychiatric ward located in the Kay Beard building in Westland, which claims to be "one of America's most haunted locations."

"I went in with an open mind," she said. "Immediately I saw a shadow figure and I was touched by something I couldn't see."

The encounter Brujitske had during her first visit to Eloise is one that separates the frightened from the fascinated. Count her as someone who did not back down.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDYUT

**A sign from beyond?** Jen Brujitske holds a piece of equipment used to detect electromagnetic fields just as a truck with "J.B. Hunt" and "Dedicated" drives by. In perhaps no coincidence, Brujitske has dedicated off-work hours to ghost hunting and her initials are "J.B."

"I wanted to overcome my fears," she said.

Brujitske (pronounced BROO-jit-SKI), said she began feeling her intuition at an early age.

Soon after her Polish paternal grandmother died, the smell of her grandma's perogies would suddenly fill a room. Or Brujitske and her aunts would notice certain objects moved

out of place in their homes, like bingo chips, from her grandma's favorite game.

When she was a freshman at Grosse Pointe North, her best friend at Grosse Pointe South tragically died from a heart arrhythmia.

"I happened to be driving out to Pine Knob that night for Ski Hi. I passed White Chapel Cemetery

and couldn't take my eyes off of the sign and I couldn't understand why," she said. "I later found out my dear friend had died at exactly that time and (White Chapel) is where she is now buried."

Grosse Pointe's ghost hunter also said she felt an immediate connection with the spirit world at Eloise, which is named after Eloise Dickerson Davock, the daughter of the former postmaster of Detroit. In operation from 1839 to early 1982, it began as a poorhouse and farm. Eventually, it became an asylum, sanatorium and hospital.

"I felt a connection there, maybe because I am in the medical field," said Brujitske, who works as a nurse practitioner at the Michigan Interventional Pain Center in Dearborn. "A lot of bad things happened to people while

they were patients at Eloise."

"These people want their stories told," she explained.

Two important developments emerged for Brujitske after her initial visit: The first was learning from extended family members that her great-great-grandmother, Martha Urban, passed away at Eloise in 1948, from a stroke. She has yet to feel her ancestor's presence there, she said.

"I carry a copy of her death certificate. It can be anything that has a connection to them, or a locket, picture or anything that person has touched or left their energy on," she said of "trigger objects," which Brujitske uses to encourage her great-great-grandmother to connect with her.

The second development was that Brujitske linked up with Great

Lakes Ghost Hunts USA, a group of about 15 enthusiasts, including her cousin, Julie Shar, who seek paranormal experiences locally and throughout the country.

She began going on expeditions with her team, heading to renowned ghost hot spots like the Madison Seminary in Madison, Ohio, and the governor's mansion in Marshall.

On these adventures she learned the tools of the trade, including a "spirit box," which reacts with lights and sounds when it detects a presence. She also tracks spiritual activity using copper dowsing rods, a laser grid, a Phasma Box computer app, an infrared camera and frequency box.

"Everyone has a different frequency and (spirits) answer through the various ones," she said. "Sometimes it's a yes or no answer. At other times, it's a full sentence."

Often, she said, you can hear the difference between male and female voices.

For example, Brujitske provided an eerie example of one of her own spiritual encounters on video, where she asks a spirit to turn on a flashlight in the dark room she and others were in at Eloise. The flashlight turns on, then goes off. When she asks the spirit if it would turn it on again, a distinct male voice responds, "da," a Polish and Russian term for "yes," as the flashlight goes on again.

During another experience on a trip to the old governor's mansion a few weeks ago, a guide walked the team past a mannequin wearing a wedding gown. They were warned that this particular spirit bride has the reputation to make humans she does not like physically ill when they encounter her.

"Right away, a man on the tour had to leave the house to go get sick," she said.

But Brujitske apparently earned the bride's

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE****Insult to injury**

A Stratford resident recently discovered jewelry was stolen from the home during last summer's flood recovery.

**Lost in the move**

Between this month and when she moved residences last May, a Grosse Pointe woman's rifle went missing.

**Bad driver**

A 63-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested after being the driver during the theft of \$420 worth of items — mostly beer — from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 4:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7.

Officers still are working to identify three additional suspects: a black man in his 50s wearing a blue Detroit Lions jacket, a black man in his 50s wearing a green Michigan State University hat and a black woman in her 50s wearing a red jacket and red shoes.

**Grocery thieves**

After they stole approximately \$50 worth of various groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, officers are seeking two black women, one in her 20s and one in her 50s, who drive a tan or gold Lincoln MKZ.

**Good try**

After getting away with it for two weeks, a 23-year-old Detroit woman was identified and arrested for retail fraud committed last month at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

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for trick-or-treating," said Cindy Willcock, director of Main Street Grosse Pointe. "Our businesses love to interact with all of the kids that come out and their parents and it's just a good time."

Each business supplies its own reserves of candy to meet the expectations of excited crowds of children.

"That's something that sometimes gets forgotten is how often the businesses give back and are involved in this community," Willcock noted.

In partnership with The Village businesses, the annual trick or treat event is hosted by the City's park and recreation department and MSGP.

— Laurel Kraus

# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

**Expensive prank Swipe and run**

The owner of a property in the 800 block of Neff suspects a former tenant after someone threw a dozen eggs at the front door Thursday, Oct. 13.

**Shirt off back**

An unknown suspect fraudulently ordered a shirt using a Grosse Pointe resident's Macy's account at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

**Shown the light**

After being stopped at University and Waterloo for driving without headlights at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, a 21-year-old Oak Park woman was cited for driving while license suspended and her vehicle was impounded.

— Laurel Kraus

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms****Trespassing**

A 42-year-old Detroit man was warned on trespassing after causing a disturbance inside a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 8:44 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10.

**Stun gun**

After being pulled over at Mack and Kerby for an expired license tab at 10:27 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, a 36-year-old Detroit man was arrested for carrying a stun gun without a permit, as well as for several traffic warrants out of other jurisdictions.

While a 61-year-old Woods woman was driving along Mack at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, another vehicle traveling the same direction sideswiped her's as though it had drifted or was trying to merge.

When she tried to speak to the driver, a 48-year-old Park man, he simply stared at her and then drove away.

Officers later identified the man, who may suffer cognitive difficulties due to a stroke, and he was cited for failing to stop or identify after a property damage accident. His license eligibility may be re-evaluated as well.

**Suspended speeder**

After speeding 46 mph on Mack at 9:27 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, a 19-year-old Detroit man was pulled over and cited for driving while license suspended and not having insurance. His vehicle was impounded.

**Testing fate**

A 55-year-old Wayne man who drove through the red light at Mack and Kerby, then through the red light at Mack and Moross, initially did not comply with officers' attempts to pull him over at 11:12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

When he did stop, open alcohol containers could be seen on the car's floorboard and the man's speech was slurred. A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.24 percent.

He was arrested for a third offense of operating under the influence

of alcohol, operating with blood alcohol content of 0.17 percent or more and driving while license suspended.

— Laurel Kraus

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

**Grosse Pointe Park****Bike theft**

A woman's \$700 light green bicycle was taken from the driveway of a house in the 1400 block of Maryland between 4:20 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.

**Tool taken**

Between 5 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, a \$200 Ryobi multi-tool base motor attachment was stolen from an unlocked storage shed in the 1100 block of Beaconsfield.

**Easy targets**

All three vehicles stolen in the city last week were parked with their key fobs inside, according to police.

◆ A thin, 18-year-old black man with long, braided hair is suspected of stealing a 2020 Ford Edge parked overnight Thursday, Oct. 13, in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Kensington.

Detectives found the vehicle in Detroit.

"(The) vehicle was for home invasion, was arrested around 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, for breaking into a business in the 15000 block of East Jefferson.

"(He) confessed and further confessed to breaking into the same building approximately one month ago," a detective said.

A burglar alarm alerted officers to the latest incident.

"(The) suspect was located fleeing from the rear of the building with his blood on his hands," the detective said. "A rear window of the business had been broken out. Blood was located near the window and inside the building."

— Brad Lindberg  
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### OUR VIEW

# Why rivalries are good for the Grosse Pointe soul

**W**ith the Norsemen and Blue Devils football teams gearing up for Grosse Pointe's version of "The Game" this Friday, we want to take a moment to say a hallelujah to the return of the good, clean, old-fashioned (and fun!) anticipation and smack talk surrounding the game that is worthy of this epic and historic rivalry.

There was a time not so long ago when our previous school administration did not want much to be said about The Game. Teams from all sports were highly discouraged from creating "Beat North" or "Beat South" T-shirts. Student sections were removed from courtside seats at North-South basketball games. Administrators made students turn T-shirts inside out at both baseball and basketball games that had the score of the rivalry's most recent football outcome on the front.

No, no, we shan't speak of someone losing. That would hurt people's feelings, or some such ridiculous reason.

One couldn't help but think a main catalyst to homogenize our city's rivalries was an offshoot of the manufactured tagline, #OneGP.

Let's make this clear: Rooting hard for either South or North in a definitive fashion in no way dilutes unity within our communities. In fact, we think it builds community pride.

Our community-wide bond comes from multiple sources — our shared geographics, our walkable neighborhoods, our two degrees of separation between one another and our "lake life" mentality, to name a few. But to limit rivalry in what's arguably the most attended, anticipated and amped up annual sporting event in town? In the words of ESPN's Lee Corso, "Not so fast, my friend."

We firmly stand behind the idea that the North-South rivalry — and the fanfare and history that goes along with it — actually bonds our community. We give credit to our district and Chamber of Commerce for pulling together an annual tailgate, which gives the nearly 3,000 expected fans a big-time game feel. But once the ball is snapped, neutrality has no home for fans in a rivalry setting.

Cheering for your own team is intrinsic in sports. We root for "our side" of the rivalry because we are in part celebrating the unique assets of our school and its particular history. Rivalry pushes both sides to prepare and perform better, if for nothing else, city bragging rights. It also helps if a playoff berth is on the line.

Ask a former player about their experiences playing in a North-South game. Guaranteed it's one of the highlights of their high school careers.

As Grosse Pointe is lucky enough to have generations of families choosing to raise their kids



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## Who ya gonna call?

'Tis the season for spooky sights, sounds and stories! Whether you consider yourself a Ghostbuster or a fan of fright, the Grosse Pointe News is casting a fun-loving spell on our readers this week, hoping to creep it real with our Pointer of Interest about a local ghost hunter on page 4A, and to lift your spirits with photos from some eerie-sistable Halloween-inspired homes on page 4C.

here, many of us find our children at a different school than we attended. And without hesitation, we wear the newly adopted school colors with pride, until our alma maters play against each other. It's not complicated, it's competition, most of which is very healthy and friendly.

Every reasonable member of this community would agree we should uphold a respectable display of sportsmanship while representing the Grosse Pointes, including against our crosstown rivals. We all should be personally responsible for our own fan behavior and how we guide our student-athletes to act.

And please keep in mind that many athletes among all sports from each of our high schools often play on the same travel teams in the off-season. Countless kids are both teammates and friends. Following this model of "rivals and

friends" is just about as good as it gets.

One of the top ways Grosse Pointers bond with one another is because Norsemen and Blue Devils students and families interact and "do life" with each other regularly. That's the true spirit of "OneGP."

We hope to never again witness the attempt to neuter the motivation, competition and fun in what has been a decades-long robust, healthy rivalry between North and South.

There are amazing attributes to both North and South and in the community we all care so deeply about. We encourage each one of us to continue enthusiastically attending our school, athletic and district events with fellow community members, irrespective of the team colors we individually support. We can do both.

Game on.

## LETTERS

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### A better understanding

#### To the Editor:

Kudos to the Grosse Pointe News for the detailed reporting in "Alleged missing housing units addressed" (Grosse Pointe News, Sept. 22, 2022). Reporter Ted O'Neil obviously put in a lot of time and legwork to investigate — and disprove — the claim that the Grosse Pointe Public School System district lost 590 housing units. This is quality local journalism and contributes to a better understanding of the challenges confronting GPPSS.

MARCIABRIEN  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Many thanks

#### To the Editor,

Thursday, Oct. 13, was a tremendous night for The Helm. It was our annual gala and it was the best yet. We received so much support from this community — from our numerous benefactors to those who attended to our fellow community organizations who spread the word on

their social media sites — we couldn't have had this successful of an event without all of you.

To our committee co-chairs, Doug Blatt and Dr. Cheryl Wesen, we thank you not only for your guidance, but for the tremendous amount of work you put in spreading the word and securing donations and auction items. To our Gala Committee who did a phenomenal job garnering auction items from businesses mostly in Grosse Pointe, but across the state and even out of state. And, to our Gala Décor Committee who added even more elegance and warmth to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Our board of directors, led by President Prudence Cole, is phenomenal. Their dedication to our cause is unsurpassed. They continually share our mission with more and more people who then understand and believe in us as well.

And, of course, to our staff who work diligently to pull off this event. Everyone willingly pitches in doing something that isn't in

the realm of their daily job duties, but they know needs to get done.

But mostly, thank you to the many, many area businesses and individuals listed below who donated items for our auction — both the live and silent. We absolutely could not have done it without you.

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With many thanks,

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**I SAY** By Anne Gryzenia

# A message from the publisher



**B**ecoming publisher of our community newspaper, which is so near and dear to my heart, was a dream come true. After all, I grew up here and vividly remember checking the paper in high school to see if my tennis team was gracing the pages of Sports each week in the fall. Then in my 20s, I would peruse the

Beautiful Beginnings section to see which of my friends or former classmates were tying the knot — and scan the police reports for the excitement (or lack thereof). Now, with a family and four school-aged children, I'm interested in just about everything inside the pages of the Grosse Pointe News on a weekly basis. To think that this paper almost ceased to exist a few years ago is unfathomable. It's part of the fabric of our community.

Since being named publisher, there have been a few curve balls thrown at me, which have been manageable. No power on printing

day? No problem. Technical issues with subscriptions? Not ideal, but we can manage and find a way. My boss and owner of the newspaper deciding to run for school board? (insert record scratch here).

The truth is I can't imagine anyone better to help point our school system in the right direction. At first I could not understand why he

would want to run for any sort of office. He's a private guy and this is far from private. He will likely take even more arrows than usual and that's never easy. But the simple fact is he cares about schools, just like he cares about our amaz-

ing town. One is intrinsically linked to the other. Sean Cotton's vast experiences in building large and small businesses from the ground up, and his dedication to making the best decisions for our students and our city, make him uniquely equipped to be part of the leadership guiding the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

I can speak from experience when I say he inspires those around him and is a great teammate to work with. His enthusiasm is contagious and his trust and confidence in the teams he assembles is admirable. I once heard a quote that said something like,

"Good people do great things. Great people inspire others to do great things." That is Sean Cotton in a nutshell — always raising the bar and inspiring people around him to do their very best. How fortunate would we be to have a person like Sean on our school board, with such incredible business acumen, such a team-based mindset and such a heart for providing the best opportunities for our students and teachers? We have an unparalleled opportunity to elect someone like Sean Cotton.

There are three very important seats to be filled on our Board of

Education this November. To be sure, people will get heated, social media will blow up and it'll be the water cooler conversation for weeks. Do yourself the important service of voting for the best three people for the job, keeping in mind that track records of success are a vital factor when assessing the candidates. Our kids, our property values and our ability to re-establish ourselves as an academic pillar of excellence are all on the line. I'll be casting my vote for Sean Cotton, the person who has the ideal drive, dedication and attributes our schools need now more than ever.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1947

75 years ago this week

**VILLAGES PROBE BUS FARE BOOST:** Following the notifications by the Lake Shore Coach Lines Inc. that it had made application to the State Public Service Commission to raise its fares on Nov. 1, the Park and Farms villages wrote to Walter Schweikart, asking for further information on the subject. They particularly wanted to be told of the necessity for the advance and raised several questions as to the coach company's financial status.

**RANDALL'S NEW FURNITURE STORE OPENS:** Saturday will be a Red Letter Day for Pointers who love fine furniture. The brand new, freshly stocked Randall's Furniture Store at 9100 Cadieux will have its grand opening. George Randall, resident of the Pointe and owner of the establishment, has been in the furniture business for the last 25 years. This is his first retail store, which he calls "The House of Quality."

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**COTTAGE PARKING IS AIRED:** Cottage Hospital staff have to call in a specialist to remedy its landscaping woes as the Farms council rejected part of its parking expansion plan at its regular meeting. The hospital does have the go-ahead, however, to tear down the small frame house on the corner of Muir and Ridge roads and to increase the paved area of the existent parking lot. The council granted permission relying on "good faith" for the hospital to provide a satisfactory landscaping plan from a professional landscape architect.

**CONSTRUCTION WOES BESET FARMS WADING POOL:** The Allan Shelden IV Wading Pool at the Farms Pier, scheduled for completion last summer, has been beset with construction difficulties. Instead of last summer, the Farms

administration is hoping to have the \$25,000 pool finished by next summer for children to play in.

**SEEK YOUTHS WHO HELPED AT ACCIDENT:** Several North High School students have received the praise of the Woods Department of Public Safety and Principal G. Bruce Feigner for their quick work in rescuing a youth, who was struck by an auto while standing by his bike Sept. 25. Roger Hohl, 15, a ninth grade student at North, was dragged along with his bike, over the school's traffic island some 60 feet onto the entrance drive. A group of boys tipped the car

on its side, pulled the youth from further danger and stayed with him until the ambulance arrived.

**WOODS THEATER SHUTS DOORS:** It was a place where cinematic dreams of Grosse Pointers played on for over 40 years. But the Woods movie theater closed its doors forever Oct. 10, a victim of modern times and megaplex movie palaces that have 25 screens showing every film a customer might want to see. AMC

corporate spokesman Sonny Stuffle said the national chain that has operated the Woods since the 1980s will no longer operate at that location. Greg Jakub, director of public relations for St. John Hospital, said the theater has been purchased by the hospital.

**HISTORIC FARMS HOME TO BE RAZED:** A local developer was recently given permission by the Grosse Pointe Farms city council to go ahead with plans to develop the property at 111 Lakeshore, a decision that drew the ire of the Farms Historical Advisory Commission Chairperson Patricia

Colett. At issue is the fate of the Paul Harvey Deming House, which will be razed to make room for three separate houses and a private road. Colett requested the house should be saved for adaptive reuse, citing its historical significance and its listing on the National and State Registers of Historic Sites.

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**LIGGETT GIFTED \$4.25M:** University Liggett School announced last week a gift of \$4.25 million from

the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation, intended for building a new state-of-the-art athletics facility. It's the largest single gift in the school's 134-year history. The gift continues the Boll family's longstanding history of supporting the school.

**NORTH STORE OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** Now a month into operations, Grosse Pointe North High School's new school store is the district's first that's fully managed and maintained by students. Students are divided into two shifts, eight per shift, and rotate positions weekly, so every student gets an opportunity at each of eight positions.

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approval.

"I went up to her and talked to her. I held my hand up and for a second it felt like she was holding my hand," she said. "Eventually I didn't feel that anymore and heard a voice from across the room say, 'I'm over here, now.'"

Brujitske's ghost team performs "investigations" at well-known locations, like Eloise or the governor's mansion, as well as at private homes. Investigation requests tend to pick up around Halloween, according to Brujitske.

"Everyone wants their house to be haunted this time of year," she quipped.

During an investigation, team members research the home's history and the land on which it's built. They also implement various tools to scan homes for portals, which they

## Grosse Pointe's haunted high school?

With Halloween right around the corner, Jen Brujitske, a ghost hunter from Grosse Pointe Woods, said activity and interest in her hobby picks up during this spooky season.

"The veil (to the other side) is thinnest between Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, so now is when a lot of people claim the spiritual world gets more active," she said.

She also said there are many rumored places around the Pointes that have spiritual or ghostly activity, such as one particular country club and one of Grosse Pointe's local high schools.

"I have heard that the veil is very thin there between 3 and 4 a.m. and there is a lot of activity (at this high school) during that time," she said. "Of course, it's all hearsay."

Brujitske also said a full moon can bring on more paranormal activity. But as a nurse and ghost hunter, she can vouch for which locale sees the most action.

"A full moon in a hospital is way more busy than anywhere that's haunted," she said. "People are crazy."

believe offer spirits and ghosts the chance to travel back and forth.

"A portal is where spirits can come and go, kind of like a train station," she said.

"They enter and leave from there and visit.

"It can either be someone who has passed away in the home or someone who lived there for a long while and just doesn't want to leave. . . .

Sometimes spirits are stuck. If it's a house they were in for 50 years, it is their pride and possession."

It's generally through this ghost highway where hunters like Brujitske try to ask spirits why they are there. The team often helps homeowners inform the visitors it's time to leave.

Brujitske said most of her experiences with spirits have been benign and the ghosts accommodate the request to once again depart, so to speak. The team also has a method for closing this apparition Amtrak, should they believe the entity is unfriendly.

"If you were a (jerk) in life, you're going to be a (jerk) in the after life," she said.

Her team carries a "hokey pokey" box to cleanse homes and themselves after an investigation, complete with sage and Palo Santo sticks.

"We cleanse the homes to move everything out.



Brujitske's ghost hunting equipment ranges from sophisticated to simple, including this cat ball, which lights up when there's movement nearby.

We close the portal by telling the spirits to leave and put railroad ties around the perimeter of the home."

The normal demands of life require Brujitske's attention, too. As a hockey and soccer mom to two busy boys, Aiden and Blake, Brujitske and her husband, Rich, often find themselves at the rink or at a field. She said it's usually too filled with activity and noise for her to notice anything unusual.

"No hockey rinks are haunted. There's too much going on there," she said.

For anyone interested in connecting with the other side — or not — Brujitske has some advice.

"If people are noticing signs, my advice is to not ignore them," she said. "Be receptive to it



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A ghost hunter's tools of the trade include items like copper dowsing rods, spirit boxes, electromagnetic field (EMF) boxes, infrared light (IR) detectors and frequency detectors, which also measure changes in temperature to detect energy forces.

and to what (the ghosts) attention. ... If you are trying to say. .... If you aren't interested in connecting, it will just shut down."



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The Brujitske family, Rich and Jen, with their sons, Aiden, left, and Blake, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## Consultant recommends higher water-sewer rates

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The municipal water and sewer fund barely has enough emergency savings to operate for one day, far less than the six months it should be able to support, according to the city's utility rate consultants.

"We're going to give you advice on how to build that up, because that is the most concerning piece when you look at a financial analysis of the water and sewer fund," Andy Campbell, of Baker Tilly consultants, told city council Monday, Oct. 17.

Campbell, a certified public accountant in the consultant's East Lansing

office, said the fund's \$18,000 in reserves should total \$2.7 million in cash and investments, enough to fuel the system six months without an influx of capital.

He found the gap alarming. "That is going to require investment from ratepayers and/or taxpayers," Campbell said.

Park officials retained Baker Tilly in March for advice on how to fund a 10-year water and sewer infrastructure improvement campaign.

Options range from rate increases, loans, grants and passage of a 10-year, 2.5-mil millage on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, municipal

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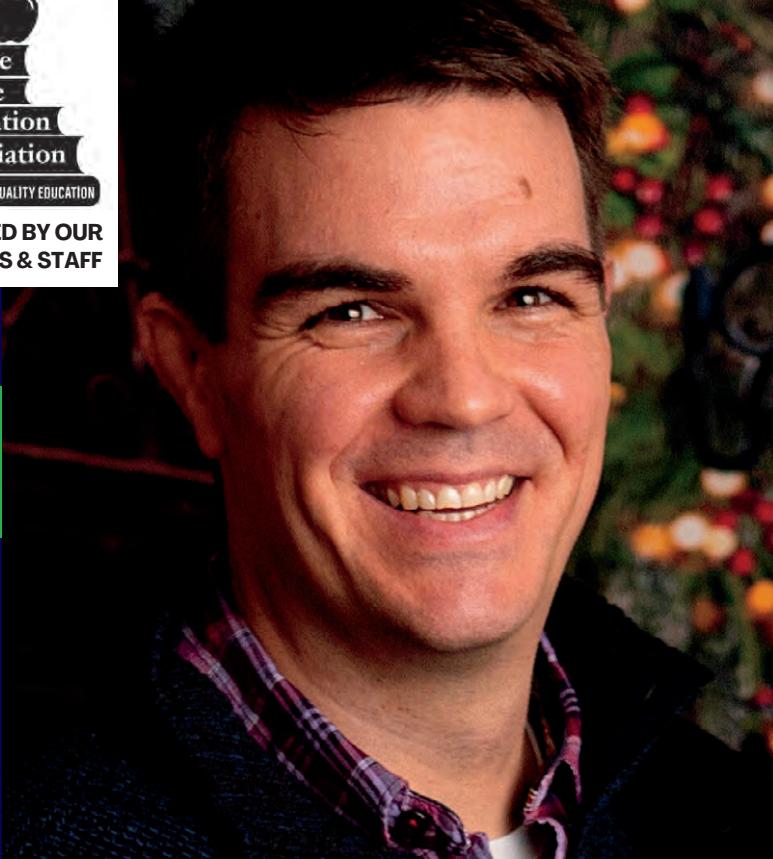
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# Capital program to last 20 years

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

Nearly 15 years' worth of sewer upgrades costing nearly \$27 million are the lesser part of proposed city-wide, water-related infrastructure improvements mapped out by municipal officials and their engineering consultants.

The capital improvement plan is an early draft.

"This is an aspirational document," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee and an engineer. "This is fairly standard for a capital

improvement plan for infrastructure. We're basically putting everything out there, including the kitchen sink, because we need to identify the whole breadth of projects."

"The plan is intended to serve as a tool to guide future infrastructure investments by prioritizing projects based on needs, system criticality and long-term operational cost reductions," according to the draft by Grosse Pointe Park's consulting engineers, OHM Advisors.

In addition to sewer work, it will cost nearly \$52 million over the next 20 years to improve the

other half of the system, the half transmitting drinking water through 35.3 miles of water mains to every faucet and all 66 fire hydrants in the roughly 2.25-square-mile suburb.

"As we're doing water mains, we want to do lead line work as well," Wiener said, referring to an unfunded state mandate, prompted by the Flint water crisis, to replace all lead service lines. The Park has 2,025 of them.

"The key to this process is efficiency," Wiener said.

The neighborhood getting priority for water main improvements is the lower Cabbage Patch

between Jefferson and Mack.

"Also, that's our greatest density of lead lines," Wiener said.

Some 60 improvements to the sewer and water systems are outlined in a capital improvement plan the consulting engineers submitted to the city council Monday, Oct. 17.

"It is a comprehensive list," Nancy Russell, an OHM engineer, told the council.

The draft capital improvement plan for public utility infrastructure — water supply, sanitary sewer and storm sewer — has been developed to document future capital needs within the city," according

to Patrick Drose, an OHM project manager.

"We need to start working on this," Wiener said. "Our infrastructure is, fundamentally, at end of life."

Most of the system is nearly 100 years old.

"The more we wait on this, the bigger the issue's going to be," Wiener said. "If we don't get on top of preventive maintenance, the money we allocate for major capital improvements get gobbled up by just keeping the system functioning."

Leading the list of 25 proposed sewer jobs is installing a \$1.7 million extreme emergency relief system to divert excess stormwater runoff directly into Lake St. Clair off Patterson Park rather than letting it back into basements, as happened twice

during the summer of 2021.

A \$130,000 donation in August from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation jumpstarted manufacture of the valve's main components.

"OHM has coordinated with a vendor for the purchase of long lead-time elements of the relief system," according to Drose.

The valve system's projected completion date is 2025.

Another flood-control project within the same deadline is called the south-side relief sewers and is forecast to cost \$3,187,500.

Drose described the project as "creation of a relief sewer to improve flow routing to the Jefferson Avenue lower trunk system."

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ballot.

All options except grants, for which cities with median incomes as high as the Park's are unlikely to qualify, involve some payback in the form of taxes or water and sewage fees.

"You're going to need to raise investment in the water and sewer fund, whether through taxes or rates," Campbell told the council. "There is no question. The numbers speak for themselves. We are here to help you with those options and figure out the best way to do it."

"If we get a loan," Councilman Max Wiener said, "we're still effectively going to have a millage, because the residents are going to pay it on their property taxes or water bills. We've spoken at length about why we don't think that's palatable, because it's going to disproportionately impact lower-income residents."

Although Campbell said he'll examine ways to alter the city's rate structure, the millage is an important option.

"No one is going to bail the city out," he said. "You have a lot of capital improvements that need to be made in

the next 20 years and you have to find a source of money for that. If the millage fails, you'll have to look at a rate increase."

Councilwoman Christine Gallagher wanted to delay next month's ballot question. She wants to seek government grants or low-interest loans.

"The problem you're going to run into is your (city's) median household income is \$122,000," Campbell said. "Your community has to be below the state household median, which is \$59,000. You're not eligible for most grant sources."

Loans are a problem because the city doesn't have funds to pay them back, according to Campbell.

"Generally," he said, "if you do the revolving fund-style plan, you're actually going to pay for it out of rates, not taxes."

"We don't have existing resources to pay back the principal and interest of a loan, even if we were to get the loan, which is uncertain," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

"The question becomes when is the right time for that money to come to us and, then, to put back into our infrastructure," Gallagher said. "We haven't clearly defined that yet."

"It's been overlooked for years," Councilman Tom Caulfield said. "The time is now."



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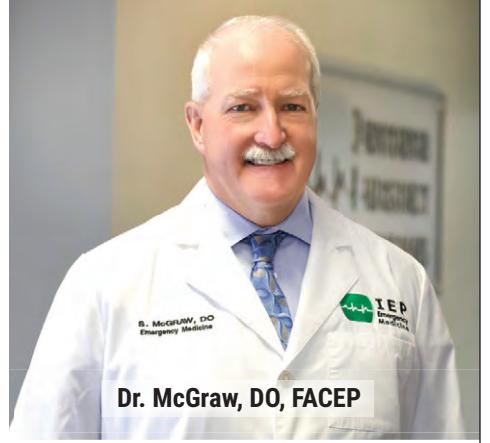
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# Boettcher returns to chamber, prepares for parade

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It was a bittersweet moment when Jennifer Boettcher announced in January she'd be stepping down from her post as president and executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce after 16 years with the organization.

Now, following the exit of her replacement this summer, Boettcher once again is leading the chamber after reclaiming the position. Her first day back was Monday, Oct. 17.

"My immediate goal is to let the business community know the community's business resource center is open for business," Boettcher said.



FILE PHOTO

After several months away, Jennifer Boettcher has returned to lead the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Thankfully, Rachelle Wright, GPCC social media director, has kept the chamber lights on during the transition period."

Boettcher and Wright plan to immediately work to rebuild the chamber team, "to assure the business community gets the resources needed to thrive," Boettcher added.

"This will include taking a

long, hard look at the work of the chamber — what is working, what is not working and what just needs a little extra attention to make it great."

Under Boettcher's previous leadership, chamber membership grew to more than 600 strong. She also was instrumental in the growth of several annual events, including the North/South Tailgate, Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, Pointe Art Festival, holiday contests and street art projects.

Boettcher was at the helm when the chamber developed the Grosse Pointe Marketplace and Chamber Change initiatives to support local businesses and encourage

local spending, as well as provided resources to help the business community navigate COVID-19.

She said she plans to continue to strengthen the organization and its efforts in serving local businesses.

"I'm dedicated to creating a strong local economy," Boettcher said, "promoting the businesses, the community and creating opportunity."

She said she also will focus on increasing communication — between members, businesses and residents. Faulty communication is one of the reasons she rejoined the chamber this fall.

"There was a rumor: Santa was not coming to town this year," Boettcher

said. "So I took the reins to shut the rumor down. The Jolly Old Man is coming to Grosse Pointe on Friday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m.

"We are in full elf gear, planning Grosse Pointe's greatest Santa parade of the year," she continued.

"We have the Budweiser clydesdales coming this year, along with Big Heads, fun new floats from The Parade Company, princesses, unicylecyclists, dance groups, Detroit Ghostbusters, marching bands and more. We couldn't do any of this without our amazing sponsors."

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## Fairfax Market brings fresh, friendly vibe to neighborhood

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

When Mike Swanson bought Fairfax Market from beloved former owner Gus Kuparis on Sept. 16, 2016, he knew he needed to juggle two things: honoring the store's cherished history and implementing his vision for its future.

"I knew how important it was to maintain our neighborhood feel," he said. "I knew it was important to be polite, provide parking, to be customer-friendly and to make it nice."

He started by giving the inside of the store, located on the crossroads of Beaconsfield and Fairfax in Grosse Pointe Park, a refresh. New floors, new shelves and a fresh coat of paint started things off. He eventually added outdoor tables and chairs for the lunch and after-school crowd, too.

He also improved the store's offerings. Hand-tossed pizzas, made-to-order subs (six of which are named after streets in the Park), fresh produce, soups, craft beers, wines and even a slushy machine increased options for the neighborhood store's customers.

Luckily, Swanson survived the hit of COVID that all retail and grocery stores experienced. But now he's facing the "I-forgot-it's-there factor" from the greater community, which simply took the store off the radar as life returned to more nor-

malcy.

"We just need consistency," he said. "Once summer ended and the boaters went away, we dropped 30 percent in sales. We are more hidden in a sense, but I feel like once people reintroduce themselves to us and what we offer, the quality of our food will speak for itself and keep them coming back."

An additional factor that has reduced store traffic is the lower number of people commuting downtown via Jefferson and stopping in on their way home from work. The closure of Trombly Elementary School just down the street also reduced the amount of after-school business for families stopping in for a snack or to pick up something to cook for

dinner.

But Swanson is hoping to change that by getting creative with new offerings, family meal deals and coupons — and by getting the word out.

"You can be in and out of here with your dinner in under two minutes," he said. "Call us ahead of time and we'll get anything ready for you to make it as easy as possible for you."

Swanson, who has a wife along with four kids who range in age from 4 to 17, also keeps the store open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, to accommodate busy families like his own. He only closes Thanksgiving Day and

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Fairfax Market owner Mike Swanson tosses some homemade pizza dough, getting his next set of orders ready for a customer.



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# Bakehouse 46 opens in Village this week

## Grand-opening events set mid-November

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Following months of anticipation and just in time for the season synonymous with cider mills, Bakehouse 46 at 17118 Kercheval in The Village will soft open Thursday, Oct. 20.

The grand opening then will be celebrated during two days — Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 12 — filled with events and opportunities to win.

With doors opening at 9 a.m., the first 46 customers both days will receive a \$46 gift card and 15 percent off for life. Face painting and balloon art will be featured from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a contest at noon, to see who can hold cupcakes the longest, as well as a doughnut-eating contest at 2 p.m. Rounding out the

festivities will be happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. when most items will cost .46 cents.

Bakehouse 46 is a partnership between, and combination of, Blake Farms and Cupcake Station.

"Cupcake Station was the original cupcakery in Michigan from '06," said Todd Gildersleeve, original owner of Cupcake Station. "The Blake Cider Mill has been around for over 70 years, so the 46 is kind of an homage to 1946 when they first opened the farm."

The menu includes Blake's doughnuts, apple cider and caramel apples, as well as bagel sandwiches, coffee and even pupcakes.

Among 26 varieties of cupcakes offered are seven rotational seasonal flavors, which currently feature Caramel Apple, Vanilla Latte, The Great Pumpkin Bumpy, Fall

into Pumpkin, Not Yo' Mama's Pancakes, Whisky'ed Away and Night Crawler.

For those with allergies or preferences, the bakery also offers gluten-free cupcakes and doughnuts, as well as vegan cupcakes.

"We are incredibly excited to become a part of this tight-knit community," said Chelsea Smith, brand and marketing

director for Bakehouse 46, via email. "We are very excited for everyone to try our fresh-baked cupcakes that we make from scratch and bake every day. We have a great coffee offering and some of the best bagel sammies in Michigan."

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

While currently offering online ordering, a Bakehouse 46 app

equipped with an order-ahead option is set to launch in November. The location also offers catering for events.

As it transitioned from its prior use as Savvy Chic Boutique, city council approved significant changes to the Kercheval building's facade in September. The business also has secured licensing for two outdoor seating tables.

"I think it's going to be a great fit and should be

perfect for that block," Councilman Chris Walsh said.

The neighborhood cafe and bakery currently has locations in Birmingham, Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Rochester, with a Ferndale location next to open.

"We're just excited to be in the City," Gildersleeve said.

Anyone interested in applying to work at Bakehouse 46 may do so through the website — [bakehouse46.com/careers](http://bakehouse46.com/careers) — or by emailing a resume to [info@bakehouse46.com](mailto:info@bakehouse46.com).



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# Beaumont GP becomes Corewell Health

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Known as Bon Secours until 2007 — when it was acquired by the Beaumont Health System — Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe now is transitioning into its third name since opening in 1945.

Following the merger of Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health earlier this year, the new system has formed Corewell Health, locally resulting in "Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital."

The name is said to sig-



nify that at its core, the system is focused on patient wellness and supporting the healthiest life possible.

"I'm excited about our new name," said Dr. Ben Schwartz, president of Corewell Health East, formerly Beaumont Health, via email. "Corewell Health beautifully embodies our mission and our values. I also

think our new name will help us build our reputation across the state of Michigan and around the globe."

Through a gradual two-year process, Corewell Health will begin replacing signage across the system next year. Eventually, content from beaumont.org and spectrumhealth.org will be combined and transi-

tioned to corewellhealth.org.

As it stands, patients can continue to use MyBeaumontChart, with the system promising to provide communication in the event of any changes.

"Our patients will continue to receive the same great care they have

come to know and expect from us," Schwartz said.

"Now that we are part of a larger system, we can make more bold and innovative investments in our teams, our facilities and our communities."

The new health system employs more than 60,000 Michiganders across 22 hospitals and

around 300 outpatient locations. Its mission statement is to improve health, instill humanity and inspire hope.

"The Grosse Pointe community can look forward to knowing they will receive high-quality, compassionate care at our hospital for decades to come," Schwartz said.

## Newport brings men's casual clothing to The Village

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Three years to the day Village Palm was purchased in 2019, owners Matthew and Ann Turnbull opened their second shop, Newport, in the space next door Oct. 1.

At 1713 Kercheval in The Village, the shop offers men's and children's resort and casual clothing, as well as a womenswear collection, expanded from their Village Palm selection.

It's named for the city in Rhode Island where the couple's middle child, Julia, lives and which stood out to them during visits for its great shopping experience.

"We wanted to bring a comparable experience back to Grosse Pointe," Matthew Turnbull said, "(and) we want to fully

embrace and connect our store to the water lifestyle that Grosse Pointe is so embedded with."

Among the brands carried at Newport are Tommy Bahama, Southern Tide, Gretchen Scott, Sail to Sable, Duffield Lane, Castaway-Nantucket Island, Long Wharf of Boston, Lee Alison Ties, Dapper Classics, Floafers, Belted Cow, Smathers & Branson, Will Leather Goods, Fish Hippie, St. James of London and Chervo.

"The goal is to be able to really strengthen The Village as a shopping destination by fulfilling the men's casual dress space," Turnbull said, "and to create an environment where it's fun to shop not just for an outfit, but for gifts as well."

Aside from clothing, the store also carries wallets, belts, shaving sup-

plies, crafted pens, ties, socks and more.

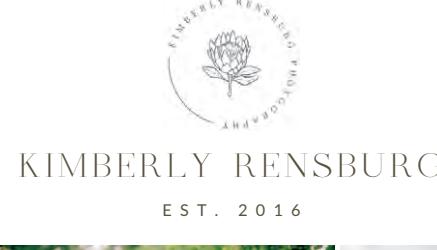
Rather than simply expanding Village Palm, Turnbull said, the inspiration was to create a free-standing store focusing on men and children, while expanding its women's collection, to deliver a resort-style experience.

"One of the things that we recognized was there was a definite need to have an additional men's store in The Village that really fills the casual resort style (and) isn't just part of a larger women's store," he said.

Newport's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Though the website is not yet live, an option to order online will be available at shopnewportgp.com.

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Wood described ABX Redux as a movement studio.

"The space is intended to evolve and change as the participants shift as well as classes," Wood said. "A lot of my friends who are amazing teachers lost their studios or decided they didn't want to teach public classes. My idea is that teachers can rent space from me, whether they want to try a new class that they can't teach within their studio, or they want to have a private group."

She'll also rent her space

through services such as peerspace.com, an online booking service. Wood intends to arrange short-term special events, such as photo shoots, community gatherings, health-minded gatherings, music and more.

A second chance can be more than restorative. It's not that Wood is picking up where she left off. Rather, she's resuming ahead of where she hoped to be.

"People who know me know I'm pretty tenacious, for sure," she said. "I was open to a new profession, but this last winter, all of a sudden, I got the bug again. This is what I'm meant to do. This is what I want to do. And I'm coming back."

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## Enrollment figures presented to Grosse Pointe school board

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

At the Oct. 10 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Jon Dean provided the board an update of preliminary count figures relating to the district's 2022-23 enrollment.

Dean said while the figures he presented from the first count day can provide some insight into the district's enrollment numbers, they are only estimates of official enrollment numbers that will not be released until November.

"The enrollment (number that) the board of education pays attention to (is) the number that we end up being

funded by (from) the state of Michigan," Dean said. "And that number won't actually be determined until early November, once our attendance audit has been audited by Wayne County RESA."

The preliminary count showed the district had 35 more students than it was expecting, leaving the estimated count at 6,500 students, with a confidence interval range of plus or minus 40 students. The preliminary count still shows an enrollment loss from when the district had approximately 6,610 students in the 2021-22 school year and was projected to lose 145 students by the start of this school year. Dean said he sees this

figure as a preliminary indication the district has better enrollment numbers than expected. Throughout his presentation, Dean primarily attributed the

enter kindergarten in 2022, which decreased the district's student count by 195. He said this decrease was offset though by an increase of 125 new students in

what the increase in was, hey, not everything's perfect, but in general, this data is good."

On Nov. 10, the district will have a more accurate number of its enrollment for the 2022-23 school year and will be able to better recognize how that number will impact its budget for the year. The district budgeted for the estimate, provided by Plante Moran, which indicated an overall decline in enrollment of 145 students. Therefore, if there are greater or fewer students counted from the 6,465 student budgeted estimate, the district's finances will be improved or impaired from the increase or reduction in per-pupil funding it receives.

*'It's hard to parse out which reason caused this thing exactly, but they probably all go together, and that was one of the points of my presentation, just like the other two presentations was, hey, not everything's perfect, but in general, this data is good.'*

JON DEAN  
GPPSS superintendent

decline in enrollment to a declining birth rate in Wayne County. He discussed how the district had 634 students graduate and 439 students

first through 12th grade.

From evaluating enrollment fluctuations in previous years, it is difficult to ascertain

"It's hard to parse out which reason caused this thing exactly, but they probably all go together," Dean said. "And that was one of the points of my presentation, just like the other two presentations



Connor Stafford with Blue IV.

## You're in! Butler bulldog makes students' mornings

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

In the wee hours of Thursday, Oct. 13, "Blue IV," the bulldog mascot for Butler University, brought college acceptance letters to two Grosse Pointe South seniors, much to the surprise and delight of the students and their families.

The first visit came at 6:45 a.m. to Colin Burke's house in Grosse Pointe Park. Blue then headed a few blocks down to Connor Stafford's house at 7:05 a.m.

Burke and Stafford were the first

ever students in the country to receive their acceptance letters this way.

When each student opened their doors to find Butler University's mascot and Blue's handler, Evan Krauss, at their doorsteps, they weren't sure what to make of it, despite their parents making them wake up earlier than usual, with no explanation why.

"I was totally not expecting this surprise," Colin Burke said. "I am honored to be accepted to Butler. I didn't know Butler gave out acceptances in this way and it shows how



Colin Burke with Blue IV.

much they care about their students. Thank you to Blue for coming all the way to Detroit."

Colin Burke's mom, Kimberly, said she is happy about the possibility of having her son follow their older daughter, Emma, to Butler.

"This was such an exciting experience for us," she said. "Our daughter, Emma, is currently a junior at Butler and we are familiar with Blue, the adorable bulldog. It was a thrill to have Blue personally deliver Colin's acceptance to the school in our home."

Blue's second visit of the day to the Stafford family was received just as warmly.

"I was definitely surprised by their visit," Connor Stafford said. "It was pretty cool to have their mascot, Blue IV, greet me at my front door. I never expected a university to make a personal visit. They have a really good sports media program and I'm

strongly considering this school for next year."

Connor's parents, Craig and Jennifer Stafford, both said they were impressed the university made the effort to come to their house and present Connor with his acceptance letter.

"They took the time to get to know Connor and find out what he was looking for with his college experience," Craig Stafford said. "We really felt like they had a vested interest in him and his academic success."

The end-of-the-week excitement didn't stop there for Connor Stafford, who went on to win the Division 2 tennis state championship in No. 1 singles last Saturday in Midland. For more on Stafford's big win and more state finals tennis results, head to page 1D in our Sports section.

—Photographer Renee Landuyt contributed to this report.

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# Pierce, Defer off to the races

Defer Elementary School and Pierce Middle School — located across the street from each other on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park — recently held Fun Run fundraisers for their PTOs. The principals of both schools told students if they met their fundraising goals, there would be a tricycle race between the principals and a few teachers. The students loved that idea and worked hard to raise the money, succeeding in meeting their goals.

"The race was a celebration of our students' fundraising efforts with our PTO's primary fundraiser," said Sara Dirkse, Pierce Middle School principal. "Pierce and Defer PTOs shared the date for our Fun Runs and we decided to celebrate meeting our fundraising goals together."

"It was so fun to share in the positive energy and

excitement of our kids. Our students worked together as grade-level teams in each of their advisory classes to reach our school goal.

"We are so thankful and appreciative of our generous community and its continued support," she added. "The funds raised support year-end celebrations, scholarships to D.C., individual classroom teacher stipends, and much more. Funds that exceeded our target goals will be put towards providing collaborative seating for our students — tables, chairs and desks which encourage and support collaborative classroom environments."

Defer Principal Lisa Rheaume also shared her excitement for the event.

"The Defer and Pierce communities met their fundraising goals and we celebrated with a final challenge between Defer

and Pierce with a tricycle race," she said. "It was a wonderful celebration for both of our communities. We appreciate the generosity and support of all of our families."

— Renee Landuyt Pierce teacher Brian Benz is urged to go faster by PE teacher Gregg Wolff.



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Pierce Principal Sara Dirkse, left, and Defer Principal Lisa Rheaume, in a green tutu, were laughing so hard they could hardly pedal. Pierce ended up winning by only a few feet.



Pierce teacher Matt Eszes almost tips his tricycle but Pierce students make sure he doesn't wipe out.



Teacher Shaughan Rumohr takes off with Defer Principal Lisa Rheaume and Jane Nugent cheering her on.

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## Getting in on the pickleball craze

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**ST. CLAIR SHORES** — If friends and family talked non-stop about playing pickleball this summer, here's an opportunity to learn the game and get in on the fun.

Assumption Cultural Center — located at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church —

offers indoor classes and clinics from October through May. The facility is located at 21800 Marter Road in St. Clair Shores, right next door to Grosse Pointe Woods.

"It's been the fastest growing sport for people over 50 for the past decade and has been the fastest growing

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# GPPSS survey data analyzed

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

At the Oct. 10 board of education meeting, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Roy Bishop presented data from the annual Grosse Pointe Public School System staff and community surveys. Although the surveys were completed last spring, they were presented to the board after the beginning of the following school year, in line with past practice.

While both surveys are frequently mentioned by district stakeholders, they do not provide a representative sample of either group surveyed, as only 779 community members out of more than 13,000 district households and 455 out of 840 district employees responded to their respective survey requests.

Overall, the survey

results shed the district in a positive light, with the indication that sentiment — among those surveyed — is gradually returning to pre-COVID levels. This year, more than 100 more people participated in the community survey and more than 50 more participated in the staff survey over last year.

The pool of survey respondents in both surveys changed in ways that may have affected the responses that were garnered. Of those who responded to the community survey, a larger portion of them than in the past were community members without children in the school system — 29 percent of the survey respondents this year compared to 18 percent last year and 8 percent in 2019. And, among those who responded to the staff engagement survey, a larger proportion of them recently were hired,

with the number of respondents hired in the last year answering the survey doubling from 6 percent in 2019-20 to 12 percent during the past school year.

The survey questions were expansive and covered a wide variety of topics, but some topics were mentioned more than others by Bishop and board members, as they were considering the importance of the results.

A question within the community survey, for instance, prompting respondents to grade the district, garnered attention as a question that could provide a more holistic perspective of the community members who responded to the survey. In that question, 74 percent of respondents gave the district an A or B rating, up from 61 percent in 2020, but still not rebounding from the 81 percent reported in

2018.

And in the staff survey, a question asking whether or not GPPSS is heading in the right direction provided a similar viewpoint, with 45 percent of staff members answering in the affirmative — an increase of 16 percent from the previous year; with 33 percent saying they had a neutral answer to the question and 22 percent saying it was not heading in the right direction.

One of the questions in which GPPSS saw a decline in satisfaction was about the school lunch program. Only 11

percent of respondents said school lunch is good or excellent — down from 20 percent previously — and 27 percent said school lunch is acceptable — down from 40 percent previously.

Trustee David Brumbaugh addressed this topic while also expressing his overall satisfaction with the survey results. He said he was glad to see the district improve its scores in many areas and noted that even in the areas he considered the results to be unsatisfactory, the results will at least inform the district of how it

should improve.

"Double-digit improvements in a lot of these areas is significant. ... Improvement is a continuous process, not something that happens overnight or over the course of one school year, particularly given the timing of the survey, the changeover in administration (and) having come out of COVID," Brumbaugh said. "(Also), seeing them in the data helps us understand the challenges that we should try to overcome. These are challenges that we absolutely can overcome."

## Presidential visit

Leslie Wagner, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, recently addressed members of the Lakeshore Optimist Club at The War Memorial, to provide an update about the new GPHS facility in Grosse Pointe Farms and its activities. Pictured is Optimist Club President Deborah Renshaw, left, presenting Wagner a certificate of appreciation.

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## CRAZE:

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sport among all ages since 2017," according to Peggy Kurza, a certified instructor at the center. "It's ageless, really, because you don't have to be as athletic as other sports. It's more about skill."

Kurza, a Woods resident, said the introductory classes meet once a week for two weeks, with each session lasting 90 minutes. Paddles and balls are provided.

"It's teaching while they play," she said. "Sort of a baptism by fire."

The center features three indoor courts that also are available for rent.

"When the weather gets nicer in the spring, most people prefer to play outdoors," Kurza said. "Although when it gets really hot out, they might want to come inside and play in the air conditioning."

Kurza noted that during the colder months, it's common to see all 45 available rental slots filled each week.

"The growth has been great to see," she said. "I started playing 13 years ago and sometimes it was difficult to find three other people to play."

For those who take an introductory class and want to keep playing, Kurza said a decent paddle can be had for as low as \$35.

"It's not pricey at all," she said. "Paddles can go all the way up to \$200 if you want to pay that much, but for people starting out I recommend something



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Playground opens

St. Paul Catholic School has many new additions this year, including more than 50 new families; however, the most exciting addition is the school's new playground. The old playground was well loved. Principal Tina Forsythe said it had been there around 20 years. With the success of many fundraisers last year, including the popular Harvest Fest, a mum sale, Christmas ornament sale and the annual St. Paul Auction, the TPG was able to approve the budget for the new playground. The school and its students thank all of the generous families and businesses that have supported St. Paul's TPG fundraisers.

less pricey."

More important than a paddle is footwear.

"It's not something you want to wear running shoes to play, because of all the lateral movement," she said. "A tennis or even volleyball shoe is much better, although companies are starting to market specific pickleball shoes."

Kurza said people who have given up on

recreational activities should consider giving pickleball a try.

"The court is smaller than a tennis court, so even people with limited mobility can have fun," she said. "We've got people who have had hip or knee replacements out there playing."

Find out more at (586) 779-6111 or visit assumptionculturalcenter.org.



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Jacqueline Knuth, Teacher Parent Group president; Tina Forsythe, principal; Emily Coldicott, assistant principal; and Quinn Getz, TPG fundraising chair cut the ribbon for the new playground.

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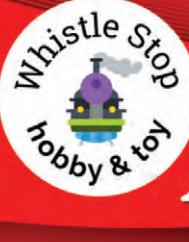
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## Shores hosts public safety open house

The Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department recently welcomed the public to its Fire Week Open House Oct. 2, in partnership with Chief Ken Werenski, at Shores city hall. Those who attended were treated to station tours, handouts for children, apparatus displays, fire hose water target practice, a Medic 4 display, refreshments, snacks and the SRT armored vehicle.



Above, Officer Zef Bojaj and his son, Marko Bojaj, had fun at the event. Left, Lt. Scott Rohr manned the grill during the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department's Fire Week open house Oct. 2.



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This year's recipients are Rocco Vesprini, class of 2029; Kylie McClain, class of 2028; and Natalie Green, class of 2027. The scholarship awards \$2,000 per student.

Robert and Elizabeth Shammas have helped more than 40 students receive the scholarship over the years. In addition, the Michael Giorgio family has donated a tree to the school in Nicole Shammas's memory, which has been planted in the courtyard.

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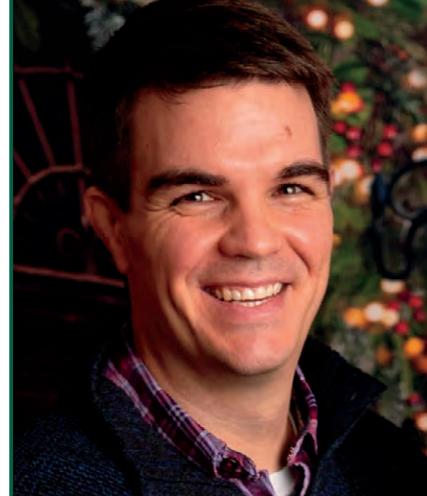
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On hand for the 1986 groundbreaking of Grosse Pointe Theatre's addition of its scene shop at its Fisher location are, from left, Tom Gallagher, Art Thompson, Grosse Pointe City Councilman William Montgomery, Bob Montgomery, Jack Petz, Dale Pegg and Dean Erskin.

As part of the country's bicentennial celebration, Wayne County Commissioner Erv Steiner asked Grosse Pointe Theatre to participate in the parade that traveled from the State Fair Grounds down Woodward to East Jefferson celebrating our country's history.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DALE PEGG



Left, Mark and Phylis Reeve, GPT founding members. Below, after months of renovations, Grosse Pointe Theatre had a ribbon-cutting Aug. 8, 1982, to celebrate its new rehearsal studio and offices at 315 Fisher. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting were (from left) Art Thompson, John Guadagnoli, Mayor David Robb, another city official and Dale Pegg.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE THEATRE



## Sparkling at 75 Grosse Pointe Theatre hits diamond anniversary

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

*This is part one of a two-part series.*

Today's Grosse Pointe Theatre members are indebted with gratitude to the men and women whose ingenuity formed the local theater group, the decades of members who have continued to

evolve the organization and to a new generation of members who will carry it into the future.

With the 2022-23 season underway — kicked off by a smashingly well-received production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" — GPT is celebrating its 75th anniversary in a big way. Several longtime members recently

reflected on the organization's roots, growth and resilience, as well as its efforts to pave the way into the future.

### A brief history

It all started in 1947, when local drama teacher Russel Werneken, 22, had a vision to create a community theater that not only would offer quality productions, but also provide workshops and educational opportunities to the community. He went door to door in search of contributions to secure a permanent home for the group.

His efforts led to the establishment of the 501(c)3 nonprofit theater group, which officially opened in 1948, with a production of "Clarence," at Pierce Middle School. There were 30 members in GPT at the time.

"They broke even with that (production)," said Dale Pegg, a 53-year GPT member, five-term past president and GPT historian. "They met in houses to rehearse. ... Wherever they could get space, they put on a show."

Basements, churches and storefronts served as rehearsal space, and performances were done in various school auditoriums. The group even performed on the front steps of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial before that organization opened its Fries Auditorium in 1962.

That was a game-



Grosse Pointe Theatre mastermind Russel Werneken



Grosse Pointe Theatre members, from left, John Guadagnoli, Art Thompson, Clarke Scholes, Tom Gallagher and Dick Roney plan how they will remove a large piece of equipment as part of the renovations of the group's new rehearsal building.



Art Thompson installs insulation in the new rehearsal space.



Top, Jack Petz adds his personal touch to a scene. Above, Lois Bender helps paint the group's rehearsal and office building in preparation for the August 1982 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

dumpsters of plaster and garbage out of here," Pegg said. "We gutted it and turned it into what you see today. A few years later, we built the scene shop on the back of the building."

Bob Montgomery, who joined in 1980, was GPT president then — its youngest ever at age 25 — and his father served on the city council. Both of his parents were longtime season ticket holders. He and his wife, Pam, who joined GPT in 1983, are co-chairs of the 75th anniversary committee.

"Dale was my mentor," Bob Montgomery said. "I started in the scene shop when I was 21 or 22."

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### Helping hands

Mentorship is a large part of GPT's decades-long success. New members are guided by older members, who eagerly take under their wings the next generation of actors, directors and crew. The organization today is 400 members strong.

When Pegg joined GPT in 1968, he'd already spent five years helping out on the technical side.

"After college, I became a full-time member," he said. "I was mentored by the people who were here at the time and the young people who showed enthusiasm were treated

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# Halloween street party, pub crawl in Park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Pumpkins in the Park, a street party in the Kercheval business district and more, starts 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

For children, trick-or-treating is 4 to 6 p.m. at participating businesses on Kercheval.

"We had a huge turnout last year," said Joe Hebeka, president of the sponsoring Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, which is presenting the event. "I think it was 400 kids. We ran out of candy."

New for 2022, visit one of these local haunts, buy a beverage, and you'll be entered to win a prize: Cabbage Patch Saloon, The Charlevoix, O'Flaherty's, Red Crown & The Bricks. Hebeka described the Tour de Park as something of a Park pub crawl.

"That's how we get people to stay at places other than Kercheval," he said. "Go to a bar on Mack."



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Anne Duffey, owner of Duffey & Co., hands out candy to trick or treaters

They'll stamp your passport. Turn that in to win a gift certificate from one of the businesses that are participating."

Action central is Kercheval. It's like a miniature After 6 on Kercheval event, Halloween edition.

"The street will be

closed to everything but foot traffic," Hebeka said. "We have pumpkin decorating in front of Belding Cleaners. We'll have live music at The Bricks, fire pits in the middle of the street and, of course, trick-or-treating at businesses for the kids."

Pumpkin painting and a display of "cool cars" are courtesy of Ed Rinke Chevrolet, Buick and GMC.

Pumpkins in the Park is open to everyone, not just Park residents.

"We will have the K-Line Trolley running for the



Darien Ross and his mom Brittany Ross along with their dog, Coco, show off their costumes as the Incredibles.

evening," Hebeka said.

The trolley operates up and down Kercheval from 5 to 10 p.m. in support of the celebration.

Sponsors of Pumpkins

in the Park include the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, Belding Cleaners, The Bricks Pizzeria and the Grosse Pointe News.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Library

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

◆ ArtLab: My Little Monster, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe

### Park.

◆ "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, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe

### Park.

◆ Zombie Archery Shoot, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Making Tea, Tinctures and Oils with Bevin Cohen, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 10 Do's and Don'ts for a Clutter-Free Season with Jamie Novak, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, via Zoom.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, via Zoom.

◆ Authors to the Pointe, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

### The Helm

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

◆ The movie "Here Today" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Halloween Party, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers. Costumes are encouraged.

aged; prizes will be awarded.

◆ Premier World Discovery Presents: The Grand Canyon, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.

◆ Secret (Service) Agent Man, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, with facilitator Radford Jones, a former U.S. Secret Service agent who protected six presidents.

◆ The movie "Military Wives" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

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

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

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

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# Full Circle's 'An Evening Under the Stars' Nov. 3

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Supporters of the Full Circle Foundation will be graced by the presence of The King during this year's fundraising gala.

Eastside Elvis is among the entertainers slated to appear during "An Evening Under the Stars," from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at The Roostertail, 200 Marquette, Detroit.

"Eastside Elvis is joining us, but more importantly, he'll be performing along with Full Circle students," Full Circle Executive Director Stephanie DiVirgil said. "They are working once again with Kercheval Dance for this exciting performance."

"Our entertainment is very Full Circle student-centric," she continued. "We want to make sure they're the stars of the show. We're excited to have Elvis and they're excited to perform with him."

This year's gala welcomes back the T-Junction Blues Band,

as well as emcee Ryan Ermanni, news anchor on Fox 2 Detroit.

Additionally, Grosse Pointe Farms resident JT Mestdagh, a best-selling author, philanthropist and inspirational speaker, will give a keynote address. Mestdagh launched the JT Mestdagh Foundation to support people facing challenges, whether disease, disability, disappointment or dyslexia.

"We were lucky enough to get him, so we're really excited," DiVirgil said.

Ken and Claire Perry will serve as chairs of the gala, while Jacques and Katie Cyr will serve as co-chairs.

"We're excited to have them on board," DiVirgil said. "Ken was on the board at Camp Fowler for years. ... With his knowledge and expertise in the special-needs world, we're excited to have him and his wife as chairs."

Close to 50 silent auction baskets and eight live auction items will be up for grabs during the

event, which also features an open bar and sit-down dinner.

Live auction items include:

- ◆ an electric bicycle;
- ◆ a trip to Orlando;
- ◆ a year's worth of fresh flower arrangements by TEAM 26 participants;

◆ a pickleball party at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club;

◆ dinner for six at Ford House's The Continental, plus four tickets to The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village;

◆ bourbon tasting at Cabbage Patch Saloon;

◆ dinner for 16 at The Roostertail; and

◆ a wheelbarrow full of booze and gift cards from Churchill's Cigar Bar.

After a successful effort last year, the auction again will operate through online host, Qtego.

"All you have to do is use your phone to bid on an item," DiVirgil said. "Qtego makes bidding on live and silent auction items very easy. You just register your phone and

when you bid, the payment is automatic."

A visit to [fullcircle.home.qtego.net](http://fullcircle.home.qtego.net) allows users to not only register for the auctions, but also preview auction items and purchase gala tickets. All auction items will be available for viewing through the app Sunday, Oct. 23; bidding opens Tuesday, Nov. 1.

"Proceeds go directly to the foundation," DiVirgil said, noting there will be a dedicated giving paddle raise that specifically benefits Full Circle's TEAM 26 program.

"TEAM 26 is for all the students who age out or who left Grosse Pointe public schools," she explained. "It gives students additional opportunities to continue to learn social skills, become independent, live on their own. They run micro-enterprises, like shredding services, laundry services, the Shores concession stand in the summer, online sales."

A new program DiVirgil is pleased to announce is the forma-

## About Full Circle

The Full Circle Foundation works in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs. It does so by providing structured training programs where individuals with special needs can learn and practice skills that allow them to function productively and contribute to the community.

Proceeds from the gala support various programs at Full Circle, including:

◆ Summer Activity Program, an eight-week experience that involves learning while having fun. Tilling the edible garden, cooking, community trips, movie night, yoga and other experiences provide participants with numerous fun-filled learning opportunities that keep them actively engaged and involved.

◆ TEAM 26, a membership-based opportunity that offers training and education to individuals. Curriculum-based learning modules offer participants valuable information about important life skills. Opportunities take place in Full Circle's original endeavor, the Upscale Resale Shop, as well as other programs that operate on site. Participants work with support coordinators who help identify meaningful goals and priorities for learning.

◆ The Edible Garden, a three-acre site provided by Riverview Rehabilitation Center in Detroit. Full Circle students learn about gardening techniques and producing fresh food. Crops are sold to area supporters and in the future, Full Circle will develop a line of edible gifts for community members to purchase.

tion of the Full Circle the holidays," DiVirgil Choir, which began said. rehearsals this week.

Tickets for "An Evening Under the Stars" are Warren and Pat \$200 per person. Liverance, the choir For more information, however, "We hope email [fullcirclefoundatcion@gmail.com](mailto:fullcirclefoundatcion@gmail.com) they'll be caroling before

## Library hosts Authors to the Pointe Oct. 29

Authors to the Pointe welcomes two award-winning authors — Pulitzer Prize-winner Isabel Wilkerson and veteran journalist John Gallagher — at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're honored to be able to bring two incredible authors to Grosse Pointe once again," Library Director Jessica Keyser said. "As nonfiction authors, their books tell the human stories of struggles, redevelopment and achieving the American dream."

Gallagher covered Detroit's struggles for 32 years as a reporter and columnist with the Detroit Free Press. He authored several books



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**John Gallagher** is an award-winning journalist whose career included 32 years as a reporter and columnist for the Detroit Free Press.



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**Isabel Wilkerson** is the New York Times bestselling author of "The Warmth of Other Suns" and "Caste."

including "Reimagining Detroit: Opportunities for Redefining an

American City," "Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity" and, most recently, "The Englishman and Detroit: A British Entrepreneur Helps Restore a City's Confidence."

Born in New York City, Gallagher was educated at DePaul University in Chicago and Columbia University in New York. He joined the Free Press in 1987.

Wilkerson, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Humanities Medal, is the author of The New York Times bestsellers "The Warmth of Other Suns" and "Caste."

A gifted storyteller, she capti-

vates audiences with the universal human story of migration and reinvention, as well as the enduring search for the American dream. Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief of The New York Times in 1994, making her the first black woman in the history of American journalism to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first black person to win for individual reporting in the history of American journalism.

Reservations for Authors to the Pointe are \$35 each and are on sale online. Lunch is included. To make a reservation online, visit [grossepoinlibrary.org/events](http://grossepoinlibrary.org/events). Authors to the Pointe is sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

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Anne Roberts and Joe Palazzolo present a dueling pianos concert Oct. 22.

## Duo reunites for 'Dueling Pianos VI'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The dynamic two-piano duo of Anne Roberts and Joseph Palazzolo will return this weekend to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, for "Dueling Pianos VI."

The concert takes place at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The in-person concert also will be live-streamed.

"We've had a lot of fun with this," Roberts said. "Two-piano partnership is a little bit like being married. We have to agree on rehearsals, practice times. We have to practice when we're apart. I never realized how much fun two-piano partnership was."

"I never realized how much work it was," Palazzolo added.

The partnership, which was created five years ago, consists of weekly rehearsals leading up to the show, which will include introductions to each piece.

"We talk about the music before

we play," Palazzolo said. "People love the verbal program notes."

This year's program includes "Saturday Night Waltz" and "Hoedown" from Aaron Copeland's "Rodeo," Maurice Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite," Johann Sebastian Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze," Camille Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre," Ernesto Lecuona's "Malaguena" and more.

"You'll hear stuff you know and you'll hear stuff you don't know," Palazzolo said.

"We try to make the programs well-rounded," Roberts added. "It's just different than a single-piano concert. There's something magical about a two-piano concert. It conjures a special feeling with the audience."

Roberts has decades of experience sitting at the keys, but was introduced to two-piano playing 40 years ago when she got married. She and her husband both brought pianos into the home and she soon learned about the expansive amount of two-piano music.

Palazzolo, also a seasoned musician, first tried his hand at two-piano playing when Roberts approached him five years ago.

They both appreciate the partnership.

"Joseph is a lifelong pro," Roberts said. "He's a very patient person. Instead of being critical, he'll make suggestions."

"It's good for me, too, because I'm usually in a directorial position," Palazzolo said, "being a piano teacher, a music director for choirs and choruses. It's nice to be on a collegial level with a two-piano partner, because she's got input."

All ages are invited to their performance, which is just more than one hour.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and available online at gpus.org/concerts or at the church office during business hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for the live-streamed concert cost \$10.

For tickets or information, call (313) 881-0420.

## League of Women Voters offers 'Primer on Voting'

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe presents the virtual program "A Primer on Polling" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Participants will learn from two experts how to evaluate polling results during this election season. What's the value of public opinion polling? What questions should you ask when you read

polling results? What do you need to know to be a savvy consumer of polls, especially during election time?

The speakers are Gary Langer, a longtime polling director for ABC News and internationally recognized public opinion researcher, and Tim Kiska, a veteran Detroit journalist and professor of communications at the

University of Michigan-Dearborn with deep knowledge about polling in southeastern Michigan.

Guests may register for the Zoom link at lwwgrossepointe.org. Questions for the speakers may be submitted in advance or during the event.

For more information, email lwwgrossepointe@gmail.com.

## Comedy night benefits GP Crisis Club

The Grosse Pointe Crisis Club presents its annual Ted Ekhoff Comedy Night on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Lakeland Manor, 26211 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:45 p.m. and the show at 8:30 p.m. A \$75 per-person donation includes appetizers, a buffet dinner, uninterrupted open premium bar and entertainment provided by three comedians, headlined by Mark Knope.

Over the years, Knope has been featured on Comcast's "Comedy Spotlight on the Road," Comedy Central's "Stand-Up, Stand-Up," "Nightshift" on FOX and "America's Funniest People and Comedy" at CLUB54. He covers his material in a

fun and energetic manner, peppering

in sound effects, quirky facial expressions and a few celebrity impressions along the way.

Joining him are special guest Sean Paraventi and featured comic Tim Finkel.

The Grosse Pointe Crisis Club was established in 1956, and is pledged to act fast in an emergency or "crisis" not covered by the policies of other charitable organizations. It works closely with the Van Elslander Cancer Center, Orchards Children's Services, Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital Cancer Center and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, to name a few.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and required by Monday, Oct. 31. Contact Jim Flannery (313) 882-6139 or at jmflannery@comcast.net.



New members are, from left, Lori Schumann, Dawn Riddle, Toni Adams, Annie Mae Holt and Barbara Skelly. The yellow roses the women are holding signify friendship.

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## Soroptimist Grosse Pointe inducts six new members

Six new members recently were inducted into Soroptimist Grosse Pointe, bringing total membership to 61. The members are part of a global organization that provides women and girls the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Members help support Positive Images, a therapeutic residential community in Detroit; sponsor and facilitate Soroptimist's signature

program, Dream It Be It,

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Lillian Frazier also is a new member.

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# Special Kids celebrates 20 years

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When a child is diagnosed with cognitive, physical or emotional impairments, the parents quickly learn their course in life has dramatically changed. Diagnoses are followed by evaluations, which are followed by doctors' orders for intensive therapies to address the disabilities.

"When you get into the special arena, no one's here by choice," said Jeanne Lizza, founder and executive director of Special Kids Inc. "The arena can be very unfriendly, not as helpful and expensive."

In response, Lizza created Special Kids Inc., which for 20 years has provided essential services at reduced prices to people of all ages with special needs. Special Kids Inc., celebrated the milestone with its 20th annual charity dinner this fall.

What began in 2002 as therapeutic horseback riding therapy has grown to include a variety of programming, including speech and occupational therapies, physical therapy and more.

"We just discontinued yoga and music, but I hope to bring them back soon," Lizza said. "They run their cycle and are replaced with new programs, like our exercise



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GrossePointeopoly is one of the ways Special Kids Inc., raises funds for its programming.

and fitness program.

"We provide everything at a reduced cost of \$15," she added. "We hire individual contractors as therapists and we pay them well. There's no paperwork; we don't bill medical insurance. We

what to do. All these kids are able; some are just differently able. We're all born with gifts; some of us just open them later."

What's more, there's no age limit for Special Kids participants.

"Once you're in, you're in," Lizza said. "And we take kids from all over. Our program grows through word of mouth."

Many therapies, Lizza said, cost an average of \$160 per hour and often are not covered by insur-

ance.

"It's a big ask for parents for one therapy," she said. "Schools do their best, but they're limited. ... All kids in the special arena, if they need speech therapy, they probably need it every day. We try to fill that need where we can and lend a hand."

Clients receive more than one therapy per visit, such as 45 minutes of speech and 45 minutes of occupational therapy. Programs run twice a week for seven or eight weeks at a time.

"There's a beginning and an end, so it's not year-long therapy," Lizza said. "It's very user friendly."

Horseback riding, however, is offered year round.

"It's very popular, as you can imagine," she said, noting there is a wait list for horseback riding therapy.

"I started the (horseback) program for what it was — a great opportunity," Lizza continued. "I just organize it. I love the therapist. We work with Grosse Pointe Equestrian. They couldn't be more helpful and accommodating. Volunteers come and help. We did ride through COVID. It's nice because so few services were available for kids during that time."

Apart from equine therapy, Special Kids operates out of storefront on Mack Avenue at Fleetwood, across the street from the CVS and Kroger in Grosse Pointe Woods. The building stands out for its red door and black awning.

Mack Avenue at Fleetwood, across the street from the CVS and Kroger in Grosse Pointe Woods. The building stands out for its red door and black awning.

Offering a variety of therapies under one roof was essential to Lizza when she created Special Kids. The idea came to her as she was driving her son, who has special needs, to three different therapies located hours apart in southeast Michigan.

"I thought, how can I make this better? Maybe I can do this closer to home," she recalled.

Lizza, who also has three daughters and is a Realtor with Sine & Monaghan Realtors, said Special Kids is able to

provide such services due to the generosity of donors during its annual fundraiser, which includes an auction, and throughout the year.

"We rely on the kindness of others' donations," Lizza said, noting Special Kids also is registered with Kroger Rewards, AmazonSmile and similar partnerships.

It also raises funds by selling GrossePointeopoly, a Monopoly-like board game created in 2005, based on the local community. Special Kids supporter Ahmed Ismail patented the name; all the printing and artwork were donated and every

## Pleased parents

"Ashleigh is a non-verbal little girl that communicates with horse noises! The love she has for horses is endless ... and the joy she receives from being able to ride is powerful and so very touching to a mama's soul."

— Heidi, Ashleigh's mom

"The benefits of riding for Michael are unique. It eases his anxiety, provides a physical outlet and a sense of accomplishment like no other activity."

— Mary, Michael's mom

square on the board was sold to sponsors.

"We sold 1,600 games during the kickoff at The War Memorial," Lizza said. "All the game cards are related to Grosse Pointe. All the pieces are in green and pink."

Dedicating a board game to Grosse Pointe — promoting its businesses and organizations, highlighting the nuances that make Grosse Pointe what it is — reflects Lizza's sentiments about the area.

"We're lucky to be in this community," she said. "There is such a need for this group. We always wish we can do a little more. I believe if you can lend a hand, you should — and it's worked out for quite a while."

For more information about Special Kids, to make a donation or purchase GrossePointeopoly, visit [specialkids.us](http://specialkids.us) or call (313) 881-7575.

## Detroit Discovery Ball is Oct. 22

The American Cancer Society hosts the third annual Detroit Discovery Ball Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Detroit Discovery Ball, led by Honorary Co-Chairs Sean Vanderelzen and Christina Vanderelzen alongside Vice-Chair Jason Roycht, raises funds for lifesaving cancer research, advocacy, patient programs and services.

Proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society's Health Equity for Research and Operations Initiative.

"The American Cancer Society is actively working to end disparities in cancer and fight for health equity," said Chad Creekmore, ACS senior executive director for Michigan. "If we are to further reduce deaths from cancer, we need to make sure everyone has the ability to benefit from the advances in research, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Funds from Detroit Discovery Ball are vital to this initiative."

Detroit Discovery Ball's presenting sponsor is Lineage Logistics. Emcees for the evening are Kimberly Gill of WDIV-TV and Bill McAllister of Beasley Media. Honorees include Dr. Haley Thompson, Wayne State University; Tom Pursel, Merrill Lynch; The Michigan Softball Academy; and Tom Shafer, senior executive vice president of Huntington National Bank.

The evening includes live and silent auctions, dinner and dancing. Alicia Jeffries, executive vice president of marketing for the Detroit Pistons, will speak. Also new this year, Detroit spoken word artist LaShaun Phoenix Moore will present an original work created from meet-

ing with and hearing stories from cancer survivors.

Detroit Discovery Ball runs from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at Huntington Place, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit. Attire is "Detroit chic cocktail." Valet parking is included.



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as equals. There was mentoring and you asked questions, but they also had confidence in the youth that they'd be able to do the job."

"That carries forward and is very much a part of who we are: the next generation," Ellis added.

"It's a good family feeling here," said Pegg, who met his wife, Dianne, through GPT. They've been married 35 years.

"So much has been done in 75 years, so how do we celebrate that appropriately?" Bob Montgomery said. "There are a lot of moving parts, but that's a good problem to have. In telling that story, our current members who weren't here 40 years ago are going to carry that legacy into the future. It's an interesting opportunity for us to do that. This is a chance to participate in building on our legacy. It's nice to



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The cast of Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Little Foxes," 1983-84 season.

have the opportunity to celebrate what's been achieved and going into the future ... but it's challenging to still have live theater and be relevant,

especially to the next generation."

Ellis said part of the mission now is engaging new members who may not know GPT history, hoping they are as taken with it as are the more seasoned members.

"I hope the (founding) group would be so proud of us and how we've grown," she said. "We've grown and remain relevant to current times. ... What we do is theater, but what we do is so much more than that."

Danielle Caralis, in her fifth year as president, joined GPT in 2002; her first role was a nun in "The Sound of Music."

"It was just a way for me to continue as an adult the passion I had as a child," she said.



Terri Turpin-Amato, left, as Roxie Hart, and Marcy Kazmirowski as Velma Kelly in Grosse Pointe Theatre's 1991 production of "Chicago."



Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2019 production of "Mamma Mia" featured, from left, Ellen Taber, Marie Boyle Reinman and Pam Montgomery.

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Don Ross, during GPT's 1984 production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

She was encouraged to audition by her then-neighbor, Theresa Selvaggio, GPT director of development. Selvaggio joined GPT in 1978. "Cabaret" was her first show.

"I really didn't understand the impact of community theater; I was too young," Selvaggio said. "After the second and third shows, 'Sweet Charity' and 'Funny Girl,' it had such a profound impact on me. I saw some of the most talented people and I wanted to be like the people I just saw. It was intimidating, but not intimidating enough to scare you away."

Hundreds of volunteer GPT members devote countless hours to achieving the highest standard in every area of theater arts — set design and construction, costumes, props and set dressing, lighting, vocal and orchestra, choreography, directing and producing.

From the time a cast is selected, the players — onstage and behind the scenes — have roughly three months to pull it all together. Mentorship in this process is key.

"We have 90 days to build a team — to learn to like each other, trust each other and do something magical," Selvaggio said. "It takes corporations years to build that. The most collaborative art there is out there is theater. We live that, we see that."

"It's the education of young people and the education of many, many adults who have rolled through here too," Caralis said. "For 'Joseph,' we had a cast of 40, many of them new members and many onstage for the first time. It becomes a 90-day boot camp. In the end, you have 40 very passionate new members of this highly passionate team."

"They came here because of the quality of the shows and stayed here because they found family," Selvaggio added. "The arts bring people together from so many areas of our community and beyond."

## Beyond main stage

Zublick said after this season's opener, "Joseph," which featured a children's chorus, the GPT office was flooded with phone calls from parents wondering how to get their children involved in theater.

One of many programs and outreach efforts developed through GPT

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is its Youth on Stage program, which began in 2000, teaching theater arts to children ages 6 to 14.

"It's important kids are introduced to live theater, rather than using their computer or iphone to find entertainment," Pegg said.

"It's also about the skills they learn," Ellis added, "not just acting, but social skills, getting along, collaboration, leadership."

"Youth on Stage has grown tremendously the last few years," Zublick said. "We expanded the summer camp to full days and now it's two weeks. ... It's always been two productions, but we've added classes too. We added tech theater classes for kids who love theater but are not sure they want to be onstage. They learn how to program boards, create lighting design."

Another arm of GPT is its Purdon Studio Theatre, a non-traditional group that performs black-box theater productions, where a small cast performs in an intimate setting. It was created by the bequest of the late Carol and Jac Purdon, both longtime GPT members. It recently expanded to include two shows per season.

The group's playwriting workshop also has grown in recent years. What began as a contest among burgeoning playwrights has expanded into the full-day Take Ten, Ten-Minute Play Festival. An adjudicator selects several plays for the festival.



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"We used to take one or two winners to our membership meeting," Zublick said. "Now, instead of one or two, this gives more budding directors or playwrights or actors the opportunity to expand their repertoire. It's something outside of a big stage production."

Another new development for GPT first occurred with this season's opener as the group performed its first sensory-friendly show, thanks to a Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds Community Access grant. The performance — a matinee of "Joseph" — welcomed people with autism, special needs or sensitivities who otherwise would not be able to attend a regular performance, Zublick said. It also allowed parents of young children not ready to sit through an evening

production a chance to see live theater.

"We worked with people who teach special-needs children to make sure we dotted our i's and crossed our t's," Zublick said. "We put out a social narrative in advance, so they knew what to expect. They saw photos of all the cast members in costume. We had special concessions. We tried to make it a comfortable day for everyone in attendance. They were not only allowed but encouraged to get up and walk around, make noise or talk as needed. There was no applause; everyone waved."

The cast and crew prepped for the show as well, as adjustments needed to be made to lighting cues and in other areas.

"They were excited-slash-anxious," Zublick



said about the cast. "They loved the idea of doing it, but didn't know what to expect. When all was said and done, the cast said it was one of the most fulfilling times they'd had onstage. They couldn't hear applause, but they could see the waving. It was a heartwarming experience."

The sensory-friendly show was a hit, drawing 150 people to the matinee performance. Another is planned this spring during the Youth On Stage production of "Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr."

Part two will focus on community partnerships, resilience during COVID-19 and the development of the future home of Grosse Pointe Theatre.

## Playwriting workshops start Nov. 5

All playwrights and those interested in becoming a playwright are invited to participate in Grosse Pointe Theatre's ninth annual Take Ten Playwriting Workshops, which take place at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

In honor of GPT's 75th anniversary, the theme of this year's 10-minute plays must relate the numbers "seven" and "five," however the writer weaves those digits within their play. By the end of the workshops, participants should have a finished 10-minute play they may submit for consideration in GPT's Take Ten, Ten-Minute Play Festival.

Three intensive workshops will get playwrights started with their entries:

- ◆ Workshop Session 1 — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5
- ◆ Workshop Session 2 — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19
- ◆ Workshop Session 3 — 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3

There will be significant homework assignments between sessions so participants are well prepared to submit their plays for the competition by the close of the final workshop. Submission deadline is Dec. 31, and the winning submissions will be performed next June.

This year's workshops will focus on developing strong characters. A review of the judges' scores from last year emphasized the importance of establishing strong character development early within the

10-minute play.

"That's part of the challenge of writing 10-minute plays," said Executive Producer Mary Lou Britton, of St. Clair Shores, and one of the two workshop leaders. "You have the first two pages to give the audience enough information about your characters so they will understand what's going on. It's not an easy task."

Stella Woitulewicz, of Detroit, the other workshop leader, agrees it's not easy.

"You have to develop characters that create an emotional connection with the audience,"

Woitulewicz said. "This is what keeps the audience engaged and curious to see what happens next. It's fun to explore these characters and bring them to life as real human beings, or whatever creature or object they may be."

Anyone is welcome to attend the three workshop sessions. Admission is \$25, or free to GPT members. Authors whose plays are selected for the June 2023 Take Ten, Ten-Minute Play Festival must join GPT prior to the performance.

For more information,

visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) or email [playfestival@gpt.org](mailto:playfestival@gpt.org).

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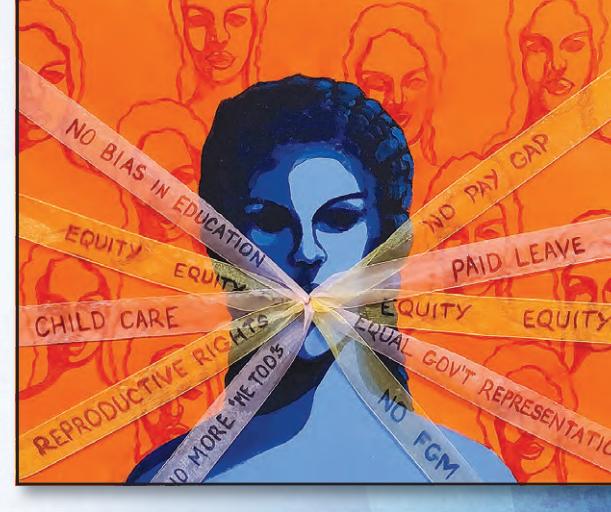
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# OBITUARIES

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

## George "Pete" Gardella III

George "Pete" Gardella III, 60, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He was born Oct. 3, 1962, in Detroit.

Pete grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1981. He received a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan in 1985. While at U-M, he was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. In 1989, Pete graduated with a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University.

Pete worked at many different organizations before he ended up at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, where he worked the past 26 years. In his free time, he enjoyed being highly active and was known to go on a run every morning. He was an enormous sports enthusiast and enjoyed golfing, biking and skiing. He also loved traveling and was a big believer in expanding his horizons.

Pete's favorite pastime was being with his family. He enjoyed playing board games together and being outside.

Pete volunteered with multiple organizations throughout the Royal Oak community and was an active member of the Blue Cross Golf League.

Pete is the loving father of Thomas and George Gardella; and dear fiancé of Debbie Missick. He also is survived by Debbie's children, Chris and Peter Missick. He is the beloved brother of Katie Gardella (Peter Straus), the late Julie L. Gardella and Paul Miller (Marguerite). He also is survived by his birth mother, Vita Miller (Mike). He was predeceased by his parents, George A. Gardella II and Patricia J. Gardella.

Visitation takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Pete's name to the Cholangiocarcinoma

Foundation, cholango carcinoma.org.

## Susan Christine MacKay

Susan Christine MacKay, 67, passed away Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, in Connecticut, after a long battle with cancer.

Susan was born March 14, 1955, in Detroit. She was adopted by John Walker MacKay and Evabelle Kathryn "Kay" MacKay (nee Atkinson). The MacKays settled in Grosse Pointe Park in 1959, buying a home on East Jefferson Avenue. In December 1964, they welcomed a son, also via adoption, into their family.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School, Susan attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Upon returning to Grosse Pointe Park, she embarked on a 20-year career as an X-ray technician at various hospitals. She bought a home in the area and began an enduring relationship with Peter Callaway Field.

Susan and Peter shared a fascination with Colonial-era antiques and built a career as collectors and dealers of such items. In July 1996, after a long search, they bought their dream home — a carefully preserved Cape Cod built in 1787, in the small town of Chaplin, Conn. From there, they traveled all over New England and the Midwest to buy and sell antiques.

In 2004, Susan had the profound pleasure of meeting a biological brother she never knew she had: Joseph Bowman of Woodhaven. Susan enjoyed close and loving relationships with Joe, his wife, their children and grandchildren for the rest of her life.

Several years after Peter's untimely death from cancer in November 2010, Susan met Dr. Zoran Pazameta, professor of astronomy and physics at Eastern Connecticut State University. They married in 2017, and divorced amicably three years later. They continued living together, with Zoran caring for Susan during her battle with cancer until she required admission into a nursing home, where she passed away several weeks later.

Susan always had a deep affection for the

Grosse Pointe area and enjoyed reading the weekly Grosse Pointe News online. She loved animals and was a passionate advocate for adopting rescued dogs, always having several of them in her home.

Per Susan's request, she was cremated and her ashes shared among loved ones. Susan is survived by her former husband, Zoran; brothers, Lachlan MacKay (Troy) and Joseph Bowman (Sharon); and Joe's sons, Brian (Kim) and Jeffrey, and their children.

## Patricia Kathleen Kennedy

Patricia Kathleen Kennedy, 73, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Patricia was born in February 1949, in Detroit, to Edward and Florence Cook. She grew up in St. Clair Shores and graduated from Lake Shore High School, then earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She married Lawrence R. Kennedy in the 1970s and they moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where they had their children, Sarah and John. Lawrence passed away in 1989, from a brain aneurysm.

Patricia worked for more than 30 years as a dental hygienist. She was active in the community and enjoyed traveling, snow skiing, boating and the Detroit Yacht Club.

Patricia loved her family and her many friends. She is survived by her children, Sarah Gilpin (James) of Grosse Pointe Farms and John Kennedy (Brittany) of Trevor, Wisc.; grandchildren, Lauren Gilpin, John Kennedy Jr. and Isabelle Kennedy; sister, Cindy Barron; and brother, Richard Cook.

A memorial service takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A Celebration of Life gathering will immediately follow at the Community House at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, new.christthekinggp.org.



George Gardella III



Susan Christine MacKay



Patricia K. Kennedy



Naomi Jane Connolly



Marjorie J. Vallee



Mark C. Melvin

## Naomi Jane Connolly

Naomi Jane Connolly, 87, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

Naomi was a registered nurse and longtime resident of the City of Grosse Pointe. She worked at multiple hospitals and ended her nursing career as a labor and delivery nurse at Bon Secours Hospital.

Naomi was the loving wife of the late Patrick Thomas; loving mother of Martha Connolly-Ng (Michael), Kevin Connolly (Lisa), Kerry Connolly, Meegan Stroble (Ted) and the late Kathleen; proud and cherished grandmother of Kieran, Michael Gannon, Elizabeth, Patrick, Avery and Maeve; and dear sister of June Tomlinson and the late Don Farley.

Her family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at St. Paul's on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at wujekcalcaterra.com.

## Marjorie J. Vallee

Marjorie J. Vallee, 101, of Woodstock, N.Y., died peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at her daughter's home in Grosse Pointe.

Marjorie was born and raised in New York, the daughter of Joseph and Josephine Wachtel. She worked as a telephone operator for AT&T prior to becoming a homemaker for her beloved husband, Lawrence Vallee, and their four children.

Through the years, Marjorie enjoyed bowling, golfing, crafting for the church bazaar, square dancing, bird watching, gardening, playing cards, working puzzles and spending time with her family.

Marjorie is the cherished mother of Lawraine Vallee (Charlie Meyer), Joseph Vallee (Doug Wood), Phyllis Vallee and Joy Kimm (Kevin); proud grandmother of Jacob Meyer (Jacklyn), Kerry Dolan (Chris), Kevin Kimm (Christina) and Connor and Cortland Kimm; and proud great-grandmother of Jase, Jemma, Jude and Jillian Meyer, and Finley and Elsie Dolan. She was

predeceased by her husband.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Marjorie's memory to one of her favorite charities: Boys Town, support boystown.org; St. Labre Indian School, stlubre.org; or Henry Ford Macomb Hospice, henryford.com. Share a memory of Marjorie at verheyden.org.



Susan Wells Harper

and his former wife, Patricia Melvin. Mark was predeceased by his son, Gregory Melvin, and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made in Mark's name to Evans Scholars Foundation, 2501 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, Ill. 60026.

A Celebration of Life/Remembrance will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Detroit Racquet Club, 626 Woodbridge, Detroit. Those planning to attend should RSVP to bryan ftc@aol.com.

## Susan Wells Harper

Susan Wells Harper, 81, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, at American House Grosse Pointe Cottage.

Susan was born Oct. 13, 1940, in Detroit, to Andrew and Margaret Harper. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1958, and then from Western Michigan University in 1962. She worked for Time Warner Magazines in advertising sales.

Susan was active in the community and enjoyed attending church functions, reading and knitting.

She is survived by her niece, Carolyn Reppie (Steve); nephew, Don Bilot; great-nieces, Amanda Kelsey (Louis) and Danielle Reppie; great-nephews, Eric Bilot (Raeann), Bradly Bilot (Christina), Christopher Harper (Courtney), Brandon Harper (Madison) and Austin Harper (Maddie); and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews Bryn, Louis, Jack, Alivia and Ava. She was predeceased by her parents; sister, Jane McCord; and niece, Debi Mahin.

A funeral service takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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**Carol Anne Cobane**

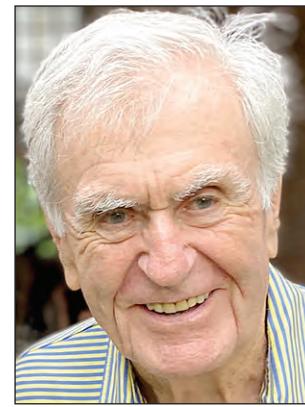
Carol Anne Cobane, 91, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully at home Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.

Carol was born Aug. 16, 1931, in Detroit, to John and Irene Lawson Cobane. She worked at Cobane Corp., in St. Clair Shores until she was 80 years old.

She volunteered at Harper Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed traveling, attending University of Michigan football and playing tennis.

Carol is survived by her nephews, Michael Cobane, John Rea and Bill Rea; and nieces, Lollie Rea, Carrie Rea Sharp and Julie Cobane Smith.

Carol will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. There is no public service. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to an organization of the donor's choice.

**Carol Anne Cobane****Robert Anthony Ternes****George Van Walleghem**

years. After leaving, he completed trade school and started his own building company, Comfort Craft Construction. He successfully owned and operated the business since 1968, and taught many of his sons and other members of the police force his trade throughout the years.

Robert was a proud member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, where he was active in the choir, assisted with maintenance and helped build the remembrance wall used during funerals for all members of the church. He also frequently attended St. Matthew Catholic Church, which held a special place in both his and his wife's heart as both of their children attended school and were baptized there. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and Grosse Pointe Men's Club, which he thoroughly enjoyed dressing up to attend.

Robert was an extraordinary gardener, becoming a Master Gardener

and giving talks on the subject to many gardening clubs throughout the area. He loved to share his knowledge and skills, especially with his children and grandchildren, leading many of them to become Master Gardeners themselves and helping create beautiful gardens at their homes. Once he harvested from his garden, he put into action his other hobby: canning. He made amazing sweet pickles and spaghetti, and taught family members and neighbors his technique on "Sauerkraut Day." Robert was a hard-working, caring individual who loved to share his knowledge and experience with anyone in his life.

He is the cherished husband of Sue Ternes; beloved father of MaryAnn Kelly, John Ternes (Debora), Jeanne McGregor, the late Elizabeth Dugan, Suzanne McKenna (Seamus), Camille Sand (Daniel), Mary Bamford (Michael), Charles Benoit (Roxanne), Jeffory Benoit (Cyndi), John

Benoit (Christine), the late James Benoit and Bruce Benoit; loving grandfather of 25 and great-grandfather of 14.

Visitation for Robert takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Robert will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Burial will follow at Assumption Grotto Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, capuchins.org, or St. Matthew Catholic Church, stmatthewdetroit.com.

**George Van Walleghem**

George Van Walleghem, 93, passed away Friday, Oct. 14, 2022. He was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

George was born July 18, 1929, in Detroit. He

attended East Commerce High School in Detroit. George was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1952, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving in the Korean Conflict in an artillery unit. After being discharged from the Army, George worked in the kitchen at Hudson's and aspired to own his own restaurant.

In 1954, at age 25, George made that dream come true when he opened The Round Table restaurant on Harper, between 8 Mile and 9 Mile in St. Clair Shores. The Round Table soon became a local institution known for delicious home-cooked meals and a warm setting. He retired in 1996, after more than 40 years. Many of the staff at Round Table were like family and still get together today to reminisce about their time working there.

Not only did Round Table provide George a way to make a living, but there he met Miriam, his beloved wife of 63 years. When he initially remodeled the restaurant, George hired Miriam to be the interior decorator. They were married in 1959.

George and Miriam shared a passion for collecting duck and fish decoys, as well as folk art. Over time, they put together a beautiful collection that they truly enjoyed every day of their lives together. George and Miriam loaned pieces to muse-

ums and exhibits, and individual pieces frequently were highlighted in books and magazine articles.

George also was a great athlete who especially loved playing and watching tennis. George often could be found playing tennis at Lochmoor Country Club, where he was a member for many years.

George was predeceased by his son, Ian Van Walleghem, who passed away in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Miriam; son, Dr. Paul S. Van Walleghem (Rebecca); daughter, Anna Fleckenstein (Ross); and grandchildren, Sarah Van Walleghem, Stephen Van Walleghem, Matthew Fleckenstein and Lauren Fleckenstein.

A private funeral Mass has been planned. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested a donation be made in George's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, alzfdn.org.

**Memorial****Duane Leinninger**

Duane Leinninger, a former Grosse Pointe Farms resident, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the age of 73. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Robert Anthony Ternes**

Robert Anthony Ternes, 88, passed away Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Robert was born Aug. 30, 1934, in Detroit, to Elenore and Clarence Ternes, both now deceased.

He started his career working for the Detroit Police Department for 10

# CHURCH EVENTS

**True Visions**

Conversations Today with Glynis J presents "Are you a BUM (Broken, Undeserving & Miserable) or a BOSS (Bold, Outstanding, Strong & Successful)," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at 14105 Kercheval, Detroit. The event is hosted by True Visions Community Church of Michigan and Elder Clara Mitchell. Call (313) 318-6687.

A community resource Fall Festival Collaboration takes

place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at 14105 Kercheval, Detroit. The event will assist in preparing the community for fall and winter with hot food, gift certificates, hats, gloves, coats, book bags, school supplies and more. Narcan nasal spray training also is offered. Community organizations and faith-based vendors may reserve a table by calling (313) 674-0008. To register to attend, call (313) 469-7114 or (313) 921-9403.

## Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Oct. 29

By Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods

As we approach Oct. 29 — DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day — we want to remind everyone why it's so important to remove expired and unused medications from the home.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, more than 100,000 people died from a drug overdose from April 2020 to April 2021. That's an increase of 28.5 percent from the previous year. Those numbers don't include those who were injured or recovered from an overdose, so we know those affected by medication misuse is much higher. Removing medications from the home is one of the easiest ways to help prevent a family member or friend from accessing and misusing medications you have in your house.

We are so lucky to have three

permanent medication take-back bins supported by Corewell, Beaumont Grosse Pointe. You

can place unwanted and expired medications in the bins any time of day, no questions asked. Just walk in and place medication in the white bin.

All three return boxes look similar to a mailbox but are white. Bins are located in the lobbies of these locations:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, 15115 E. Jefferson
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, 17320 Mack
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, 20025 Mack Plaza

The last pickup of the three bins collected 121 pounds of medication, which was really great to see. Removing ease of access is crucial in helping those struggling with addiction and drug misuse.

We encourage everyone to set aside some time this week to go through medication cabinets and

closets and dispose of medications using any of the bins listed below.

Prevention should be woven into all aspects of our lives, including where and how we live, learn, work and play. Everyone — government, business, educators, health care institutions, communities and every single American — has a role in creating a healthier nation. Our open community meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Please email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com for the login information. We hope you join us!

The mission of Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the country, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration.

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**WEDNESDAY**  
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Saab instructs this free class.

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

◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

## Ford House

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

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

◆ Storytime: Leaf Thief, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.

◆ Coffee with Collections, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. Admission is \$10 for Ford House members only.

◆ 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.

◆ Fall Landscape Tour, 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Admission is \$15 for non-members, \$12 for members.

◆ DSO Concert and Dinner, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. Cost is \$150 per ticket.

◆ Game Night: Trivia Night, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Explorers, 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Admission is \$2 for children, free for adults.

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

## Library Friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library is hosting a Friends Bookstore Grand Re-Opening event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Books and puzzles will be available for purchase. Guests can win

prizes and other surprises are in store. The new bookstore space,

which includes a lounge area, is located on the

first floor of the Woods branch near the entrance.

## GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following classes at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at [grossepoincetcenter.org](http://grossepoincetcenter.org).

◆ Encaustic mixed media workshop with Candace Law from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Cost is \$60 for

members in advance, \$80

the day of the class; \$80

for nonmembers in

advance, \$100 the day of

the class.

◆ Imitating the

Masters: Oil Painting Workshops with Donald Cronkhite. A Van Gogh workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 2 and 9; a Renoir workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 16 and 23; and a Rembrandt workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7. Cost per workshop is \$100 for GPAA members, \$120 for nonmembers.

◆ Make Your Watercolors Pop: a workshop with Nancy Philo, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Early-bird cost is \$60 for members, \$80 for nonmembers until Nov. 7. Cost is \$80 for members, \$100 for nonmembers after Nov. 7.

## Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents the workshop "Mindfulness & Art Therapy," from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. Participants will create two mandala collages, under the leadership of community art therapist Jessica Smigels.

The event, which includes free pizza, fruit and drinks, is open to all high school students. Call (313) 447-1374.

The Family Center presents "Addiction Can Happen to Anyone," from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. Presenters include

Lisa Daniels-Goldman, co-founder of the Jamie Daniels Foundation; Lisa Kaplan, a social worker from Henry Ford Maplegrove; and Eddie

Ahee, founder of Alpha

Recovery Homes. The panel will be moderated by John George, certified additional specialist and founder of Clarity Counseling & Wellness. Call (313) 447-1374.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25. Mark O'Brien, president of Roy O'Brien Ford, speaks about the impact of electric cars on dealerships. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20 at the door. To reserve a seat, email [gmcatten.dance@gmail.com](mailto:gmcatten.dance@gmail.com) or call (313) 550-9661.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26. Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation President Judy Masserang will deliver the State of the Foundation address and the McNeill raffle drawing takes place. Email [grossepoinerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepoinerotary@gmail.com).

## Reunion

Grosse Pointe South High School's Class of 2002 will have its 20-year reunion at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Find more information or reach out with questions to Kelene (Soltész) Kaplan or Jason Bargnes on Facebook at [fb.me/e2MdAdqdFL](https://www.facebook.com/e2MdAdqdFL)

## Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission



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## Scout visit

Jake Juip, an Eagle Scout and student at University Liggett School, recently spoke to the members of the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club, which meets at The War Memorial, about his plan to build three modified ride-on cars for toddlers experiencing limited mobility issues.

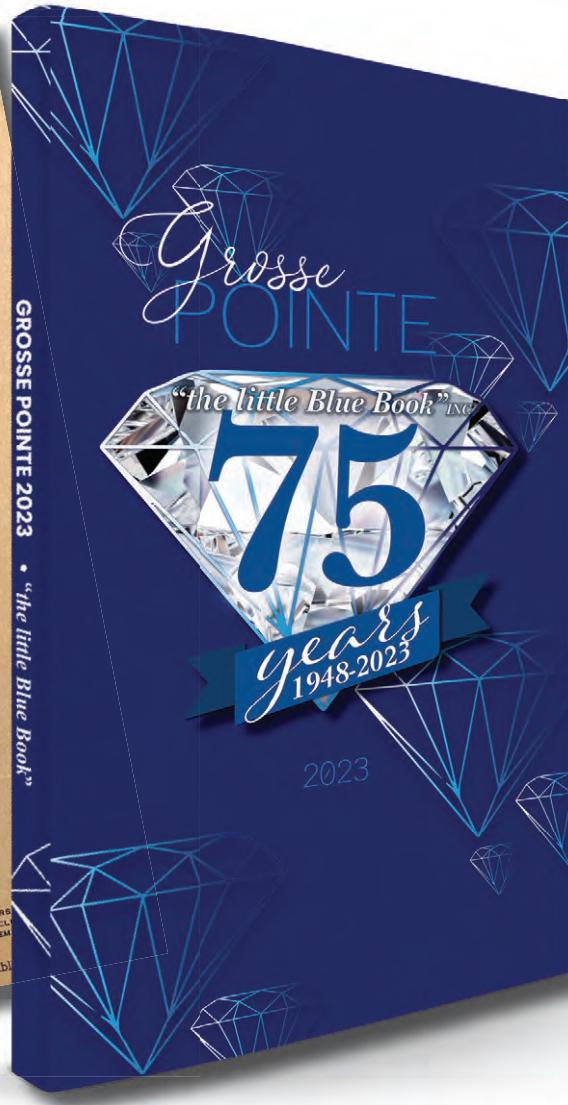
The Optimists donated \$400 to the Go Baby Go Foundation to fund one of Jake's projects.

Here, Jake receives an Optimist Certificate of Appreciation and is flanked by Optimist Club President David Fries of the City of Grosse Pointe and his mother, Maureen Juip, who also is a council-person for the City of Grosse Pointe.

is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email [Sasha Murphy](mailto:Sasha.Murphy@careofsem.com) at [smurphy@careofsem.com](mailto:Sasha.Murphy@careofsem.com).

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# HEALTH



## Breast cancer survivor stresses importance of second opinions

"I've always been the caregiver and never the patient," says Roxanne, a registered nurse and a breast cancer survivor from Saginaw, Mich.

Following a routine mammogram, she was diagnosed with breast cancer — and immediately thought she should get a second opinion. As a nurse, she knew the importance of having a plan and advocating for herself so that she could feel confident about her treatment options. A cancer diagnosis can be unsettling and overwhelming, and having an additional expert opinion just made sense to Roxanne.

Roxanne's instincts were appropriate — in fact, the National Institute of Health (NIH) has published data suggesting that the majority of patients who sought a second opinion received a new or refined diagnosis.

"Many patients are advocating for their own healthcare and want to be as informed as possible," says Dr. Richard Berri, Medical Director of the Ascension Michigan Oncology Service Line and Chief of Surgical Oncology at Ascension St. John Hospital. "Ascension Michigan oncology specialists will review complex cases and

provide an unbiased opinion about medical diagnosis and treatment plans."

### Second opinion considerations

There are many things to think about when considering a second opinion about a recent diagnosis. You may not want to rush into treatment,

and you will likely have time to seek additional expertise. Here are some things to consider:

1. Is your diagnosis clear?
2. Is your diagnosis considered rare?
3. Have you undergone treatment, yet symptoms are still present?
4. Is the treatment being suggested considered experimental?

5. Do you feel comfortable with the suggested treatment plan?

6. Do you have other health conditions or concerns?

7. Does your current doctor have expertise in treating your condition?

8. Will your insurance cover the cost of a second opinion? You may need a referral from your doctor. It is always a good idea to verify. If not, what will be the cost of the second opinion?

9. Does your doctor or insurance recommend a specific specialist?

"Our cancer specialists always encourage patients to get a second opinion because, ultimately, it is the patient's choice on whether or not to move forward with a treatment plan," says Dr. Berri. "There can be many different ways to approach treatment, and it is important that patients understand all options."

Roxanne agreed, and sought out a second opinion. Then, she chose the Ascension Michigan Cancer Care team for her treatment plan.

If you or someone you know has recently received a diagnosis and wants to get a second opinion, visit [ascension.org/MichiganCancer](http://ascension.org/MichiganCancer).



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# Dr. Shauna Diggs, CosmedicDerm offer the latest in skin care

Wrinkles and blemishes are just a few of the thousands of skin conditions that affect the skin. Some cause mild symptoms, while others may be serious and interfere with everyday life.

A dermatologist is a doctor who specializes in treating the skin, hair and nails. While some treatments improve the look of your skin, others, such as checkups for skin cancer, can save lives.

Dr. Shauna Ryder Diggs is Michigan's leader in comprehensive skin health and rejuvenation. Her practice, CosmedicDerm, is located in The Village of Grosse Pointe and offers patients the most cutting-edge treatments available.

PiQo4 is the latest laser technology on the market and is used to help with a number of different pigment conditions or for overall rejuvenation. The PiQo4 laser targets pigment in the skin to remove sun and age spots, freckles and birth marks, and create a more even skin tone.

This also is the best way to remove tattoos because it removes all color pigments, meaning less treatments for the patients, Diggs said.

Along with improving abnormal pigment, the PiQo4 laser also is used for overall skin rejuvena-

tion. The laser stimulates new collagen growth to promote smoother, younger-looking skin.

"This is a great way for patients to just improve their overall look," Diggs said.

The NuEra Tight and Legend Pro are two new devices in the office. They provide the most powerful solution on the market today for non-invasive skin tightening, reduction of cellulite and the treatment of wrinkles.

Using radio frequency, wrinkled areas on the neck and cellulite on the body can be gently heated to tighten the skin. Typically treatments last about 30 minutes and are very comfortable with no downtime.

Diggs listens to patients and responds by offering the latest in dermatology, which is why she recently added the PiQo4, Splendor X, NuEra and Legend Pro to her practice.

Additional cosmetic options are available, as are medical treatments for acne, skin cancer and other skin conditions.

Diggs cares for all ages and is an American Board of Dermatology-certified dermatologist, a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a Fellow of the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery.



Dr. Shauna Diggs

She's a graduate of the University of Michigan and served as the first medical director of the Detroit Medical Center Advanced Laser Treatment Center.

She is the creator of the CosmedicDerm Professional Skin Care line, products formulated with green tea, vitamin- and fruit-based antioxidants and retinol, all of which promote skin health and natural beauty.

In addition, she recently was named one of Hour Magazine's Top Docs.

"I like to think I bring the latest technology, but practice in a traditional way," she said.

CosmedicDerm is located at 17000 Kercheval, Ste. 215, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit drshaunadiggs.com or call (313) 882-5777.



## IEP proudly serving the Grosse Pointes

Independent Emergency Physicians (IEP) is proud to now serve the Grosse Pointe community with the grand opening of IEP Urgent Care, 19815 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

A love of emergency medicine and a passion for taking care of people brought IEP together in 1997, to form Independent Emergency Physicians and in 2019, it opened the first IEP Urgent Care, dedicated to service excellence, integrity, clinical excellence, compassion and professionalism.

Drs. Dan LaLonde and Steve McGraw are IEP partner/owners of IEP and IEP Urgent Care Grosse Pointe. Both of them are longtime Grosse Pointe residents.

"Our goal is to take care of every patient as if they were a member of our own families," Dr. McGraw said. "As physician owners, we are invested in our patients and our communities. That's the IEP difference."

IEP Urgent Care provides a higher standard of urgent care from ER-trained providers. The staff all

work together with one mission: professional and compassionate medical care in an extremely clean environment.

Walk-ins are always welcome. Many patients enjoy using the easy online appointment feature and IEP offers telemedicine services. IEP provides excellent care and saves you and your family the time and extra cost of visiting a hospital emergency department.

IEP treats a variety of illnesses and injuries, including cold, flu, sore throat, allergies, sprains, fractures and splinting, wound care, scrapes and rashes, minor burns, cuts and stitches, and urinary tract infections.

Digital X-ray and electrocardiogram services for chest pain diagnosis are offered onsite. The Pfizer COVID vaccine for adults and children, COVID testing, flu vaccine and immunizations, vitamin B supplement injections and STD testing also are available.

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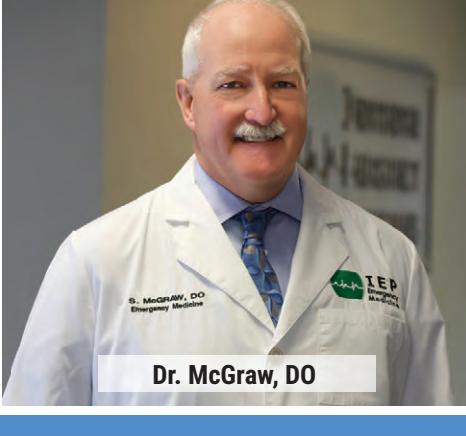
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# Growing Smiles offers specialized dentistry for children



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Dr. Kareem Rabaa and the Growing Smiles team.

Dedicated to making visits to the dentist and orthodontist hassle-free and fun, Growing Smiles specializes in dental care for kids and treats children as young as six months until they turn 18 years old.

“Why are appointments at an early age so important? It’s all about prevention,” hygienist Erica Lewandowski said.

“Starting a patient in a dental home at a young age allows us to give optimal oral care instructions to parents and helps the patient get acclimated with us,” she explained. “This establishes trust and comfortability for our patients and their families. We recommend a patient is established by 12 months of age, or 6 months after the first tooth erupts, whichever may come first.”

There are many reasons why a pediatric dentist is the right choice for your child instead of a

general dentist, not the least of which is that most general dentists are not trained to work with children.

“We have more foresight into the future of how the child will behave and what the best treatment options for the child are,” Dr. Kareem Rabaa said, “and how to treat them holistically in regard to their social and their family and financial needs as well.”

“Every general dentist takes their kids to a pediatric dentist and there’s a reason for that,” he added.

Rabaa joined the Growing Smiles team in May. He completed his residency in pediatric dentistry at Geisinger Medical Center in central Pennsylvania, during which he was elected chief resident by his peers and facility, and has a passion for working with children who have special health care needs.

The transparency with parents, easy access to care and second-to-none staff are what attracted Rabaa to Growing Smiles, he said.

Growing Smiles offers free orthodontic consultations to find the best fit for every patient, as well as free oral education series for schools.

The office, located at 22524 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores, is not hard to find: Just look for the angel wings.

For more information, call (586) 800-4769 or visit [GrowingSmilesPD.com](#).

“We are a caring office that meets each child’s needs,” Business Manager Jen Zimmerman said. “We are active members of the Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores communities, supporting education and youth activities. It is an integral part of who we are, knowing and being a part of our community.”



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Dr. Michelle Wiener, left, and RN Joe Cencioni recently opened the Detroit IV Experience.

## A different way to experience IVs

DIVE — Detroit IV Experience offers a variety of intravenous treatments aimed at everything from curing hangovers to anti-aging.

“This is something that’s been gaining popularity in larger cities the last few years, places like Los Angeles and New York and Miami,” co-owner Joe Cencioni said. “With the revival going on in Detroit, we thought why not have it here?”

Cencioni, an IV nurse specialist in the emergency room at Ascension St. John Hospital, opened the business in August with co-owner Dr. Michelle Wiener, an emergency room physician who also works at Ascension St. John.

“We’ve known each other and have worked together for several years,” Cencioni said. “We found out there’s a similar business in Oakland County, so we thought there’s obviously a demand for it here.”

DIVE operates out of Recovery Athletic Mobility Performance, 4849 Canyon St., Detroit. Cencioni said they plan to start offering mobile services soon.

Its website suggests having them come to an event, such as office parties, birthdays, tailgates or bachelor/bachelorette parties. Discounts are available for larger groups. They’ll also come to your home or office for a \$50 concierge fee, which is waived for a group of three or more people.

“Those have been big since we’re heading into cold and flu season, as well as people recovering from COVID,” Cencioni added.

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# Hackett Homecare: Family caring for family

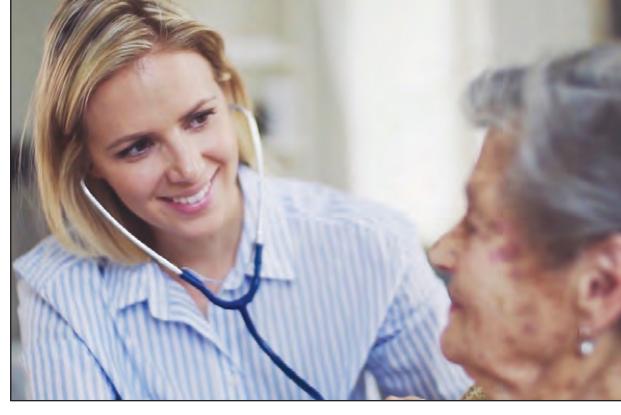
At Hackett Homecare, clients can expect top-of-the-line service, as Hackett has core values of trust, honesty, integrity, experience and compassion. Its slogan, "Our family, caring for yours," demonstrates the personal touch clients receive.

Founder and owner John Hackett is a Grosse Pointe Farms native with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. After playing professional baseball, he worked in the medical field and also sold pharmaceuticals. The business began as he took care of his own parents, who struggled with issues related to Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. He decided to create a home-care business for other elderly people.

"It just kind of hit home," Hackett said.

Hackett Homecare specializes in companion care; personal care; Alzheimer's/dementia and Parkinson's care; and traumatic brain injury, ALS and catastrophic injury care.

Hackett only has praise and appreciation when he



speaks about his team, many of whom have been working with him more than 10 years.

"I am really blessed to have such a loving, caring, trustworthy and loyal team," Hackett said. "They provide superior care for their clients. Our caregivers are the heartbeat of the company and embody the company's core values.

They are the reason Hackett Homecare has such a strong reputation and continues to grow."

With Hackett Homecare, it's a family atmosphere and frequently the caregivers are treated like family with their clients.

"I wouldn't place a caregiver in a home unless I

feel comfortable enough to have them in my own parents' home," Hackett said.

His staff consists of registered nurses, certified nursing assistants and companion aids who provide care from a few hours at a time to 24/7 care.

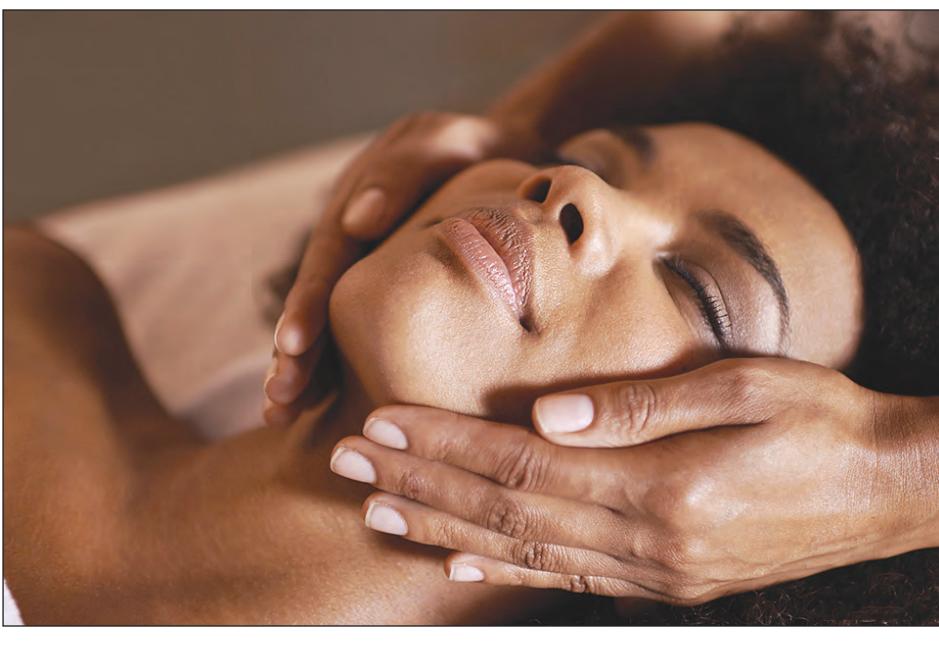
There are many leaders on the Hackett Homecare team.

"Robyn is a supervisor and is truly one of a kind and one of the most compassionate individuals I know," Hackett said.

"Megan stands alone with her RN expertise, kindness and loyalty. Several of the MVCs (Most Valuable Caregivers) are Shelley, Roberta, Crystal, Jeff, Natalie, Kathy, Renee, Ashley and Danny. They are the best and the leaders of the team."

Hackett Homecare is always searching for special caregivers who will be a great fit with its family values.

To learn more about available services, visit [hacketthomecare.com](http://hacketthomecare.com). To schedule a free consultation for service, call John Hackett at (313) 319-8050.



## Chemical peels for sun damage, CBD gummies at Massage Green

As the weather cools off for autumn, now is a great time to get a chemical peel to correct any sun damage caused by the warmer months.

Massage Green Spa, 664 St. Clair Ave., City of Grosse Pointe, offers a variety of peels as an add-on to facials for just an extra \$20.

"Based on your skin type and what you are looking to achieve, the esthetician can recommend a specific treatment," said January Thomas, franchisee of

Massage Green Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores locations.

The spa offers one-hour facials also customized to the client's skin type or interest.

Benefits can include unclogging pores and removing impurities, detoxifying the skin for better circulation, relieving tension and stimulating cellular renewal, reducing the appearance of fine lines and blemishes,

and hydrating skin for a rejuvenated, youthful appearance.

While the normal rate is \$99.95, an introductory offer for facials on the first visit only is \$69.95.

Members of the wellness plan facials offering can continue to receive facials for \$69.95.

"We do call it a European facial, but the esthetician will work with you on what you're looking to achieve and then also recommend things based on your skin type," Thomas said.

Newly offered at Massage Green Spa is a CBD immunity gummy called Charlotte's Web that retails for \$44.99, but which members can receive for 10 percent off. Lemon berry flavored, the gummy includes Vitamin C, Vitamin D3 and plant-based cannabinoids.

Alongside various CBD gummies that target either overall health and wellness, stress and

mood, energy and focus, or sleep, patrons can purchase CBD roll-ons in five different levels of strength for muscle and joint pain.

Massage Green Spa also has CBD dog treats to help with inflammation and easing stress, plus a CBD add-on that can be incorporated into massages.

"We give you this cool, little bottle of CBD," Thomas explained. "The massage therapist uses it in your treatment room and then whatever's remaining, you can take home and use the rest at home."

Hours at the Grosse Pointe location are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Book an appointment at the Grosse Pointe location at [massagegreenspa.com](http://massagegreenspa.com) or by calling (313) 438-5050.



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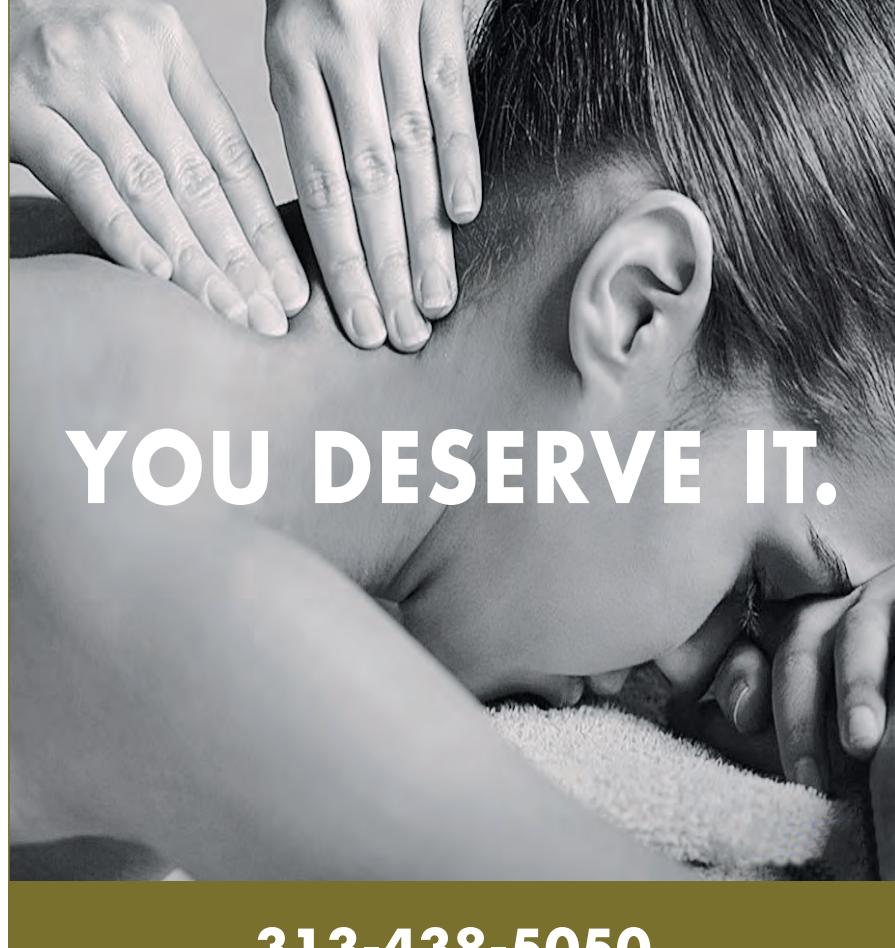
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# Ferrara Dermatology educates on new products

Since 1960, The Skin & Laser Center at Ferrara Dermatology has offered comprehensive dermatologic care covering both medical and aesthetic needs.

The practice's two board-certified dermatologists, Dr. Richard Ferrara and Dr. Katie Caretti, create customized skin care plans for each individual patient and always have an eye on the latest clinical trials and approved products.

Currently coming down the pipeline is a recently FDA-approved neuromodulator called Daxxify, or daxibotulinumtoxinA-lam.

What makes it so exciting is it has been formulated to last longer. Whereas typical neuromodulators might last three to four months, Daxxify has been hitting the six-month mark consistently in clinical trials.

"That longevity may be a game changer for those who feel like they're not getting enough out of their neuromodulator for the relaxation of facial movement," Ferrara said. "It's going to be a roll-out probably starting at the end of this year through spring of 2023, but we're starting to make people aware that there's going to be choices so that they can plan accordingly."

tation.

"This particular product is free of certain ingredients that can be harsher or more irritating to the skin, so it'll be good for longterm treatments," Caretti said.

Ferrara Dermatology Clinic is located at 20043 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 884-5100 or visit ferraraderm.com.



**Dr. Richard Ferrara**



**Dr. Katie Caretti**

Available now is a new filler within the RHA portfolio of fillers, Redensity, which has been designed specifically for the perioral area, more commonly called lipstick lines.

"This area can be more difficult to treat because those lines can look a little heavy or overfilled with some of the traditional fillers," Caretti explained. "RHA Redensity is specifically designed for the dynamic movement of the face; it integrates into the tissue in a way that produces a much more natural look; and it's been engineered to last up to 12 months in clinical studies."

Additional products to look forward to include A-Luminance Brightening Serum by Alastin, which will provide an alternative to the traditional treatments for pigmen-

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by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, M.D.

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## GPAA revamped space open, inviting

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Visitors to The War Memorial can't miss the remodeled gallery space of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

Walking through the main entrance — now at the courtyard's side entrance — guests get an eyeful of art through a newly opened entryway to the gallery.

"We never shut down, but we were really messy," GPAA President Karen Pope said.

Prior to construction, which took place Sept. 8 to 12, the gallery was tucked behind doors and around corners. With a new, wide-open entryway, it's been given new life — and greater access.

"Everyone is in total agreement that we're so much more accessible now; it makes us more a part of things rather than a secret," Pope said. "They moved the welcome desk by this door, so we're free to have people come in anytime the building is open. And when the building is open when the desk isn't manned — Saturdays and Thursday nights — we're still here."

### Motor City

Currently displayed in the gallery and throughout the adjoining hall-



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A view from the new entrance of the GPAA gallery.

way is "America's Love Affair with Cars and Trucks," which runs through Nov. 3.

"What's really nice is it's pictures of cars, but it's also about our relationships with cars," Pope continued. "We all have memories that involve cars."

### Fashionistas

A second exhibition, which begins in the hallway and winds through a nearby collaborative space, is called "Fashion Stories." It features four segments:

◆ Pieces by Elizabeth Longfellow Dulmage, who was president of the GPAA from 1960-62.

"She was really ahead of her time," Pope said. "She was the advertising manager for Fyfe Shoes, which was the largest shoe retailer in the world. Prior to coming to her job with Fyfe, she worked for

creativity and enthusiasm."

"This exhibition brings out good thoughts about our cars that we all kind of share," she continued. "We all have memories that involve cars."

I. Miller Shoes in New York, which was a very exciting shoe company. They started Andy Warhol's career — he got started illustrating shoes."

◆ Pieces by the Rivera-Graham—Fleming women, who combined creativity and determination to help themselves and their families through the traumas of war and loss. Art and fashion pro-

vided them an important outlet to express themselves.

◆ Pieces by Delphine Iwankowski, a charter member of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. In the early 1950s, she took fashion illustration classes at The Art School of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, then later studied painting at the College for

### Creative Studies.

◆ The modeling work of Leslie Wagner, one of eight spokesmodels for the Lincoln Continental, Bill Blass edition, from 1987 to 1991.

"He also designed all her clothing and accessories," Pope noted. "She used the money she made modeling to launch her acting career and later used those funds to begin her graduate work in psychology. She has a doctorate from the University of Southern California."

"Fashion Stories" also runs until Nov. 3.

"We're trying to keep two exhibits going at a time to bring more people in," Pope noted. "If someone knows of a group who would like to be part of an exhibition, I'm working on the calendar for next year."

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Sibling competition is healthy with parental love and support

**Dear Gabby:** The sibling rivalry in our house is next level. The kids are in a constant battle over who gets the best clothes, who is the smartest, and who is the best at sports. They are all pretty good at everything, so what gives?

How do I encourage them to cheer each other on instead of being in constant competition?

— Too Competitive in the City

Dear Too Competitive,

I wish I could say there was a magic way to make this stop, but anyone with multiple children will likely tell you that sibling rivalry is real — and it's a part of growing up.

Kids are in different ages and stages of maturity and understanding — and add on competition from a close-in-age brother or sister and things can get ugly.

Whether they are seeking attention, validation, or are uber competitive in

general, these fights will happen.

The most important thing is to stay calm, intervene only if things escalate, and keep a few things in mind.

First of all, consider YOUR behavior with your children. They say that comparison is the death of joy. Try to make sure you are treating your kids as individuals rather than competitors. If someone brings home an A and their brother brought home a B,

try your best not to compare.

Second, make sure you are helping your child get the positive attention they need. Even if they want to do something horrible like talk to you about Pokemon cards, suck it up for 20 minutes. Does your other child love to run around outside? Go with them and give them some QT (quality time!)

Finally, if kids are fighting and punishments are being laid down, consider



doing so privately. Sometimes a public punishment makes everything much worse as some are outraged, some are embarrassed, and it can cause even further animosity.

Best of luck with keeping the competition at a healthy level!

— Gabby

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## Mom's boyfriend caught kissing daughter's teen friend at party

**Dear Ann Landers:** Last New Year's Eve, my 18-year-old daughter had a party for her friends, under my supervision, of course.

At midnight, while I was busy passing out soft drinks and food, I turned around to see "John," my 40-year-old boyfriend, kissing one of my daughter's 19-year-old



friends. This was no ordinary peck on the cheek. The kiss was on the lips, and John's hands were planted firmly on her behind. The girl's arms were wrapped around his neck.

Should I forgive him for this one lapse, or is it a red flag that signifies a major character flaw? I need your advice. — Unsure in Columbia, Ohio.

has apologized at least five times, but I can't seem to get that steamy scene out of my mind.

**Dear Columbia:** I opt for the one-lapse explanation this time. Accept it. Alcohol can do strange things.

Consider this a dead issue, and suggest that John stick to cola on future occasions.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Many years ago, my daughter asked me to

co-sign a loan for a new car. She was young and just starting out, so my wife and I agreed to co-sign.

After making only a couple of payments, she defaulted. By then, my wife and I had divorced, and I had remarried. My new wife and I ended up paying \$246 a month for almost four years in order to pay off that loan.

We did it because we felt it was important to maintain our credit rating, as well as our daughter's. My ex-wife refused to help in any way.

Our daughter is now engaged to a fine young man. When we divorced, my ex-wife and I agreed to share the cost of a wedding whenever our daughter decided to marry. Since my ex did not contribute one cent to paying off that auto loan, I do not feel obligated to contribute to a future wedding and have said so.

My daughter, with her "good credit rating," just bought a new car and took a nice vacation. She has never offered to pay back one red cent of the money I laid out for her first car.

The young man is wonderful and had nothing to do with this mess. I feel uneasy about backing out on the wedding expenses, but I still think I'm justified

in doing so. What do you say? — Still Hurting in Levittown, New York

and explained that I was having something special made for them.

It has been three months, and the work is still not finished. I spoke to the artist, but he won't give me any answers. Should I give the couple a check, apologize again and tell the artist to forget it? Please tell me what to do. — West Orange, New Jersey.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Write a letter to the artist giving him a two-week deadline to complete the picture or the deal is off. Send a copy of the letter to the newlyweds. If "Rembrandt" doesn't make the deadline, ask him to return your deposit. Then, buy the couple a gift.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I was invited to the wedding of a close friend last fall. Instead of giving my friend and her husband money, I commissioned a local artist to make a gift for the couple. The artist told me it would take about a month for the work to be completed.

I wrote my friend a note apologizing for the delay

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## Man discovers lost family, still feels unwanted

**DEAR ABBY:** I was adopted at 6 weeks old. My parents adopted my sister two years later. They weren't very good parents — not abusive, but with no understanding of how to treat children. Ten years later they had a biological son, who became the center of their world, and I was pretty much left alone at a young age to raise myself.

Thirty years ago, I found my birth mother. At first she denied it, and then she acknowledged it. In a letter she wrote a few days later, she said she had wondered for 40 years what she'd do if the day came when she had to face up to what she did. She then told me never to contact her or her family again.

A few years later, against her wishes, I contacted and met her two sons. At the time, I believed we were half-brothers. She died eight years ago. Through extensive research, I have since learned who my father was. It turns out he was the father of all three of her sons!

My "brothers" resem-

ble me, and our lives are similar. They know how to contact me, but haven't. I think they are following our mother's wishes. I have DNA proof we are full brothers, but I don't think they know.

Should I contact them and tell them, or let the sleeping dog lie? — ANOTHER BROTHER IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR BROTHER:** It's likely that when you were born, your parents could not support and raise you, which is sad.

Having made contact with your siblings, I think it's time to let sleeping dogs lie. They have made clear that although there is a biological tie, they are not interested in a closer relationship. Trying to force one won't bring you the sense of belonging you are searching for.

I have mentioned before the concept of "chosen" families people build when they are estranged from their relatives by birth. Urge you to look in that direction.

**DEAR ABBY:** My beloved passed away 20 months ago. I did not have a service.

Recently, a close family friend went to visit the burial site and place flowers. Our plaque has his date of birth and date of "departure." This friend then posted a photo of it to Facebook and shared it with everyone on her "friends" list.

Some of them I don't know, and I was more than a bit shocked seeing the picture. (I found it scrolling on my FB page.)

I realize Facebook is public, but am I wrong in thinking she shouldn't have posted and shared it without asking permission? Am I a relic? I found it disrespectful. — MISSING HIM IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR MISSING:** I am sorry for the loss of your loved one and for your pain. The friend visited his grave because she cared for him and wanted to pay her respects. Because the visit was meaningful to her, she posted about it on FB. It's not unusual for people to

post about what they are doing. I see nothing disrespectful about it, nor do I think permission needed to be sought. And no, you are NOT a "relic"; you are a woman who is deeply grieving the loss of her mate, and I respect that.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Brett," and I have been legally married for five years. We had a common-law marriage for more than 15 years before that.

Brett was always a stable and encouraging partner, but over the last two to three years he has changed. He's angry and he blames me for things that could not possibly be my fault. He blows up in a rage and throws things across the room over insignificant annoyances.

He has removed my name from our bank accounts and changed all the passwords.

Abby, Brett is the breadwinner. We have had counseling, but he wasn't a participant as much as an observer, and later he criticized the therapist.

I'm a homemaker, and I



**Dear Abby**

by Abigail Van Buren

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

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

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

**DEAR ABBY:** Your husband's behavior is threatening, demeaning and emotionally abusive. When he rages, it is not unusual for someone to shut down as you have done. It's vital that you get to the bottom of what has gone wrong with your marriage. An abrupt change in personality such as you describe is not normal, and your

husband may need a physical and neurological evaluation.

Your mistake has been in remaining silent. Inform his doctor, your family and his about what has been going on.

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

A final thought: Take concrete steps now toward becoming financially independent. The handwriting on the wall tells me it may be necessary.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Sweater weather comfort Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Chicken lemon rice soup is a family favorite. You can find it most places here in Grosse Pointe but when I didn't live in the area, I had to figure out how to make it myself. Trust me, this recipe is way better.

I've made this soup at least a hundred times and had to experiment with so many different methods.

The one method that finally worked was cooking the rice for a shorter period of time and turning the heat off the soup. The rice kept cooking while the temperature of the soup dropped.

If the soup is scalding hot, the eggs will scramble. The eggs should just give it a creamy texture while the lemon juice and zest give it the required zing.

The first article I

wrote for the Grosse Pointe News included a bone broth recipe. If you have time and some chicken carcasses laying around, make bone broth and use it in place of stock.

As a refresher, I use two to three pounds of chicken bones that I keep in my freezer. Then I throw them in the slow cooker with 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar and cover with water to the top of the pot. Cook on low overnight and then strain out the bones. It really adds depth and extra nutrients that we all need this time of year.

I say eight to 10 cups of broth because if you like your soup more brothy, you can always add more.

Enjoy this and the sweater you are probably now wearing.

## Chicken Lemon Rice Soup (Avgolemono)

2 bone in/skin on chicken breasts

1 large onion, diced

3 large celery stalks, diced

1 cup, rinsed white rice

8-10 cups, good chicken stock

3 eggs

2 lemons, juiced and zested

1 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp salt

½ tbsp pepper

Preheat your oven to 375. Add a good pinch of salt and pepper to

the chicken breasts and drizzle with olive oil. Cook in the oven for 35 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large pot, add the onions, celery, salt and pepper. It may seem like a lot of salt but this makes a big batch of soup. Cook the vegetables until soft, about five minutes.

Add eight cups of broth and bring the soup to a boil, once the broth is boiling, reduce to a simmer and add the rice. Stir everything together so the rice doesn't clump. Simmer for 15 minutes and then turn the heat off.

Once the chicken is finished cooking, take it out of the oven and let it cool a bit.

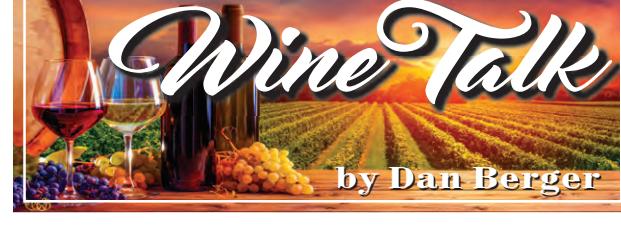
Remove the skin and shred the meat from the bones. (Save the bones and freeze for your next bone



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broth). Add to the the soup while whisking. You don't want soup should be warm scrambled eggs. The result should be a

creamy soup. Salt and pepper to taste and add more chicken stock if you so desire.



## New Zealand sauvignon blanc

One of the world's most intriguing wine stories of the last quarter-century has to be the astonishingly rapid rise onto the world stage of New Zealand sauvignon blanc.

In fact, about 25 years ago it would have been next to impossible to find a single bottle of that wine in a United States fine wine shop. Today we can find several different versions in grocery stores around the world and it's widely available in restaurants. Literally dozens of Kiwi wineries now export to the United States.

Sauvignon blanc is, of course, a world-class grape variety, made most famous in Europe for the way it grows and produces exceptionally interesting wines in the eastern Loire Valley of France. It also produces excellent wines in California's Sonoma County and recently has become a secondary star to cabernet in Napa Valley.

However, it got a belated start here as a fine wine.

Its assertive herbal nature in the 1980s often gave it a forceful vegetal note, which some people disparaged by saying that most California sauvignon blancs were "weedy" or "stemmy."

Whether that criticism was warranted is questionable, especially on a case-by-case basis. But New Zealand is a special place and many creative winemakers in the 1990s figured out how to stylistically craft this grape into a succulent and appealing wine.

The best examples of New Zealand sauvignon blanc come from Marlborough, which is a flat, windswept plain located on the South Island, at the northern tip. It's a windy region that receives strong ocean breezes from both east and west coasts.

Marlborough, on the east, is just off the South Pacific and it is only a two-hour drive from there to the Tasman Sea on the west. The drive is

through the spectacular Southern Alps!

The breezes that race through the area as well as the cold temperatures keep the acids in the sauvignon blanc high, so to make the wines better balanced and less like off-season grapefruits, most producers leave a tiny bit of sugar in the wines. This makes them perfect for drinking when young.

But after three or four years, they lose some of their vibrancy. Some wine lovers appreciate how sauvignon blanc ages, and they like to try five- and six-year-old examples, but most consumers prefer the wines when they're young and flamboyantly fruity.

Because New Zealand is located in the southern hemisphere, grapes are harvested six months earlier than we harvest here, about March, so a current vintage for U.S. sauvignon blanc wines is 2021, but we have already begun to see the first releases from 2022 from Southern Hemisphere wineries, including some excellent examples from Chile.

For maximum enjoyment within the next few months to a year, try a New Zealand sauvignon blanc from 2022 or 2021. Anything from 2020 or earlier will have slightly less of the youthful grapefruit, lime or kiwifruit aro-

mas that the younger wines will have.

Excellent wines to look for are Allan Scott, Nautilus, Spy Valley, Astrolabe, Villa Maria, Stoneleigh, Matua Valley and Brancott Estate.

This last brand is from the wine company called Montana in New Zealand. It is the largest winery in NZ, and its wines here are called Brancott Estate. This company also makes a lower-alcohol version of its Marlborough sauvignon called Flight Song, which is excellent and has only 9 percent alcohol.

Almost all of the above wines are available at about \$20 or less. If you find any 2022 sauvignon blancs from NZ, there's no risk in buying several bottles. They'll be fine for drinking over the next two years without any deterioration.

**Wine of the Week:**  
2021 Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough (\$15) — This widely available version of NZ SB has the expected citrusy notes and crisp entry, but just enough balance of richness and softness to pair with Asian foods and seafood.

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## Tailgate tips for wine drinkers

A few lessons for those inclined to want wine instead of beer at the next tailgate party.

2. Do not fear the tall, slender wine bottles popular in Germany and Austria. Too many wine enthusiasts equate this bottle shape with sweet dessert wines. Not so. Dry rieslings and gewurztraminer from stellar producers such as Dutton-Goldfield and Navarro Vineyards are poured from the same type of bottle, and these might well be the best match for your grilled sausages and brats.

3. Do not fear pink wine. Once upon a time, most domestic pink wine was sweet and icky. Not so anymore. Domestic producers have embraced Europe's love of crisp, dry rose wines with screw-cap closures.

Now everyone does it, and the convenience factor when you are camping or tailgating is off the charts. Do not let the absence of a corkscrew

that are both refreshing and oh-so-versatile with just about every savory morsel served up at a typical tailgate gathering.

4. Do not fear high-octane zinfandel. There is no doubt the average zinfandel, if it's made in the bold, ripe style zin fanatics love, packs a wallop. The alcohol by volume sometimes exceeds 15 percent, and most of the time that's not necessarily good with refined cuisine. But we're talking tailgate party here — burgers, steaks, chops, sausages, brats, etc. There is no better red wine for the challenge of the tailgate than zinfandel. Just remember the three Rs: Renwood, Runquist and Rodney Strong!

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# Haunted houses in the pointes

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

## Lakeshore house in Grosse Pointe Farms



A hospital nurse and Elvis hang out at this house.



A cowboy and his horse look for directions.



All kinds of Halloween fright at this house.



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It looks like they rested

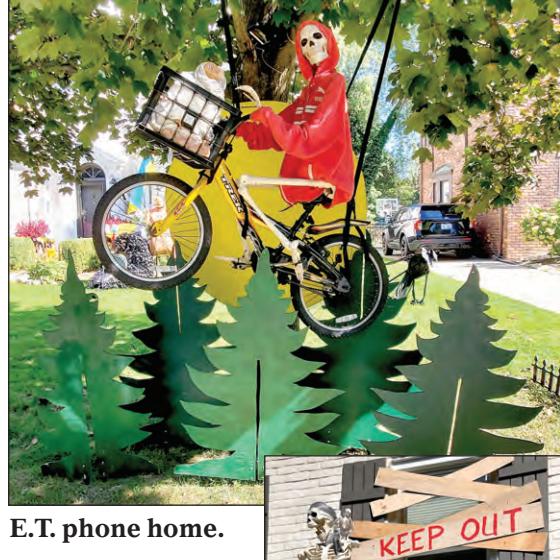


Don't look behind you!!

## Rivard house in Grosse Pointe City



Tim Burton's "Nightmare before Christmas" and more at this house.



E.T. phone home.



Make sure your windows are locked and your ladders are stored away on Halloween, because you never know who might try to climb inside.



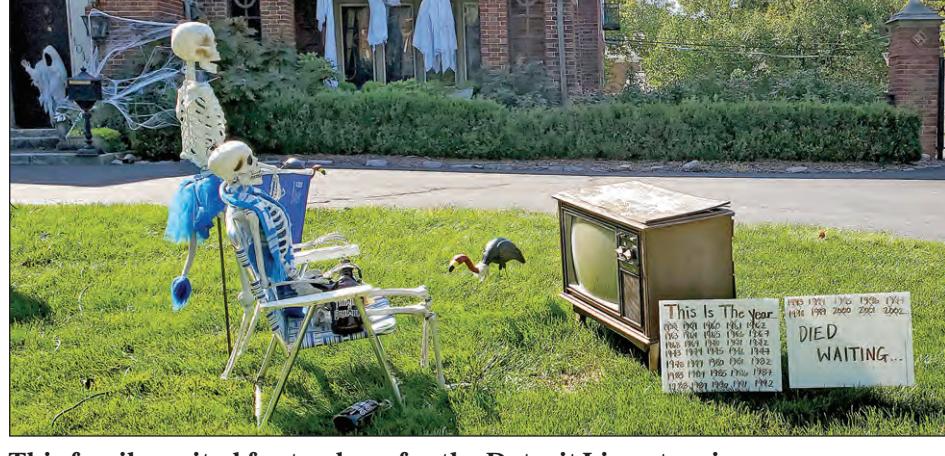
Welcome to the Ghost Bar, complete with a menu of assorted cocktails like Zombie Juice and Witches Brew.

## The Beaconsfield house in Grosse Pointe Park

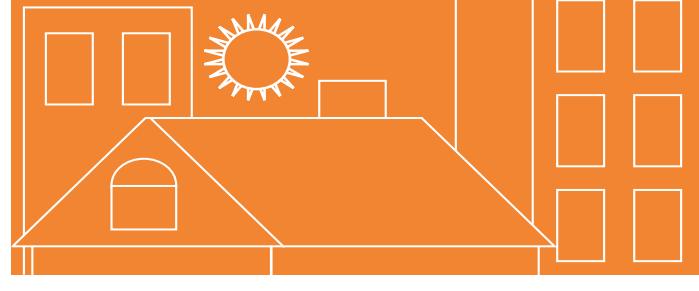


A monster of a house, spooky and decorated for trick-or-treaters.

## Bishop house in Grosse Pointe Park



This family waited for too long for the Detroit Lions to win.



# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

**THURSDAY, OCT. 20**

- » Blues Jam at Crystal Bar & Grill  
Crystal Bar, 7-11 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 21**

- » Votechella Ballot Bash  
The Eastern, 7-11 p.m.  
3434 Russell Street  
#Suite 501.
- » Duane Parham  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.

**Dogfight over Tokyo**

Woods Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.

20680 Mack Ave

**Duane Parham**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
**Fareed Haque & His Funk Brothers**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
**Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River  
Avenue, 1 p.m.  
311 E. Grand River Ave.
**Rhett Yokum**
Cadieux Cafe, 7-8 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd.
**Storytime with Miss Jane**
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.  
20680 Mack Ave
**North/South Football Game @ North**
707 Vernier Road,  
7-9 p.m.
**SATURDAY, OCT. 22**

- » Alonzo Kings LINES Ballet  
Detroit Opera House,  
7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.

**Detroit Happy Hour Halloweekend Pub Crawl**
Exodos Rooftop, 4-10 p.m.  
529 Monroe St..
**Duane Parham**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
**Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River  
Avenue, 5:30 p.m.  
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**Jeff Dunham**
Fox Theatre, 7 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
**Kool & the Gang**
Music Hall Center for the  
Performing Arts,  
350 Madison St.
**Michigan Brewers Guild 13th Annual Detroit Fall Beer Festival**
Eastern Market, 1-6 p.m.  
2934 Russell St.
**Shawn Mendes: Wonder, The World Tour**
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
**Social District events**
St. Clair Shores Social  
District, 5 p.m.  
Mack Avenue between  
Cavalier Drive and Nine  
Mile Road.
**Wheel Of Fortune Live!**
Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
**SUNDAY, OCT. 23**

- » The All City Poetry Slam 2022: The Finals!  
Detroit Public Theatre,  
7-10 p.m.  
3960 3rd Avenue.

**Alonzo Kings LINES Ballet**
Detroit Opera House, 2:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
**TUESDAY, OCT. 25**

- » 5th & 6th Grade Book Group  
Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.  
15175 E. Jefferson Ave.

**Detroit Red Wings vs. Anaheim Ducks**

Little Caesars Arena,

5 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
**Esthesis Quartet**

Cliff Bell's,

7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
**Immersive Van Gogh**
311 East Grand River  
Avenue, 2:30 p.m.  
311 E. Grand River Ave.
**TRIVIUM: Deadmen And Dragons Tour**
The Fillmore Detroit,  
5:30 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
**Storytime with Miss Melissa**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.  
15175 E. Jefferson Ave.
**MONDAY, OCT. 24**

- » Damon Terrell  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
97 Kercheval.

**Making Tea, Tinctures and Oils with Bevin Cohen**
Ewald Branch, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
15175 E. Jefferson Ave.

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

# We Tried It!

I've been using my curling iron a little too much and my hair is showing signs of damage. Even though I use heat-protectant spray and a low-temperature setting, my hair still feels dry and brittle after prolonged use of hot tools.

Wavy hair can be pretty unpredictable, so air drying typically isn't an option for me. I wanted to find a way to style my hair that was easy and heatless. After doing a few searches online, I found a pretty strange-looking contraption that had a ton of positive reviews. So, of course, I ordered something called the "Heatless Curling Headband" and decided to give it a shot.

The curling headband arrived and after opening the package, I was immediately unsure about it. The box contained a thick foam rod, a hair clip and two scrunchies. As the picture shows, you are supposed to clip the rod to the top of your head, wrap your hair around it and then secure it at each end with the scrunchies. The directions state this product typically works best if you put the headband on at night with wet hair and wear it to bed.

Let me tell you this: I have tried every single possible way to use this product with little to no success. I really wanted this to work because it



seems so easy! All I have to do is wear this headband to bed and wake up with perfectly styled hair?!

Seems too good to be true! Well, that's because it is. I think there are a few issues. I move too much in

my sleep, which disturbs the way the hair is wrapped around the rods and my frizzy hair doesn't allow for smooth curls without heat styling. Every morning when I wake up, there are a few pieces of hair that have perfect curls and the rest of my hair is a crinkly mess. I try to style it differently and curl the few pieces of hair that are messed up and nothing seems to work.

If you are someone who is able to sleep on your back all night and has smoother hair, this product might work for you. For me, the Heatless Curling Headband is a big "no" and I'll continue to try

other heatless curling options until I find one that works.

I'm giving this product 2 out of 5 alligators, because it's cheap, easy to use and has the potential to work if you have the right hair texture.

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepoincenews.com.



**2 Out Of 5**

## The king of horror



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DIMENSION FILMS

Thomas Jane as David Drayton in the 2007 movie, "The Mist" directed by Frank Darabont who directed "The Green Mile" and "The Shawshank Redemption," both written by Stephen King.

For Halloween, I thought I'd review a couple scary movies. In this case, they both happen to be based on Stephen King stories. I have to admit, I've never read any of his books, but I've enjoyed films based on his writing over the years. He is the master of horror, after all. There are so many out there it was hard to narrow it down to just two. How does he crank out so many books? I love a quote I've heard attributed to him. "I have the heart of a small boy. I keep it on my desk in a jar." Enjoy!



One of the creatures from "The Mist."

The story takes place in a small Maine village. After a powerful storm knocks out the power, David Drayton (Thomas Jane), his son Billy (Nathan Gamble), and their next-door neighbor Brent (Andre Braugher) head into town for supplies. Shortly after they arrive, a heavy mist rolls into town, trapping them in the grocery/hardware store. They're stuck inside along with an odd assortment of townsfolk. When a bloodied customer

comes in with his tale of a horrible and vicious creature he encountered, the tension is cranked up to 11. There are rumors that the military base nearby has created some life forms that have gotten wildly out of control.

The neighbors square off and tempers start flaring. Adding to the anxiety is Mrs. Carmody (The always brilliant Marcia Gay Harden), a Christian fundamentalist who quotes from the bible about the end of times. She manages to convert several people and the action kicks into high gear. The sense of doom and claustrophobia permeates almost the entire film.

Some critics have noted that the CGI creatures aren't as sophisticated as they would be if the film were made today. Well, I thought they certainly were real enough to scare this jaded moviegoer. The acting, writing, and cinematography were all excellent. What more could you ask for in a scary movie?

Currently streaming on Netflix and Prime Video



by Mark Domin

### MOVIE REVIEW

"It"  
2017 - Rated R  
2 hr 15min

This is a more recent film based on a King novel, and it ranks up there with the best of the best when it comes to horror films. In 1988, in the small town of Derry, Maine, small children begin to go missing.

Enter a bunch of young

plays Richie, is one of the young stars of the Netflix series "Stranger Things," which if you like things supernatural, I can't recommend highly enough.

There are a few lighter scenes with the young kids, which are a welcome relief from the scarier parts of the film. I thought both of these movies were pretty hair-raising. While they're both pretty terrifying



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NEW LINE CINEMA

Bill Skarsgård as the monster clown in "It."

misfits. They're a group of school kids who are relentlessly bullied by their older and meaner classmates. They're determined to get to the heart of the problem and solve the mystery of the disappearances.

The culprit is a shape-shifting monster, who usually takes the form of a menacing clown. Bill Skarsgård, who's absolutely perfect for this role, plays him. He's the epitome of evil and I can't imagine anyone doing a better job.

I especially enjoyed the ensemble of young actors who not only shined collectively, but also seemed to play off each other quite naturally. Of special note is Bill, whose little brother went missing at the beginning of the film.

He's played by Jaeden Martell, who stars in Netflix recent Stephen King adaptation of "Mr. Harrigan's Phone," which is well worth watching. And Finn Wolfhard, who

watching them on a TV, I can't imagine seeing them in the theatre!

Currently streaming on Netflix, HBO Max, and Prime Video.

Note to parents: Both movies are R-rated for obvious reasons. They're both filled with violence, blood and gore, and strong language.

★★★☆☆

### My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

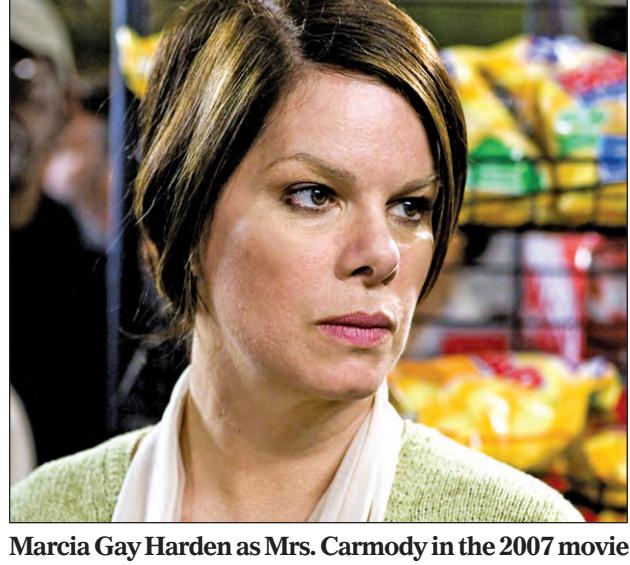
### About this column:

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

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

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com.



Marcia Gay Harden as Mrs. Carmody in the 2007 movie "The Mist."

Currently streaming on Netflix and Prime Video

★★★★★



Left, Fin Wolfhard as Richie and Jaeden Martel as Bill in the 2017 horror/thriller movie "It."



## Party magic

Setting a Halloween party table doesn't have to be tricky — with so many creative tableware items to choose from at our wonderful Grosse Pointe shops. Start with these adorable Caspari plates from The League Shop and cute themed napkins from Small Favors, and it's easy to put together a look that will enchant your guests. The adorable bat-themed boxed cookies are by Two's Company. At around \$5 each, they make the perfect party favor, also from Small Favors.

Flowers make a table, and this glorious fall display bursting with blooms is no exception. Deep tonal oranges and rust hues make the ivory roses pop in this beautiful autumn arrangement. Float flowers in your favorite bowl or vase for an easy centerpiece to remember.

Choose a signature cocktail that the entire party can share and serve in unique glassware. Finish the setting with copper mugs that pick up the fall theme and orange and black candles in clear candle holders.

All together it's a treat for the eyes!

**FIND IT AT:**  
The League Shop  
16847 Kercheval Ave.  
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(313) 882-6880  
[Theleagueshop.com](http://Theleagueshop.com)  
Instagram: @theleagueshop



You'll go batty for this clever mix-and-match setup for the Halloween table. Find an inspirational element that you adore, in this case — the bat cookie favor — and build a setting around it. You'll be amazed at how easily it falls into place with great elements to choose from at shops like Small Favors and The League Shop.

## Signature cocktail



See 'Poison Apple Cocktail' recipe on page 9C

## Halloween hostess gifts

Say thanks for the invite with delicious Candy Club spooky spiders gummies and give your host a yummy scare. Or treat them to a customized Grosse Pointe candle in the Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice scent. And the adorable Halloween spatula with a ghostly cookie cutter will make your hostess scream — with delight! All from Small Favors.

**FIND IT AT:**  
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17112 Kercheval Ave.  
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## Fashion wizardry

This sweet starred short-sleeved sweater is magic all by itself. Paired with straight-leg black jeans, a wizard hat and wand — and you become the sorceress men fear.

After the party, the real magic begins, when you get tons more wear from this adorable sweater (think New Year's Eve) and your new favorite black denims, both from Iris.



## Here, kitty kitty

Catwoman watch out — there's a new kitten in town. That's you, with this sophisticated duo that you'll wear over and over again post-Halloween.

Velvety crushed velour sleeveless mock turtleneck top is sleek and sexy paired with leopard-print leggings, both from Iris. Meee-ow!



## Quick COSTUMES with wear-again clothes

Smart shoppers know that versatility is the key to a good wardrobe piece. We've pulled together a few great looks from the racks at Iris that make for a fantastic Halloween costume, but also have staying power as high-style wardrobe elements you can utilize all through fall and winter. Our friends at Village Palm shared the cute earrings that add sparkle to any trick or treat outfit.

Instead of spending a hundred bucks on a one-use costume, invest in a few key pieces that will have you looking great, staying warm and looking forward to more opportunities to show up looking fab.



## Utterly bewitching

Go every 'witch' way in this stunning ensemble that works for Halloween but has endless possibilities after.

A lovely silky rust-colored sleeveless mock turtle tops this alluring pleated black skirt. Add a plush black jacket as a cover up, and all you need is a witch's hat to be the most frighteningly glamorous one at the party!

Top, skirt and wrap are all available at Iris.



## Jack-o-lantern vibes

This truly amazing long-sleeved sweater from Iris conjures up thoughts of carved pumpkins and trick or treat sweets. So perfect over black jeans (also from Iris), with the festive beaded pumpkin dangle earrings that make it complete.

All the earrings on this page are from Village Palm. At \$25 each, they're the perfect statement accessory for Halloween.

### SHOP AT:

Iris  
19794 Mack Ave.  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
(313) 821-4494  
[irisgrossepoinete.com](http://irisgrossepoinete.com)  
IG: @iris\_grossepoinete

### FIND IT AT:

Village Palm  
17131 Kercheval Ave.  
Grosse Pointe  
(313) 882-7256  
IG: @villagepalm

By Anne Gryzenia and Donna Zetterlund

## 8C | LIFE &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

**One costume — many hats!**

Here's a man-tastic costume idea that adds great usable pieces to your guy's wardrobe. These handsome, sturdy Ridge Crest Outfitters separates are as great for pumpkin-hunting, working in the garage or bonfire-sitting as they are for costume basics. This all-American look is so versatile that it can become one of many different costumes — depending on the hat you choose!



Red checked light flannel shirt from Ridge Crest Outfitters is a great fall layer for him. Smart flannel lined denim shirt jacket is the perfect piece for over and provides warmth for crisp days. Sturdy khaki jeans are the go-with-anything pants he'll love, by Duck Head. Pull on boots by Blundstone. All from Ridge Crest Outfitters.



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**GOOD READS****The Land of Stories**

If you like Harry Potter, you'll love the amazing series called The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer. The Land of Stories tells the story of twins Alex and Conner, who leave home and enter a land of magic and wonder where they meet the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. Land of Stories is available at Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, located at 15118 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe Park. Call them at (313) 514-7999 or visit online at [coreanderschildrensbookshoppe.com](http://coreanderschildrensbookshoppe.com).

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**RECIPES****Poison Apple Cocktail  
a tart Halloween treat**

Halloween gatherings are that much more fun with a signature drink that everyone can enjoy together. For a sweet drink with some ‘bite,’ try this luscious concoction that blends all the best flavors of fall. Cheers to friends and fiends alike!

**Poison Apple Cocktail**

2 oz whiskey or apple brandy  
5 oz chilled apple cider  
Lemon wedge and cinnamon stick for garnish  
1 t honey  
Bonus points for adding edible glitter to your ‘potion’  
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# Trick or Treat

A greenish tinge about the moon,  
The whistling of an eerie tune,  
The flicker of a ghostly light  
That streaks across the sky at night;  
A sudden chill within the breeze,  
A ghoulish moaning through the trees,  
A high-pitched wail, a distant screech  
Then, closer now, just out of reach;  
This atmosphere, what can it mean?  
Beware the signs! It's Halloween!

The outstretched wings that swoop in flight  
Are even darker than the night

As, up above, a frightful shape —  
The outline of a flowing cape,  
A crooked stick and pointed hat,  
The mewing of some kind of cat;  
They bring to mind a hidden spirit —  
You can see it, feel it, hear it!  
Suddenly, you get the scene —  
It's now, it's here, it's Halloween!

Take hands, jump in and join the game,  
Surround the cauldron, fan the flame  
To rise into the starless night  
And ban the goblins from their flight,  
Chase all the others from the sky  
That dare to shriek and screech and fly!  
Yes, banish all that's wild and scary,  
Dance and sing and do make merry!  
There are lots of good ghosts, too,  
Bewitched by Halloween like you.

**Joan LeGro Bushnell**

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## Can You Find The 10 Differences



# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or major decisions from 6:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. EDT today (3:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Leo into Virgo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022:

You are compassionate, warm and fun-loving. Obstacles do not daunt you. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to take inventory and let go of people, places and possessions that have held you back. It's a good time to commune with nature.

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

After the Moon Alert today, you want to get better organized. Important discussions will take place with partners and close friends, and you know that if you've done your homework, these discussions will be productive. Check things out. Tonight: Work.

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

This is a solid day for you. Things will tend to go your way. Admittedly, conversations with co-workers might be heated, especially discussions about ideas to improve your job or improve the appearance of something. Tonight: Socialize.

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

Quite likely, you have a strong focus on home today. Issues with kids might be emotional. Be patient. Romantic issues will be heated today, which could cause a problem, because someone feels obsessed about something. Lighten up! Tonight: Cocoon.

**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 — whether it's a partner, close friend or a financial institu-

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

This is a busy day with intense conversations. In particular, you might have strong feelings about a redecorating project or entertaining at home, which will make family discussions intense. Tonight: Solitude.

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

Today your focus is on money, cash flow and earnings. Nevertheless, a discussion with a colleague, neighbor or sibling will be intense, because you want to persuade them to agree with you or see things from your point of view. You will probably succeed. Tonight: Check your money.

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

For most of this day (plus Friday and Saturday), the Moon is in your sign, which gives you an edge over all the other signs. That's why intense, financial discussions might go in your favor today. Likewise, if you're shopping and you are keen to buy something, you will probably get it. Tonight: You win!

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

Travel if you can, because you want a change of scenery. You want to feel that you're doing something to expand your world and make your life more exciting. This is a good day for important discussions about romance because your sense of reality is strong and you are objective. Tonight: Practical ideas.

**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 — whether it's a partner, close friend or a financial institu-

tion — will be forthcoming. Get your ducks in a row! Tonight: Solitude.

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

Today and tomorrow, you will be much more in the public eye than usual. In fact, some people might know personal details about your private life. This might be why you have such an intense discussion with a friend today -- perhaps it's about an artistic or creative choice. Tonight: You're high-viz.

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

As this day wears on, your desire for adventure and stimulation will grow. Satisfy this urge by doing something different! If you can travel, by all means, do so. Go someplace you've never been before. Be a tourist in your own town. Talk to people from other backgrounds and different cultures. Tonight: Explore!

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today you might have a passionate encounter with someone from another culture. You also might have strong feelings about travel or legal or medical matters today. Meanwhile, take care of loose details with bills, OR taxes. Get your ducks lined up in a row. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

After the Moon Alert today, you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. No biggie. This simply requires accommodation, courtesy and an ability to listen to what someone else is saying, especially if you're encountering disputes about shared values. Tonight: Cooperate.

**BORN TODAY**

Rapper Snoop Dogg (1971), U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris (1964), actor John Krasinski (1979).

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**NORTH**

♦ Q  
♥ A K Q J 10 3  
♦ A Q 9 5  
♣ J 9

**WEST**

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

**EAST**

♠ A 7  
♥ 9 8 7 6 5 4 2  
♦ 8  
♣ 6 5 2

**SOUTH**

♠ J 8 6 5 3  
♥ —  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ A K Q 10 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	6 NT	

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the 1990 world team championship final between Germany and the United States. It arose early in the match and put the Germans, who ultimately won the title, ahead for the first time.

When a German pair held the North-South cards, they stopped at a quiet three notrump, making seven with the aid of no opening spade lead and a cou-

ple of diamond finesses.

At the other table, where Charles Coon and Mike Moss of the U.S. sat North-South, the bidding went as shown. West's two spade overcall was pre-emptive, leaving Moss awkwardly placed after Coon bid three hearts. He tried three notrump, which Coon raised to six.

Had West led a spade, South would have been down two before he could blink. However, West (Roland Rohowsky) did not lead a spade, seemingly handing declarer the slam. But Rohowsky's choice of a low diamond lead instead proved to have diabolical consequences.

From Moss' perspective, after dummy was tabled, he could count 12 virtually ironclad tricks — six hearts, five clubs and the ace of diamonds. It would therefore have been the height of folly to risk a diamond finesse, which, if it lost, would give the opponents a chance to cash their top spades.

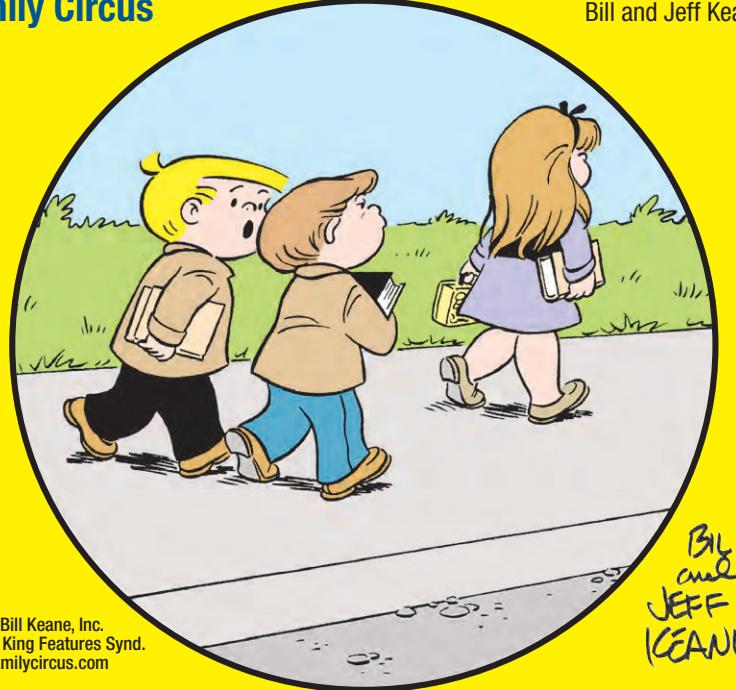
So Moss put up dummy's ace and tried to run the hearts. But when West showed out on the first heart, Moss' six heart tricks quickly shrunk to five, and he finished down one for a team loss of 820 points and 13 IMPs to the Germans.

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## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

6	5	7	1		2							
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2		5	7	3	9							

10/20 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

1	8	2	9	6	7	4	3	5
7	5	9	4	3	1	2	6	8
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8	3	5	2	1	4	6	9	7
9	1	4	6	7	3	5	8	2
5	9	1	7	2	6	8	4	3
4	6	7	3	5	8	1	2	9
3	2	8	1	4	9	7	5	6

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 20, 2022

**ACROSS**

- 1 Pay a quick visit
- 6 Guilty sensation
- 10 Far from aerodynamic
- 14 Get away from
- 15 "I have a bad feeling about this"
- 16 Special glow
- 17 Charging station vehicle
- 18 "Fiddling" emperor
- 19 Time at a hotel
- 20 "Large-scale vaccination goal
- 23 Angel on one's shoulder, e.g., briefly?
- 25 How—(DIY guides)
- 26 Where it's at
- 28 \*1994 basketball film
- 32 "Dollface" actress
- 33 Dennings Seller's counterpart
- 34 Mouse batteries
- 35 Silken snares
- 36 Folk trio whose name predates 2016, or a hint to two words contained in each starred clue's answer
- 40 Have a sense

**43** NAACP co-founder Wells

**44** Alvin American Dance Theater

**48** Shoulder attachment

**49** "Not now"

**52** Bust a move at a disco

**54** Trajectory of a pitch or plot

**55** Sticky (sweet treat)

**56** Photo of a hot body, perhaps?

**60** Bye, in Italy

**61** Morally bad

**62** Jazz singer Jones

**65** Tomato juice, e.g., chemically

**66** Number below (

**67** Love triangle byproduct

**68** Naked

**69** No longer new

**70** Puppy's plaints

**DOWN**

- 1 You name it!
- 2 Spanish stadium cheer
- 3 Plaything for a baby learning to walk
- 4 Sitting around
- 5 Almost due to give birth
- 6 Give the silent treatment, say
- 7 "If I might interject ..."
- 8 Social standard

**9** Macabre

**10** Rudimentary

**11** DVD extra, often

**12** Hospital room with lead aprons

**13** "We did it!"

**21** Third of an ellipsis

**22** de plume

**23** Safari subway window

**24** Dhabi

**27** Visitors to Earth, in sci-fi

**29** Hijab or niqab, e.g.

**30** Bother and bother

**31** Stadium cheer

**35** Legal order

**37** Selection of reds and whites

**38** Vow before a kiss

**39** Sweet-sounding music?

**40** Five ("Queer Eye" quintet)

**41** Anais Nin's "Delta of Venus," e.g.

**42** Style with straight black bangs

**45** Left-wing

**46** Blue-green-egg layer

**47** Craving

**49** Tire filler

**50** Signaled, as a 60-Down

**51** Sound of hesitation

**53** Rock with a crystalline interior

**57** Zipcar's parent company

**58** Queue

**59** Reason for an R rating

**60** City ride

**63** Electric guitar hookup

**64** "What gotten into you?"

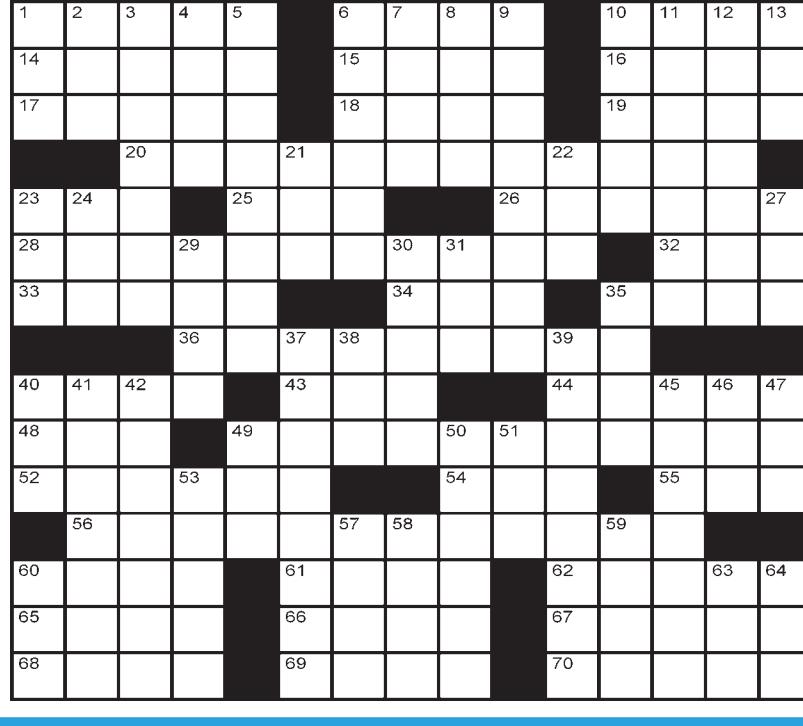
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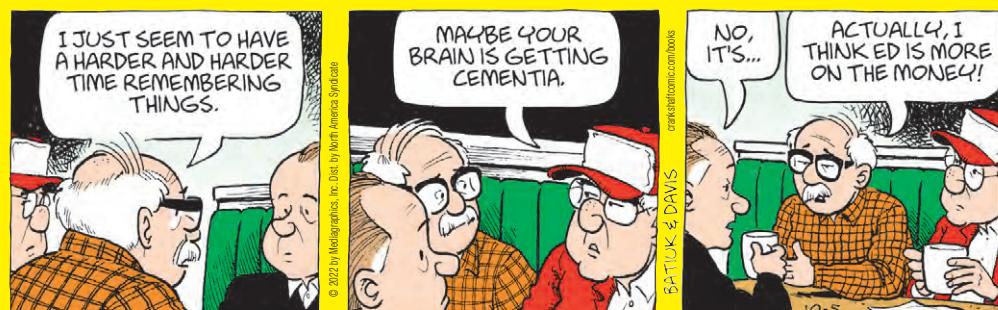
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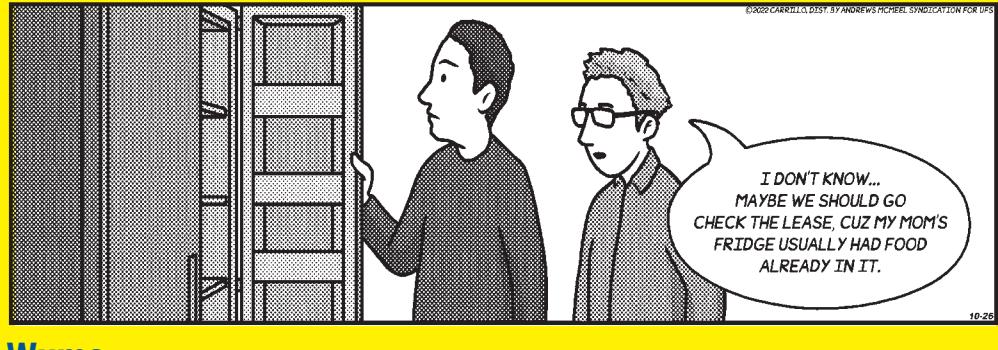
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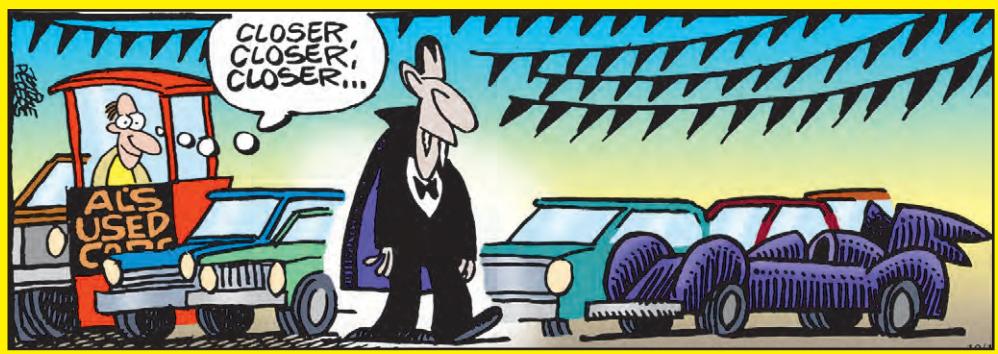
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## Pointes earn individual, team titles at boys tennis state finals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Tennis players from the Pointes represented their hometown well at last weekend's boys tennis state championships, as Grosse Pointe

North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett competed in their respective divisions, with the Blue Devils and Knights bringing home some hardware in both individual and team categories.

While in Kalamazoo for the Division 4 finals, the University Liggett Knights had a triumphant weekend on their way to a fourth state championship under head coach Mark Sobieralski. Liggett was runner-up at last year's finals, but finally reached the mountain top again this year thanks to some outstanding play, especially in the doubles brackets.

While Charlie Cooksey won the No. 4 singles bracket, he was the only Liggett singles player to earn a championship victory. In doubles, the Knights were more dominant. Campbell Marchal and Tommy Ugval were victorious at No. 1 doubles. Liggett earned a second championship in No. 3 doubles with a victory by the pair of Steve Wheatley and Griffin Marchal.

"I was so happy for our seniors," Sobieralski said. "I have three guys who are full-time tennis players. We have hockey players, baseball, golf. These guys are athletes and I help make them



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

The University Liggett boys varsity tennis team captured the Division 4 state championship last weekend in Kalamazoo. It is the team's fourth title under head coach Mark Sobieralski.

tennis players...because they're good athletes they learn quick and are used to competing. I was really happy that our seniors were able to get a state title."

The other big victory of the weekend came in Midland at the Division

2 state finals. While neither North or South won a championship, the Blue Devils claimed victory in one of the top brackets of the tournament.

Connor Stafford, an anchor for the Blue Devils all year, finished

the season with a tremendous performance in the No. 1 singles bracket. As the bracket's second-highest seed, Stafford earned a first-round bye before rattling off four straight wins to claim the state title.



COURTESY PHOTO

South's Connor Stafford celebrates with his gold medal after winning the No. 1 singles state championship at the Division 2 tennis state finals.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

It can take time for any freshman athlete to adjust to the high school level. For freshman Gabby DiVita, there were certainly some growing pains stepping into a starting role on

the Grosse Pointe South varsity volleyball team.

Those growing pains have quickly faded over the course of DiVita's first season with the Blue Devils. The outside hitter has become a leader in the locker room and on the stat sheet for South, finding

her groove in what looks to be the beginning of a promising high school career.

"I was pretty nervous coming into the high school season because with my sister leaving, I think I had some pretty big shoes to fill," DiVita said. "I think after our first game against North, I really started to dial in more. I'm a big leader on the court but it has to come from more than one person, which has kinda taken some weight off my shoulders."

DiVita, sister of former South volleyball star Jada DiVita and daughter of Blue Devils head coach Janeil DiVita, has started forging her own legacy in the game that her family loves so much. In the gym for as long as she can remember, DiVita is now leading South in kills with 182 this season and also has the team lead in aces with 27.

Her success on the court could be seen as no real surprise, given DiVita's family's volleyball history. The fresh-

man has picked up right where her older sister, who is now in her freshman year on the volleyball team at Lipscomb University, left off. Being able to see how her sister became successful both on and off the court has now given DiVita a blueprint for the next few years.

"She's probably my biggest role model," DiVita said. "Seeing her career and the path she had to go through, it was a really big motivator for me...Seeing how she handled it really helped me. We've always been super close and share a huge love for the sport."

Sharing that sisterly love for the game has helped DiVita learn so much about how to be the best player she can be. Pairing that with having her mom on the sidelines, giving tips during every game and practice, is setting DiVita up in a prime position to carry on her family's on-court success.

Besides the stats and how to play the game,

one thing DiVita has learned from her family has been leadership. Even as a freshman, she has embraced her role as a leader on the court for the Blue Devils, something not all athletes might not be ready for so early in their career.

"I'm very energetic and competitive," DiVita said. "It really drives me because I have a very strong will to win."

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### Gabby DiVita

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**Sport:** Volleyball

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### Dominant DiVita

#### 2022 Stats

- ◆ 182 Kills
- ◆ 27 Aces
- ◆ 22 Blocks
- ◆ 131 Digs



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Freshman Gabby DiVita has become a key piece in South volleyball's starting lineup and leads the team in key stats such as kills and serving aces.



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# South ramps up as regular season winds down

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Most high school swimmers will admit that now is the point in the season when their sport of choice becomes a true labor of love.

With long practices, piles of homework to complete and a month left before state finals, it's when championship swimmers ramp up instead of winding down.

For the past few weeks, Grosse Pointe

South's varsity swim and dive team, currently the No. 2 ranked team in Division 2, has demonstrated emphatic signs of that winning mindset.

South matched up in dual meets against Utica Eisenhower on Oct. 4, and Anchor Bay on Oct. 11, with impressive results.

Against Eisenhower, the Blue Devils hosted the Eagles and coasted to a 147-36 win, winning all 12 events, including diving. The team then headed up Lake St. Clair

to face Anchor Bay, beating the Tars handily 140-40.

South's upcoming meets include a tri-meet Thursday, Oct. 20, against Grosse Pointe North and Rochester Adams at home on Senior Night. In what is perhaps its biggest challenge of the season, South hopes to take full home-pool advantage Saturday, Oct. 22, when it hosts Division 1 powerhouse and reigning state champions, Ann Arbor Pioneer.



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South swimming is keeping up with the season's grind, hoping to make a splash in the state final Nov. 14-15 at Calvin University.



COURTESY PHOTO

North swimmers are balancing fun with hard work in practice by competing in "pumpkin relays," to embrace both Halloween and team spirit.

# Beal, Hard make new state cuts for Norsemen

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Swimmers from Grosse Pointe North's girls varsity swim and dive team continue clocking season-best swims, helping them qualify for the Division 2 state final, set to take place Nov. 14 and 15, at Calvin University in Grand Rapids.

But before the season reaches that apex, the Norsemen have had a busy few weeks, including dual meets against Dakota Oct. 4, Utica Eisenhower Oct. 11, and the highly competitive Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association meet Oct. 8.

Against Eisenhower, the Norsemen pulled off an impressive 100-point win, 166-66. Several

swimmers led the way by clocking season-best times, including:

**200 free**

• Rylee Nugent: (2:13.84)

**50 free**

• Lauren Loper: 50 free (28.90)

• Phoebe Rinaldi: 50 free (29.32) and 100 butterfly (1:08.57)

• Ryan Verlinde: 50 free (31.60)

• Zora Hurt: 50 free (39.81)

**100 free**

• Cailey Hard (58.42)

• Tina Kirck (1:06.08)

• Tatum Bastien: (1:06.83)

Five North swimmers

also competed in the MISCA meet, with Hard and Avery Beal earning speedy qualifying times for the state meet. Hard swam a 5:26.49 in the 500 free, while Beal turned in a qualifying time of 2:15.89 in 200 IM.

Head coach Chris Trepanowski said he is making sure the team is balancing its hard work with a little fun, too.

"We've also been getting into the spirit of the season with some pumpkin relays during practice," he said.

Up next for North is a quick trip down Lakeshore to Grosse Pointe South, where they will face archrival South, along with Rochester Adams, Thursday, Oct. 20.

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# Blue Devils cap golf season ranked third

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity golf team fought a miserable mid-October mix of chill and wind to finish fifth overall out of 18 teams in the Division 2 state final last weekend at Forest Akers West golf course in East Lansing.

South finished the season ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 2.

"We exceeded all pre-season expectations," head coach Shaun Hampton said. "I am very, very proud of all of my players. Coming into the season, I didn't know what to expect. We hoped to compete in the MAC Red, do well in regionals and qualify for states. And we did all of that and then some."

Senior Charlotte Peabody ended her high



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN STIYER

Grosse Pointe South senior Charlotte Peabody ended her high school golf career on a high note, leading the Blue Devils to a fifth place team finish in the Division 2 state final, and capturing a 19th place individual finish.

school career on a high note, leading all Blue Devils with a first-day round of 89, and follow-

ing that up with another note, leading all Blue 89 on Day 2 for a two-day score of 178. Junior Cate Hampton finished one stroke behind her

older sister in the 29th spot (185). Sophomores Tenley Stiyer and Charlotte Glasser finished 72nd overall (209) and 100th (263) respectively.

South won both the MAC Red regular season and tournament championships, finishing conference play with a 7-1 record. Freshman Lyla Hampton earned league MVP honors, while Cate Hampton, Stiyer and Peabody were named to the first team, All-MAC Red.

Also serving among the many season highlights was beating archrival Grosse Pointe North and division nemesis Port Huron Northern in match play and finishing second in Division 2 regionals, losing by only one stroke.

"I'm very optimistic about our future," Shaun Hampton said. "It can

sometimes be a draining season and there's stress related to showing up every day, ready to play your best golf."

"If you would have asked me on Aug. 9, would I have taken (the season's) results? I would have told you 100 percent I would. I'm just incredibly proud of our whole team."

With his team's successful season, Hampton added he is hopeful it will inspire more golfers to join the roster next year.

"We only had six golfers this season and accomplished a lot," he said of his small-but-mighty team. "I would like to carry 12 to 15 golfers next year."

For more information about the 2023 team, interested players should contact Hampton at shampton127@gmail.com.

# North and South move on, Liggett eliminated

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Playoff action officially began for boys soccer last week, with three local teams looking for deep state playoff runs. Some surprises emerged in the early rounds of district play, including Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South each finding its stride, while soccer juggernaut University Liggett falling sooner than expected.

## South

After a disappointing regular season, the Blue Devils are looking to capture the same playoff magic that helped them advance all the way to the state semifinals last year. That magic looks like it could be here, with South successfully fighting through the first two rounds of the Division 1 postseason tournament to advance to the district championship.

South began its playoff run last Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the district quar-

terfinal round, making it through its first test with relative ease by beating Cass Tech 5-0 on goals from Evan Brown, Raymond Deberry-Jones and Onction Zape.

The win over Cass Tech set South up with a district semifinal meeting against Dearborn. A pair of goals from senior Lucas Frye in the first half proved to be difference makers for the Blue Devils as they advanced to the district final with a 2-1 victory.

South headed to the district championship against Dearborn Fordson Wednesday, Oct. 19, after press time.

## North

In the Division 2 playoffs, North is also on its way to the district finals. The Norsemen received a bye in the first round to advance automatically to the district semifinals on Monday night. Five first

on to what ended up as a dominant 8-0 win over Warren Fitzgerald.

North hosted Hamtramck in the district finals Wednesday, Oct. 19 after press time.

## University Liggett School

After an undefeated regular season, University Liggett's boys soccer team could have been seen as a favorite to win it all in the Division 4 playoffs. However, a surprise came on

Monday evening in the Knights' first playoff game.

Liggett faced off against Bloomfield Hills Rooper in the district semifinal round for what it hoped would be a long playoff run. Those state title hopes were cut short as the Knights suffered their first loss of the season 1-0, a loss that ended their season earlier than most expected.

Come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week for more coverage of boys soccer state playoffs.

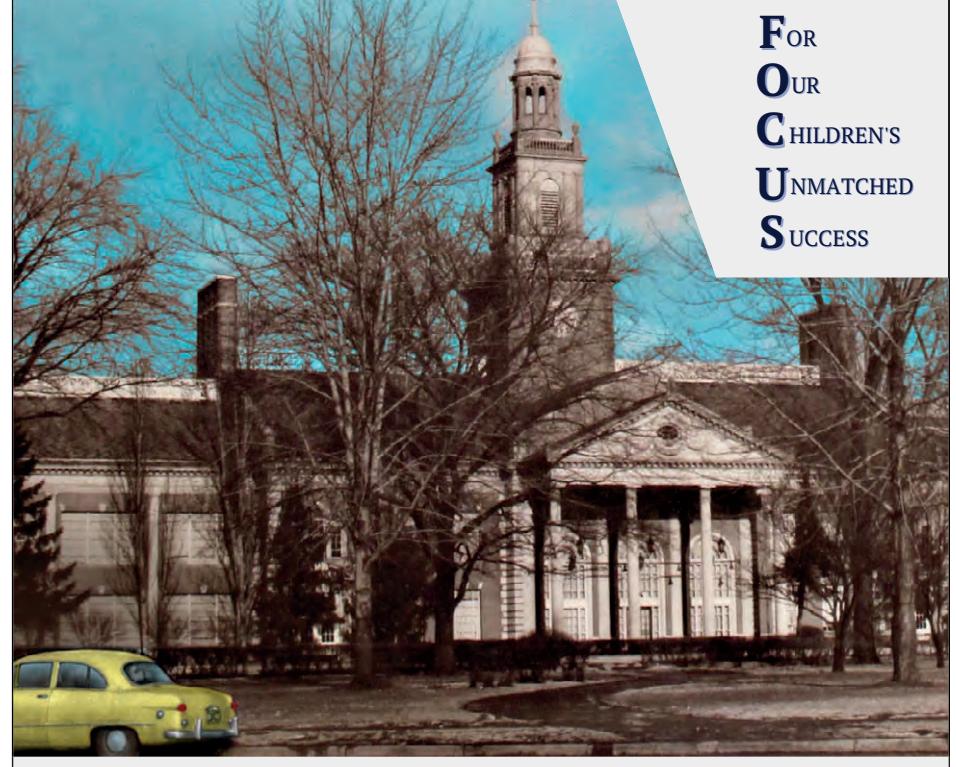


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Raymond Deberry-Jones, right, gives a high five to teammate Lucas Frye after scoring a goal in South's 5-0 victory over Cass Tech in the district quarterfinals.



North senior Finn Marshall brings the ball into the attacking zone during the Norsemen's 8-0 playoff win against Fitzgerald on Monday.



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# Unbeaten season stays alive for Norsemen

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

On its way to a MAC Gold championship this year, the Grosse Pointe North football team cruised through several opponents with relative ease. Things may have looked a bit more sloppy than the Norsemen are used to this season last Friday night when they visited Sterling Heights. However, in the end, a win is a win and North got that 35-12 to continue its undefeated season.

Last Friday's game started out slow on both sides. A 30-yard touchdown run by Drew Hill put North up 7-0 after the first possession, the only points of the entire first half.

"We just couldn't get the offense running on all cylinders in the first half," North coach Joe Drouin said. "As coaches we kept telling the kids don't take the cheese — don't look ahead to next week just because Sterling Heights was a

one win team. We got caught looking ahead to Week 9."

Things became even tougher for North when QB Ryan Henderson left the game with an injury. Without backup Daniel Taylor, who also was hurt, the Norsemen had to turn to Hill as an emergency QB in the second half.

This caused the Norsemen to keep things on the ground for the most part offensively, which plays to their strengths. Hill had another touchdown run in the third quarter, but a missed two-point conversion left the score at 13-0 North.

Sterling Heights got on the board after that, scoring a touchdown and missing the extra point to keep the Norsemen's lead at seven with a score of 13-6. Sebastian Rouse came up big again for North by returning the kickoff for a touchdown, and a successful two-point try put the Blue Devils since 2017.

To start the fourth quarter, Jaden Holyfield had his first rushing touchdown of the night to extend North's lead even more. Sterling Heights reached the end zone one more time, but another missed extra point left the scoreboard at 29-12 in favor of North. One final touchdown run by Holyfield helped put the game to rest for a 23-point Norsemen victory.

Much of North's production on offense came on the ground. Holyfield carried 24 times for 156 yards and two touchdowns, while Hill had 10 carries for 139 yards and two scores.

With a spot in the post-season locked down and the MAC Gold title already won, North's final test of the season awaits on Friday when it hosts Grosse Pointe South in this year's annual rivalry game. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m., with the Norsemen looking for their first win over the Blue Devils since 2017.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Drew Hill, pictured against Cousino, led the defense with eight tackles in the win over Sterling Heights. On offense, Hill had 10 rushes for 139 yards.

# Blue Devils come up short against Romeo

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Entering senior night at Grosse Pointe South last Friday, the Blue Devils had won five straight games and were coming off a win over Lakeview, which secured them the MAC White Division title. South had one last test before a rivalry showdown with Grosse Pointe North to end the season as the Blue Devils hosted Romeo from the MAC Red in a Week 8 matchup.

After a slow start, the Blue Devils hung closely with a talented Romeo team for much of the night. Overcoming the Bulldogs' early lead, however, ended up being too tall of a task for South as the team

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fell to 5-3 with a 35-20 loss.

Romeo started the game with two unanswered scores to build an early advantage. The first came in the opening quarter when Bulldogs' QB Jayden Robinson threw his only touchdown of the night to put them up 7-0.

Romeo's second touchdown of the game came on the ground, where the Bulldogs dominated the Blue Devils all night. Santino Palazzolo, who accounted for 181 of Romeo's 401 total rushing yards last Friday, scored to extend the lead to 14-0.

Finally, South answered with just over four minutes to go before halftime. Egan Sullivan found the end

zone on a 29-yard run to put the Blue Devils down by just seven. However, Romeo struck back quickly with another touchdown to make it a 21-7 game entering the break.

South QB Anthony Benard threw his first touchdown of the game in the third quarter, connecting with Brady Kennedy for a touchdown that put the Blue Devils back to within one score of Romeo, but a blocked extra point meant the score sat at 21-13. Just like when South scored in the first half, the Bulldogs quickly took it back with a touchdown of their own to lead 28-13 going into the fourth quarter.

In the opening minute of the fourth, Benard threw another touch-

down, this time to Vince Vachon, to make the score 28-20. Although South had plenty of time for a comeback, the Romeo defense held the Blue Devils in check.

One last fourth quarter TD for Romeo would salt the game away and give South the loss by 15.

Friday's game was contested heavily on the ground on both sides. While Benard did complete 14 passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns, Egan Sullivan once again had the biggest night on the stat sheet for the Blue

Devils. The senior running back tallied 131 yards on 21 carries with a touchdown.

"We've known that it's him (Sullivan) and Anthony as our play-makers," South coach Chad Hepner said about his senior running back and QB duo. "A lot of our success is going to ride on those two and their ability to make plays."

One more test lies ahead of the Blue Devils before the postseason begins, and it is the most anticipated matchup of the season. South faces off against crosstown rival North,



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Anthony Benard passed for two touchdowns as the Blue Devils fell to Romeo 35-20 last Friday night.

# Knights edge University Prep 19-18

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After back-to-back wins by just three points in Weeks 6 and 7, the University Liggett football team hoped to come out of last Saturday's Homecoming matchup against Detroit University Prep with a bigger margin of victory. While the Knights got the win to improve to 6-2 on the season, they did so courtesy of another nail biter and a 19-18 victory.

The Knights ran the ball 30 times in the win, including the first score of the game coming on an Oliver Service touchdown run in the opening quarter to make it 7-0 Liggett. University Prep used a block on a Knight's field goal attempt to open

the second quarter to its advantage, scoring its first touchdown of the game. A missed extra point helped the Knights cling to a one-point lead.

Liggett struck back quickly, as Service took the ensuing kickoff to the end zone, but this time it was the Knights' turn to miss the point after to keep it a 13-6 Liggett lead. Near the end of the second, a Liggett fumble on the University Prep one yard line kept the Knights from building on their lead any more before halftime.

In the third quarter, University Prep closed the gap with a touchdown, but failed on a two-point attempt to help the Knights remain in the lead by one.

In the fourth quarter,

University Prep took its first lead of the game, scoring another touchdown to go up 18-13. When the Knights needed it, Service came up big once again. QB Solomon Spann found Service for a touchdown to put Liggett back in front 19-18, which would hold as the final score.

Service ran the ball 19 times for a total of 114 yards with one touchdown. He also had three catches for 56 yards. Freshman QB Spann had a relatively light workload for the day, completing six of 11 pass attempts for 75 yards and one touchdown.

Liggett concludes its regular season this Friday night as it travels on the road to face New Haven.



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Liggett senior Oliver Service had 114 rushing yards and a touchdown during the Knights' win over University Prep. Service also returned a kickoff for a touchdown in the game.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN PROEMSKI

South sophomore Chloe Caulfield ran a season-best time of 21:04 at the Gabriel Richard Invitational on Saturday.



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## Runners capture top times with speedy finishes

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Cross country runners from the boys and girls teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competed on the course yet again last weekend as part of the 38th Annual Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark.

All teams performed well, including another banner day for South's top boys runners.

South's Logan Detweiler continued his strong season with another standout performance.

In a field of more than 130 runners, Detweiler (15:34) finished in second place overall. Detweiler's time was just six seconds short of the South school record and was the fastest time run by a Blue Devil in 13 years, accord-

ing to coach Mark Sonnenberg. Brendan Downey, another top Blue Devil runner, also secured a ninth place finish (15:59.) South finished fifth overall out of 13 teams.

Three Norsemen finished in the top 50, on their way to ninth place team finish. Caleb Kosel (16:51) crossed the finish line in 32nd place. Alex Agius was 43rd (17:02) and fellow captain David Rochon just cracked the top 50 in 49th (17:07.)

In the girls' race, Lillian Deskins continued her standout season for North. While North finished eighth overall in the team standings, Deskins was eighth individually with a time of 19:18. Lucie Leonhard (20:20) and Emma Babcock (21:19) both finished in the top 50 at

29th and 50th, respectively.

Like the boys team, South's girls team also took fifth place. The Blue Devils had four runners finish in the top 50, including Savannah Spangler at 12th with a time of 19:32. Morgan Deenik (20:13) finished 26th. Chloe Caulfield (21:04) was 41st while Ava Carr (21:11) finished in 46th place.

"We had unbelievable improvement and our team continues to peak towards our final two weeks," South girls cross country coach Steve Zaraneck said. "We continue to move towards a huge team goal of having our first seven runners all under 21 minutes. It's now within our reach."

All four teams will meet once again Saturday, Oct. 22, at the MAC Red Division Meet.

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# Johnson takes reins for North boys hoops

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team will have a new face at the head of the bench when the 2022-23 season gets underway in December. Following the departure of former coach Andy Ayrault, the Norsemen have hired North's former junior varsity coach Rob Johnson to take over as the new boys varsity basketball head coach.

Last year, Johnson led the Norsemen to a 17-3 record. Currently in his fourth year teaching social studies at North, this is Johnson's first coaching job at the varsity level, but is something he said he feels like he has prepared for his entire life.

"When I really knew I wanted to become a coach was when I wasn't always the best player but I had a pretty high basketball IQ," Johnson said. "I've always been



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North has hired Rob Johnson as the school's new varsity boys basketball head coach. Johnson spent the 2021-22 season as the head coach of North's JV boys basketball team, helping lead the Norsemen to a 17-3 record.

loud and been an effective communicator. When players would help run the kids' camps at Cousino, there was a kid who wouldn't stop

crying because he was separated from his brother...I was able to work one on one with him and work on drills with him and got him to

stop crying, and ever since then I knew this was what I wanted to do."

His experience at North both as a teacher

and coach helps set Johnson up in a position for success right away. He already knows the players, what makes them successful and how to work with them. For his first time coaching at the varsity level, Johnson could not have asked for a better situation to start with.

"I'm coming into the season with a good foundation of knowing who we have," he said. "I've known the varsity kids who are seniors from their freshman year either from class or basketball. I have a strong relationship with these players already and especially with the JV kids who are moving up...I'm really looking forward to building off those relationships I've built with them as players and students which I think can give us a really good foundation for when the season starts."

That foundation is made up of some of North's most impactful

players from last season. Adam Ayrault, James Phillips, Jordan Arsenau and more are expected to lead the Norsemen once again.

With that foundation also comes the personality of the team. North has not been shy to play with a tough, gritty mentality on the court, and their new coach is no different when it comes to that mindset.

"I like to coach and I like my teams to play with positive intensity," Johnson said. "I want us to be passionate about what we do but in a positive way...I have a never give up attitude. I started off coaching middle school basketball and have worked my way up to varsity basketball so I want my players to play with a gritty attitude that I've always had."

North boys basketball begins the regular season on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at home against Warren Lincoln.



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## Liggett honors athletic alums

University Liggett School kicked off its 2022 Homecoming Weekend festivities Oct. 14, by inducting four new members into its Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame, including, from left, Bruce Birgbauer, (Grosse Pointe University School) '60; Monte Squiers, '07; and Kevin Whitfield, '91 and (not pictured) Emmet "Tripp" Tracy III, '92.

# Blue Devils sail to another state championship



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDON WHEELER

The Grosse Pointe South sailing team won its second consecutive state title at the MISSA Michigan State Championships at the Pontiac Yacht Club last weekend, finishing ahead of 13 teams. From left to right, the state champs are Colin Hexter, Charlie Gmeiner, Eric Brieden, Coach Christina Noland, Gavin Webster and Braden Vogel.

## ATHLETE: *Continued from page 1D*

A competitive spirit and natural skill on the court has driven DiVita to a successful freshman campaign. She and her teammates are now hoping it will continue helping them win as the Blue Devils try to secure the

MAC White title and make a run in the post-season once playoffs begin in a few weeks.

For that continued success, both this season and the coming years at South, DiVita knows that work can always be done to get better on and off the court.

"Leadership is always

something that I can improve on," DiVita said. "Staying positive constantly is not something I'm always the best at...I need to be the best I can at every position to help my team."

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## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 19, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on August 18, 2022 and the Planning Commission meeting held on September 28, 2022.
- 2) to postpone the offer of employment until October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. where a Special Meeting can be held.
- 3) To adjourn to Budget Session
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) . approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 125524 through 125615 in the amount of \$735,493.77 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) . approve payment in the amount of \$12,700.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, a lead service line repair and repair to a stop box. (3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$11,581.32 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the months of August and October. (4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$14,515.30 for professional services during the month of for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, 2021 Pavement Repair, Sanitary Sewer repair, Joint Crack Sealing, Tim Hortons, Johnston and Salter Park Basketball Courts, Eastland Commerce Center, Danbury Lane, Gas Main and, Water Service Material Investigation.
- (5) . approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,966.92 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of September and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of computer accessories.
- 2) to schedule a public hearing at your October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comment and input on the proposed lot split requested by NP Eastland Commerce Center Industrial, LLC.
- 3) approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$5,137.80 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-260.

**Valerie Kindle**, Mayor

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**Leslie M. Frank**, City Clerk

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To remove item CM 10-147-22 from Tabled and Pending and move to Old Business 1.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**Valerie Kindle**, Mayor

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**Leslie M. Frank**, City Clerk

# Knights blank Greenhills for homecoming win

University Liggett School's girls varsity field hockey team continued its winning ways last weekend, scoring a 5-0 homecoming weekend victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Izzy Fruehauf, Lexie Gormely, Hallie Marcero, Constantina Bournias and Olivia

Thomas each scored a goal for the Knights. Fruehauf also had two assists.

Liggett currently sits at 11-2-2 this season and just earned the No. 2 overall seed in the state playoffs for Division 2.

"We feel strongly about the way we are

playing as a team heading into playoffs, but we know we need to take it one game at a time," said Liggett head coach Amanda Amine.

Liggett's biggest competition on the road to a championship will be Dexter, the No. 1 seed, she added.

—Meg Leonard

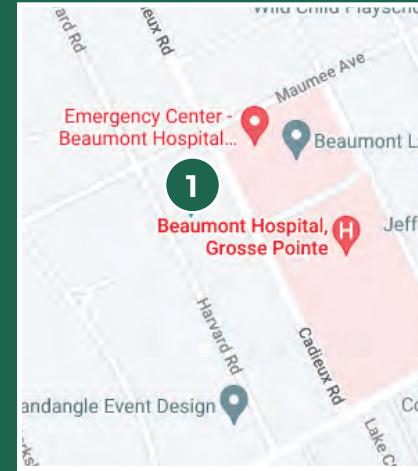
**Liggett senior Brooke Summers, middle, works to move the ball out of a jam in last Saturday's match against Greenhills.**

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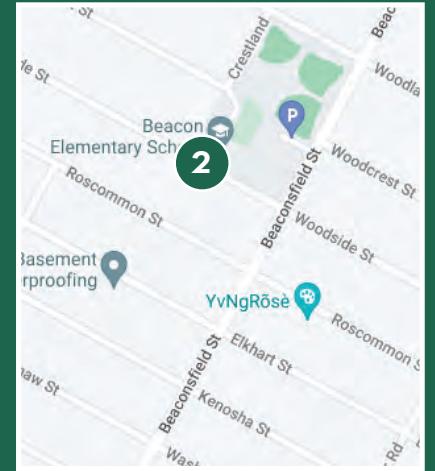
Liggett's Izzy Fruehauf keeps the Ann Arbor Greenhills defense on its heels. Fruehauf had a goal and two assists in the 5-0 homecoming game win.

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