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## Apartments, day care coming to Kercheval

### Grocery store a maybe

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Developers intend to break ground this year on the first of three, multi-story apartment buildings on lower Kercheval.

“This is going to be the biggest game-changer we can do in the Park,” said Jon Cotton, developer and brother of the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

Each phase of construction features ground-floor commercial space topped by two floors containing a total of 12, 800- to 1,300-square-foot, loft-style, market-rate apartments.

“It would be an amazing complement to the growth we’re seeing in the Park,” said Joe Hebeka, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

All of this is what

Mike Stines, an attorney for the Cotton group, referred to during a recent Park planning commission meeting about the business district needing more parking spaces and not just for the forthcoming Brine Oyster House restaurant on Kercheval and Maryland, another Cotton project.

In Phase One, the ground-floor component is a licensed child care center with an

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RENDERINGS BY WILLIAM J. THOMAS STUDIOS

Three, three-story structures with ground-floor retail and two stories of apartments are in the works on Kercheval at the Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border.

## Feedback welcomed on master plan

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — In the name of encouraging further resident participation, the Farms master plan update timeline has

been pushed back to allow for an additional in-person public engagement session. The session — the date of which is yet to be determined, but likely will be in January — will feature a presentation on a draft of the plan before welcoming feedback on its various facets.

In the meantime, Farms residents also are invited to provide digital feedback to the draft plan online at [tinyurl.com/gpf-masterplan](http://tinyurl.com/gpf-masterplan).

The proposed city goals and objectives within the draft have been categorized into the areas of mobility, community facilities,

land use, economic development and natural features.

### Mobility

As a major talking point throughout the master plan update process, the potential of adding bike lanes along

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## Veterans breakfast returns with Alger Center soft opening

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The War Memorial is confident it will achieve full occupancy of its new Fred M. Alger Center for Arts, Culture and Humanities by mid-November, just in time for the post-COVID return of the annual Veterans Day Breakfast.

“It’s our traditional offering and I can’t think of a better way of having our first public event than Veterans Day,” War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke said.

The morning will include handmade thank-you notes from local students, a service song medley and a gourmet breakfast, as well as keynote speaker Gen. Rolf E. Mammen, commander of

the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and a member of The War Memorial’s board.

Free for veterans, with registration required — each veteran may bring one guest for \$15 — doors open at 9:15 a.m., with the program beginning at 10 a.m. and taking place in the new crystal ballroom within the Alger Center.

The approximately \$20 million addition to The War Memorial campus is the culmination of years of planning and then construction, with the project first being publicly announced in January 2020. It includes a glass entrance colonnade; a terrace off the side of the new ballroom; a community room for club and com-  
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## The victors

University of Michigan freshman cornerback Will Johnson tackles Michigan State wide receiver Jayden Reed for a loss last Saturday in the Wolverines 29-7 in-state rivalry win at the Big House in Ann Arbor. A former Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil, Johnson has nine solo tackles this season, playing in all eight games. For thoughts on the game and the state of this rivalry, including the ensuing post-game tunnel attack on two Michigan players, head to page 4D in Sports.

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**Sharon Peters**  
Home: Grosse Pointe Shores resident has made 250 donations to K-9 law enforcement teams



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The colonnade is the new patron entrance to The War Memorial, rather than continuing to enter through the historic Alger house.

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munity organization use to alleviate pressure from the historic Alger house; a reflection space featuring a fountain in the center and historic D-Day flag on the wall; additional bathrooms; and a kitchen, freezers and delivery area along the side of the addition.

As a significant transition for community members, the patron entrance to The War Memorial is now through the colonnade, which leads to the new lobby.

“The (Alger) house will no longer serve as an entrance or egress,” Burke said. “It’s a destination, because of its historic value to the nation as a nationally registered historic site. So patrons will, from this point on, enter on a daily basis the grand colonnade.

“... Our goal with this building project was to reduce the pressure on the historic core,” he added, “so that it can be preserved for the next hundred years.”

Among the other community offerings moving into the Alger Center amid its soft opening are The Family Center’s

Hollyfest on Nov. 17, the return of Grosse Pointe Men’s Club gatherings and the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.

However, the formal dedication of the Alger Center — along with the dedication of the art sculpture “Les Braves II: At Water’s Edge,” of which The War Memorial received the foundational pieces last week — will not be held until Memorial week 2023.

Patriot Theater remains static

Plans to reconstruct the Patriot Theater following last summer’s flooding will not progress until the organization’s board is able to identify the more than \$1 million needed to repair the space, Burke said.

“We are happy that the fundamental issues that resulted in the flooding have been fixed,” he added, “waterproofing the foundation (and) fixing the complicated ecosystem of the ground water around the 1961 building.

“We look forward to building it,” he continued. “The space is dry. It’s prepared to take on construction once we’re in a position to enact that.”



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The terrace off the side of the ballroom overlooks the gardens and Lake St. Clair.



Plan Rendering  
Kercheval Parking Plan | October 28, 2022  
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In addition to the new structures, off-street parking for the district is planned for lots located between commercial and residential properties.

sides of Kercheval between Alter and Wayburn, in both Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park.

“It is exciting to see another investment and development that is in touch with the needs of the community,” Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. “The spillover into neighboring Detroit is also testimony to the benefits and outcomes of working in partnership.”

Off-street parking is planned for lots to be constructed buffer-fashion between the three new buildings and neighboring residential areas, as is underway on the north side of Kercheval between Wayburn and Maryland.

“A grocery store would never touch Kercheval in the Park, because there’s just not enough parking available to make it work,” Cotton said. “Maybe with this, I’d love to see it happen.”

Phase One, at the corner of Alter and the north side of Kercheval in Detroit, carries over into the Park and involves razing an unused, two-story commercial building plus a former bar, My Dad’s Bar, that sounded its last last call late last month.

Phase Two, with no firm timeline except to start next year, is on the same side of Kercheval as Phase One. The main distinction is it being located entirely within the Park at the corner of Wayburn. The lot is vacant except for a few municipal prefabricated storage sheds.

Phase Three shifts to the south side of Kercheval at Alter in Detroit, another piece of vacant land next to,

in ascending order, a karate studio, Shaw’s Books and the Detroit Barber Company.

None of the three businesses are touched by construction, except indirectly through a forthcoming, 45-space parking lot planned to the rear, according to Cotton’s plans.

“Next to the karate studio, across from Phase One — same concept, retail on ground floor, apartments above,” Cotton said.

“That’s the part that’s been needed for years to start new development at that intersection, which flows right into the business district in the Park,” Hebeka said. “Those are the right people to see the vision, follow through and do it right. I believe it would also help improve relations with Detroit.”

“As discussed in our city master plan, a day care is a huge demand to attract and keep young families in the community,” said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager. “Both communities have so much potential to transform our border and investment to the city of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park through public-private partnerships with future development along Kercheval.”

Cotton said Detroit officials approved Phase One.

“I’ve met with (Detroit) Mayor (Mike) Duggan,” Cotton said. “He sees this as an opportunity for the two cities to do something great together.”

A member of Duggan’s PR team said he was unavailable to comment.

Rezoning residential property to accommodate a parking lot to support the child care component of Phase One is something the Park planning commission and city council must approve, as they did last month regarding the lot on Wayburn and Maryland.

“Nobody likes parking lots, but child care, by city mandate, is required to have a certain number of parking spaces,” Cotton said. “A child care facility has one of the more onerous parking space requirements in Michigan.”

“We look forward to further review and to coming together to ensure the success of our commercial corridors,” Hodges said.

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enclosed, side yard playground.

“We have already signed a lease for a child care facility, which is very much needed in

this area,” Cotton said. “They’re taking up the entire first floor with eight classrooms from infant to toddlers.”

In a later phase comes, if stars align, a grocery store.

The entire project takes place on both

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# DDA increases design offer

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Five thousand dollars isn't what it once was. Add the highest inflation rate in more than a generation, it's even less.

So, it was no surprise to Grosse Pointe Park officials when no one responded to the Downtown Development Authority's \$5,000 call to redesign the city hall campus, consisting of municipal and public safety headquarters, the area in front of the Ewald branch public library and related parking lots.

"About 40 firms looked at this (offer), so there was interest," said Nick Sizeland, DDA director and city manager.

Sizeland said representatives of some firms said the retainer was too low for the work involved.

"We're really looking for just a rendered drawing," Sizeland said.

But even basic concept drawings involve work that adds up, especially when the deal requires a public presentation.

"Typically, there are a lot of computer-aided design drawings and other aspects that cost a lot of money," Sizeland said. "Adding the community engagement standpoint is a significant cost, typically, for firms to come in here."

Members of the DDA board thereby raised the offer not to exceed \$15,000.

"There's money in the budget," Sizeland said. "We have about \$30,000 available."

Bidders are asked to create a conceptual design "for the purposes of enhancing the beautification, walkability and accessibility to the area."

Services are to include but may not be limited to:

- ◆ a rendered design drawing of the civic site,
- ◆ review and incorporation of a parking lot in front of the Ewald Library,

- ◆ providing a landscape design to connect area roads in one calculated image,
- ◆ identify areas where public art could be incorporated and
- ◆ one presentation



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## Fall colors through the fog

On Saturday morning, Oct. 29, fog draped the area near the Ford House along Lakeshore and the lake. As the fog began to lift, it unveiled the fall colors along the cove at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

during a public meeting of the DDA for community engagement.

"Typically, when looking at a master plan or

design rendering, you're looking at \$20,000 to \$25,000 for a whole streetscape of our area,"

we're so small, what we're looking at here, probably \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be sufficient for this project."

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Lakeshore and/or Grosse Pointe Boulevard currently is addressed within the draft by way of an objective to provide dedicated bicycle and shared-use facilities with pavement striping and signage.

"You won't see anything too radical," said Jane Dixon, project manager with McKenna. "I know Lakeshore, the pathway, is very controversial, but ultimately (we're) just really enhancing what we have currently."

Joining bike lanes under the goal of enhancing multi-modal mobility access throughout the city are additional objectives to provide more crosswalks along McMillian and Moross, increase crosswalk timing at Mack and Lakeshore and incorporate additional streetscaping along major thoroughfares and entrance points.

Another big-ticket objective — presented under the goal of ensuring safe and efficient transportation options — is to provide dedicated turn lanes along Mack. Objectives also under this goal include incorporating traffic-calming techniques at appropriate locations, as well as enacting and enforcing residential on-street parking programs.

### Community facilities

The community facilities branch of the plan features goals of ensuring infrastructure remains supported — under which an objective is to support future stormwater management needs — and continuing to maintain and enhance the city's high-quality facilities.

This is where resident suggestions for improvements to Pier Park fall, encompassed in objectives of exploring the creation of innovative parks and recreation opportunities and continuing to offer more programming options throughout the year to serve the entire community.

An additional objective proposed by McKenna is the consideration of creating a pocket park on a small triangle of city-owned land at Moran and Chalfonte, which was met with some hesitancy by council.

Specific concerns noted how small the land is in addition to the busy intersection with a lot of school kids and church traffic, and suggested McKenna consider altering the language to encourage pocket parks but not in specific locations.

### Land use

In order to "meet the changing needs and preferences of residents through all stages of life by offering a variety of housing options," the draft plan proposes goals of amending the zoning ordinance to permit accessory dwelling units by right in low-density residential districts where the existing structures already support the use and where sufficient off-street parking is available, as well as incorporating mixed-use residential options, such as condos, in existing commercial corridors.

"People want to age in place," Dixon said. "During the public workshop, I had many conversations about the possibility of, 'How can we stay in the community, but I don't want to stay in my large, single-family home.'"

A second goal under the land-use

section to maintain the unique, traditional look of the city by keeping design elements cohesive and true to form includes objectives of:

- ◆ Establishing design standards for new homes that specify the style, quality of materials and level of detail that must be incorporated.

- ◆ Creating a clear policy for residential garages within the zoning ordinance that is responsive to the width of the lot, providing options for narrow lots.

- ◆ Promoting the preservation of historic buildings.

- ◆ Considering the implementation of an administrative site plan review process for new residential construction.

### Economic development

Under the umbrella of enhancing the vibrancy of commercial areas by encouraging diversity of businesses, the draft plan suggests standards to activate public spaces, hosting events on The Hill, potentially conducting a market study on commercial opportunities and areas for business recruitment, as well as creating an economic development strategy.

"As we've heard," Dixon said, "people want to focus more on restaurant and entertainment uses and less so on office uses, at least on the first floor along Kercheval."

Objectives under the goal of supporting a localized economy — supporting the growth of home-based businesses, live-work spaces, mixed-use properties and flexible commercial space; promoting training and networking programs for small businesses; and activating The Hill with midday events to engage the growing daytime population of residents who work from home — were questioned, as far as their focus on working from home, by Councilwoman Beth Kondrad Wilberding, who suggested many residents have returned to the office in recent months.

"More employers are encouraging their workers to go back to work," she said, "so that's somewhat fluid, whereas to make an actual decision on that or recommendation, I think it's premature."

The third goal under economic development within the draft is to assure new developments maintain the aesthetic standards of their surroundings by promoting potential redevelopment sites, ensuring redevelopment projects comply with city design standards and introducing landscaping, streetscaping and public art standards into the zoning code.

### Natural features

Under natural features, the goals are summarized by supporting the enhancement of the existing urban tree canopy and increasing community-wide resilience in preparation for future flooding and storm events. This takes the form of considering the adoption of zoning language that sets maximum surface coverages by district, encouraging pervious surfaces especially around parking development; exploring the possibility of offering a rain garden credit pilot program; and working with stakeholders and researchers to understand the viability of naturalized shore protection options.

"I know the city's looking at how to handle the seawall," Dixon said. "It was something that came up very frequently in public engagement."

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, NOV. 6

◆ Daylight Saving Time ends: Set clocks back one hour.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 8

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

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission Awards Night, 7 p.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 10

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 11

◆ Veterans Day

### SATURDAY, NOV. 12

◆ Electronic Waste Drop-off Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Open to City, Farms, Park and Shores residents with valid ID.



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# Shores resident is K-9s' best friend

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

The impact of Sharon Peters' late father, Detective Lt. Richard J. Scott, is threaded throughout so many aspects of the life she enjoys today, it's no wonder she recalls having a bond nothing could wedge.

Amid his 35 years serving in the Roseville Police Department, he acted as matchmaker for his daughter and another officer's nephew, resulting in Sharon's marriage of 49 years and counting to Greg Peters.

"They thought that we would make a good couple," she said, "so they

introduced us and that was 49 years ago. I guess they could see something way back then."

The couple moved to Grosse Pointe Woods six weeks before their first child was born, drawn in by the school district, and now have lived in Grosse Pointe Shores the last 27 years.

After years fulfilling the duties of stay-at-home mom — as well as lunch mom and play-ground mom at school — to Mike, Tim and Amy, who are each a year apart, Peters saw an article in the Grosse Pointe News in 2014, stating then Farms K-9 Duke needed donations for a ballistic vest.

It sparked an idea to

honor her late father, which would become the first in a long chain of donations to law enforcement K-9 teams that total more than 250 to date.

"I contacted them as soon as I could and told them, you found your gal," she recalled. "K-9 Duke was the absolute first K-9 that I ever made donations to. (My dad) spent nearly 50 years of his life protecting and serving and it was just something that we could do to honor him."

Using the same basis, Peters' sister, Patty Settimo, donates often to law enforcement in her home state of Virginia. In 2018, the two partnered to donate 68 pet oxygen masks to outfit every Detroit fire and rescue vehicle — along with 32 additional kits to other area departments — after they heard of a situation where first responders were trying to save a group of puppies and didn't have the right equipment on hand.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Harper Woods Officer Steve Johnson, K-9 Kaiser, Sharon Peters, Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Tim Harris and K-9 Duke.

Among the many other items donated have been grants to help toward the purchase of

a K-9 in several departments; bite suits and other training equipment; teddy bears for law enforcement to give traumatized children; K-9 and handler trading cards for PR purposes; and memorial plaques honoring past K-9s.

Her next donations will be K-9 medical emergency kits to 16 graduating teams from the Oakland Police Academy and K-9 ATF in the next two months, one of which is the Farms' new K-9 Officer Rocco and handler PSO Richard Rosati.

"I've made it my mission to make sure that every K-9 that graduates from school, the

handler has a K-9 medical emergency kit bag — and that's with Narcan also — there from the day he graduates," Peters said. "Once they hit the road, they're protected, because they don't get those medical bags from their departments."

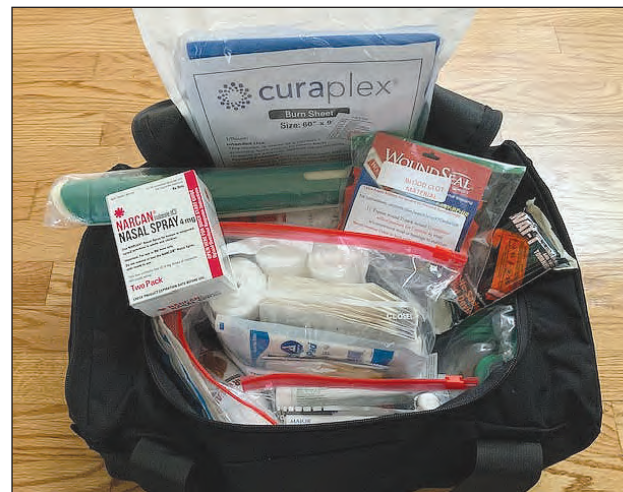
The Shores resident said the highlight so far has been watching two of her vest recipients from Hazel Park and Marysville win a nationwide contest against 26 other departments for fully outfitted K-9 law enforcement vehicles. Despite the fact only one vehicle initially was being offered, the anonymous donor was so impressed by the outpouring of votes for the two Michigan departments, both were gifted brand new 2020 Chevy Tahoes.

"I have been blessed with an overwhelming life filled with happiness, success and great health," said Peters, who added none of her efforts would be possible without the loving support of her husband. "By helping to keep our law enforcement safe being my top priority, all the while honoring the life of my late parents, this is my way of giving back to society."

The couple, whose own 11-year-old black Labrador, Ruby, is master-hunter qualified, aim to remain planted in the Shores and currently are planning to achieve their dream of a six-week boating trip on Lake Superior.



Above left, Peters received a K-9 donation plaque from the Johns Hopkins Hospital Team in 2019. Above right, Peters made it her mission to ensure every graduating K-9 team leaves the academy with a K-9 medical emergency kit.



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Now, solid vinyl fences will be allowed and they can be up to six feet in height along a property's rear lot line, as long as the homeowner gets written permission from their neighbor that they are in agreement.

Before the update, the ordinance required fences to be "constructed of open lattice work of wood, masonry, or woven metal or wire."

Fences still will be limited to four feet along a property's side lot lines.

"It's basically a sign of the changing times," City Manager Steve Poloni said. "The planning commission received some letters

from residents wanting six feet on the sides, but they didn't want to go that far."

As for pools, they can now be located no closer than 15 feet from a rear lot line. The previous ordinance required 30 feet.

"I know some people who have pools that are practically jammed up against the back of their house because the backyard isn't very deep," Councilwoman

Danielle Gehlert said. "This is a good move."

Mayor Ted Kedzierski said a real estate broker told him the change could help with the sale of lots in the Deeplands subdivision, where development has been slow to take hold in part because of the 30-foot requirement.

Pools still will be required to have a safety fence around them if the entire yard is not already fenced. All gates leading to the pool must have automatic and positive latching devices, which is a latch that closes automatically when the gate is shut.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Garage entered

Sometime during the 1 ½-week period of Thursday, Oct. 13, to Monday, Oct. 24, someone entered a garage in the 1100 block of Buckingham and took a Stihl trimmer, blower and edger.

### Steals converter

A catalytic converter was stolen between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, from a vehicle parked in a lot next to a business in the 15000 block of Mack.

### Takes change

During the 24-hour period starting 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, a change purse containing coins totaling \$5 was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 800 block of Pemberton.

### Dog scam

Police said do not trust the website, bullterriers pupsforsale.com.

A resident of the 1000 block of Wayburn reported Oct. 30 being scammed out of \$1,000 when trying to buy a dog through the purported online breeder.

"After payment was made, it was determined the company was fake and running a scam," police said.

An internet search of the company's telephone number, (918) 304-6361, also generates a scam warning.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Specific theft

A plate compactor worth more than \$2,000 was stolen from behind a house on Lake Shore Lane sometime prior to Tuesday, Oct. 18, and was reported missing around noon Monday, Oct. 24, by the owner of a basement waterproofing company working on the house.

A plate compactor is used to tamp down dirt before pouring concrete. The company owner told officers the piece of equipment was in the backyard, tucked near the home's rear door.

Officers could not locate any security footage from

surrounding houses, leaving detectives to determine the theft probably was committed by someone familiar with the machine and its location.

### The pits

A woman reported she, her daughter and their two dogs were charged by a pit bull while out for a walk on Woodland Shore around 4:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

The black pit bull, wearing a pink collar, jumped on the woman's daughter but did not bite her. The complainant said the dog ran west on Woodland Shore, but officers were unable to locate it.

— Ted O'Neil  
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 885-8100.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Street parking

An unoccupied vehicle left parked on westbound Lakeshore near Kerby was towed for the safety of other drivers at 5:02 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24.

### Suspended again

After being pulled over at Moross and Chandler Park for tinted windows at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, a 27-year-old Harper Woods man was cited for driving while license suspended. The man has multiple prior convictions.

### Expired and suspended

A 39-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving while license suspended after her vehicle was spotted with an expired license tab at Mack and Radnor at 9:49 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.

### Switch up

After calling 911 himself over an argument with his girlfriend, a 36-year-old Detroit man was found to have a felony arrest warrant for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, for which he was arrested at 12:35 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

The man's girlfriend said he suffers from mental health conditions and

hasn't taken his medications in months.

### Be patient

Two vehicles collided at 3:22 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, as one tried to go around traffic turning from southbound Moross onto eastbound Chalfonte by passing on the right, where the second vehicle already was improperly passing.

The driver of the second vehicle, a 38-year-old Detroit woman, said she did not have a valid license due to not having a birth certificate to present to the Secretary of State to verify her identity. She was issued a citation.

### Collision course

A homeowner in the 400 block of Chalfonte is out two vehicles at the moment, after a drunken driver crashed into the first, pushed it into the second and ended up on the front lawn at 5:26 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

The passenger, a 20-year-old Clinton Township woman who also was drunk, tried to prevent officers from arresting the 21-year-old Harrison Township man by clinging to him with all limbs.

She was arrested for resisting officers, while the man was arrested for fail-

ure to stop and identify after an accident, operating with a blood alcohol content of 0.17 percent or more and not having vehicle insurance.

### False ID

After being pulled over at Piche and Moross for blue lights and tinted windows on his car at 9:59 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, a 32-year-old Detroit man was arrested for giving false identification to a police officer and a second offense of driving while license suspended.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Gun grab?

An Ascension St. John Hospital employee filed a report around 1 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, after her key fob activated while she was at work.

The window of her vehicle had been smashed and her purse stolen. She told police the purse contained her driver's license and concealed weapon permit. She also told officers she thinks her handgun may have been in the vehicle.

### Improper plate

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was stopped around 10:50 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the 1000 block of Vernier after an officer noted an improper plate on her vehicle.

The woman did not have identification but had the title to the vehicle, which she said she purchased within the last few days. A LEIN check showed she had a five-time suspended license and warrants out of Detroit, Shelby Township and Warren.

The woman was ticketed for the improper plate and driving on a suspended license and the vehicle was impounded.

### Loan fraud

A resident in the 500 block of Colonial reported around 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, that he discovered someone received a loan in his name for \$19,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The loan was processed August 2020, and now has a balance of \$20,506.97. The USSBA confirmed to officers the man's name was used, but with an email and financial institution not associated with the victim.

### Direct debt

A resident in the 2100 block of Ridgemont filed a report around 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, after getting a settlement offer

from a collection agency for \$805.

The woman discovered someone used her personal information to open an account with AT&T for DIRECTV at a address in Detroit.

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Cracking down on retail theft

Two black males driving a red Chrysler 300 stole approximately \$280 worth of various beverages from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval by using a barcode on one of their phones at 3:40 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24.

Later that same day, a white man and woman, both in their 40s, stole \$90 worth of various items from the same business at 7 p.m.

"In the last few months, we have made numerous arrests regarding their retail fraud issues, with more to come," Detective Mike Narduzzi said via email. "We want people to know if you steal from the (business), or anywhere in GPC, we will take the time to track you down."

— Laurel Kraus  
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OUR VIEW

Park should vote 'yes' on millage

Grosse Pointe Park voters face an important decision on Election Day on whether to vote yes or no on a 2.5-mill infrastructure millage.

We endorse voting yes on this millage because it is the most practical way to get critical funding the Park needs to modernize the city's water and sewer infrastructure.

According to the ballot question, the millage, amounting to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, can only be used "for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, replacing, and enhancing water and sewer systems and related infrastructure in the city."

The millage is a tax that will allow strategic funding to replace infrastructure as conditions change over time. Currently, no taxes are used to support the water and sewer systems in the Park.

A 2.5-mill tax translates into an additional \$425 in property taxes per year to the owner of property having a taxable value of \$170,000, according to a Sept. 29, Grosse Pointe News article from reporter Brad Lindberg.

Why is the funding necessary?

- ◆ Of the city's 35.3 miles of water mains, 95 percent of them date back to the 1920s. They either are in need of repair or replacement, or do not meet today's design standards.

- ◆ Nearly 2,000 Park homes have lead service lines, which the state is mandating cities replace in the next 20 years.

- ◆ The 2021 flood stressed the sewer system, with no assurances of heavy storms or wet weather patterns abating.

The city has aggressively and proactively applied for grants and loans with varying levels of success. It used its one-time direct funding of American Rescue Plan dollars for sewer cleaning. It did receive funding from SEMCOG's Southeast Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Program, and is waiting for a decision on an application submitted Nov. 1, to the state's Clean Water Revolving Fund from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

However, the Park was outright denied funding from EGLE's Drinking Water Asset Management program. The department's Drinking Water Revolving Fund is unavailable because it has not been funded in the last two fiscal years. FEMA also denied the city funds from its Building Resilient Independent Communities program.

Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Nick Sizeland explained that due to many of the state's program requirements, receiving a loan or grant funding in the Park is a challenge, thanks to the city's higher, average household income when compared to more disadvantaged communities.

He also said the infrastructure investment will support clean water and re-establish sewer resilience. Without the burden of crisis, the general hope is that our cities deftly manage the money they already have. But should the millage not pass, officials conservatively estimate the city would have to increase water/sewer rates by at least 30-40 percent to raise funds equivalent to the proposed millage. A rate increase this steep would disproportionately impact lower-income residents, com-

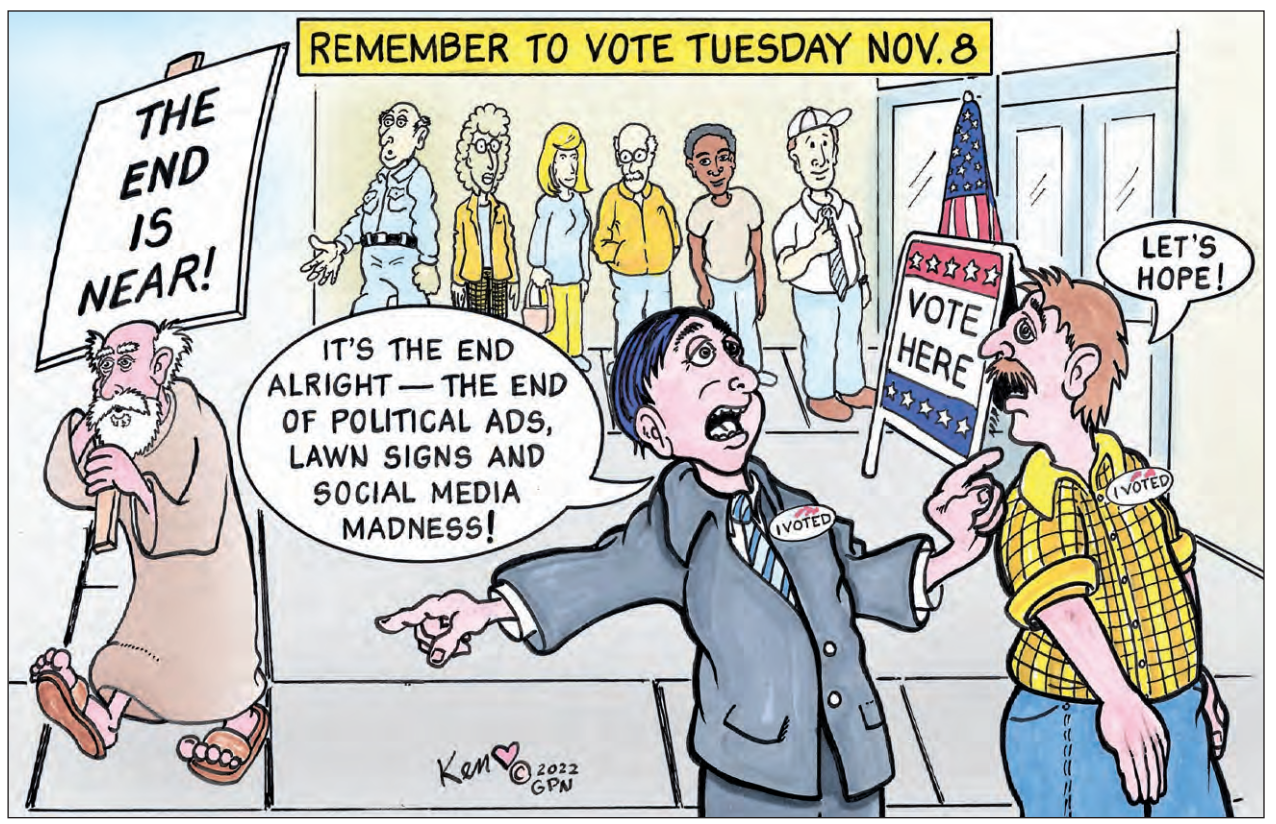


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There's no debate on this one: Election Day marks the merciful end to the all-consuming political talk swirling around us. But before then, be sure to head to our special election pages beginning on page 9A to inform yourself on the various candidates running for office in the state and school district Nov. 8.

OUR VIEW

Enrollment, academic excellence, finances, more at stake in BOE election

Grosse Pointers have important votes to cast on Nov. 8 for Michigan's governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state Supreme Court, Congress, Senate, circuit courts, state and university boards, as well as three very important proposals.

Locally, we face a significant decision to fill three open seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. After a months-long, heated race, it is more apparent than ever that our district cannot afford to elect less than stellar trustees to serve our students, teachers and community for the next four years.

The option is not there for us to select more "yes" people who think everything is just fine when there are district fires sounding the alarms. The time is now to elect the candidates who will lead our district back to unparalleled excellence.

Our editorial staff has rightfully recused itself as a collective from following the traditional endorsement path of naming specific board candidates for which to vote, due to our conflict of interest with newspaper ownership. Bloomberg newspapers covered the 2020 presidential race with their owner as one of the election's most serious contenders. We know we can do it too.

That does not, however, lessen our responsibility to provide insights to the voting public that we have gained by interviewing each of the 10 candidates in person and following and reporting on their campaigns throughout these months.

There are stark personality differences among the 10 choices, to be sure. But charming or funny just isn't enough. Loud and look-at-me will wear thin. Low-key and understated should not be discounted, and often signifies measured leadership.

With the district still shaking off the effects of being one of the last ones in the state to return to in-person learning, specific, back-to-basics areas have taken on renewed importance. We view the following issues to be the most immediate and important for new school board members to address, fix and improve, along with the attributes required to accom-

plish them from among the 10 candidates:

◆ Academic excellence and achievement

Yes, there is an important difference between academic excellence and "educational" excellence, the latter of which is the verbiage in the district's current strategic plan. While we appreciate what both stand for, our district must go where Rome is burning. And re-focusing on strengthening our students' math, reading and writing skills should rise above all else before we shift focus. If we zero in on tangential emotional and social aspects while we still have kids failing and falling behind, we aren't doing our essential job as a school system. That should not be a debate. Ideally our learning environments should have a holistic approach, but COVID has forced our hand to push the reset button and get back to ensuring that academic skills and learning benchmarks are being met first and foremost. And lest we forget how quickly things changed for our students during COVID, we encourage you to consider what candidates would fight their hardest on behalf of students, should we face shutdowns again. Ask yourself what candidates would insist on creative solutions for learning and who are imaginative enough to generate new ideas should a similar shutdown happen, versus those who would simply fall in line and blindly follow marching orders? Our district has identified an increased percentage of our student body as "at-risk" learners, who most especially cannot afford more learning loss. Elect trustees who are proponents of an academics-first focus, which will go a long way to right our students' paths of success and reestablish our district as a leader in Michigan.

◆ Enrollment decline

Vote for the candidates whose ideas are quantifiable and achievable in stopping our enrollment decline. Interviewing families who left and inviting them to come back should be ground zero. Recruiting the youngest families by establishing an early childhood education center should be a priority. Once again, resetting ourselves with a simple, basic approach applies here. In contrast, the idea of some-

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pounded by the current environment of historic inflation.

So with a cascading collection of circumstances, including historic storms, aging water mains and updated state regulations, Park residents are being

called upon to help.

Passing this millage will establish a vital foundation for current residents and for those considering making Grosse Pointe Park their future home for generations to come.

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or National Education Association is a liability in my view. Unions representing public employees are first and foremost interested in themselves. When a public sector union endorses board members they will be bargaining with, I wonder exactly what qualifications they are looking for.  
**ALAN DOMZALSKI**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

felt was a well written article by Publisher Anne Gryzenia expressing her feelings on the paper's owner, Mr. Sean Cotton, running for our school board. In the letter, Ms. Jacobs cast aspersions on Ms. Gryzenia and expressed her concern about what would happen to the paper should Mr. Cotton be elected to our school board.

Ms. Jacobs must not have been reading the Grosse Pointe News and following the goings on in our schools very carefully the past two months. Had she been doing so, she would have seen countless

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What qualifications?

**To the Editor:**  
A letter writer in last week's paper suggests that the Grosse Pointe Education Association is well qualified to rec-

ommend school board candidates, after a careful screening and interview process. I suggest the opposite. An endorsement by the Grosse Pointe Education Association

Taken aback

**To the Editor:**  
I was taken aback when I read the Letter to the Editor in last week's Grosse Pointe News by Ms. Christine Jacobs criticizing what I

I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Think before you ask a question



**H**ave you ever been to a national park? If not, you must go. They are amazing. I have worked and lived in three national parks and each time, the experience was incredible. You learn a lot about people and about yourself. Working and living in a national park is a whole other world. Time suspends itself and you often have to look at a calendar to see what day or date it is. Every day you wake up to a beauty that is astounding and wildlife and a wild land that is awe inspiring.

Until the tourists arrive. On occasion, there is a lack of thinking on the tourists' part given the questions they ask. And they are doozies. I say that because of what comes out of their mouths: If they thought about it, they would realize how ridiculous the questions are. Sometimes they did and we had a good laugh.

Here are a few examples of some of the questions: "When is sunrise service?" "Why did the Indians build the ruins so close to the road?" "Is the astronomy walk at night?" "We pulled up and beeped our horn and no deer came out. Aren't there any deer here?"

The first park I worked and lived in was the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Mixed in with the regular visitors were rock stars, dignitaries, movie stars and politicians. It was

interesting to meet people from around the world and see their customs.

When people visit a national park they don't seem to realize it is not a roadside attraction or zoo. The animals live there; it is their home. You are the visitor. Please don't approach the wildlife then be surprised when you're gored or trampled. The animals and the land should be respected — from a distance.

I believe something happens to people's thinking when they visit a national park. Maybe it's the altitude. The questions visitors ask park employees can be insightful, but are oftentimes ridiculous.

A tourist at the Grand Canyon wanted to know how long it took to build the canyon. Really? Do you think sculptors went down there and chiseled

for years? Nature, wind and water created that masterpiece. At the South Rim, the canyon is about 7,000 foot elevation and when you're that high up you need to give your body time to acclimate. You'll need at least twice as much water than you normally drink, alcohol will affect you differently and when you hike, you need to do it in the proper clothing and footwear. When I lived there, a lady hiked down the Bright Angel Trail, or tried to at least, in four-inch heels. Seriously. Then there was someone who saw litter on a ledge below the rim, climbed down to get it and ended up having to be rescued because he couldn't get back up.

Glacier National Park was the second park I worked at and it was like living in a postcard. Every day when I woke up, I could see the beauti-

ful mountains outside my window without getting out of bed.

Lake McDonald Lodge in the park sits on the shore of Lake McDonald, which is about 10 miles long, over a mile wide and 472 feet deep. There is a tour boat that takes visitors around the lake and the tourists at this park didn't disappoint with their questions.

"Do you drain the lake in the winter?" What? And where would you put the water and the fish?

One day on the tour boat someone asked the ranger, "How much does the mountain weigh?" I was standing behind this person and thought, if they had asked me I would have sarcastically said, "With or without trees?"

Another tourist asked, "Do you turn the creek off at night?" (They were referring to a creek that

drains into Lake McDonald.) Other questions were, "Do you let the animals out in the morning?" "How far is the two-mile hike?" "How long is the 75-minute program?" Seriously, you can't make this stuff up.

The third park I worked in, this time while in college, was Rocky Mountain National Park. What made me want to work there other than the scenery and the wildlife, is the fact that one day when I was visiting the park with a friend, I saw a lady in a bright pink tracksuit feeding potato chips to a deer. I explained to the lady that you can't feed the deer or the wildlife because then they get used to it and won't forage for food in the winter. They become dependent on humans. She could starve. She said, "He likes it." I

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## STAKES:

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how creating "affordable" family housing into the Pointes (the whys and hows of which are a completely different conversation) is a knee-jerk response to our declining enrollment. Quite frankly, it also falls out of the BOE's scope. We caution voters to pause and evaluate a candidate with a "butts in seats" approach. Hearing a few candidates recommend this in our interviews underscored two things: Their lack of understanding or appreciation of the value of our community's long-established aspirational nature, and/or what little impact they would have on the board with misguided, ineffective or unsustainable ideas such as these.

### ◆ Financial security, stewardship and stability

In our interviews, there are clear differences

between candidates who possess sophisticated financial and business savvy, and those that simply do not. At a time when every single penny counts in our district, we need the three newest trustees to elevate the board's skillset in this arena. We also need to elect board members who have experience in creating the most effective organizational structures to evaluate issues and ideas and to increase the board's productivity. Elect trustees who understand how boards efficiently and effectively operate and who can implement process improvements, based on leadership experience. Not all candidates are created equally here.

### ◆ Enhancing our trades program as a leader in Michigan

The time is ripe for our district to develop a full-blown trades program that is the envy of the state. We have the seeds in the dirt, but we need to elect trustees who are willing to help fertilize a healthy trades program that bears substantial fruit. Not only

could it serve as a powerful recruitment tool, but could also provide a legitimate, directed career option for the many students who desire this path. Look for candidates who are motivated and inspired about a trades program, and who are connected to businesses, learning and philanthropic institutions, who could capitalize on these relationships to benefit our students and district.

At times, this election season has been exasperating with controversies, sign wars and social media showdowns. But our schools' future depends on electing the three candidates who will be the most effective and successful in getting things done for our district's stakeholders as a board of education trustee.

We urge you to vote. Whether it's at the polls or voting by absentee ballot there are no excuses for not participating in this democratic process. Not exercising this right is the ultimate way to fail yourself and each other. Choose wisely.

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# Voters tapped for water-sewer millage

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The 2.5-mill, 10-year millage proposal to be decided by Park voters Nov. 8, would generate \$1,758,292 annually for improvements to the water and sewer systems.

The money can't be used for anything else, according to ballot language.

To quote the language, the millage is "for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, replacing and enhancing water and sewer systems and related infrastructure in the city."

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

Should the millage pass, Park officials said they intend to put the

resulting receipts toward upgrades to the city's 35.3 miles of water mains, 95 percent of which were installed during the 1920s and have reached the end of their practical life, as witnessed by frequent breaks.

"Design standards of today exceed what we have underground," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Also needing attention are 41 miles of sanitary sewers, 29.5 miles of storm sewers, plus an unfunded state mandate to replace 2,025 lead services lines.

"Not long ago, our community experienced catastrophic flooding," said Mayor Michele Hodges, referring to basement backups during heavy rains two summers ago.

"We are also mandated to replace lead service lines and are working with an

infrastructure that is a century old and needs end-of-life replacement. The remedies are costly and will be paid for one way or the other. It is up to voters to decide if a millage is a preferred method or if the cost will be assessed in some other fashion, with grants only a remote possibility."

Some improvements to storm water handling are underway. A contractor recently wrapped up a year inspecting the sewer systems, mapping areas needing repair.

A donation from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation allowed city officials to get a jump on ordering parts for an extreme emergency relief valve to divert excess storm water into Lake St. Clair rather than let it back into basements.

"Storms are increasing in strength, challenging

our sewer system," Sizeland said. "Since the storm events of 2021, the city immediately engaged with the community to discuss the state of our infrastructure. We utilized our one-time direct funding of American Rescue Plan dollars for sewer cleaning and clearly realized more work needs to be done to update the state of our infrastructure, which requires significant investment."

Although the Park received Rescue Plan funding, it was rejected for the state Drinking Water Asset Management and federal Building Resilient Independent Communities programs.

Sizeland said he planned to apply for the state Clean Water Revolving Fund on Nov. 1.

"Unfortunately, the likelihood of the Park receiving loan or grant

funding is challenging due to not being a disadvantaged community and having a higher household income," Sizeland said. "The city will continue to explore funding options. One of those options is the proposed water and sewer millage. The city is asking the community to engage with their vote on Nov. 8, and let the city know if this option is the path we should choose to fund our infrastructure. By investing in our community infrastructure to support clean water and shore-up our sewer resilience, we are going to leave our community in a better place than we found it and for future generations to come that choose the Park as their home."

Other funding methods don't generate enough of a financial kickstart or enough money overall to

do the work, according to a presentation Sept. 20 by the infrastructure committee:

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

◆ "Only 33 percent of taxes paid by homeowners stays in the city. The rest is sent to the state, county, local school district and other entities. Currently, no taxes are used to support the water and sewer systems."

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

## I SAY:

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looked at my friend and said, "That's it, I'm coming back here and I'm getting an official uniform and a radio." And I

did.

My first day working there, someone asked me the ultimate question, the question that is asked in many parks: "When does a deer turn into an elk?" With a straight face I looked at them and said,

"Shortly before it becomes a moose." Eventually I had to tell them I was kidding, that they are in the deer family but not the same species and deer do not become elk or moose. "Wow," they replied, "you

were totally convincing." That question is asked so often it's on a plaque in Yellowstone.

Other crazy questions asked at this park and others are: "Does it get dark here?" And, when math is not their stron-

gest subject and the ranger just said the trail is a four-mile long loop, they still asked, "If I go halfway in, then come back, how long would that be?" Sigh.

Hearing these questions was educational

and entertaining, yet it reminds me to be mindful of what I ask when I go somewhere. So if you are going to visit a national park, think before you speak and please be respectful of the park and its wildlife.

## LETTERS:

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opportunities Mr. Cotton could have taken advantage of to further his campaign by directing that certain missteps by fellow school board candidates and the school system be reported on

from different viewpoints than were taken. Instead, he stepped back from the paper and allowed Ms. Gryzenia and her staff to run the paper as they saw fit. I don't know of many in the political arena who would have adopted his "hands off" approach to preserving the paper's

independence from his campaign.

I have some quick advice for Ms. Gryzenia, Mr. Cotton and Ms. Jacobs. Ms. Gryzenia — keep doing what you're doing and keep sharing your heartfelt thoughts with us as readers. We appreciate your honesty and sincerity. Mr. Cotton

— best of luck with your campaign. We can definitely use your big picture mind and analytic thinking on our school board. Let Ms. Gryzenia run the paper, but share your thoughts with us on the editorial pages, just like your predecessors Butch Edgar and John Minnis did for

decades. After all it is YOUR paper! Ms. Jacobs — if you think the paper takes a direction that you don't like, it's a FREE country — just stop reading it. It is NOT a publicly owned entity. It is owned by one person who I am guessing is taking tremendous losses with every issue

published, all for the sake of preserving a home town newspaper thousands of us who live here cherish. Write your letter chastising the publisher to the Grosse Pointe Times next time and see if it gets published.

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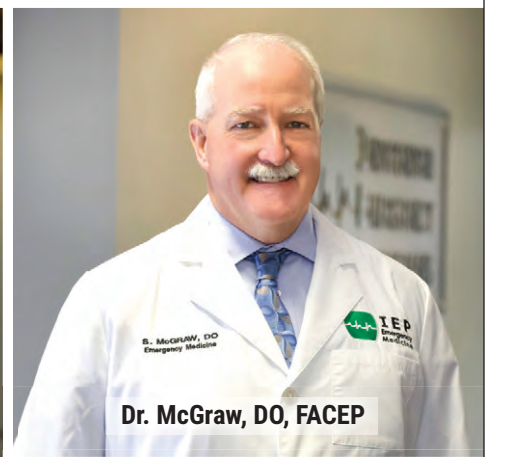


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# Lazar celebrates 40 years of serving the community

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Being a State Farm insurance agent wasn't always in the cards for Ed Lazar.

In fact, selling insurance was the furthest option from his mind.

"I was in my second business at the time this opportunity came up — a burglar alarm company with a distant family member," Lazar said. "There were four partners and three of them didn't work very hard. It was a struggle."

When a cousin — a State Farm sales manager — approached him about an opportunity with the company, Lazar was reluctant.

"He said, 'The best thing about banging your head against a wall is stopping,'" Lazar recalled. "The last thing I wanted to do was sell insurance, but he said, 'Talk to my friend. Let him outline the program. You'll be surprised.'"

Lazar listened and learned. He wouldn't just be selling insurance. He would be running a small business while adding to it touches of his personality.

He started the new venture in November 1982, and hasn't looked back since.

"Now it's been 40 years,"



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

**Ed Lazar is celebrating 40 years as a State Farm agent and in serving the community.**

Lazar said. "I've survived a lot of ups and downs along the way. It's not always easy; it's not always fun. But there's so much more to it than that. I'm helping people prepare for the worst and then helping them through the worst times they can face."

"... I don't know where the time went," he added. "It's been quite a ride."

Lazar, who has been based in Grosse Pointe 30 of the past 40 years, started his business in shared office space in Mount Clemens. He moved from there to a small building at Warren

and Cadieux, then spent a few years on The Hill before finding a home for his insurance business at Mack and Moran.

Lazar said his firm's longevity is a major accomplishment, which was made easier with some help.

"I'm grateful to have great people who work with me and great support from my family," he said. "(My wife) Karen is a great support."

Lazar is a firm believer in balance — a value he impresses on other business owners and executives through his consulting firm, Essential Team

Advisors. Balance — family, health, work, community service and things done for fun — is key, he said.

"If it gets out of whack, the business suffers."

The firm, he noted, has given him "the opportunity to really exercise who I am and fulfill why I'm here. Those are two questions I help business owners and executives figure out."

"... My career in insurance, consulting and coaching all support who I am and why I'm here," he continued. "These are values I live by and a vision for the rest of the years I'm here. Why? I'm here to be truly helpful. All the things I'm doing now allow me to do that — allow me to be me."

Lazar balances his dual work life by serving on The War Memorial Board of Directors — he's the longest-seated member — and coaching middle school cross country and high school track and field. Through his nonprofit, East Metro Athletics, he hopes to establish a fieldhouse in the community that will help build complete student-athletes.

"I've had a hand in just about every organization around here," Lazar said. "That's part of my heritage. My grandparents and parents were very involved in community. It's part of my practice: You have

to give back to the community that supports you."

Family life also takes top priority — as does being grateful for all he has.

"Gratitude is mission critical," the father of four and grandfather of eight said. "And it's important to keep a sense of humor. You have to laugh and have fun. I learned that growing up."

Among the industry and company awards Lazar has received during his four decades in business is one that stands out from the rest. The glass trophy lists him as a 2015 Pointer of Distinction for Community Service, an award presented by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm here only to be truly helpful," he said. "Being recognized by the chamber and the community truly was rewarding. I didn't do it for the recognition, but it was nice to hear it."

Lazar said he's got plenty of motivation to keep him moving ahead. He looks forward to continuing to serve, coach and guide those who need him.

"As I get closer to 70 years old, I'll make some decisions," Lazar said. "We'll have met the plan by that time. In the meantime, we have a lot to get done. Who knows what's yet to come."

# Fireigloo the latest in backyard entertainment

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The motto of Fireigloo is, "Where Light and Friends Meet," and that's exactly the message Larry Monahan wants to stress.

Called a mobile fire pit stove, the Fireigloo differs from most backyard fire pits due to its height and circular screen design that distributes heat evenly and lets people enjoy watching the fire from any angle.

"It's really the quality and simplicity in the design that sets it apart," Monahan said. "It's easy to use, easy to clean and easy to transport."

Monahan, who is retired from the tool and die business, has exclusive rights for manufacturing and distribution in the United States and Canada.

"I've owned other fire pits before that sit low to the ground and you have to be right on top of them to feel any heat or see the fire," he said. "Plus, they give off a lot of sparks and embers because they are so open."



COURTESY PHOTO

**The Fireigloo offers a new twist on the backyard fire pit.**

His involvement with the company came about due to an international business deal that didn't work out.

"We had a neighbor in Bloomfield Township who was in marketing with Volvo and moved here from Sweden when

Ford bought Volvo," he explained. "When that partnership ended, he moved back to Sweden but we stayed in touch. He'd even come back every year for our neigh-

borhood dads' golf outing. It was a friend of his back in Sweden who invented it."

The company expanded quickly throughout the

Scandinavian countries, as well as England and Japan. When the decision was made to expand into North America,

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# Clerk asks for early return of AV ballots

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — City of Grosse Pointe City Clerk Julie Arthurs estimates only about 30 percent of voters in the upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 8, election will choose to exercise their right in person on Election Day, continuing the trend of preferred absentee voting.

“This is the first gubernatorial election with no-reason AV voting,” she said.

As of last week, the City had 1,773 absentee

ballots requested and only 654 of those already returned.

“Please keep in mind that if you have an absent voter ballot, to turn it in as soon as possible,” Arthurs stressed. “Although the deadline is Election Day, there are things in processing that we need to do, so the sooner you get it in to us, it’s greatly appreciated.”

For the estimated 30 percent of City residents who choose to vote in person, both precincts in

the City will be housed at Maire Elementary School.

Prior to the election, city hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, for absentee ballots and voter registration.

Voters can check their polling location and track the status of their absentee ballot by visiting [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote), as well as find a sample ballot for the election at [mivic.sos.state.mi.us](http://mivic.sos.state.mi.us).

— Laurel Kraus

# Killeen faces Woods resident in county commissioner race

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

*(Editor’s note: Republican challenger John Barry Anderson did not respond to voicemail and email requests for an interview for this story.)*



Tim Killeen

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen said ongoing repairs to the Lake St. Clair seawall is the culmination of years of work.

“I’ve been working on that since the day I took office 16 years ago,” Killeen said of the crumbling barrier.

Killeen, running for his ninth term representing District 1, defeated Brian Banks in the August Democratic primary with 61 percent of the vote. He faces Republican John Barry Anderson of Grosse Pointe Woods in Tuesday’s general election. Anderson did not respond to interview requests. He also is not listed as an endorsed candidate on the Eastside Republican Club’s website. The ERC as well did not respond to a request for comment.

District 1 encompasses the Pointes, Harper Woods and the east side

According to campaign finance reports, Killeen raised some \$32,000 during the primary cycle from 132 separate donations, including two from the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club totaling \$1,000, as of the July 20, pre-primary reporting deadline. Reports since then show he has raised \$420 and spent \$1,000.

Killeen said he wants to work with Harper Woods to come up with a plan to ease traffic congestion on Kelly near the site of the former Eastland Mall, as well as work with the Mack Avenue Business Association on an improvement plan that would stretch from Connor in Detroit, through Grosse Pointe Park, the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms to Moross.

“I don’t believe in artificial lines, with Detroit on one side and the Pointes on the other,” he said. “What’s good for the east side is good for the east side.”

Due to the high tax base, Killeen admits the Pointes do not get back what they pay in county taxes.

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# Dixon, Whitmer face off in gubernatorial race

Republican candidate Tudor Dixon will face incumbent Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in the general election Nov. 8. The Grosse Pointe news asked them to respond to several questions, limiting their answers to 50 words. Dixon did not respond to the survey.



Gretchen Whitmer

things done that make a difference in the lives of Michiganders.

**Political offices held:** I previously served as Ingham County Prosecutor in 2016, in the State Senate from 2006-2015, and in the State House of Representatives from 2001-2006.

**Why are you running for election?** Tough times call for tough people. Michiganders have shown remarkable grit and resilience through everything the past few years have thrown our way.

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**Community involvement:** My dedication to public service has run throughout my career, from serving in the state legislature to my time as governor.

And I am proud to support public servants and bring folks together to get

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**Name:** Gretchen Whitmer  
**Age:** 51  
**City of residence:** Lansing  
**Education:** Michigan State University (BA, 1993), Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University (JD, 1998)  
**Occupation:** I have served as Michigan’s 49th governor since 2019.



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# Farms precincts back to normal locations

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — While the August election saw multiple precincts housed at Grosse Pointe South High School due to construction at other schools, all polling locations have returned to their usual spots for the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election.

- ◆ Precinct 1 is at Grosse Pointe South
- ◆ Precinct 2 is at Richard Elementary School
- ◆ Precinct 3 is at Farms city hall
- ◆ Precinct 4 is at Kerby Elementary School
- ◆ Precinct 5 is at Brownell Middle School

As of last week, the Farms had seen 3,000 absentee ballots requested, continuing the surge in popularity of absentee voting. Of those requested, 1,300, or 43 percent, had been returned.

“The majority of the votes cast will be absentee,” Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said, “and typically that’s 60 to 70 percent.”

City hall will be open for absentee ballots and voter registration from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

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# Bivings, Thanedar vie for U.S. House District 13 seat

Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least seven years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 13 districts as of 2022. Terms are two years.

Come November, Republican candidate Martell Bivings will face off against Democratic candidate Shri Thanedar.

The Grosse Pointe News asked the candidates several questions. Candidates were asked to limit their answers to 50 words.

**Name:** Martell De' Angelo Bivings

**Age:** 25

**City of residence:** Detroit, east side

**Education:** Cody, Howard University

**Occupation:** Economic Development, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

**Community involvement:** Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**Political offices held:** None. This is my first pursuit.

**Why are you running for election?** The American experiment is in a weak position. Our current government is overreaching and not better positioning its citizens for success and upper mobility.

**What issues do you see facing the district in the coming years?**

## COMMISH:

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"The Pointes are a donor," he said. "It's just a reality, but primarily because much of what we do is social services, and that isn't as big a factor here."

County staffing levels, which do impact the Pointes to a degree, are another concern.

"We have all sorts of openings," Killeen said. "We're losing assistant prosecutors, our deputies are working a lot of overtime and the jail is understaffed."

The county website shows no fewer than 75 current openings.

Killeen nearly didn't get the chance to run this year. The county clerk in May removed him from the ballot, saying overdue campaign finance reports from a decade ago made him ineligible to run.

A circuit court judge put him back on the ballot, ruling that Killeen's reporting was valid and it was the responsibility of two companies that made donations to his campaign to report that information to the state.

Killeen earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and taught science at Denby High School before running for office. After winning the August primary, Killeen said he did not expect a very competitive race for the general, noting the seat has not been competitive since long before he took office.



Martell Bivings



Shri Thanedar

Economic decline and increased living below the poverty line. Parents' involvement in their child's K-12 academics.

**How would you solve those issues?** Bring back those issues? Bring back manufacturing to America.

**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** I am the only person skilled to do the work required. I am a political scientist trained at Howard University. I have worked in every level of government, starting with the U.S. Senate, state government in Lansing and local government in the city of Detroit. For the last four years, I have worked in economic development, where I helped open over 45 businesses and helped bring \$2.5 million to the district.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the district?** Get our economic house in order. Spending at the federal level is affecting us here at the local level. Long-term fix for K-12 education.

**In what specific ways will you work toward representing Grosse Pointers and this community's concerns?** In addition to meeting with local elected officials, I will meet and interact with residents frequently. This bifurcated effort will allow me to have more understanding of the issues of the community.

**Name:** Shri Thanedar

**Age:** 67

**City of residence:** Detroit

**Education:** PhD

**Occupation:** State representative

**Community involvement:** I volunteered at Ozone House where I managed the suicide hotline prevention network, managed volunteers and worked with at-risk youth. I work with groups across Detroit including People for Palmer Park, Project Healthy Community, have hosted community music festivals and art exhibitions in Detroit, supporting young black artists.

**Political offices held:**

State Representative- HD 3, 2020-present

**Why are you running for election?** I grew up in poverty, worked as a janitor, slept in my car some nights and overcame through education and hard work. I want to make sure people in my district have that same opportunity by making the wealthy pay their fair share and helping people afford daily life.

**What issues do you see facing the district in the coming years?** Inflation, stagnant wages, a mental health crisis and the continuing wealth gap.

**How would you solve those issues?** Make the wealthy and price-gouging corporations pay their fair share to fix our supply chain, help people afford daily life and invest in clean energy to end

our reliance on oil. We also need to strengthen workers' rights and need a single-payer healthcare system.

**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** These are not talking points, but come from personal experience growing up in poverty, losing a spouse to mental illness, being an entrepreneur and creating hundreds of good jobs. I know firsthand that the key to success is supporting and empowering workers. I paid a fair wage, offered good benefits, shared profits with employees every year, had transparent and open books, and when I sold the company, shared proceeds with every single employee — not just the executives.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the district?** Lowering prices, making housing affordable, making life-saving drugs affordable, bring federal dollars back to the district to fund critical things like infrastructure. Long term, we need to invest in clean energy, single-payer healthcare and protect voting rights, women's rights and worker's rights.

**In what specific ways will you work toward representing Grosse Pointers and this community's concerns?** I will be very active and engaged in the Pointes and work to bring resources back to the community. We need funding for infrastructure, protecting our water, clean air and more.



## GOVERNOR:

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toric investments in improving public education, creating good-paying jobs, keeping communities safe, cutting costs for families and strengthening our infrastructure.

**What issues do you see facing the state in the coming years?** I am focused on the fundamentals: boosting our economy, investing in education, cutting costs for families and protecting reproductive freedom in

Michigan.

**How would you solve those issues?** We have secured tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, provided a tuition-free path to higher education for over 170,000 Michiganders and we're fighting to repeal the retirement tax and help Michiganders keep more of their hard-earned money. I will work with anyone to solve problems and move Michigan forward.

**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** I have signed over 900 bipartisan bills in the last four

years and I am willing to sit down with anyone to help people.

We made Michigan's largest ever investment in K-12 education — without raising taxes, cutting taxes for small businesses and we are fixing the damn roads.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the state?** When we focus on the fundamentals, it is easier to see that we all want the same things: quality education and affordable child care for our children, good-paying jobs, safe communities and

reliable infrastructure. I am proud of our work delivering common sense solutions that put Michigan first.

**Will you raise taxes to achieve the goals you have outlined for the state?** Despite all the challenges of the past few years, we have made record investments to address the issues that matter most. We made the largest investment in K-12 education in Michigan's history, expanded affordable child care and quality education and we are fixing the damn roads — all without raising taxes.

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# Corcoran, Tate up for Michigan House District 10 seat

The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws. State representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. Full term is two years. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts, which are reapportioned after each census.

Republican candidate Mark Corcoran will face Democratic candidate Joe Tate in the Nov. 8 general election.

The Grosse Pointe News asked the candidates several questions. Candidates were asked



Mark Corcoran



Joe Tate

to limit their answers to 50 words.

**Name:** Mark Corcoran  
**Age:** 61  
**City of residence:** Grosse Pointe Woods  
**Education:** High school and College at

Christ for the Nations  
**Occupation:** Building contractor

**Community involvement:** I regularly attend Crosspoint Church and am involved in the Eastside Republican and Wayne County Committee.

**Political offices held:** Delegate for the Grosse Pointe Precinct

**Why are you running for election?** I think we need a working class perspective in office instead of lawyers.

**What issues do you see facing the district in the coming years?** High crime needs to be addressed, especially illegal drugs. Education of our youth, not politicization. Respect of one another even when we disagree. Roads and infrastructure need to be fixed as well.

**How would you solve those issues?** More police and better training, encourage judges that are strict but fair. Starting with ourselves we need to not throw lies, allegations at others, but offer good solutions and work toward them. I know there are better materials available and better techniques to build

roads and bridges that last longer than the next election. Let's use them, for example, for our roads, like fiberglass reinforcement bars. I would like to bring trades back into the schools as well for education.

**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** I don't think I am, but I think I have better ideas than my opponent and I am willing to stand up and serve to fight for my community and fellow neighbors.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the district?** My short-term goal is to find educated people with common sense to advise me on the specifics of the problems, like for example what caused the sewer backups and how

have an open ear to the voices of our community and try to meet their needs and solve any problems.

**Name:** Joe Tate  
**Age:** 41  
**City of residence:** Detroit  
**Education:** B.A., M.S. — Michigan State University and M.B.A., M.S. — University of Michigan

**Occupation:** State Legislator

**Community involvement:** American Legion Post 303

**Political offices held:** Michigan State Representative, House District 2 (2019–Present)

**Why are you running for election?** I am running as a part of my deep and lifelong commitment to public service. My

tems in Southeast Michigan must be a priority. Our current systems have outlived their useful service and that has been made clear with our region's challenge with flooding.

**How would you solve those issues?** Continue to invest in our local and regional water infrastructure systems. Similar to what we did at the state level earlier this year with a \$4.7 billion budget supplemental that primarily focused on water infrastructure investments.

**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** I have had the honor of serving the residents of the 2nd House District as a Michigan State Representative for two terms. My experience already serving in this role will be an asset to the residents of the 10th House District.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the district?** In the short-term, I will continue to bring resources to the district such as increased funding for our public schools and resources for streetscape improvement along Mack Avenue. Long-term, I would like to deliver the resources to upgrade and repair our communities' seawalls in both Detroit and the Grosse Pointes.

**In what specific ways will you work toward representing Grosse Pointers and this community's concerns?** Working with my colleagues to pass legislation in a bipartisan manner to address community concerns.



to make sure it never happens again. As far as my long-term goals, protect the innocent and fix the education system.

**In what specific ways will you work toward representing Grosse Pointers and this community's concerns?** I'd like to see the tax money is being used in the most efficient manner and

mother was a Detroit Public School teacher, while my father was a Detroit firefighter. They taught me the meaning of service through their actions.

**What issues do you see facing the district in the coming years?** Water infrastructure upgrades. Properly funding our water infrastructure sys-

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In 2021 I ran for City Council with the promise that I would do my best to return Trombly to its former status as a public elementary school.

Like most of you, I, and my children (Trombly graduates) were greatly dismayed when the school board voted to close Trombly, ostensibly to save money. In fact, the opposite has occurred. Elementary students and early childhood programming have been feeders to our system, bringing young families into our public schools, yet, as a result of the board's short sightedness, we have not only lost an asset, Trombly's closure has contributed to a young student exodus from the system itself creating a financial drain by the significant loss of accompanying tuition dollars.

Built in 1920's, Trombly was part of the "walkable" elementary school concept enshrined in the original GPPSS charter. A concept that now seems abandoned with the simultaneous closing of Poupard Elementary School in Harper Woods.

Today, Trombly students are forced to travel to an overcrowded Defer, while Poupard students are bussed, at significant expense, to other elementary schools in the Woods.

Poupard is now being offered to developers as a mixed housing development. We do not know if that will be Trombly's fate. However, city council recent zoning reclassification does offer some protections to retain Trombly as an educational institution. But we do know that time is running out. Trombly elementary school accreditation will expire soon. If we are to preserve Trombly, we must act during the November 8th election.

To that end, I have spoken with several school board candidates on their position on Trombly. Three of them – Terrence Collins, Virginia Jeup, and Sean Cotton - have provided assurances that they will join with two current school board members - Ahmed Ismael and Lisa Papas – to use their best efforts to reopen Trombly as an elementary school.

While some of you may intend to vote for other candidates, I would ask you to consider your choices carefully and if reopening Trombly is a priority for you, then please choose accordingly. Our most important asset as a community is family, the education of our children and the investment we make in our children's future through education.

Please make a difference. Vote Nov 8th and vote for Trombly Elementary.

Respectfully,  
Christine Gallagher

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# Hertel, Hornberger up for Michigan Senate District 12

The Michigan Senate shares responsibility with the Michigan House of Representatives to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws. State senators may serve a maximum of two full four-year terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts, which are reapportioned after each census.



Kevin Hertel



Pamela Hornberger

Democratic candidate Kevin Hertel will face Republican candidate Pamela Hornberger in the general election Nov. 8.

The Grosse Pointe News asked the candidates several questions. Candidates were asked to limit their answers to 50 words.

**Name:** Kevin Hertel  
**Age:** 37  
**City of residence:** St. Clair Shores  
**Education:** Attended Michigan State University  
**Occupation:** State representative

**Community involvement:** Board member, Macomb County CARE House, Member of the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee, Volunteer with Special Olympics

**Political offices held:** State Representative, 2017 — current

**Why are you running for election?** I am running to represent and give back to the area I grew up in that has given me so much. I will focus on improving educational outcomes, investing in our infrastructure and properly funding our

first responders, not political games. Our community needs leadership that gets things done.

**What issues do you see facing the district in the coming years?** Education and economics are what have made this district great and what we need to focus on making even stronger. We need to ensure the next generation has both the skills to succeed and the opportunities that our strong business communities provide. That means continued investment and solution-oriented leaders.

**How would you solve those issues?** The two most important factors to attracting business are the availability of an educated workforce and the quality of infrastructure. I believe we need to increase our investment in each — ensuring our school districts have the resources to best educate and our infrastructure is sound and stable.

**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** I have a record of working in a bipartisan fashion to get things done. Through my 12 years of experience in the private sector

and three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives I have learned the importance of working together to solve difficult problems.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the district?** My short-term goals are to improve educational outcomes, provide tax relief for families and fix our water and road infrastructure. My long-term goal is to create economic opportunities through entrepreneurship and attracting job creators to Michigan.

**In what specific ways will you work toward representing Grosse Pointers and this community's concerns?** I grew up in Grosse Pointe and know the communities well. I will work with civic organizations, elected leaders and residents to understand their needs and work with them to find solutions. I will make myself accessible through regular coffee hours and community meetings.

**Name:** Pamela Hornberger  
**Age:** 54  
**City of residence:** Chesterfield Township

**Education:** MS. Ed, Saginaw Valley State University, B.S. Michigan State University, Teacher Certification, Wayne State University

**Occupation:** State representative, former teacher

**Community involvement:** Selective Service Regional Representative, Anchor Bay Chamber

**Political offices held:** State Representative District 32, 2016-present; L'Anse Creuse Board of Education 2010-16

**Why are you running for election?** Continue serving the people of Southeast Michigan and people across our state. Continue advocating for our students, families and small business owners that continue to struggle, be overlooked, dismissed and marginalized.

**What issues do you see facing the district in the coming years?** Infrastructure/flooding, education and inflation.

**How would you solve those issues?** Secure additional funding to upgrade sewer and water infrastructure.

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all students receive a quality education that puts students and families first, and ensures teachers are supported and respected.

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**Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?** As a representative and serving in House leadership, I have a long record of accomplishing impactful bi-partisan legislation. My opponent simply votes yes on those and other items, then takes credit for the accomplishments as if he was part of the conversations and negotiations that made them happen; he was not.

**What are your short- and long-term goals for the district?** Meet with community leaders and stakeholders to learn the goals and needs of each community. Formulate a plan based on available resources at the state and federal level to help them accomplish those goals.

**In what specific ways will you work toward representing Grosse Pointers and this community's concerns?** Establish strong partnerships with community leaders and stakeholders through honest, consistent communication. Work with the Grosse Pointe communities to secure the resources necessary to accomplish their goals.



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# Analysis: Explaining GPPSS 2022 test score performance

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

The past two months, several indicators have been released about Grosse Pointe Public School System students' test scores through the COVID-19 pandemic. While one of them, a study of elementary and middle school students' performance on the NWEA — the Northwest Evaluation Association's math and reading assessments — is uncontested, two conflicting data points about the district's mean SAT score data have been discussed by district stakeholders.

In early September, The Detroit News first released an interactive analysis article, in which public high schools in the state of Michigan were ranked by SAT scores from the state-mandated administration of the test in students' junior year.

The comparison showed both Grosse Pointe North's and Grosse Pointe South's average SAT scores fall from 2019 to 2022. This fall was commensurate with many high schools throughout the state, including all of the top 10 high schools in the Detroit News' ranking.

However, the article not only showed that overall average SAT scores dropped throughout the district, but also that both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South dropped in a rank-

ing that compared their average test scores to those of schools throughout the state.

In the 2019 test scores rankings, Grosse Pointe North ranked 97th and Grosse Pointe South ranked 12th, from more than 1,000 schools. In the 2022 ranking, Grosse Pointe North dropped to 100 and Grosse Pointe South dropped nine spots to 21st in the ranking.

In response to the findings reported in The Detroit News article, GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean said the district has been grappling with learning loss resulting from the pandemic, as has every other district throughout the country.

"I mean, the pandemic had a real effect on most learners. (You) can't say every learner, but the vast majority of learners," Dean said. "I think that's true for college students, as well as high school students, as well as some of our youngest learners. And we did see learning loss in our district and ... as a society."

Dean further said this subset of data should only be evaluated as a part of the district's recent standardized test score performance. Soon after, at the Oct. 24 board of education meeting, the district presented additional standardized test score data to evaluate the district's performance.

The SAT data presented was from the College Board's 12th grade cohort data, which

is composed of the scores from tests that could be retaken by the district's 2022 graduates and would therefore be reported to colleges. These scores differ from the data The Detroit News used, which represented the scores of the SAT test that was administered to all of the district's students in the spring of their junior year.

This College Board's 2021-22 data from 12th graders in GPPSS showed an improvement in average SAT scores from the 2019-20 school year. In 2019-20, students scored an average of 1120 out of 1600. In the 2021-22 school year, they scored an average of 1123 out of 1600.

Dan Hartley, the district's director of secondary instruction, said he was amazed by the district's ability to improve this subset of SAT scores over the past two years, even though the national average of this subset of scores dropped a single point from 1051 to a 1050.

"What I really want to highlight and what this points out is what our students and teachers were able to do to maintain and even slightly improve SAT scores over this two-year period," Hartley said. "And it's just simply remarkable."

During this time period — at both the Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 board of education meetings — the district also discussed standardized test score

information for its elementary school students, from the NWEA math and reading assessments. These tests are administered to the district's elementary and middle school students every spring.

The available data was from third- through eighth-grade students, as the NWEA study excluded students tested in kindergarten through second grade because of inconsistencies observed in achievement trends amongst those students.

While national data for the 2022 spring test was not yet available, Keith Howell, the district's director of pre-k and elementary instruction, said these test scores either improved or decreased to a smaller extent than the national test score averages.

Howell said he attributed the district's comparatively better elementary school test score performances to the learning strategies that GPPSS teachers adopted during the pandemic.

"We actually did have some improvements, even through the pandemic, and a lot of that has to do I think with our great teaching that was taking place, some of our digital content that teachers were utilizing at that time and a lot of the support that (our) teachers were doing individually with students throughout the pandemic," he said.

# GPPSS asks for FOIA extension

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System has invoked its right to request a 10-day extension in a public records request filed by the Grosse Pointe News.

In an effort to provide a more in-depth analysis of the district's most recent staff and community survey (as reported by Michael Hartt in the Thursday, Oct. 20 edition), the GP News filed a Freedom of Information Act request Friday, Oct. 21, asking for all responses to the 2021 and 2022 community and staff surveys.

Under Michigan's FOIA law, a public body has five business days to respond to a records request, at which time it can request an additional 10 business days to provide the information.

A letter dated Monday, Oct. 31, from Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson, who also is the district's FOIA coordinator, stated the district would use its extension, "Given the nature and extremely broad scope of your request."

The GP News also asked that any names of survey respondents be redacted to protect their privacy.

An answer from the district is due on or before Tuesday, Nov. 15.

— Ted O'Neil

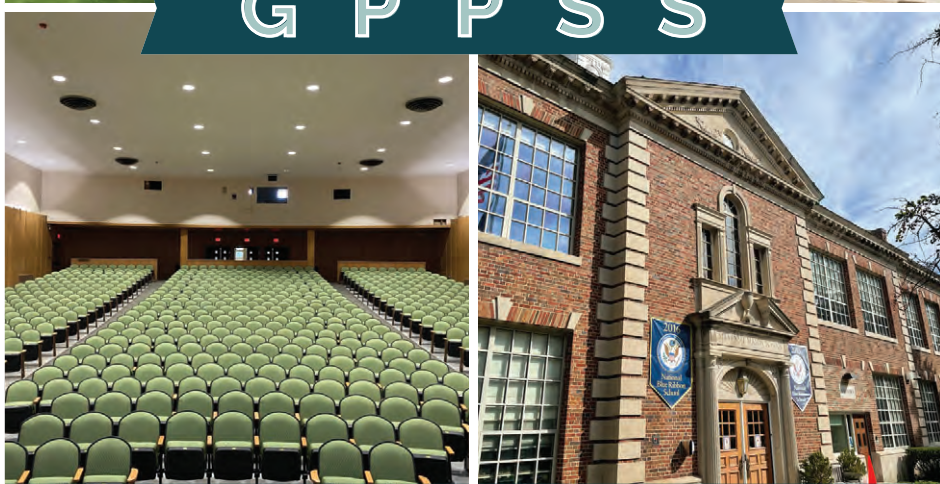
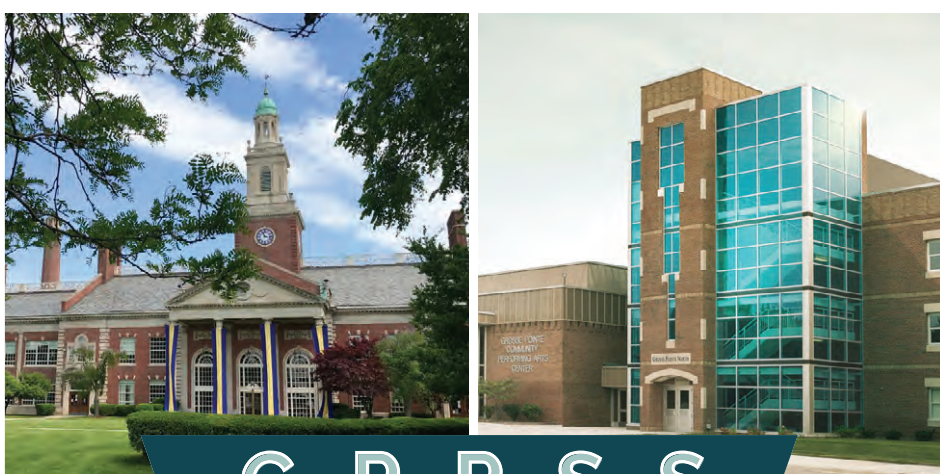
# Athletics admission policies altered

Starting in the 2022-23 school year, the Grosse Pointe Public School System expanded a set of guidelines at district sporting events from its original implementation of them at Grosse Pointe South High School during the 2021-22 school year.

The admission guidelines for athletic events now include:

- ◆ a ban on students bringing bags,

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- ◆ a ban on outside food or drinks,
- ◆ adults' bags being subject to search,
- ◆ a no re-entry policy,
- ◆ students being required to present a school ID when not accompanied by an adult and
- ◆ non-high school students being banned from entering events without an adult present for the duration of the event.

Roy Bishop, the district's deputy superintendent of educational services, said the district's primary motivation for instituting stricter

policies is to keep spectators as safe as possible during games.

"Now we are being consistent across both high schools so that we are making sure that we are keeping everybody safe," Bishop said. "I think when you think about a mass amount of students and you think about a group of students who have the opportunity to run around or do certain things, there are going to be some situations where unsafe things take place. We just want to make sure that when we have students at the game that we have adults there who can properly support them if anything (happens)."

While he noted that some of the policies may be considered inconvenient, he said safety should supersede incon-

venience and the district is simply following the protocols of many of its peer districts.

The policies are appli-

cable at all sporting events, but exemptions to the policies are available by request from a high school athletic director, if

there is an adult present who agrees to be the responsible party for the duration of the event.

— Michael Hartt

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Monahan jumped at the opportunity.

"I found a fabricator in west Michigan who had experience in working with perforated metal, so it was a perfect fit," he said. "The functionality is what sets it apart. It's more than just a fire pit."

One add-on accessory, for example, is a long-handled grill top cut to fit over the upper ring.

"It's perfect for grilling hot dogs or making a pot of campfire coffee," Monahan said.

Other accessories include an ash shovel designed to scoop around the bottom of the unit, a heavy duty poker stick and a canvas tote bag.

"When you collapse the legs, it's very easy to move around," Monahan said. "You can take it along in your camper or put it on the boat to use

on the dock or a beach."

Monahan said he also thinks it could be popular for ice fishing.

"It has a 16-inch clearance, so the heat dissipates before it could melt the ice," he noted. "You couldn't do that with the ones that sit low to the ground."

Next up is working with colleges and universities on licensing deals to laser stamp logos into the upper ring. Monahan recently signed a deal with Albion College to use its logo and will donate a set amount to the school's scholarship fund for each alumni purchase.

"It's really a blank slate," he said. "Companies could buy them for special events and have their name or logo added, or a family could buy one and have their name on it."

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# Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital celebrates points of pride

It's an exciting time for Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, with recently the recipient of a number of accolades and accomplishments recently.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, the new name for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, continues to earn top rankings for its high-quality patient care. This year, the hospital was ranked third best in Michigan and metro Detroit by U.S. News and World Report. It was the second year in a row Grosse Pointe achieved this distinction.

"Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital is truly a jewel in our community," said Dr. Jodie D. Rappe, chief medical officer and patient safety officer at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

In addition, the hospital was nationally ranked in three medical specialties and ranked as high-performing in four other specialties:

- **Diabetes & Endocrinology** — No. 46
- **Geriatrics** — No. 33
- **Neurology & Neurosurgery** — No. 35
- **Gastroenterology & Gastrointestinal**
- **Orthopedics**
- **Pulmonology & Lung Surgery**
- **Urology**

The hospital also earned a place on Newsweek's annual list of the World's Best Hospitals for 2022, ranking

in the top 175, as well as a four-star rating from Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services.

Additionally, Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe holds a Magnet designation for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. This is the gold standard for hospital nursing care. As of June 2022, only 9.4% of hospitals in the United States are Magnet-designated.

### ADVANCEMENTS

**Aquablation Therapy:** Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe recently became the third site in Michigan — and the second at Beaumont — to offer Aquablation therapy, which uses state-of-the-art technology to treat men with benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH. The minimally invasive procedure uses a water jet in an image-guided robotic arm to precisely remove excess prostate tissue. It combines a camera with ultrasound imaging to give surgeons the ability to see the entire area in real time, providing precise and consistent results.

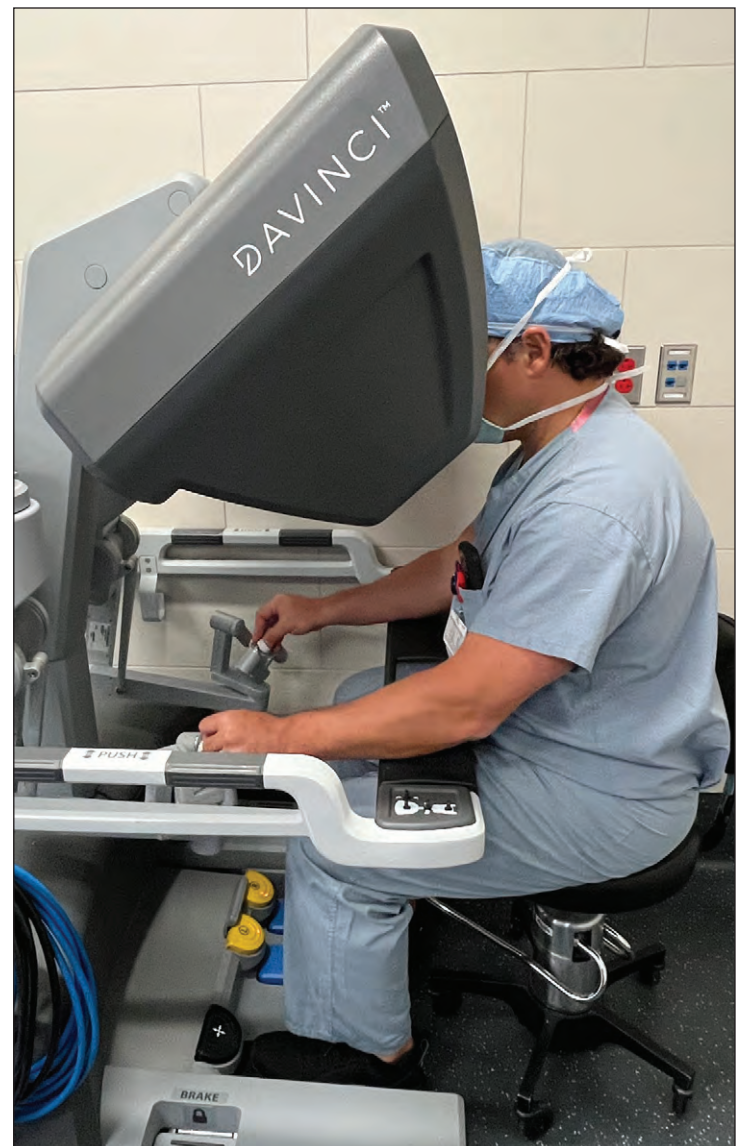
"We have leading-edge technology with equipment like Aquablation that can do minimally invasive prostate surgeries with a much lower risk of complications that conventional methods," Dr. Philip Shalhoub, urologist and chief of Surgery at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe, said.

**da Vinci Xi Robot:** Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe also recently purchased its second da Vinci Xi robotic platform. The unit is used to perform minimally invasive surgery and reduce overall surgical recovery time in the hospital. Other benefits of robotic surgery include reduced pain and blood loss, less risk of infection or complications, less scarring because of fewer and smaller incisions and a more rapid return to normal activities.

"Our first robot was so well-utilized by the surgeons, and patients loved the results so much, we wanted to expand the program to offer this advanced technology to more people," Dr. Rappe said.

**Stealth/Neuro Surgical Navigation System:** The Grosse Pointe surgical team also added a new Medtronic StealthStation S8 Surgical Navigation System to the department, which will be used for neurosurgery as well as ear, nose and throat surgery. This high-tech system provides increased visualization for surgeons, allowing advanced techniques for complex and minimally invasive procedures.

"The system provides our neurosurgeons and ENT surgeons enriched, high-quality images of the brain and pathology," Dr. Rappe said. "That allows them to hyper-focus on specific areas and perform delicate brain surgeries without injuring the healthy sur-



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rounding tissue."

**Catheterization & Interventional Radiology Lab Replacement:** Thanks to the generosity of donors, more than \$1.2 million has been raised to fund the replacement of the hospital's current catheterization and interventional radiology lab. This update will allow clinicians to provide the latest in interventional cardiology, electrophysiology and interventional radiology care. Currently, plans

for the project are being prepared and reviewed.

"Our cath lab team works hard every day to provide stellar care for our cardiology patients, and they are looking forward to treating patients in a renovated space," Dr. Rappe said. "These might not be things people think of when they think about our 'community' hospital. We're on par or better equipped than so many of the larger hospitals in our area."



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## Getting to know the candidates

For two weeks in August, schools reporter Michael Hartt and other members of the Grosse Pointe News staff conducted interviews with all 10 candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. Each candidate was asked an exact list of questions, in the same order. Candidates had three minutes to provide an answer for each question. Additionally, each interview was recorded, with permission. Full transcripts of each candidate interview are available online at [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com). Candidates' profiles and questionnaires are listed in alphabetical order on the following pages.

As noted in the Sept. 1 Our View, there is a lot to mull over here. With 10 candidates for only three spots, it's imperative for voters to use a critical eye when assessing who has the skills and attributes we need on our school board.

### William Broman

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Age: 30

Residence: Grosse Pointe Farms

Campaign website:

[facebook.com/willbroman](https://facebook.com/willbroman)

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: William Broman

Twitter: @bromanw

Education highlights:

B.S. biomedical engineering, The George Washington University; J.D., Wayne State University Law School

Years in Grosse Pointe? 30

Current occupation:

Patent attorney

William Broman considers both his long affiliation with GPPSS and his unique position as a future parent as two of his primary assets in a bid for a GPPSS board of education seat. Broman attended GPPSS for elementary, middle and high school, and has been evaluating school board policy issues since he was a student at Grosse Pointe North. "I bought a house in (Grosse Pointe Farms) and I've been here my entire life. And I want to make sure that any kids that I have... have the same opportunities that I did. There's not really anybody that has that perspective on the board currently. And there's not really anybody that I saw on file to run," Broman said. "I have been paying attention to the board since 2008, when I was in high school, and I started paying attention to board meetings and following along. And, you know, I've seen what effective board members do, (and) what ineffective board members do."

Broman said that one of the ways the district continues to be ineffective is through the board's lack of communication with the superintendent. He thinks that for Superintendent Jon Dean to perform to the best of his abilities, he needs more clarity in his role.

"I think the issue that faces the district right now is that the board has not given the superintendent the goals and targets that are necessary to succeed," Broman said. "And so I don't think that any superintendent, without goals from the community, is going to be effective."

If he were elected, he would want to relay goals about student achievement and financial management to Dean. More specifically, Broman would support measures for the district to begin evaluating and setting goals not only for itself, but also specifically for Dean, using a student growth percentile — a measurement that aims to quantify how proficient students are at subjects from year to year.

He also would want Dean's performance to be tied to the district's adherence to nuanced approaches of evaluating its financial health, with a special focus of looking at whether or not the district is attempting to

payers."

Outside of board policy issues, Broman indicated he would also communicate with the community in new ways, using a system of reporting his votes through social media platforms.

This commitment, he said, would make him continuously motivated to reason through his decisions effectively and provide the necessary context of his votes to his constituents.

"But as best I could, I would explain every vote. And I think that if you have to explain every vote, you're going to ask those questions in public. And you're going to be a little bit more mindful about making sure that you have all the information that you need," Broman said.

While Broman recognizes there are many areas of the district that need to be improved, he still considers GPPSS to be an excellent district, with significant potential to continue its prestigious legacy.

"The district continues to do a really good job of being the glue that ties the community together," Broman said. "There's obviously places for improvement, and so if you get more granular than just the district as a whole, I think we can have different ratings for different areas. But generally speaking, I think that this is an excellent school district."



Will Broman

avoid having to take out future loans through bond initiatives.

"Are we budgeting with the mindset that we're gonna go after another bond in 10 years? Or are we budgeting with the mindset that the community isn't going to approve that and so we have to do what we can do with what we have?..." Broman said. "My concern is that we are budgeting with the thought that we're gonna go out for another bond... And I don't think that that's the way to do it. I think that you need to budget like you're not going to get another bond. It's very expensive for tax-

### Terence Collins

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Age: 57

Residence: Grosse Pointe Park

Campaign website:

[tforgpschools.com](http://tforgpschools.com)

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: Terry Collins for Grosse Pointe School Board

Education highlights:

Bachelor of Arts University of Detroit

Years in Grosse Pointe?

22 years

Current occupation:

Finance Supervisor

In his first 20 years of living in Grosse Pointe, GPPSS board of education candidate Terence Collins said that, like many of his neighbors, he did not pay close attention to the details of his local school district's policy work. He sent his children through GPPSS's elementary, middle, and high schools, and considered the experience issue free until the COVID-19 pandemic ensued.

"When COVID hit and we didn't get our kids back to school in the fall of 2020, it really kind of opened my eyes to the leadership or lack of — what I saw as a lack of leadership in the district," Collins said.

From this point on, Collins became increasingly involved in evaluating the governance of the district, which resulted in him advocating for issues he felt passionate about at the district's twice monthly school board meetings.

In addition to describing himself as passionate, Collins says that he has humility and considerable financial acumen, traits that he considers important for potential board members. He considers passion, however, to be his most defining characteristic and says this trait is what ultimately motivated him to run for a school board seat.

"I watched in horror at what was happening, or really not happening (in the district), and I just thought, I have to get involved. Like, who else is gonna get involved?," Collins said. "I mean, there were certain people who came to the board meetings and spoke up. But no one who I thought had my passion at the time. And I think we've identified some other people who do have that passion."

Given his disapproval of many of the district's seminal decisions over the last several years, Collins said that he does not support current district leadership. He indicated that he would likely support measures to replace current administration members if he was elected.

His most overarching concern regarding the administration is what he sees as their inappropriate influence on the autonomy of the board of education.

"(The board of education has) the responsibility to control the agendas of their meetings. They should



Terence Collins

set the agenda, not have the administration set the agenda," Collins said. "I guarantee you that our agendas for every one of our board meetings (are) set by the administration (and) not by the board. The board should decide what they're going to talk (about)."

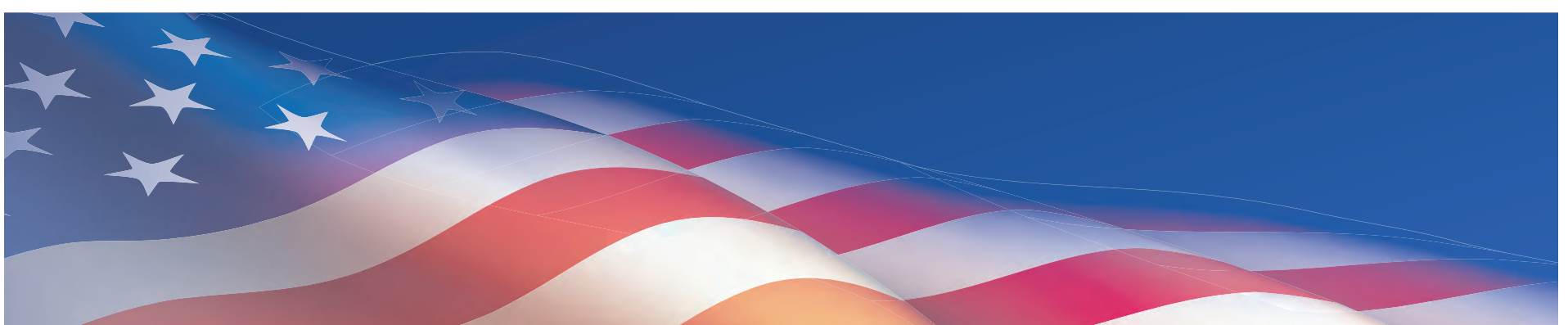
Another of Collins' concerns is the board's recently adopted strategic plan, which he related to concerns about declining enrollment and the district's ranking on education evaluation websites.

He posited that the plan's lack of emphasis on improving quantitative academic performance indicators is sending the wrong message to prospective district families. Further, he said that because these figures were not a significant part of the strategic plan, it is more difficult to ascertain the district's successes and failures.

"What disappointed me the most was that there was no, there wasn't a single reference to academic excellence or academic achievement (in the strategic plan) — it was just missing," Collins said. "You have to do everything you possibly can to attract kids to the district. I think you do that by communicating that you're a district that has strong academic goals (and) that academics is key to what happens in this district. And we're not doing it."

In order to garner community feedback while focusing on these issues, Collins said that, if elected, he would make himself available throughout the district, not only to parents and community members, but also to teachers and building administrators.

"So we need to get into our buildings, we need to talk to our teachers, we need to understand what their needs are," Collins said. "(And at community events), if it's an open forum, I'm gonna go and listen to what they're saying. I don't always have to be the one taking questions, I can just go and listen to what they're talking about."



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# Sean Cotton

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Although Sean Cotton has long considered himself a steadfast advocate of GPPSS, over the past several years, he has developed a sense of when to pause before accepting its preeminence without thoughtful evaluation.

Cotton recognizes that although GPPSS still has many incredible resources at its disposal, there is always still room for improvement. He emphasized his commitment to continually strive for greatness, rather than be complacent, at whatever level the district is currently achieving.

“There’s pieces to our school system that need to be better and can be better. I think some people settle for good, and good is the enemy of great. There’s this entrenched pushback against anybody that points out criticisms within the school system,” Cotton said. “And in my life and my experience, it’s when you get that kind of pushback that you know that you’re on the right path. And that’s where you need to start looking into systems and in the parts that make up those systems to determine how to make them better.”

One of his biggest concerns lies with the governance of the board, which he considers to be heavily tilted toward the administration’s control.

“When you have proper governance, you have a board and then you have management. The board creates policy (and) management executes it. And you can see time and again that the board is rubber stamp-

Age: 45

Residence: Grosse Pointe Farms

Campaign website: cotton4gp.com

Campaign social media accounts:

Email: sean4gp@gmail.com

Instagram: @cotton4gpschoolboard

Education highlights:

Grosse Pointe South High School, 1995; Bachelor of Science, New York University, Stern School of Business, 2000; Juris Doctor, Seton Hall University School of Law, 2003

Years in Grosse Pointe?

A Pointer since 1991

Current occupation:

Local business owner and attorney



Sean Cotton

ing what management (wants),” Cotton said. “It was clear to me in the last year, watching the meetings, and with several more controversial motions. And that’s what made me want to get involved after years of governance experience.”

As a board member, Cotton not only would question the power balance of the district, but also further evaluate the administration to see if they are improving the district through their positions.

He said that he is not campaigning to remove any particular administration members, but that he would not be opposed to doing so either, especially if they did not fare favorably with different evaluation metrics in place.

“I’d look into their effectiveness. I don’t think that they’re given measurable goals. I think that there are serious issues when it comes to enrollment, to the financial viability of our school system, and to the measurable goals of success for our students,” Cotton said. “And I’m not sure this is the administration that...can succeed, if they are given those measurable goals to achieve.”

Cotton’s criticism of board governance is not contained to the admin-

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# Clint Derringer

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Age: 38

Residence: City of Grosse Pointe

Campaign website: ClintDerringerForGPSchools.com

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: Clint Derringer For GP Schools  
Instagram: @CDForGPSchools

Education highlights:

Lincoln High School, 2001; University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), B.A. in Sport Management & Communications, 2005; UofM (Dearborn) M.S. in Program & Project Management, 2018

Years in Grosse Pointe?

6

Current occupation:

Program manager at Stellantis



Clint Derringer

trative team, and was particularly enamored by their perseverance through unprecedented circumstances.

“I’m an advocate for the team that’s in place. I think they’ve faced some really global paradigm shifting challenges. Right? Things that none of us have ever seen before,” Derringer said. “And I think that they handled those challenges and communicated a plan (and) tried to execute that plan. They adapted when it was necessary (and) communicated when they had to adapt.”

While Derringer has been satisfied with the administration’s communication in the past, he thinks that the board of education needs to reevaluate how it communicates with its constituents. He said that

the board should consider using less formal communication channels on a more frequent basis.

“So I’d be interested in setting up other communication channels directly with the community... Our communications team for the district does a great job of surveys on a semi regular basis and communicating that.” Derringer said. “(However), that’s awfully static. And I wouldn’t say that it’s real time enough... (The communication) should be much more engaging and frequent between the members of the board and direct members of the community.”

This suggestion relates closely to Derringer’s self-described characteristic of being able to holistically consider many viewpoints, which he said is essential to have as a board of education member. With these skills, Derringer not only thinks that the relationship between the board and community would improve substantially, but that the board would be able to more effectively carry out its duties.

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# Endorsements

Several of the 10 candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education have received endorsements.

◆ **Clint Derringer** of the City of Grosse Pointe has been endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Education Association and current Board of Education Trustee David Brumbaugh.

◆ **Je Donna Dinges** of Grosse Pointe Woods has received endorsements from the Michigan Regional

Council of Carpenters and Michigan National Organization for Women, as well as U.S. Congresswoman Haley Stevens, State Sen. Stephanie Chang, Grosse Pointe Park City Councilman Vikas Relan, retired Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Cynthia Stephens and former GPPSS Board of Education Trustee Kathleen Abke, Judy Gafa and Dan Roeske.

◆ **Timothy Klepp** of Grosse Pointe Park also received an endorsement from the Grosse

Pointe Education Association.

◆ A third endorsement from the Grosse Pointe Education Association was given to **Valarie St. John** of Grosse Pointe Park, who also received endorsement from the Michigan Parents’ Association for Safe Schools, Run for Something, Victory Fund and Campaign for Our Shared Future. Additionally, St. John earned the “Gun Sense Candidate” designation from Moms Demand Action.

# Je Donna Dinges

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

**Age:** 59

**Residence:** Grosse Pointe Woods

**Campaign website:**

[jdingesforschoolboard.com](http://jdingesforschoolboard.com)

**Campaign social media accounts:**

**Facebook:** JeDonna Dinges for Grosse Pointe School Board

**Instagram:** @jedonnadingesforgpschoolboard

**Education highlights:**

BA University of Detroit, 1987

**Years in Grosse Pointe?**

12

**Current occupation:**

CEO, Margaux & Max LLC



**Je Donna Dinges**

one or two were likely to participate, she said that she called district Superintendent Dr. Jon Dean and Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson to find a solution for those students. In the end, the district decided that any student, at any school, who needs a school breakfast can get one.

Dinges spoke widely about one of her overarching goals related to her work with maintaining students' access to school breakfast: ensuring that students with disparate backgrounds and abilities have access to the resources they need to both succeed academically and feel welcome in their school community.

"I think that a school system is only as great as its most vulnerable students. So you can't call yourself great if everybody isn't achieving... There are different learners, students who may be neurodivergent, special needs students, how do we get them included?" Dinges said. "Or the students who, maybe their personal best is a C, or students who don't want to matriculate, you know, they're not going to graduate from high school and matriculate to college."

Recognizing that constituents will want to provide input to her ideas, Dinges detailed her approach to communicating with them. She said that while email, phone calls and comments at board meetings would likely make up a significant portion of her discourse, she would be comfortable with anyone contacting her at any time, regardless of who they voted for.

"I think that board members have to, if you're on the school board, you have to be open to hearing from your constituents, wherever they are. So they might catch you at Kroger or at Panera. That's perfectly OK," Dinges said. "And the school board members should feel like they have a responsibility to be responsive to the people that elected them, whether they feel that that particular individual voted for them or not. That's irrelevant, because these seats are at large."

Je Donna Dinges is running for a board of education seat because of her passion and concern for GPPSS students. She said that two particular incidents at board of education meetings galvanized her to act on her long held passion for supporting public education.

The first incident occurred in January when a white resident came to a board of education meeting and used a racial slur while making a public comment. The second occurred more recently, in April, when a student who had recently graduated from Parcels Middle School addressed the board of education in a public comment to express his disapproval of the district's culture.

Dinges said that, in the latter event, it was not the student's words that upset her, but the board's response to him.

"(Deputy Superintendent of Education Services) Dr. (Roy) Bishop did acknowledge he was there," Dinges said. "But there (were) 10 other adults (who) were on that stage after a four-hour meeting, and they didn't even acknowledge that this child came to speak to them. I was truly disturbed by that."

Dinges later related issues like this to the district's declining enrollment, saying that the loss of students has been partially spurred by the district's culture.

"Well, I think (the causes of the district's declining enrollment are) multifaceted... A big part of what I'm hearing is that students don't feel heard. They don't feel supported," Dinges said. "We know that there have been multiple incidents of racism in the school district, that's part of what I'm hearing from families that I'm talking to, that people don't want their children's spirits to be broken. They don't want them to experience the racism."

Dinges recognized that altering the culture of the school district is a multifaceted issue, but still spoke at length of her dedication to do so. She used a recent event, involving the district's federally funded school breakfast program, to illustrate her commitment to issues that impassion her.

After finding out that some schools in GPPSS would not offer school breakfast to students because only

# Joseph Herd

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

**Age:** 60

**Residence:** Grosse Pointe Woods

**Campaign website:**

[facebook.com/JHforgpschoolboard](https://facebook.com/JHforgpschoolboard)

**Campaign social media accounts:**

**Facebook:** Joseph Herd for GP School Board

**Education highlights:**

Master's degree, social work, University of Michigan Ann Arbor; bachelor's degree, criminal justice, Michigan State University

**Years in Grosse Pointe?**

15

**Current occupation:**

Retired as Deputy Chief of United States Probation, Eastern District of Michigan in 2020, after 28 years



**Joseph Herd**

his actions as board president to vote in favor of the district's recently adopted strategic plan.

Overall, throughout his term, Herd has been concerned about some community members' dismissal of the district's achievements. He does not think this negative discourse is constructive, and he has concerns about how it may affect the district's image.

"The reason that I ran is to make people aware of what's going on... When maybe your children have graduated from the high schools, then there's a tendency to listen to some of the buzz around the community that may be negative," Herd said. "And, of course, there are always things we can work on. But I think children here are currently receiving an excellent education, I think that they're in a safe environment and I think that (it) is a place where the administration and school board has been open to ideas that have come from the community."

Herd attributes much of this negative discourse to the increasingly politically polarized climate, both nationally and in GPPSS. He related his persistent attempts to combat this issue as indicators of his own critically reasoned communication skills.

While he seemed to acknowledge that there will inevitably be much overlap in the ten school board candidates' platforms, he suggested that his communication skills will markedly set him apart.

"It's easy to have conversations with people that you agree with, but sometimes you're gonna disagree. And I believe that it's important that you're able to have honest, open communication with others," Herd said. "There's a tendency in this country right now for us to be so divided that if I'm a Republican, and I say something that's good, well, if I'm a Democrat, I'm going to disagree, and vice versa. And that shouldn't be. So we really should all be grounded upon what's best for our children."

After two years as the president of the GPPSS board of education, Joseph Herd said that he is pleased with the progress the board has made under his leadership. He would still, though, like to accomplish more in a subsequent four-year term.

During his partial term, Herd has navigated through many policy decisions that have impacted and will continue to impact the district significantly. Soon after he was elected, he was thrust into debates regarding the district's policies to combat COVID-19, culminating in a decision to resume in-person instruction, which he voted in favor of.

He said that, early in his term, he gained a considerable amount of respect for Superintendent Jon Dean, when many of these COVID-19 policy discussions were taking place.

"When the pandemic began, I personally supported the masking and being careful, because you know, more than a million people died. So we didn't know (what) we're dealing with," Herd said. "A year and a half later into the pandemic, I was one of the board members that said, against the administration and honestly against most of the teachers, that we need to get back to school... I disagree(d) with (Dean) at that point, as did a few of the other board members, and we voted to return to school. And he didn't take that personally."

Herd also discussed changes made to the district throughout his term, besides those used to control the COVID-19 pandemic.

While he resolutely believes in the Grosse Pointe Public School System's long-standing reputation of providing an excellent education, he thinks the district still has progress to make in order for it to be considered fully inclusive.

"I think that we're currently working on making it an inclusive system," he said. "Inclusive in this sense, though, (that) we can meet children where they are and help them improve from that point ... I think what we can do is to make sure that each child has the opportunity to improve upon what they have."

Herd's comments regarding the need for inclusivity relate closely to



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# Ginny Jeup

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Ginny Jeup moved to Grosse Pointe for the schools. All three of her children have attended a school in GPPSS, and all three of them are planning on graduating from a GPPSS high school.

Through the pandemic, Jeup's long-held satisfaction with the school system waned, as she said she began to notice changes to the quality of GPPSS's governance. These changes compelled her to become more involved with school system policy issues, and later, they were a factor in her decision to run for a board of education seat.

"I would be right behind my daughter's computer, watching

everything going on and (I) just realized how much she was missing. When they failed to open the schools, that became an issue (I) started following (to an) even greater (extent)..." Jeup said. "I didn't think the administration was getting our kids back to school in time, and therefore, I sat up straight and decided to run for school board."

Throughout the pandemic, and after its prominence in current events dwindled, Jeup felt dissatisfied with the general direction of the district. She used the recently adopted strategic plan as an example of what she considers the district's decline, saying that the plan does not focus on things that will continue



Ginny Jeup

to make the school system successful.

"We've had great experiences in Grosse Pointe public schools, (but) I think we've taken a wrong turn. I feel like the administration is not supporting an agenda that I believe in at this point," Jeup said. "We have a strategic plan... (that) emphasizes social emotional learning, restorative practices,

(and) DEI — which is diversity, equity, inclusion... There's not one sentence on academic excellence (in the entire strategic plan). And I feel like we need to get back to the basics and and keep Grosse Pointe moving in that direction."

If elected to the board, Jeup said she would implement changes like revised superintendent evaluations and new opportunities for board communication with the public.

One of her criticisms of the current superintendent evaluation process is that she does not believe it measures quantitative benchmarks. She suggested using information on student headcount and teacher recruitment — two issues she believes are imperative to the viability of the district — to make a more reasoned evaluation of

Age: 52

Residence: City of Grosse Pointe

Campaign website:

jeup4gpschools.com

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: Ginny Jeup for Grosse Pointe School Board

Education highlights:

University of Massachusetts, B.A in humanities and social science with a teaching certificate; Real Estate License

Years in Grosse Pointe?

22

Current occupation:

Mother to three daughters and self-employed small business owner

the current leaders.

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# Timothy Klepp

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

In a politically polarized age, Timothy Klepp has an unconventional idea for good governance: unanimity. If he were elected as a school board member, he said that he would provide a neutral perspective to the board, replete with consideration and focus. “People like myself, (who) would (be viewed) as sort of more balanced and (who can see both) sides of situations need to insert ourselves into the process. We can sit and allow extremes to take over conversations and make their point of view seem like the most important thing happening in our district, or we can weigh in and try to serve the community in

a way that tries to... focus on the core mission of the schools,” Klepp said. And not to be too pollyannaish about it, but I would really, really like to see seven to none decisions coming out of the board as opposed to four to three, or whatever it’s been. And not in a way (in which) people get hammered into agreements on things, but let’s, you know, work together and then figure out ways to craft solutions that everybody can buy into.” Klepp’s desire for a more unified board is only one of the reasons why he is running. He also expressed, more generally, a desire to support the public education system — but especially GPPSS, because of its track



**Timothy Klepp**

record of academic excellence. While discussing the state of the district, Klepp was not particularly critical of the current administration members. He noted their collective experience and enthusiasm, but also suggested that there are likely people who could more effectively manage the district. “I have talked personally with all of the three

key leaders — Dr. Dean, Dr. Bishop and Ms. Matheson. I think they’re all absolutely committed to doing, you know, their jobs,” Klepp said. Well, they all are, you know, diligent, informed (and) articulate. They know what they want to get accomplished in (their) jobs. And they’re meeting that with a level of earnestness.” He later connected his reservations about the administration to his objectives, saying that he thinks procuring and retaining quality staff members should be one of the district’s primary goals, along with good financial standing and emphasizing the importance of achievement among students. “The overall financial stability of the district is really primary to me because it drives so many decisions about what you can and cannot

do,” Klepp said. “I think that just the overall quality of the district’s achievement is a really central and major hot button (issue). And I think the third is just the retention and development of excellent staff. You know, so that goes for the administration, how I described them before. All four are earnestly switched on, but they probably need, you know, they probably need their own development.” Regardless of the progress he would be able to make in changing the dynamic of the board, Klepp committed to communicating with his constituents throughout the process. He recognized the complex dynamic of using social media channels, indirectly praising the ease of communication. *See KLEPP, page 24A*

**Age:** 54  
**Residence:** Grosse Pointe Park  
**Campaign website:** N/A  
**Campaign social media accounts:** Facebook: Tim Klepp for GPPSS Board of Education  
**Education highlights:** Undergraduate degree, Michigan State University, 1990; MBA, Indiana, 1998  
**Years in Grosse Pointe?** 19  
**Current occupation:** Partner, IBM Consulting

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# Dr. Christopher Lee

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Through his four years as a board of education member, Dr. Christopher Lee said that his thought process regarding board policy issues has changed substantially. Early on, Lee realized that some of the issues he strongly supported would not be realistic for the board to adopt, largely because of advice he received from the district administration.

“When I first got elected, and even before I got elected four years ago, I wore a path to Dr. Dean’s office. I had all these great ideas about keeping all our schools open. And he would (explain to me why these ideas were not

possible),” Lee said. “Dr. Dean (is) so far ahead of the curve, thinking about all of these kinds of problems, whether it be trying to get more kids enrolled, whether it’s fixing our aging buildings, test scores. There’s so many different hats he’s wearing.”

Lee’s faith in the current district administration is one of the primary reasons he is running for another term. He is proud of the work that he and his fellow board members — in conjunction with the administration — have accomplished over the past four years, and wants to preserve it.

“The real reason I’m running again is I really like our administration, I like many of the school



**Dr. Christopher Lee**

board members, I think we’re going in a really good direction...” Lee said. “So that’s why — I’m trying to maintain the good direction we have our school district going in.”

Over the past four years, Lee has voted on all of the most formative agenda items discussed by the board: reconfiguration, school closures, COVID-19 policies and the strate-

gic plan. While reflecting on these decisions, he said they were all difficult to make, and that they are all still impacting the district in some way. He also noted the importance of evaluating each of these decisions as a different issue, unrelated to political inclinations or viewpoints. When evaluating decisions that will have to be made in the near future, he is most concerned about those relating to declining enrollment.

Lee said that GPPSS faces additional challenges than most districts do when confronting this problem. He noted, what he considers to be, a lack of affordability in the district’s housing stock.

“We’re not unique, every district is facing (declining enrollment). And what to do about it, how we can get a bigger

**Age:** 75  
**Residence:** City of Grosse Pointe  
**Campaign website:**  
N/A  
**Campaign social media accounts:**  
N/A  
**Education highlights:**  
Grosse Pointe High School, 1964; BSE University of Michigan, 1968; M.D. Wayne State University, 1972; Orthopedic residency WSU, 1976; Orthopedic Fellowship, Stanford University, 1977  
**Years in Grosse Pointe?**  
70  
**Current occupation:**  
Orthopedic surgeon

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See LEE, page 24A

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# Valarie St. John

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Of all the cities Valarie St. John and her wife evaluated when they were searching for housing near Selfridge Air National Guard Base, they chose Grosse Pointe because of its appeal as an excellent place to raise a family. St. John thinks that her unique position as a candidate who is young and recently moved to the school district may help her with some of the issues facing the board — if she were to be elected.

“We just need to attract more literal people into the district and young families. And I think that I’m especially well poised to help with that because my family moved here...” St. John said. “We chose Grosse Pointe because we felt that it was the best district to raise our family and I feel like we know

what young families are looking for, how to make it a safe and welcoming environment for young families, and (how to) make it really attractive (for) new people to come into the district.”

Among the issues St. John is passionate about are the recent drop in enrollment, the reputation of the district, and assuring that it remains fiscally stable.

In order to effectively accomplish her goals, St. John will lean on her strengths: communication and research skills. She considers these traits especially important for anyone running for a board of education seat.

“I think board of education members should be very good listeners. I think they should have good conflict resolution skills,” St. John said. “And, I think that they should be really willing to dig into the details and do research



Valarie St. John

before the meetings so that they can come prepared with all the knowledge, (having) looked at all of the facts before they get there. I think that probably my conflict resolution skills are the best.”

Because of St. John’s concern about the district administration’s communication style with its stakeholders, her skills would likely lend themselves to impacting this issue, which she believes is closely linked to other problems in the district.

“I think there’s always room for

improvement. And I think that we can always especially work better for communication between the superintendent and the administration and all the other stakeholders in our district: the teachers, the parents, (and) the students,” St. John said. “We all I think, we all need to work on our communication a lot better. So I think that that’s an area where we could improve. But, I know that they are trying, I know that.”

St. John said that she vows to do a better job of communicating with constituents than the current board does. Throughout her campaign, she has actively responded to emails sent to her campaign email address, and she said that if elected to the board, she would continue to respond to all of her constituents through her official board email.

Some of St. John’s nuanced suggestions for improving intradistrict communication

included revising the superintendent evaluation process — so that the superintendent can better communicate his skills to the community — and more widely advertising the district’s feedback surveys.

“I think that the community surveys that we do are a good start, but I don’t think that they’re distributed widely enough. I think they could be advertised more. A lot of people will have said, ‘I didn’t see the community survey,’” St. John said. “I (also) think (the superintendent evaluation process) should be more like teacher evaluations, where the teachers have to come up with some specific benchmarks for how they’re going to be evaluated. You know, the teachers already have to do that, it puts the onus on them. And I think that the superintendent should also have to come up with some specific measurable

Age: 34

Residence: Grosse Pointe Park

Campaign website:

valariestjohn.com

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: St. John for GPPSS Board of Education

Instagram: @stjohn4gppss

Education highlights:

B.A. in World Literatures and Master’s Degree in Public Health

Years in Grosse Pointe?

4

Current occupation:

Public health consultant

goals for how to do that.”



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Fun in the Farms

The city of Grosse Pointe Farms held its annual Harvest Fest Saturday, Oct. 15. There was a candy hunt, cider and doughnuts, a tractor-pulled hayride, bonfire and magic show. Above, Raniya Oates, Lexi Curry and Camille Campbell enjoy cider and doughnuts.



A magician juggles knives while balancing on a table with a roller, after he explained to the kids in the audience how dangerous it was.



A tractor-pulled hayride had a lot of people excited to ride around the park.



Cedar Jarboe and Sunny Michels eat a bit of the candy they selected in the candy hunt.

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# Ready for action

A view of the playground at Pier Park from the side of the concession stand. Prior to the new landscaping, the view of the playground was obstructed by pine trees. The new landscaping helps parents keep a closer eye on their kids. The new structure replaces 29-year-old equipment. All of the plastic on the new playground comes from recyclables. The landscaping around the structure was thinned out and trees were razed to allow more sunlight. Shrubs were replaced and grass was added. Six red bud trees were planted, along with hydrangeas and rhododendron bushes, which will add color.



Quinn Paull tries out the new swing which can fit up to four kids.

## LEE:

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tle, because we don't have a lot of starter homes in Grosse Pointe. That puts us at a huge disadvantage," Lee said. "We do everything we can to find out why people leave. It's often not related to problems they have with the district, but it's related to jobs elsewhere. And we just can't get young families here. We don't

have a house for them to buy."

Lee suggested that much of the discourse about the district's decisions and struggles over the past several years have largely been the cause of a vocal minority of the community. He emphasized his commitment to continuity, implying that he would continue to play the same role on the board and communicate with the community in the same way if

he were elected for another term.

"We get about a million emails that we read. And so that doesn't always represent the whole community. That represents the part of the community that wants to write us an email. It's the same thing at school board meetings," Lee said. "So you have to be a little careful. And so I talk to community people... and (I still have) kids in the district."

## KLEPP:

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tion that they offer, while also conceding that they provide an unrealistic depiction of community sentiment. Because of their problematic nature, he com-

mitted to connecting with community members in other ways as well.

"For a lot of people, social media is like their primary form of communication. So I, along with all the other candidates, we all have our sites up. And if I am fortunate

enough to win, I would anticipate keeping that up," Klepp said. "I don't know what that second avenue is going to be besides social media, but I think there has to be some sort of community outreach element that would be available to people."



# What's on the Jot

In addition to in-person interviews, each candidate for school board was asked to complete an emailed Jotform questionnaire.

The questionnaires served to provide Grosse Pointe News staff with background information on each candidate to more completely tell their stories.

Aside from full name and contact information, candidates were asked

to share their campaign websites and social media sites, as well as education highlights, the number of years they've lived in the Grosse Pointes and current occupation.

Additionally, the following was asked:

- ◆ Tell us a little about your background, and why it positions you well for the GP Schools Board of Education
- ◆ What do you feel are

the top three "hot button" issues in this election and how do you plan to address them?

◆ If you had to name three of the most important issues to you personally, what would they be?

◆ What three words would best describe you?

The Jotform data collected also may be found online at [grossepointe-news.com](http://grossepointe-news.com).



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## COTTON:

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istration's role in the leadership balancing act. He also thinks the board needs to be structured differently for it to be optimally effective.

If he were to win, he would work with other board members to create new committees, so that the board can spend more time working on and communicating about policy issues before they are voted on. He would also encourage his fellow

board members to engage with the community at more events throughout the district, especially those involving municipal leaders.

Throughout his interview, Cotton said that his overarching goal as a board member would be to return academic achievement to the forefront of the district's priorities. Because of the district leadership's complacency in focusing on other initiatives through the recently adopted strategic plan, he said, changes in leadership would likely also

influence this aim.

"The strategic plan apparently has an answer for everything on it. And if you ever push back on it, the administration and their apologists will say, well, that's in there. And academic excellence truly is not in that strategic plan," Cotton said. "And if it was, it should be number one. It should be the absolute number one goal. And everything should flow around that. Every measurable goal in our system should flow around academic excellence."

## JEUP:

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about the importance of the board's evaluation of the district's administrators, she also detailed how she would provide opportunities for the community to better evaluate and offer feedback to the board of education.

"In discussing this with other teachers, community (members), taxpayers, (and) parents, what I really think is we need to, at least once a month, go into the schools... and have little powwows with board members," Jeup said. "Directly with anyone who wants to show up — if you're a taxpayer, if you're a parent, if you're a teacher, we need to hear all the feedback...

We need to have, again, an open board that allows for community discussion for all."

Throughout her career, Jeup has worn many hats that she said would aid in her ability to not only communicate effectively with her constituents, but also provide the necessary oversight required of a board of education member.

She started out in the education field, earning a degree in humanities and social science from the University of Massachusetts to teach elementary education. However, her life took a different path, and she has since been a corporate recruiter, real estate agent and self employed business owner. Furthermore, throughout her 22 years living in

Grosse Pointe, she has volunteered in several educational capacities, at both her children's schools and at Younglife, a Christian ministry organization.

Her career choices have culminated in her developing the self-described characteristic of being a doer, a trait she considers to be her most significant attribute.

"Well, my strongest attribute is that I am a doer. I get things done. I follow things through from beginning to the end," Jeup said. "And I have a job that gives me the time and the energy to put into this. If there's an issue at Defer, Brownell, South, North, wherever, I will be there. I will be hands-on in this job for the next four years."



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## Your Old Mansion kicks off with JL Hudson lecture

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association opens its next Your Old Mansion lecture series with a touch of nostalgia.

Architect, historian and author Bruce Allen Kopytek presents “Remembering Hudson’s: What’s in store for Northland” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

“The lecture will cover the history of the JL Hudson Co., as I’ve written it in my book,” he said of “Hudson’s: Detroit’s World-Famous Department Store,” which will be available for purchase Tuesday, Nov. 29. “It will cover what JL Hudson was to Detroit, what it looked like in those days.”

Kopytek, who grew up in Detroit and also has written books about Crowley’s and Jacobson’s, spent five years researching the Hudson’s book.

“Some of it was a revelation to me,” he said. “It was the most profitable department store in the U.S., the third largest and the tallest department store in the U.S.”

“Since it’s been gone, it was so important to Detroit, it’s almost like something’s missing,” he added. “... I want people to look back and say, ‘Look at what we had at one point in time.’”

Pointers may remember trips to Hudson’s in its heyday, when shopping was an adventure. The store, which encompassed one full city block,



**Bruce Allen Kopytek will kick off the Your Old Mansion series with a discussion about the JL Hudson building.**

included 25 floors, four basements, two half-floors and three mezzanines, as well as 51 passenger elevators, 2,000 telephones and 550 fitting rooms.

Those statistics barely scratch the surface. Through his presentation, Kopytek will lead attendees on a nostalgic journey through the store’s captivating window displays, shiny escalators, exotic fragrances and the Maurice salad served in the hushed dining room on the 13th floor.

“My job is to educate people, whether it’s somebody who wants to know what went there before or somebody who does know and wants to remember it well,” he said.

Additionally, Kopytek will discuss a new chapter in Hudson’s history. He is on the team tasked with reimagining Northland Mall and repurposing its Hudson’s

building.

“Currently, we’re restoring Northland to its 1954 look, getting rid of all the junk that caused its decline,” he said, noting renovations will include a food market, boutique hotel, cinema and other new uses.

Kopytek will have copies of “Hudson’s: Detroit’s World-Famous Department Store” at the lecture for guests purchase. Books also are available to pre-order online at editionsbk.com.

“I think they’ll have a good time and they’ll love the book,” he said.

The GPAA’s Your Old Mansion series began in 2017, and has been steadily attracting participants ever since, except for a brief COVID-induced hiatus.

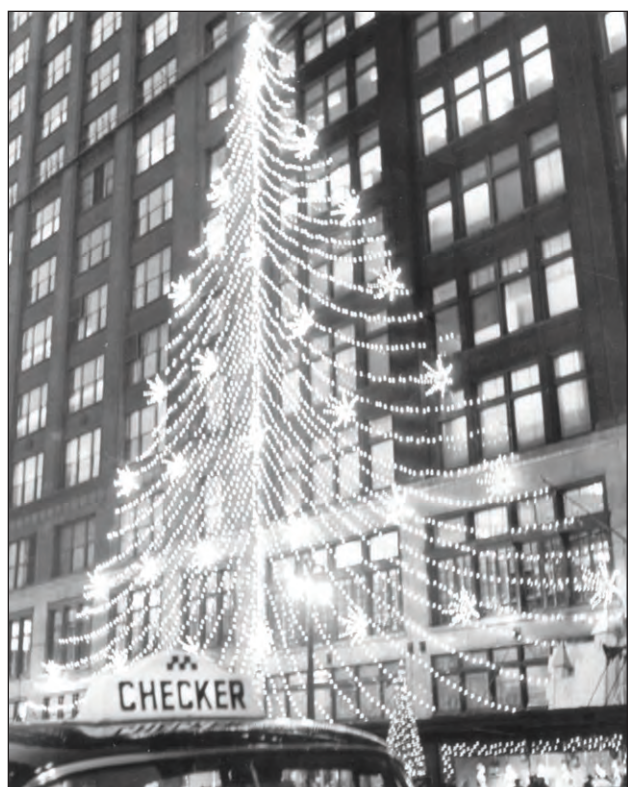
“The association decided we needed a fundraiser that fit GPAA’s mission to shine a light on the power of art and design, to enrich the lives of individuals and the communities they live in,” GPAA President Karen Pope said. “Lectures by artists, architects, designers and community activists help us celebrate the glorious past and promising future of Detroit.”

All presenters volunteer their time to the GPAA, so 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the organization’s free programming for veterans, senior citizens and students in art programs at area high schools, Pope added.

### Coming up

Future programs in the series include:

◆ “Connecting Italy and Detroit” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8 — Leaders of the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan will talk about their collaboration with the Consulate of Italy to create LoveITDetroit, an exhibition that was a big part of Detroit’s Month of Design last September.



Outdoor and indoor views of the department store during the Christmas season.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAREN POPE

**The world’s biggest flag — seven stories high by 235 feet — weighed 1,500 pounds and took 55 people to hang it. The last time it went up was June 1976.**

LoveITDetroit showcased high-end Italian products like Armani, Dallara and Dolce & Gabbana and brought in high-profile speakers from Italy to talk about design, autos, aerospace, fashion, furniture and digital arts.

◆ “Scott Hocking: Detroit Stories” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 — A master at documenting Detroit’s ever-changing urban landscape, Scott Hocking takes center stage this year with his first museum retrospective, “Scott Hocking: Detroit Stories” at Cranbrook Art Museum. The museum also is publishing a 344-page book by the same name. Considered one of Detroit’s most important contemporary voices and chroniclers, Hocking’s work spans sculpture and installation, photography and video. He gained

international attention for a series of works undertaken in various abandoned buildings around Detroit, where he assembled large-scale sculptures from the surrounding detritus. An example is an installation at Fisher Body Plant 21 titled “Ziggurat East Summer 2, 2008.”

◆ “Murals Document and Celebrate Communities” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 — One of Detroit’s most celebrated muralists, Hubert Massey, will join art historian Deborah Lubera Kawsy to talk about the motivations behind mural-making, the role of murals to enact positive change in the community and the importance of preserving/restoring murals as evidence of Detroit’s rich design legacy. Lubera Kawsy will give an update on the restoration of a mural by Alexander Girard, a leader in postwar American design. She also is investigating the future of the WPA murals in the Brodhead Armory.

◆ “Restoring this 16,000-square-foot House took Four Years” at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 — Eric and Rachel Mitchell will share their story in hopes of inspiring others to restore more of the city’s historic homes. When

they bought the Frederick K. Stearns house in West Village, the Arts and Crafts mansion designed by William Stratton had been divided into a series of offices for tenants like the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority and Friends of Belle Isle. Determined to bring back the design details of the house, the Mitchells put together a team of craftspeople who supported their vision. They now invite guests into the Frederick K. Stearns Historic, which includes 10 guest suites, as well as a ballroom, pub and other social meeting rooms.

All of this year’s lectures take place at the Alger House at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lecture tickets may be purchased individually or for the entire series. A bonus for series ticket buyers is a tour of the newly restored Frederick K. Stearns House and a visit to the basement pub after the final lecture.

Cost per lecture is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. Cost for the series is \$90 for members, \$115 for nonmembers. For tickets or more information, visit [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org), call (313) 881-3454 or email [gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org](mailto:gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org).

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# U.S. Navy firefighter sacrifices time, energy for greater purpose

By Petty Officer 1st Class Kegan Kay  
Guest Writer

Hearing the title “Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Aircraft Handler)” probably doesn’t bring to mind a firefighter unless you’ve been in the Navy a while or worked on a U.S. Naval base, but that is exactly what ABH2 Francisco Perezguillen is.

As a member of the Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire and Emergency Services Department, Perezguillen is responsible for conducting operational checks and inventory of all the emergency vehicles. He also is in charge of the Air Sampling Program, which ensures the breathing air for the self-contained breathing apparatus packs are safe and ready for use at all times.

“ABH2 Perezguillen has always been an outstanding sailor within the fire department,” said ABH1 Mark Digma n, Perezguillen’s supervisor. “He always gives a helping hand towards his shipmates and training junior sailors and reservists to be knowledgeable in all firefighting efforts.”

Perezguillen enjoys being hands-on and the practicality that comes with working as a firefighter and helping others is just a part of what he loves about his job.

Inspired by a quote from



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**ABH2 Francisco Perezguillen is responsible for conducting operational checks and inventory of emergency vehicles and is in charge of the Air Sampling Program.**

Albert Einstein, “If you can’t explain it to a 6-year-old, you don’t understand it yourself,” Perezguillen models his training to reflect the heart of the quote.

“I’ve always loved training,” Perezguillen said. “Watching others grow and finding their strengths is one of the most fulfilling things I can do.”

Originally born in Mexico City before growing up in Grosse Pointe Park, Perezguillen joined the U.S. Navy in October 2014, for the opportunity to experience more than his hometown had to offer.

Having served eight years, Perezguillen said

serving means sacrificing your time, energy and even sometimes your own needs for a larger purpose.

Perezguillen’s life is not all about sacrifice though and having spent the past 32 months stationed in Sicily, Perezguillen truly appreciates the experience.

“I love the people,” Perezguillen said. “Learning the culture and language in Sicily has allowed me to make genuine connections with the people around me for which I’m really grateful.”

Perezguillen does not live life idly, even when not at work. He is working

toward a degree and in his spare time, he indulges in his passion.

“I play a lot of music,” Perezguillen said. “I spend most of my time either playing my guitar or piano. Right now I’m practicing ‘Asturias’ by Isaac Labeniz.”

Working 48-hour shifts, the precious time between shifts is not always easy to come by, but Perezguillen makes it work. He said working those shifts has turned him and his co-workers into family.

“He is an incredible professional that has gained respect up and down the chain of command,” Digma n concluded.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Dorothy Tepatti’s home. Randall Sommer will give a history of clocks, followed by lunch. Detroit-area Quester groups meet monthly; there are six groups on the east side of Detroit. The major objectives of Questers are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. For more information, email pettipointequesters@gmail.com.

### Library

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

◆ Postcrossing: Connecting the World through Postcards, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Gasp! Murder!, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

◆ Guardians of Michigan, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Historian and photographer Jeff Morrison presents more than 100 photographs of architectural sculpture found on buildings throughout Michigan. A virtual option is available via Zoom.

◆ Senior Hustle for Health Dance Class, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ ArtLab: Blink Blank Canvas, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Nailed It! Holiday Edition, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, via Zoom.

◆ Air Fryer Cooking Demo with Mary Spencer, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Owls of Michigan, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Woods, 20680

Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

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

### The Helm

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

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

◆ 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.

◆ Beginning Floral Design, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, with instructor Jay Smith.

◆ They Came by Sail and Stream, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, with genealogist Derek Blount.

◆ Holiday Cake Decorating, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, with instructor Erika Clark.

◆ History of Detroit’s Military, 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 11, with facilitator Robert E. Sullivan.


◆ Veterans Day Celebration, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, with entertainment by the Grosse Pointe Men’s Chorale. All veterans are invited to this event, which features the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Color Guard, Daughters of the American Revolution members, lunch and more.

◆ 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.

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# Veterans Garden turns 10

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The beloved Veterans Garden, which sits on the grounds of The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms, officially was dedicated on Veterans Day 2012.

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Veterans Garden Committee provided refreshments during The War Memorial's 2022 Memorial Day celebration and will co-sponsor its Veterans Day breakfast, set for Nov. 11, during which veterans are treated to a free breakfast.

The garden — tended by a small group of volunteers dedicated to the upkeep of this permanent reminder of the sacrifices veterans have made to preserve the country's freedom — will be open to guests who wish to walk its paved pathway featuring the names of local veterans.

"The biggest reward is when I'm here at an event and see a number of veterans walking the garden, showing their kids or grandkids the pavers," volunteer Patrick Gossman said.

Added Veterans Garden Committee Chair Joan Gossman, "The garden is a very sacred spot."

The pavers tell the story of veterans alive and gone, but the garden has its own story to share.

"I think I've touched every square inch of soil in that garden since 2009," said Alaine Bush, a Master Gardener who long ago was asked to rescue the ailing plot. "I'm very protective of it."

For decades, a noble elm tree sat in the center of the Hillside Garden at The War Memorial, providing ample shade for the variety of blooms beneath its branches.

After it succumbed to Dutch elm disease, the elm was removed and the once-thriving plants around it burned up in the heat of the sun. Then, weeds and invasive grasses took over, making the plot unrecognizable. Some hopeful souls tried their hands at improving it, but little progress was made.

That is until an SOS was sent out to Bush and fellow Master Gardener Debbie Graffius.

"We started work in August 2009," Bush said. "We were told if we could get it into shape, it would be dedicated to veterans. They had me at that."

Bush's family goes back to the Revolutionary War, as well as the Civil War and both World Wars. Several of her family members currently serve in the military as well.

"It's in my blood, in my DNA," she said.

"It took us three seasons to get it into shape," Bush recalled of the garden. "Deb and I had Wednesdays off, so we came and worked on Wednesdays."

The pair salvaged what they could and got rid of the rest. They cleared pathways and planted sun-loving, drought-tolerant perennials. The Grosse Pointe News donated uncirculated newspapers to shred and use as mulch, Bush said.

"By 2011, the garden was looking great," she added.

The Hillside Garden previously was part of The War Memorial, but once given new life became a project of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, whose Trial Gardens — also located at The War Memorial — celebrated its 70th anniversary earlier this year.

"The War Memorial ... felt someone needed to be in charge, so the Grosse Pointe Garden Center annexed it into their outreach," Bush said. "The Veterans Garden Committee was formed; Deb and I were on the committee."

The committee was formed in 2011 by board member Marieke Allen, to design, develop and maintain the Veterans Garden. Allen was its first president and committee chair. She now is chair emerita.

The brick paver pathway honoring U.S. veterans with connections to Grosse Pointe was installed early 2012, allowing loved ones to acknowledge and remember the sacrifices their servicemen and women made for the country. Three memorial benches were donated to the garden, allowing visitors to sit and reflect.

Today the path includes 142 pavers. The committee oversees installations of new pav-

ers twice a year — just before Memorial Day and just before Veterans Day. Individual pavers cost \$250 and may be ordered online at [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org).

"The pavers fund all of our repairs and upgrades," Bush said.

"There have been a lot of improvements," she added, noting infrastructure, retaining wall and sprinkler projects. "We are self-funded. ... All of our maintenance is done by volunteers. Since 2009, more than 1,400 hours have been put in to just that garden."

Their efforts led to the garden earning the Michigan Award from Keep Michigan Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, in 2015.

Beginning in early spring, 1,300 flower bulbs start to bloom, Bush said, followed by blooms throughout summer and into fall.

"All through the seasons, it continues to bloom," she said. "There are things blooming right now."

Through trial and error, Bush said, she's constantly thinking of what to move in to or take out of the garden, but considers the changes, "a natural evolution. And I'm always adding more natives."

Since 2009, pollinator-friendly plants and natives have been planted in the garden, which has been a certified monarch butterfly waystation since 2018.

"I don't change it so much as gardens do evolve," she added, noting some plants may not survive harsh weather or other challenges: "Creatures decide what goes and what stays — like rabbits."

A handful of volunteers who regularly tend to the garden also encounter other pesky creatures, from dive-bombing red-winged blackbirds and biting black flies to wasps, fishflies and even a snake. But regardless of the challenge, the committee and its volunteers always overcome.

"We started from nothing," Bush said. "When the tree stump came out in 2012, it destroyed the center part of it, so we redid it. When the sprinkler system was put in, that destroyed part of it, but we redid it. We're like the Energizer Bunny

of gardens. We'll fix whatever happens."

Added Veterans Garden Committee member Ginny Brown, "We're privileged to take care of it."

While Bush tends to the plot once a week, she also hosts a workday for volunteers once a month. It's a labor of love for all of them, who appreciate Bush's instruction.

"We all are so fortunate to have Alaine," Brown said.

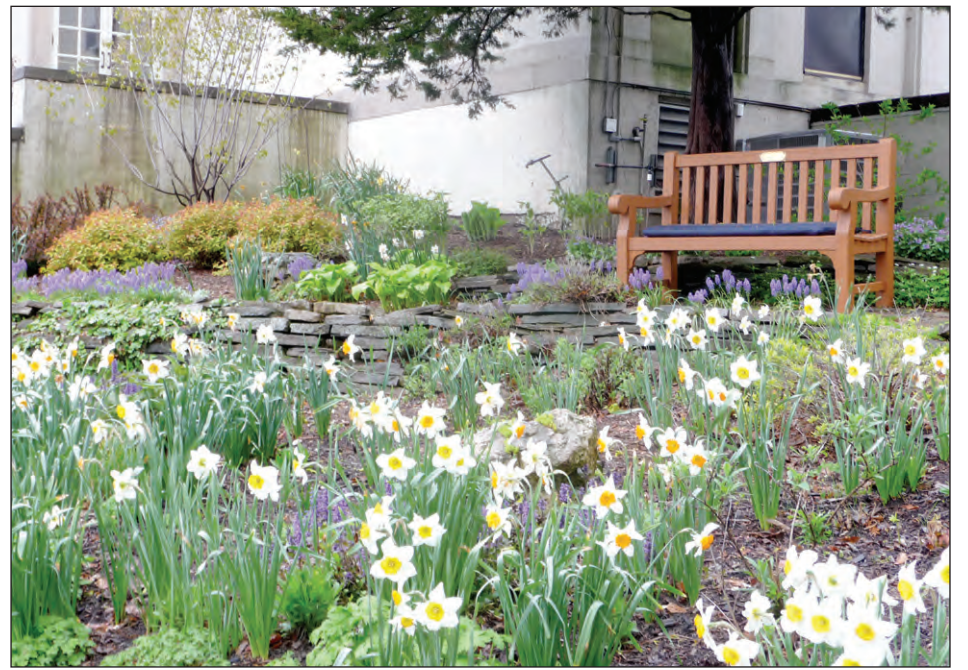
Added Patrick Gossman, "Our reward is the education we get from our master here."

For more information about the Veterans Garden, visit [gpgardencenter.org](http://gpgardencenter.org). For information about the Veterans Day breakfast, visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).



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The garden's pathway includes brick pavers honoring local veterans.



The Veterans Garden in its early spring glory.

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## SENIOR LIVING



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# Sunrise offers Paint & Sip stress relief for caregivers

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

To help ease the stress and burnout that can be associated with caregiving, Sunrise on Vernier is offering a free Paint & Sip event for caregivers, from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.

The program, which aligns with Sunrise's Live with a Purpose programming, invites caregivers to enjoy light snacks, wine and sparkling water before settling in with an easel, palette and paintbrush to let their creative spirits shine.

"Everyone gets a blank canvas," said Mary Jo Fresard, director of sales at Sunrise on Vernier. "We'll pick out a holiday-themed picture. It takes about an hour to an hour and a half to do the painting, which they take home with them."

An instructor for Painting with a Twist in Roseville will guide participants every step of the way.

"The reason we chose this is because it's part of our Live with a Purpose programming," Fresard said. "One way we express ourselves and we help our residents express themselves is through art and music."

"Sunrise Live with a Purpose programming plays a critical role in supporting our residents' physical, mental and spiritual wellness," she continued. "We focus on the following activities: Live with Action, Live with Anticipation, Live with Generosity, Live

with Learning, Live with Legacy, Live with Melody, Live with Reflection.

"... We chose artistry to showcase some of the things we focus on at Sunrise with our residents."

Through art making, residents learn about art and history, enhance fine motor skills and reduce stress. Fresard said she hopes Paint & Sip participants also will discover a reduction in stress.

"Art creates a feeling of peace and expression," she said. "It works on the mind, body and spirit. Caregiving is stressful. We wanted to reach out to caregivers — those caring for aging parents, those that are stressed. This is a night out to take a break, have fun and express themselves."

Space is limited, "but if it's popular, we'll have it again," Fresard added.

This program, which has not been offered before at Sunrise on Vernier, is free of charge. Registration for the Nov. 10 event is required by Monday, Nov. 7.

To register, call (313) 548-2890 or email [mary.fresard@sunrise-seniorliving.com](mailto:mary.fresard@sunrise-seniorliving.com).

"Come and paint and relax," Fresard said. "We want to offer respite care, too. So bring your loved one; we'll do an activity with them."

"We're just trying to help the community and hope they learn about Sunrise and senior living."



## The War Memorial hosts November happenings

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

If you've got some November days open, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial has several exciting events coming up you'll want to put on your calendar.

### Ascension Mobile Health Screening

The War Memorial, in partnership with Ascension Michigan is hosting Veterans Day health screenings on Nov. 11. Free for veterans and first responders., 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

### Annual Veterans Day Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's annual Veterans Day Breakfast has an enjoyable lineup of activities to accompany the delicious gourmet breakfast served to guests. The presentation will include handmade thank-you notes from local students, a service song medley of uplifting tunes and the annual keynote remarks. The event promotes camaraderie between local service members as they enjoy a great meal together. The breakfast takes place Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

### Thanksgiving and Holiday Cocktails

What to impress guests beyond the turkey this Thanksgiving? Tammy's Tastings cocktail classes teaches the art of mixology, including how to make classic and craft cocktails. Develop your own signature cocktail. Holiday Cocktail class is on Nov. 16. 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### Oakland University Scholars Series: Peter Trumbore

US Foreign Policy: Biden's Midterm Re-

port Card. Pres. Joe Biden inherited significant foreign policy challenges when he took office. At the mid point of his first, and perhaps only, term as president, the speaker will take a look at the Biden administration's foreign policy performance. The free event runs 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the library of the historic Alger House. Registration is required.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lake Shore Dr. in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information or to register, call (313) 881-7511 or visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).



# Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

## Shortcuts

We senior citizens can be pretty hard on young people with their super-active thumbs. The texters. These kids are so busy OMG-ing and BTW-ing and WTF-ing, they wouldn't notice the Second Coming until He (JC) gently tapped them on their shoulders as they shuffled along, slumped forward, thumbs wiggling, eyes riveted on tiny, glowing screens.

But we're all guilty of alphabetical shortcuts. We can't throw all the blame on young people. How about ADCOMSUBORDCOMPHEIBSPAC? Does anybody know what it means?

Abbreviations, mnemonic devices, jargon, texting shortcuts, emoticons, acronyms, initialisms and company logos are part of today's written landscape. I did a tiny bit of research and apparently the practice of abbreviating goes back thousands of years. The Romans did it.

We gleefully snap extra letters off words and substitute initials for often-used phrases. AIDS for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome saves typing 28 letters and everybody knows exactly what AIDS stands for.

FAQ — Frequently Asked Questions — it saves 21 letters. RBI — Runs Batted In — saves nine letters. BYOB — 15 letters. DOA — 11 letters.

But these young people, the bleary-eyed texting maniacs, have overdone a good thing. What if JC (short for Jesus Christ) returned and showed up — say, on Fifth Avenue in New York City? The youngsters would get the news only after their BFFs texted them.

"OMG," a BFF would type. "JC has finally returned. He's touring NYC in an SUV and he just stopped in front of KFC."

What if Big Foot strolled through the next intersection? The texting generation would be so involved with their iPhones or their Androids or their Blueberries or whatever the latest electronic device is in favor, Big Foot could skedaddle off into the suburbs, then disappear into the woods before they took their eyes off their itty bitsy screens.

Senior citizens are hardly in a position to criticize.



We do it too. Does anybody bother to write the words for FBI or ATM or CEO? AA? DVD? UK? UFO? NFL and NHL?

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Big corporations get cool nicknames and clever logos as well. Note: IBM, CBS, AAA (sometimes called Triple A, but in spoken conversation only, never in print.)

When I first started emailing, I thought LOL meant Lots of Love. I wondered why so many of my email pals were suddenly so doggone affectionate.

Duh. LOL means Laugh Out Loud. There's even some enhanced versions — ALOL for Actually Laughing Out Loud. And FOTFLOL — Falling on the Floor Laughing Out Loud.

OMG, I'm getting so good at this. This article is one-third as long as it would have been if I spelled out all the words.

By the way, ADCOMSUBORDCOMPHEIBSPAC stands for Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet Subordinate Command.

It's a U.S. Navy term. And it's the longest acronym in the English language.

## Read to keep your mind sharp

Some reduction in cognition is to be expected with age, but dementias, such as Alzheimer's disease, should not be accepted as an inevitable side effect of aging. In fact, reading more can help people keep the brain sharp.

Studies looking at the effects of daily reading activity on the risk of cognitive decline point out that reading does, in fact, make a big difference. According to research by Yu-Hung Chang, I-Chien Wu and Chao A. Hsiung, from the Department of Public Health, China Medical University and Institute of Population Health Sciences, a 14-year study of people aged 64 and above determined those with higher reading frequencies were less likely to have cognitive decline at 6-, 10- and 14-year interval measurements. This remained the same at all educational levels. The authors concluded that reading was protective of cognitive function later in life.

Dr. Wade Fish, Director at Northcentral University's Graduate School, advises that reading can improve memory and concentration, and also relieves stress. Brain-stimulating activities like reading have been shown to slow down cognitive decline in older age.

While reduction in cognitive decline is one benefit of reading, Psychology Today also reports that bibliotherapy, or the therapeutic use of select reading materials, can alleviate many different mental health challenges. It can improve one's social cognition and ability to empathize with others. Reading also can be associated with a longer life. A cohort study drawn from the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) collected by the University of Michigan's Institute of Social Research and supported by the National Institute on Aging found book reading was associated with a 20 percent reduction in mortality.

Individuals who want to live longer and reduce their risk of cognitive decline can help themselves in a fun and interesting way, by turning to books. Reading every day just might keep the doctor away!

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## New president at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital

Dr. Timothy C. Lyons has been named the new president of Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

In January, Lyons will join Corewell Health from Adventist Health St. Helena, a 151-bed regional hospital in northern California, where he has served as chief medical officer

since 2017. He previously served as chief of staff at St. Helena and has served as medical director of anesthesia since 2002.

"Tim is passionate about encouraging his teams to innovate, embrace new ways of thinking and find joy in their work," said Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, president of Corewell

Health East. "He's also known for compassionately serving his patients and advocating for them."

In addition, Lyons is the president and founder of Lyons Huber Anesthesia and Lyons Huber Management. He also was an assistant professor of anesthesiology at University Hospitals of

Cleveland for seven years.

"I look forward to embracing the rich history and tradition of the Grosse Pointe hospital campus and the surrounding community. It's also wonderful to be returning home to the Midwest," Lyons said. "And I am thrilled to lead and learn from the

impressive team at Corewell Health Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe."

Lyons earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Youngstown State University, a medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University and a master's degree in healthcare management from

Harvard University.

Thomas Lanni Jr. will remain president of both Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital and Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital until Lyons arrives. In January, Lanni will transition to serving as president of Corewell Health Beaumont Troy Hospital full time.

## Addiction panel planned Nov. 9 at Woods library

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

Lisa Daniels-Goldman, co-founder of the Jamie Daniels Foundation, will tell her story. She will be joined by Lisa Kaplan, LMSW, CAADC, of Henry Ford Maple Grove, and Eddie Ahee, who founded Alpha Recovery Homes and has been in recovery more than six years.

The panel will be moderated by John George, LLMSW, CAADC, co-founder of Clarity Counseling & Wellness.

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Lisa Daniels-Goldman

### MORE THAN

# 90%

of people in the United States struggling with Substance Use Disorder — colloquially known as addiction or alcoholism — engaged with drugs or alcohol prior to their eighteenth birthday.

## EVENTS:

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- ◆ Wise Guys conversation group for men, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays.
- ◆ Conversational French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.
- ◆ Reiki, 1 to 2 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
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### Questers

The Pear Tree Questers meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Cadieux Farmhouse, 533 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

The clapboard farmhouse was built by Isadore Cadieux in 1850. The host is Leslie Wagner, who purchased the home, on Jefferson Avenue where it stood 144 years, and had it moved to her plot of land in the City. An afterglow at Panera on Kercheval follows. The day chair is Madeleine Phillips.

### Ford House

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

- ◆ Storytime: "When Winter Comes," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Nov. 15.
- ◆ DSO Concert and Dinner, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. Cost is \$150 per ticket.
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The 2022 Art & Flowers Betsy Campbell Lecture takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Paul D. Orpello, director of gardens and horticulture at the Hagley Museum and Library in Delaware, presents "Gardens from the Ashes: Rediscovering Crowninshield." The lecture is free with museum admission.

### Family Center

The Family Center presents Preschool Playtime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 9 and 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Structured playtime includes parachute games, songs, stories and more, led by Danielle Mitchelson. Registration is required. Email [maryjo.harris@familycenterweb.org](mailto:maryjo.harris@familycenterweb.org)

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. Don Riddell, past district

governor of Rotary District 6380 and past president of Groese Pointe Rotary, will speak about the Rotary Foundation. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents a variety of programs. For tickets, visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ "The Wine Counselor: Amazing Agave," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. Tickets are \$65.

◆ Ascension Mobile Unit, which will provide a variety of health screenings from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. Screenings are free for veterans and first responders, \$60 for the general public. Advanced registration is required.

◆ Youth Etiquette & Holiday Manners, for ages 8 to 12, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 12. Topics include posture and body language, how to make an entrance, introducing yourself, polite conversation skills and dining etiquette. Cost is \$90 per person. Visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org) for details and to register.

◆ "Holiday Cocktails," from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Tickets are \$59.

◆ The Dave Sharpe Worlds Quartet, featur-

ing Elden Kelly, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. VIP tickets are \$48 and include a private reception and preferred seating; concert-only tickets are \$25.

### Herb Society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit, hosts its annual Herb & Holly Boutique from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. It features lavender products, herbal teas, dried spices, soup mixes, culinary creations and more. Cash or check only. For more information, email [hsagrossepointeunit@gmail.com](mailto:hsagrossepointeunit@gmail.com) or visit [hsagrossepointeunit.org](http://hsagrossepointeunit.org) or [facebook.com/HSAGPU](https://www.facebook.com/HSAGPU).

### Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club hosts an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. The event includes open swim from 1 to 4 p.m., Family Zumba from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and drop-in pickleball instruction from 2 to 3 p.m., as well as raffles, snacks and facility tours. All are welcome. There is no enrollment fee for those who sign up for a membership. Call (313) 885-4600 for more information.

### GPAA

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

◆ Imitating the Masters: Oil Painting Workshops with Donald Cronkhitte. 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.

### 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 (Soltesz) Kaplan or Jason Bargnes on Facebook at [fb.me/e/2MAdqfL](https://fb.me/e/2MAdqfL).

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## Kick off the holiday season with Hollyfest Proceeds support Family Center programming

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For more than 20 years, The Family Center has helped families navigate all stages of life, from new parents to empty nesters and everything in between.

Its programs and resources remain free of charge to anyone who needs them. It is able to do so through its signature fundraising event, Hollyfest, which this year takes place from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17.

"The big news is we're going to be at The War Memorial, in the new Alger Center," said Jennifer Bingaman, executive director of The Family Center. "We'll be one of the first events here, so we're super excited about that."

The evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a strolling dinner and music, as well as live and silent auctions.

"We're excited about our auction items," Bingaman said.

Among them are a ride on the Grosse Pointe Farms fire engine during the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade; a luxury culinary immersion tour of Tuscany courtesy of Gunnell Innovation; and a custom holiday light display courtesy of Best Choice Home Services, the latter of which was a huge hit last year.

Another highlight of this year's event is its honorees. Grosse Pointe



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The Grunyons are returning to perform at Hollyfest this year.

Magazine owners John and Terry Minnis — former owners of the Grosse Pointe News — will be recognized during Hollyfest.

"We're honoring them for the work they've done to promote The Family Center over the years," Bingaman said. "They used their platform to amplify what we do, like they have for so many people. They've been so generous; we'll never know how many people they've helped."

The same can be said about The Family Center, which was founded by Diane Strickler in 2000, to create connections and support for new parents and young families. It's hard to estimate how many thousands of people have been helped by organization, the need for which continues to grow.

"After the pandemic,

especially, with people working from home or living away from family, we're still providing connections," Bingaman said. "We provide support for new families and young parents and even adult children. There's still parenting there; it never stops.

"I think it's important people get linked in with us now and know they can rely on us," she added. "The Family Center is here to support them through every single age and stage."

"I just had a woman tell me the other day she can't believe it's free," Director of Programs and Administration MaryJo Harris said. "So few places can do that. From yoga and sound bowls to teen art therapy to Preschool Playtime — and we do so much more than just programs. There's so much we do to help the

community."

The Family Center is known for offering a wide range of programs, articles, videos and podcasts by local experts on topics including mental health, family dynamics, life transitions, substance abuse and more.

"We don't ever want anyone to feel they're alone," Bingaman said. "They can go on our website, watch a video, listen to a podcast, go to an event, call the office for help. We're here to



support families."

Added Harris, "We really are reaching further than we ever have. The net of people we're serving is getting bigger and our programs are getting more diverse."

Though things will slow down a bit after Hollyfest, The Family Center will enter the new year with a new session of its Wellness Series, as well as Preschool Playtime and Community Book Club.

It also for the first time will host ACEs, or Adverse Childhood Experiences to Trauma. Estate planning for young families, additional library programs for teens and a baby safety program in partnership with The War Memorial also are on the horizon.

"The biggest thing for us is keeping everything free and accessible for everyone in our community and the only way

we can do that is through community support," Bingaman said. "This is the only fundraiser we do — we don't do an annual appeal — so we rely on this to create a budget for what we can do the next year."

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hollyfest sponsorships and tickets are \$150 each and may be purchased at [hollyfest.cbo.io](http://hollyfest.cbo.io).

For more information, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or email Bingaman at [jennifer.bingaman@familycenterweb.org](mailto:jennifer.bingaman@familycenterweb.org).



### ASK THE EXPERTS By Hasti Raveau

## Celebrate children for who they are

Decades of research teach us that fostering children's sense of self through compassion and respect will lead to children who are high on empathy and drive, who grow up to be adults with healthy and meaningful relationships and lower rates of mental health problems. As a parent or caregiver, you can celebrate the child you have and still set healthy boundaries and be firm. What we know for sure is when parents engage often in the below practices, children's self-esteem improves, defiant and attention-seeking behaviors are reduced, peer relationships blossom and the risk of unsafe behaviors during teenage years subsides.

Here are some ways you can celebrate your children for who they are and foster in them a healthier sense of self:

- ◆ Celebrate the small acts. Rather than focusing on the end goal (getting an A), focus and compliment your children on their progress and the effort.
- ◆ Tell children statements that foster their sense of self, such as
  - Spending time with you makes me happy.
  - I love seeing your smiling face this morning.
  - I'm proud of you for who you are.
  - I love you no matter what.
  - You are so much fun to be with.
  - You bring a lot of joy to our family.
  - I am happy to share my life with you.
- ◆ Fill your child's emotional cup. Sometimes we get caught up in the

rush and routine of everyday life and aren't conscious about filling up our children emotionally. This means helping them feel loved, valued, accepted and approved of. Spend one-on-one time with your child. Leave love notes in their lunchbox or on their pillow. Take a few extra moments for affection. Offer a hug. Give them a pat on the back when you pass by them. Smile when they enter the room and make eye contact. These simple things convey the message: "You matter to me all the time."

◆ Speak appreciation for the everyday things your kids do that are kind, good or helpful. We feel good when someone shows appreciation for the little things we do. How often do we tell our kids we appreciate that they put away their toys or fed the cat or shared with a sibling? Because we expect these things to occur, we usually only notice when they don't. Make a habit of noticing the positive.

Hasti Raveau is a child and family psychologist and founder and owner of Mala Child and Family Institute. Much of her work is focused on helping children improve their emotional well-being, supporting parents on their parenting journeys and empowering families so they can repair, grow and thrive. Read more [malafamily.org/blog](http://malafamily.org/blog).

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Making caregiving responsibilities a family affair

**Dear Gabby:** Now that my kids are in school, I find myself spending a lot of time taking my elderly family members to appointments. Whether it's helping them with their errands or handling a doctor's appointment, I find myself on the run for them a lot.

I am the oldest cousin in my family, and now that my kids are in school full-time, I seem to be the default person to drive my parents and every aunt and uncle in our family to their various appointments.

While I love spending time with them and I am happy to occasionally help

out, it just seems like there's an appointment every day! I don't want to seem unwilling to help, but these tasks are starting to only fall on me.

What's the best way to lighten my load and regain some of my time back?

— **Tired in the Farms**

**Dear Tired,**

In every family, there seems to be a key caregiver, who steps up and takes the lead on all things family.

When that someone is not you, it's really easy to be blind to the work that one person is doing. The

old saying of "out of sight, out of mind" becomes the reality.

Some of your relatives are banking on the fact that you have "more time" to devote, and although that may be true, it does not mean it's ok for you to have become a full-time medical transporter. It is not unreasonable to expect some support and division of responsibilities.

I suggest a family meeting or even an email or Zoom call to get the conversation started.

Here, you can outline the frequency of the appoint-

ments and suggest a sign up each month for each family member to take on a portion of the work. If each family member took on one or two appointments a month, it would ease the burden on you.

At the same time, it will shed light on how much you are taking on by yourself. Best of luck to you and your family.

— **Gabby**

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



## Children should sleep in their own bed

**Dear Ann Landers:** My husband and I divorced last summer. We have a 9-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter. I bought a house a few miles from my ex-husband, and the children and I have been living there for the last five months.

her a bed. I admit it was nice, and I didn't mind. I like having my children close.

The problem is, it has been five months, and she still wants to sleep in my bed. I wouldn't mind, but I am afraid it could be damaging to her in some way. I

good idea for young children to become accustomed to sleeping with an adult parent. Put the child back in her own room, and help her go to sleep there.

Divorced parents should not use a child as a spouse substitute.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a 27-year-old woman currently living in a large house with three roommates — two male, one female. One of the guys, "Eddie," owns the house.

I think Eddie is obsessive-compulsive. He pastes our names on the silverware so we will know which fork to use. He has assigned us parking spots, even though we have no parking lot and use a public street. He posts a calendar for us to mark off which days we are using the laundry facilities. I once put a mark on the wrong day, and instead of erasing

it, he got a new calendar.

I could live with his quirks except for one thing. He often tells me personal, intimate things about his life, including how much he longs for someone special to be with. I get the distinct impression he wants that someone to be me.

Eddie doesn't frighten me, but I'm uncomfortable around him.

I don't want to move out, Ann. The rent is cheap, I have my own room, and the other roommates are great. I cannot afford anything better. The only solution I've found is to work late and spend as much time in my room as possible. Do you have any other suggestions? — **Whacked Out in the West**

**Dear Whacked:** It sounds as if Eddie has some strudel in his noodle. He's a control freak and not about to change. Start

## Classic Ann Landers

looking around for other living quarters pronto, and see if you can find a pal or two to join you.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I would like to address this to all the young women who, for whatever reason, think having a baby is "cool."

I am the 17-year-old mother of a 4-month-old daughter. I will be the first to tell you it is not easy. And if you think having a baby will improve the relationship between you and your boyfriend, you are wrong. It will only make matters worse. My boyfriend and I called it quits a couple of weeks ago, when the fighting became unbearable. After three years of being

very close, it's over.

If I have changed just one teenager's mind about getting pregnant, the time it took to write this letter will have been well worth it. — **Been There in Indiana**

**Dear Indiana:** Thanks for the testimony. I hope my teenage readers will pay close attention to what you have written.

You are a far better authority on this subject that I am. And P.S. Don't give up without trying counseling with your boyfriend. You have a child now who needs two parents.

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My daughter slept with me for the first month we were in our new house, until I could afford to buy

could use some advice, Ann. — **Suzi in Houston.**

**Dear Suzi:** It is not a

## Couple mending relationship eye speed bump on the path

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been in a long-term relationship with my boyfriend, "Mack," for about 25 years. Eleven years ago we became more like roommates. I asked him to go to couples counseling, but he adamantly refused. He said, "If you don't like it, find someone else."

Long story short, I began an affair with an acquaintance of ours. After a short time, the affair came to light and Mack agreed to couples counseling, which was very helpful. I cut off all contact with the other man and any social contacts he and his wife were involved with. Mack and I slowly made new friends, and our relationship is stronger than ever.

The problem is, we have been invited to a wedding of the son of some very dear friends (who came to my son's wedding last month), BUT the other man and his wife will also be attending. Mack refuses to go to the wedding or allow me to go. What do you think? — **BACK ON TRACK IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR BACK:** I think it's regrettable that your partner is unwill-

ing or unable to face your former lover and his wife, be cordial for a couple of hours and concentrate on the celebration. But that's the way it is. Send a gift for the bride and groom and stay home.

**DEAR ABBY:** I usually don't let things bother me, but I sent my phone number about a week ago (via Messenger) to several friends I have known most, if not all, of my life.

Due to various circumstances, until recently I hadn't seen them in a long time. Everyone received it; not a single one sent me back theirs. I thought our reconnecting went well. I know several of them stay in touch with each other. I'm not sure how to feel about this other than a bit rejected. — **WONDERING IN TEXAS**

**DEAR WONDERING:** While you were separated from these friends (due to various circumstances) it's possible that circumstances may have changed in their lives, too.

Rather than conclude their lack of reaction is rejection, consider that their lives may have gone

in different directions, and they may be too busy to rekindle your relationship on the basis that it was before.

Because you can't change the way they behave, change the way you react to it and concentrate on the present.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is in eighth grade at a small private school. The problem is, she doesn't have any friends there. Away from school she makes friends easily. But around classmates she has known for years, she's quiet and awkward.

She isn't invited to parties or other fun activities. She wants to make friends and join in conversations but doesn't know how. (I'm no help. I had the same problem at her age.) Her dad and I tell her high school will be easier, but she doesn't want to wait. Do you have something that might help her? — **MOM OF AN OUTSIDER IN MISSOURI**

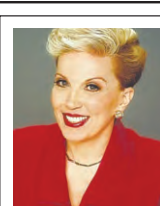
**DEAR MOM:** By the time seventh grade rolls around, "cliques" have usually solidified, and the members are not generous about admitting outsiders.

I agree that things will improve when your daughter gets into high school. As freshmen, everyone starts out on equal footing, and because classes are larger and students are funneling in from other schools, there's more opportunity to meet new people. I speak from experience. I was excluded when I moved to a new school in seventh grade, and I know how it felt.

The subject of social dexterity has been in my column before because readers of all ages ask about it. It's important to understand that few individuals are born socially adept. It's a skill that must be learned, then polished until it becomes second nature.

Part of being social is showing an interest in others. A smile is an excellent icebreaker, and one of the secrets of being charming is being a good listener.

The keys to being liked by both sexes are simple: Be kind. Be honest. Be tactful. Offer a compliment — but only if it's deserved. Be well groomed, tastefully dressed and conscious of your posture. Confident individuals stand tall.



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Another useful icebreaker is to ask others what they think and be open to listening to their opinions. Be a good listener and people will think you're a genius.

I publish a booklet, "How To Be Popular," for people of all ages. It contains many other useful tips for polishing social skills. You can order one for your daughter by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

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Some people are anxious socially because they become so focused on their own insecurities, it distracts them from reaching out. The solution to that is: Concentrate on the OTHER person. If your daughter tries it, she will find that it works.

**DEAR ABBY:** One of my co-workers comes to work with different clothes all the time. I overheard her telling another co-worker she buys clothes, hides the tags, then returns them after she wears them. She said she avoids wearing perfume so the clothes don't "smell." She also pays cash. In my opinion, this is a form of stealing. Your thoughts? — **WORKING WITH A THIEF**

**DEAR WORKING:** I agree with you. While there is nothing you can do about it, it may comfort you to know that when this happens repeatedly, some stores refuse to sell more items to the perpetrator.

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# Guilty pleasures

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I'm absolutely loving soups lately, especially this one. Why? Because it's not healthy and I don't care. I do care that the family loves it and eats every last drop.

However, it's filled with lots of beans and corn so that's something right? I added salsa and fajita seasoning for flavor. An abundance of half and half makes it creamy and delicious.

Don't judge me on the canned cream of chicken soup. It adds a needed MSG depth that one craves. Chicken soup base is sometimes essential to a soup but a 99 cent can of goodness goes a long way.

Use mild or medium salsa to your family's spice level. The best part is it's a one and dump soup using a rotisserie chicken. A win for everyone!

Cheers, Mombeau

**Chicken Tortilla Soup**

3 tbsp butter

1 medium onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, chopped

2 tbsp flour

3 cups chicken broth

1 10.5 oz can, cream of chicken soup

1 packet fajita seasoning

2 15oz cans, black beans, rinsed and drained

1 can of corn, drained

1 cup mild or medium salsa

2 cups half and half

1 rotisserie chicken, shredded

4 diced scallions

Sour cream

Bag of tortilla chips

In a large soup pot, saute the onions and

garlic for about five minutes or until soft.

Add the flour and stir around until everything is incorporated.

Next, whisk in the chicken broth and cream of chicken soup. Make sure you get all the lumps out.

Add the fajita seasoning, black beans, corn and salsa. Once everything comes to a boil, reduce the heat to simmer and pour in the half and half and add the shredded chicken.

Let simmer for 15 minutes and serve with crunched up tortilla chips and a dollop of sour cream.

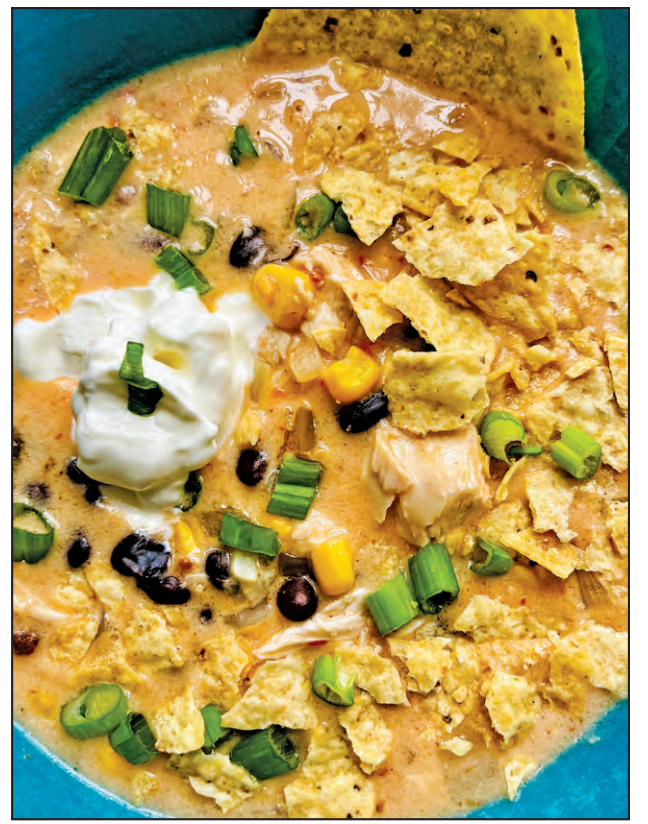


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## Alcohol in wine

I love wine, of course, but my favorite wines have lower alcohol levels than I have usually seen in the last decade or two.

The debate about alcohol levels in table wines (which are aimed at going with meals) has raged for roughly the last 30 years. And there are many people, notably in the United States, who believe that the percentage of alcohol is immaterial as long as the wine tastes OK.

As a result, we have seen alcohol levels creep up from the 1960s (when they were about 12 percent in almost all wines) to today when 14.5 percent, 15 percent and even higher seem to be everywhere. Many wine reviewers prefer higher-alcohol wines and reward them with higher scores.

In fact, a few zinfandels that receive high praise from some wine reviewers are in the 17 percent range. To me, that's absurd. It's higher than most sheries!

Contrast this with alcohol levels for most red wines that before 1990 routinely were about 13.5 percent.

In the late 1980s, I was having lunch with the

late Pete Seghesio at his home. It was a warm summer afternoon, and on the table was a 1985 Seghesio zinfandel.

"I just don't get some of the wines these days," he said. "Too alcoholic." He then poured some of his ice water into his glass of zin. "That's better," he said.

A decade ago, I interviewed the late, respected winemaker Peter Mondavi at his Charles Krug Winery. He was then 96 and he poured an expensive cabernet for us and grumbled something about its alcohol being "for the younger generation," adding that in his day, "Twelve percent was just fine for me."

True, older Americans who grew up with wines of more modest alcohol levels prefer what they were reared on, and recent research and current trends suggest that many wine drinkers are happiest with wines lower in alcohol.

Ten years ago, research sponsored by German wine trade fair Prowein contained an interesting fact.

A U.S.-based analytical firm, Wine Intelligence, asked 1,000 regular U.S.

wine drinkers as well as wine drinkers in China, Germany and the United Kingdom about their drinking preferences. The company said significant numbers said they preferred wines with less than 12 percent alcohol!

But try to find such a dodo bird!

Until recently, the phrase "table wine" indicated that a wine had less than 14 percent alcohol, and qualified for a lower level of federal taxation. But that may be changing, and lower alcohol levels no longer garner that tax benefit.

More and more these days, I meet people who ask me if there are low-alcohol wines that actually taste good. Yes, of course, but in general large wine companies do not promote them with the same gusto that they do their regular brands.

Generally, wines from Europe have slightly less alcohol naturally because Europe has a continental climate, which means a lot less sun than California, and less sunlight produces lower sugars, which leads to lower alcohol levels.

Consumers seeking lower-alcohol wines have one other choice, though it is not a particularly pleasant idea: Simply add a little water to each glass.

**Wine of the Week:**  
2021 Brancott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, "Flight Song" (\$14) — This large, excellent New

Zealand wine company has produced a 9 percent alcohol sauvignon blanc that has superb flavors of the grape variety and is difficult to differentiate from its regular bottling, which has about 12.5 percent alcohol. This wine has roughly 30 percent fewer calories and is a truly excellent version of a New Zealand sauvignon blanc.

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# The Helm host annual gala

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Helm hosted its 26th annual gala Thursday, Oct. 13. Nearly 240 people attended the event, which raised money for the variety of services The Helm makes available for seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.



Suzie Starnes, Mike Lefevre and Sue Wegner use their phones to bid on auction items.



One of the items in the live auction is a Santos Cartier watch. The watch was created by Louis Cartier in 1904, to help aviators tell time mid-flight.

Mary and Ron Lamparter are ready to bid once the live auction gets started.



Mary and Robert Lubera bid on a "Bit of Bubbly," which included several champagne bottles.



From left, Prudence Cole, board president; Dr. Cheryl Wesen, gala co-chair; Doug Blatt, gala co-chair; and Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm.



David Balle, a member of The Helm Advisory Council, was the 2022 Take the Helm honoree. He was recognized at the gala for his many contributions and his service to the community.

# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

### THURSDAY, NOV. 3

» **Big B and the Actual Proof**  
Cadieux Cafe, 7-8 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd.

» **Eastpointe Lions Open House**  
Eastpointe Manor,  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
24611 Gratiot.

» **Josh Lawrence Quartet**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

» **Postcrossing: Connecting the World through Postcards**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

» **Sean Dobbins**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.

» **Storytime with Miss Jane**  
Woods Branch,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 4

» **Bazzi: The Infinite Dream Tour**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.

» **Chaka Khan**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

» **Detroit Mercy Theatre Company Presents "Ariness"**  
The Marlene Boll Theatre,  
7:30 p.m.  
1401 Broadway St.

» **Gasp! Murder!**  
Ewald Branch, 6:30-8 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

» **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace  
Detroit, 2 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

» **Katt Williams: 2023 And Me Tour**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.

» **Michael Malis Trio**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

» **Sean Dobbins**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.

» **Stahls' Power Play for Heroes**  
St Clair Shores Civic Arena,  
8-10 p.m.  
20000 Stephens St..

» **UniverSoul Circus**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre - UniverSoul Circus, 7 p.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 5

» **Community STEAM Faire at University Liggett School**  
University Liggett School - Boll Campus Center,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
1045 Cook Rd.

» **Detroit Mercy Theatre Company Presents "Ariness"**  
Marlene Boll Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
1401 Broadway St.

» **Gift Maker Faire**  
Woods Branch,  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

» **Tracy Morgan**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.

» **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace  
Detroit, 11 a.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

» **Katt Williams: 2023 And Me Tour**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.

» **Michael Malis Trio**  
Cliff Bell's,  
7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

» **Sean Dobbins**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.

» **Tracy Morgan**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

» **UniverSoul Circus**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre - UniverSoul Circus, 11:30 a.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 6

» **Detroit Mercy Theatre Company Presents "Ariness"**  
Marlene Boll Theatre, 3 p.m.  
1401 Broadway St.

» **Grosse Pointe Academy Open House**  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
171 Lake Shore Rd

» **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace  
Detroit, 11 a.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

» **Michael Malis Trio**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

» **UniverSoul Circus**  
Across from the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre UniverSoul Circus, 11 a.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

» **Detroit Lions vs. Green Bay Packers**  
Ford Field, 1 p.m.  
2000 Brush St.

### MONDAY, NOV. 7

» **Blues Jam**  
The Cadieux Cafe,  
8-11 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd..

» **Boat Handling and Marine Navigation Class**  
7-9 p.m.  
788 Lake Shore Dr.

» **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace  
Detroit, 5:30 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 8

» **7th & 8th Grade Book Group**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

» **Immersive King Tut: Boy. King. Hero**  
Harmonie Club,  
10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

» **Middle School Book Group - 7th/8th**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

» **Read, Rhyme & Play**  
Ewald Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

» **Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom**  
Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.  
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» **Tuesday Night Book Discussion**  
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

» **Candlelight: A Tribute to Queen & More**  
St. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church,  
6:30-7:35 p.m.  
438 St. Antoine.

» **Demi Lovato**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.

» **Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

» **Immersive King Tut: Boy. King. Hero**  
Harmonie Club,  
10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

» **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,  
97 Kercheval.

» **Jam at Cabbage Patch Saloon**  
Cabbage Patch Saloon,  
9:30-11 p.m.  
15130 Mack Ave.

# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I started to notice that my eyes were looking really tired, which began when several people in the span of a week said, "You look tired," after I had a solid eight hours of sleep the night before. Naturally, I became somewhat obsessed with this new problem and began to research.

The term is "low-lying eyelids" or "acquired blepharoptosis." This is, as most things, something that occurs as we age. If it's bad enough, it starts to affect things like reading, driving, etc.

For me, it is not quite bad enough to consider surgery (based on the online quiz I took via Dr.

Google); however, there's a neat new eye drop on the market that promises to improve low-lying lids and give hope to droopy eye sufferers everywhere. It's cheaper than surgery, so as the saying goes, I had to try it.

It seemed like the only way to get the stuff was to pay extra for an online telehealth appointment.

However, I did a little sleuthing and as luck would have it, Pure Beauty on Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores carries it.

I bought a box of 45 treatments. It wasn't cheap, but I felt that with the before and after

photos I had seen, along with the endorsement of the practitioner I trusted, it was worth the gamble.

It comes in 45 packets — almost seems like a box full of samples. You just take it out of the package, twist off the top and apply one drop per eye. Poof! In about 10 minutes I looked in the mirror and I looked at least 50 percent less tired. How was this possible? Apparently it triggers the muscles in your upper eyelid to contract — and it truly works. Wow!

The results were definitely noticeable and it was a big confidence booster. I just felt awake!

Several people have commented that they like my eye makeup since I started using Upneeq, but clearly it's not the makeup — it's the eyelid itself.

My favorite beauty hacks are definitely the ones that are noticeable but not obvious or fake looking. This certainly fits the bill.

If you feel like you are unhappy with your eyelids but are not willing to get surgery at this point, Upneeq is definitely the move.

I'm giving it 4.5 out of 5 alligators — only taking away half a point for price and the fact it lasts only six to eight hours at a time.



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Left, Barry Keoghan as Spencer Reinhard and Evan Peters as Warren Lipka in the 2018 movie "American Animals," directed by Bart Layton.

## Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin

worthy aspect of their testimonials was the fact that each one of them saw things slightly differently. You question what actually happened and who should you believe?

Prime Video. ★★★★★

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column: My main focus is on



films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [domin-mark@yahoo.com](mailto:domin-mark@yahoo.com).

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



The real Warren Lipka.

What makes the movie so entertaining was the method they devised for robbing the library. We see them donning some absolutely outrageous disguises. They apply fake moustaches and beards. Add some 1950s style hats. And put on classic London Fog trench coats, like old-fashioned Phillip Marlow detectives. You can't help yourself from shaking your head in disbelief. Are these kids really that naive? Did they think they wouldn't get caught? What a bunch of knuckleheads.

If you're in the mood for something a bit different, and very entertaining, don't miss "American Animals." You're very fortunate in that it's offered on a bunch of streaming services

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy.com (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Hulu, Plex, Pluto TV, and

almost immediately started to relieve the library of some of its more valuable contents.

When he mentions his

hold regular planning sessions, and due to the way it's filmed, you feel you're right in the room plotting with them.

Warning! Here comes a



The culprits in disguise.

outrageous idea to his friend Warren Lipka (Evan Peters), their wheels begin turning. Warren is a brash, excitable young man, attending the University of Kentucky on an athletic scholarship. They soon engage a couple other kids to be their accomplices. Eric Borsuk (Jared Abrahamson), an aspiring FBI agent becomes the brains of the operation. And super-jock Charles Allen II gets the nod for his money. They

bit of a spoiler. If you want to be totally surprised, read no further and just watch the movie. However, by the fact that the director interviews the participants, you know they were eventually nabbed. Each one of them speaks from the heart about the robbery, how the plans came together, and reflecting on the way things transpired, the remorse they felt. It was obviously a life-transforming event for all of them. One note-

I ask you, who doesn't love a good heist movie? Especially when it's regular folks robbing a casino or a big bank. Over the years, several classics have been made in this genre including "Oceans Eleven," "The Bank Job," "The Sting," and "The Italian Job." They all make it fun to root for the little guys, hoping they'll get away with it. The ultimate get rich scheme!

Well, if you watch "American Animals," you'll realize it isn't quite in the same category. Simply put, it's one weird movie. You know you're in for something different as soon as the opening credits roll. We see the phrase "This is not based on a true story." Then the words "not based on" fall away, letting you know it's going to be an interesting yarn.

What makes it especially unique is the director Bart Layton chose to use actors to play the thieves, supplemented with footage of interviews with the actual participants and their parents. It makes for some very effective storytelling.

The story begins in 2004. We're introduced to Spencer Reinhard (Barry Keoghan), a freshman art student at Kentucky's Transylvania University. While touring the school's library, he visits the Special Collection which includes, among other rarities, John James Audubon's "Birds of America," which is valued at \$12 million.

What caught his surprise was the fact that only a middle-aged librarian Betty Gooch (Ann Dowd), stood between him and the entire collection of rare books. He

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# At Work

by Lindsey Novak



**Q:** I prefer working at small companies because they seem less rigid with rules and policies and the environment is more like a family. The company I work for is run by a married couple. They live like millionaires but claim to not be able to pay me more. I've been there a little more than a year. I love the job, but I find it difficult to live on the salary. Because I really wanted the job, I did not ask questions in the interview.

I recently told them I'm having trouble living on the salary and asked for an increase. They said they'd see what they could do, but nothing has happened yet. I need to remind them again. What else can I do?

**A:** The opportunity to negotiate a higher salary or better benefits is once you receive a job offer and have not yet accepted it. Once you accept the position, you are relying on the company's success (as the owners see it) and their generosity. Rather than hoping you will be a wonderful addition to the company, they will now know what you are capable of contributing. In other words, their excitement is replaced by reality.

When comparing small companies to large ones, you have to weigh the pros and cons of each. Salaries are not created so the employee can live a more desired lifestyle. They are created according to the work and level of qualifications required. Privately owned company owners

have the right to take as much out of the company as they wish to live the lifestyle they desire. The rules for the owners are not the same for the employees. This may be your wake-up call to the so-called rules of the workplace.

One thing is clear. It would serve you well to read books on the interview questions that are typically asked. Such a book to increase your knowledge and comfort level with the interviewing process is "96 Great Interview Questions To Ask Before You Hire" by Paul Falcone. Falcone is a top human resources professional and author of numerous books to guide HR employees toward becoming experienced HR professionals. "It's often used by job applicants to gain a better understanding of the job search process from the 'other side of the desk,'" says Falcone.

When you learn what the pros are expecting of you, you will know the questions you, in turn, should be asking in an interview. As a hiring manager, Falcone says, "No questions at the end of an interview leads me to think, 'So you really want to work here but have absolutely no questions about the organization, what it's like to work here, or what it takes to be successful?'" This is a definite negative in the overall evaluation of the candidate.

Falcone suggests explaining your small company preference and then leading into a question such as, "As you see from

my resume, I enjoy working for smaller companies because I feel size matters. Smaller organizations tend to be more focused and aligned, and you don't get lost in bureaucracy. I also love that everyone's part of the solution and can see their impact on the final product. Do you find that XYZ is typical of smaller companies in that regard, and do you have plans to scale up or down in the next few years?"

You may be asked a salary range you would consider, but do not ask for the exact salary. Salary offers are determined after the interview and presented in the job offer, which is based on what the applicant brings to the job. If you need time to consider your bottom line once you know what the job entails, ask for it. You lose negotiating power once you've begun working.

If you negotiate an increase based on achieving certain performance levels, make sure it is in your offer letter or in an employment agreement. If not, a future salary increase is not a promise. Your options are to stay on your current salary or start a job search. In fact, job search results and future interviews are the best way to know your value in any job market.

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# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Pisces.

**Happy Birthday** for Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022:

You have a strong character. You speak your mind and state your opinions. You are hardworking and dedicated to your craft. This is a slower-paced year, in part because you have a stronger focus on partnerships and relationships. Take time for yourself to discover what brings you happiness.

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

This is a pleasant, peace-loving day! Even though you will likely choose to keep a low profile, you will feel warmhearted toward others, as well as yourself. Respect some moneymaking ideas you might have that can boost your income. Ka-ching! Tonight: You're restless.

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

This is a wonderful day to enjoy the company of others, be they good friends or members of groups. Relations with partners and close friends are also positive. Expect to meet someone new who is different today. They might excite you or make you feel younger. Tonight: A new friend?

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

"You look mahvellous, dahling!" Today you make a wonderful impression on everyone, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. Because of this, it could be a good day to ask for a raise. Relations with coworkers are excellent. A work-related romance might blossom. Tonight: You're high-viz.

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

This is a wonderful day to travel or make travel plans. Likewise, it's a great day to explore opportunities in publishing, the media and anything to do with higher education or matters related to the law or medicine. All of these areas will favor you today! It's a great day to schmooze! Tonight: Explore!

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

This is a warm, happy day for you, particularly for relating to family members. It's also a marvelous day to entertain at home, as well as to explore ways to improve the appearance of where you live. Money or support from others might help you do this. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

Relations with partners and close friends are smooth and happy today. In fact, you are eager to see new places and meet new faces. A short trip, especially for pleasure, will delight you. This is a great day to learn gossip or, on the more serious side, to study. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

This is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you have moneymaking ideas; furthermore, you can attract money to you today. Something unexpected regarding a budget or equipment related to your job or the resources of someone else could surprise you. Tonight: Observe.

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

This is a wonderful day for you because the Sun, Mercury and Venus in your sign are dancing beautifully with the Moon, which makes you want to socialize with

others as well as entertain. Get out and enjoy yourself! It can be modest; it can be extravagant. Tonight: Plans change.

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

Today you might be happy to stay at home and cocoon in a pleasant way. You want to be low profile, simply because it feels better. Nevertheless, this is still a feel-good day for you. Note: A surprise might occur at home. Tonight: Unexpected company.

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

An unexpected short trip will delight you today because you feel friendly and eager to talk to others, especially younger people who are talented and creative. News that is surprising might occur. Your daily plans might suddenly change at the last moment. Tonight: Stay flexible.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You make a great impression on others, which is good to know in case you have to do something to advance your cause. Meanwhile, keep an eye on your money and possessions today, because something unexpected could occur. Tonight: Check your money.

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

This is a fabulous day because the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Sun, Mercury and fair Venus. This makes you friendly and charming with everyone. In particular, you will enjoy travel and a chance to talk to people from different backgrounds. Tonight: A surprise?

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♦	J 9 7 4		
♣	A Q 9 2		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠	K 10 6	♠	J 9 8 4
♥	Q 9 3	♥	K 10 8 2
♦	Q 10 5 3	♦	6
♣	8 5 4	♣	10 7 6 3
	<b>SOUTH</b>		
	♠	A Q 5	
	♥	A 7 5 4	
	♦	A K 8 2	
	♣	K J	

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT
Opening lead — three of diamonds.			

In planning the play of a notrump contract, declarer's first responsibility when dummy appears is to count his certain winners. These are the tricks that can be taken immediately.

However, declarer may occasionally be lulled into a false sense of security if he completes this assessment superficially. As a case in point, consider what happened to South in today's deal.

Declarer played low from dummy on the diamond lead and won East's six with the eight. He could now count nine tricks — three diamonds, four clubs and the two major-suit

aces — but the count was a false one. Taking four club tricks was easier said than done, due to the lack of an entry to dummy.

South began by cashing the diamond ace, learning that West had started with the Q-10-5-3. Next, in an effort to overcome the club blockage, he played the K-J of clubs, overtaking the jack with the queen. He then cashed the ace, hoping the ten would fall. When it didn't, he tried leading a spade to the queen, but after the finesse lost to West, he was out of ammunition and finished down one.

Actually, there would have been nothing wrong with declarer's counting to nine tricks if he had given more consideration at the outset to his entry situation. Since a side entry to dummy was needed to ensure four club tricks, the proper play at trick one was to take East's six of diamonds with the ace!

All that would then be needed for the contract to succeed is for West to have led from a legitimate diamond suit, certainly a normal expectancy against three-notrump. After taking the ace, declarer next cashes the king of diamonds and K-J of clubs, then leads a diamond toward dummy's J-9.

West can do whatever he pleases, but he cannot prevent South from sooner or later reaching dummy with the jack of diamonds to collect the A-Q of clubs for his eighth and ninth tricks.

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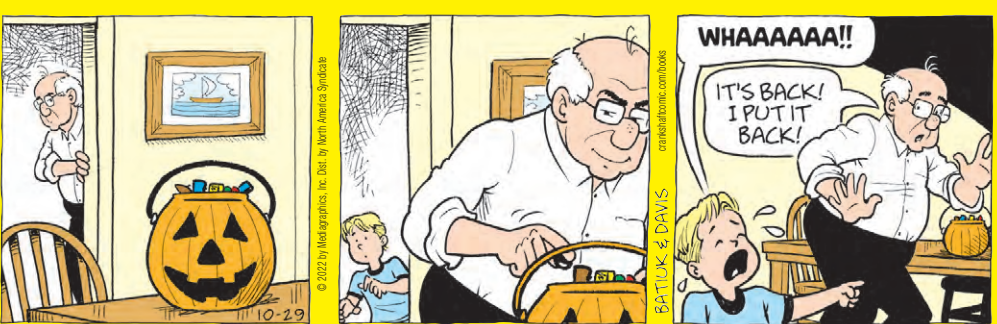
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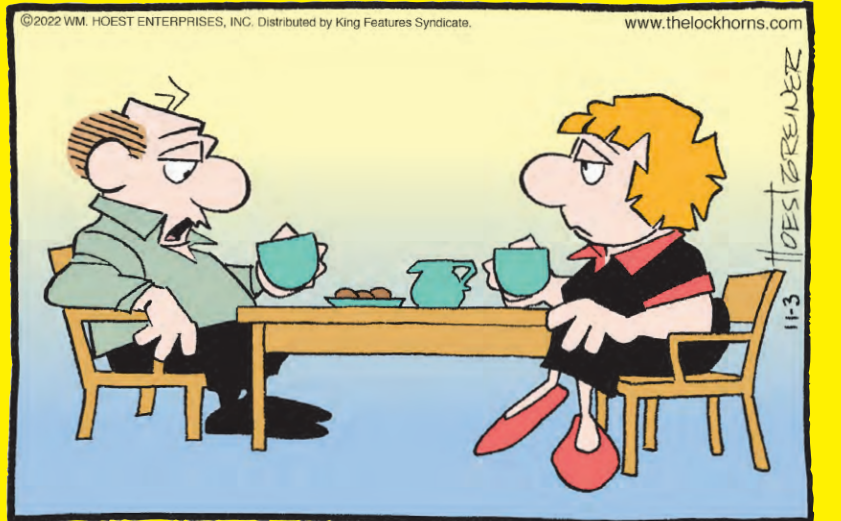
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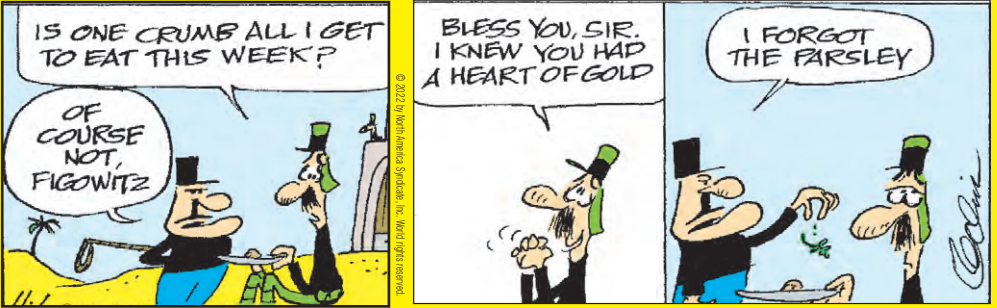
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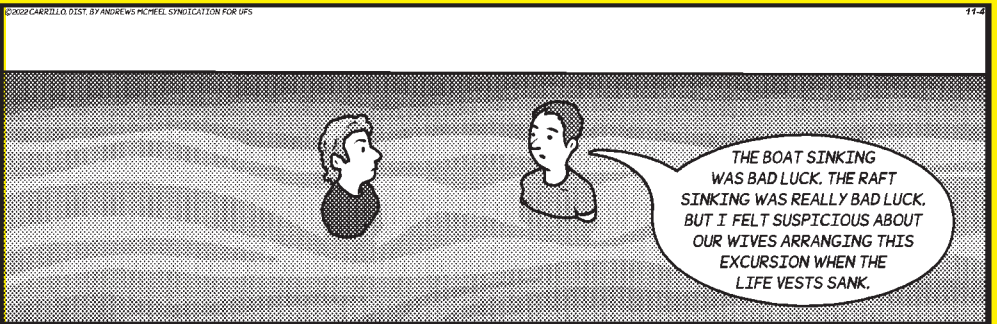
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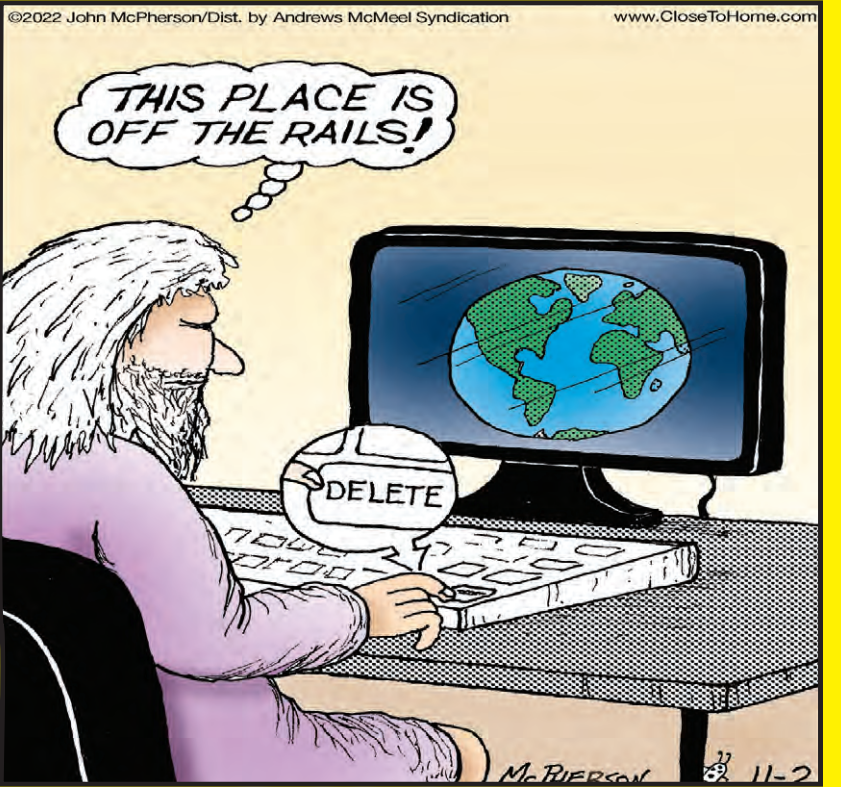
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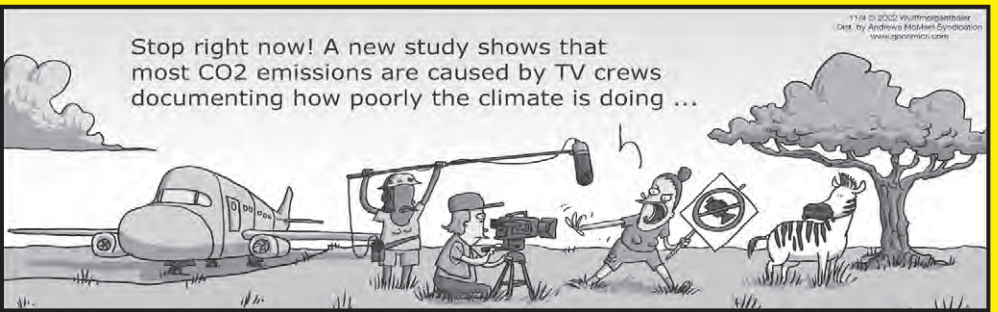
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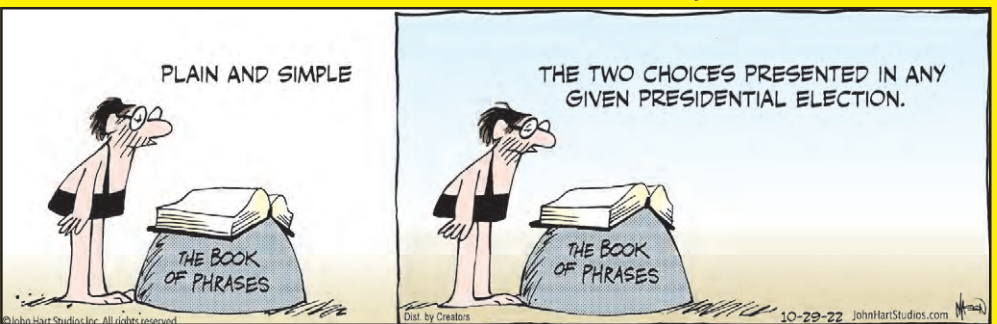
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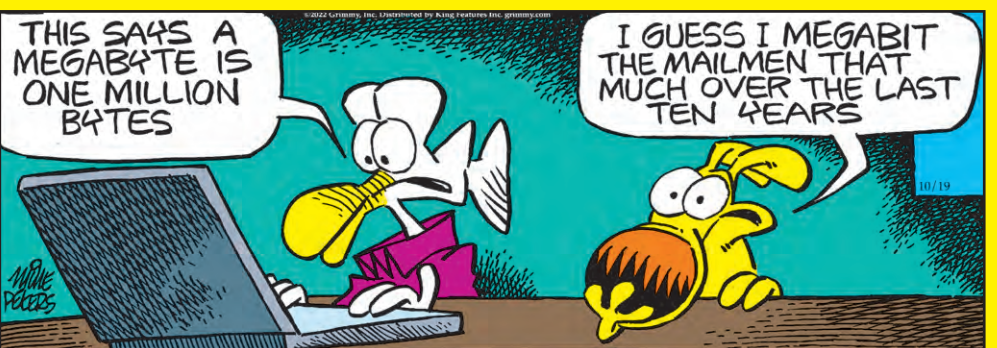
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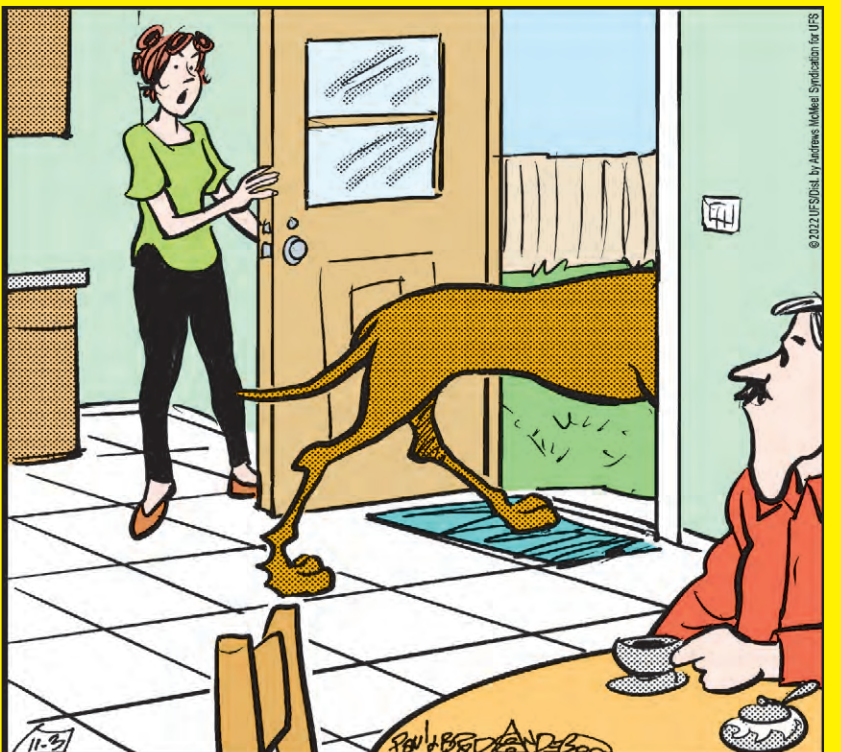
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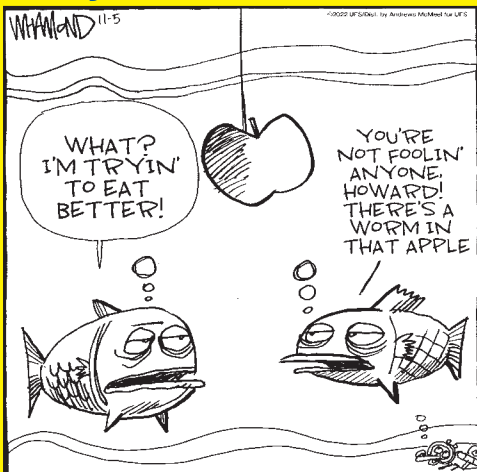
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North senior Kyle Armbruster celebrates his touchdown catch during last Friday's playoff game against Allen Park.

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## Despite early exit, season sets new standard

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

Entering the fall, there were expectations for Grosse Pointe North's varsity football team to show some level of improvement from 2021. Going from three wins last season to eight wins in 2022 proved to be a greater leap than anyone was anticipating.

"We progressed a lot quicker than I expected us to," coach Joe Drouin put it simply.

The Norsemen's surprisingly successful season came to an end last Friday night in the opening round of the Division 3 playoffs, after a 38-22 loss to Allen Park, bringing the team to an 8-2 final record this season.

Starting at quarterback for those eight wins was junior Ryan Henderson. Perhaps one of the biggest individual surprises this season for the Norsemen,

Henderson was forced to step in under center for much of the year in place of injured senior Daniel Taylor. What North ended up finding was its QB of the future, knowing now that they are in good hands for 2023.

"He's going to lead the ship next year and I think he'll have some good weapons behind him too," Drouin said. "We'll still have Leo Perettie and Sebastian Rouse and there's a couple younger guys who can help at receiver. Almost the whole offensive line is coming back. Running back will be tough shoes to fill. If you look at it, we'll be returning I think nine of eleven starters on offense, and luckily our schedule allowed us to play some of the younger kids in games that were blowouts."

While Henderson stepped up to lead the offense, North's defense was another big story for

much of the year. Half of the Norsemen's eight wins this season were shutouts and the defense allowed only six points to MAC Gold opponents, as North steamrolled its way to a division title.

"I think of two things when it comes to the progress of the defense," Drouin said. "One is age. Last year, our secondary were the only seniors on the field for defense. The other is the weight room. Everyone was committed to getting in the weight room and working hard."

Impact players on defense like seniors Charlie Auld and Drew Hill will not be there for the Norsemen next season. The emergence of younger talent like Sebastian "Juice" Rouse has shown that North could be set up well defensively for the future.

The optimism going

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## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

A lot has changed for Grosse Pointe South's Connor Stafford over the past four years. From a young tennis and baseball player to a varsity athlete in both sports and now, as of this fall, he's a No. 1 singles tennis state champion.

Having a dad with a baseball background and mom with a tennis background, Stafford has made both parents happy over the years by excelling in both sports. While playing Little League, he picked up tennis as an 8 year old and began competing in USTA tournaments a year later. Eventually he began his freshman year of high school, and joined the boys tennis team. Immediately he landed in the No. 1 singles role.

"Freshman year I was surprised and wasn't really expecting much of myself," Stafford said. "Sophomore year, I kept getting better and junior year I feel like I really improved a lot and took advantage of being at No. 1 singles... This year

of his tennis career. At the MHSAA Division 2 state finals on Oct. 14 and 15, Stafford earned three straight victories to earn himself a spot in the No. 1 singles state championship match.

Facing off against Sammy Yin from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, Stafford dropped the first set of the match, but recovered to win the next two consecutive sets to take the title.

"In the first set, I was just swinging for it and wasn't playing smart tennis," he said. "Then I got in a groove and found my rhythm on the court. Back in freshman year, I would've never guessed that I'd be a state champion so it was a pretty big moment for me, my teammates and my family."

Stafford's abilities as a multi-sport athlete make his feat as a state champion in tennis even more

impressive. Throughout the season and in the state tournament, especially in No. 1 singles competition, Stafford faced off against several players who focus on tennis all year round.

Now with his tennis season over, Stafford will put down the racket and pick up a bat to get ready to spend spring on the Blue Devils' varsity baseball team. Being able to switch from one sport to the other has, in Stafford's mind, made him an even better overall athlete.

"It adds more excitement to it," Stafford said. "When it's baseball season, I don't really play any tennis but then when the seasons change I feel like I get into it pretty fast. I'm thankful I have the ability to be able to adapt to both sports and be athletic enough to be good and have an impact on both teams."

Being a No. 1 singles state champion is not going unnoticed, and even though he loves baseball, Stafford sees a longer future in tennis. What lies ahead is still

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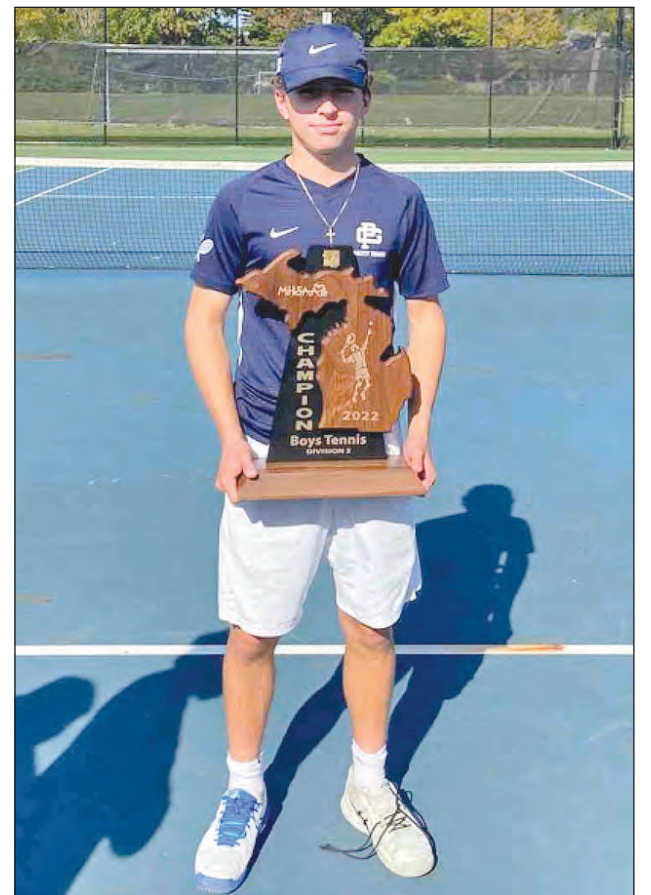
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**Connor Stafford**

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South senior Connor Stafford with his state championship trophy after winning the No. 1 singles title at this year's Division 2 tennis state finals.

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# Rookie head coach, senior class build Blue Devils' culture of pride

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The first year for Grosse Pointe South football under head coach Chad Hepner had its highs and lows. From losing the first two games of the season to winning five in a row, winning the MAC White Division and clinching its eighth-straight playoff appearance, there was plenty to like about South despite there still being room for improve-

ment.

The eighth consecutive playoff appearance for South was brief, as the team lost 40-0 to De La Salle last Friday night in the opening round of the postseason. Although a disappointing end to the season, Hepner saw the fulfillment of perhaps his biggest goal of the season, establishing a culture of pride and toughness.

"It was a tough loss in the last game of the season when you know your

season's over," he said. "But seeing the emotion of the players and how much they care and wanted to win, but mostly wanted to just keep playing with each other, was a good indication of what this team became and how passionate they were not just about the game but about each other."

A large senior class, filled with impact players helped establish that culture and camaraderie. From big names on offense like QB Anthony Benard and running back Egan Sullivan, to defensive players like Donovan Moody and Peter Ulku, the class of 2023 will certainly be missed next year on the gridiron.

However, that does not mean their impact will not still be felt. In the eyes of the coaching staff, this year's seniors helped to set a new standard for leadership both on and off the field at South.

"We had a lot of guys who had ability and worked hard in the offseason to maximize their potential," Hepner said. "The younger guys can look up to that to see the leadership and the work ethic...it's a year-round project and we have some guys leaving us who were real leaders on the field and in the offseason."



Vince Vachon, seen here against L'Anse Creuse, was one of five sophomores on South's varsity roster this season.



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South coach Chad Hepner talks on the sideline with senior QB Anthony Benard during last month's game against Grosse Pointe North. Hepner led the Blue Devils to a 6-4 record in his first year as head coach.

The young players who are going to follow that standard had their moments this season as well. Plenty of juniors and even a few sophomores made their way onto the varsity field for South to gain valuable experience, which only breeds optimism for what is to come next year.

"There were five sophomores on varsity and our JV was real successful, even without some of their best players," Hepner said. "That group

coming up is talented but also has high character... combined with some returning starters we're going to be looking at some great leadership."

While it was this year's seniors who helped to establish a new culture for the Blue Devils, it will be up to that next generation to carry it on. The key to doing that, in the coaching staff's eyes, is by letting the players take the lead.

The more players that lead off the field, the better is how South sees it.

As the offseason begins, the next group of Blue Devil leaders have the task in front of them of guiding the team into the future.

"As we get into the offseason, we'll get together with our leadership council of seven or eight returning players who are going to be the core of next year's team," Hepner said. "We work together and have them give some input in on what this team is going to be going forward and what our focus is."

## First winning season since 2016 gives Liggett football new life

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

University Liggett football's most successful season in over half a decade has come to an end. The Knights fell to St. Mary Catholic Central 41-0 in the opening round of the playoffs last Friday night, bringing a 7-3 season filled with plenty of lessons learned to a close for Liggett.

"Embrace the hurt and understand and be proud of what was accomplished this year," Liggett head coach Matt Lapolla said he told his players after the playoff loss. "Our seniors sacrificed and dedicated themselves all year to rebuilding this program...they modeled what we want for our program growing forward and we have 22 players returning next year."

Seniors like Oliver Service, Ryan and Jack Jones, Mitchell Beauregard and Josh Pierece will be missed in 2023 and beyond. However, as coach Lapolla already said, the Knights have a wealth of young talent coming back to help continue leading the program forward.

Liggett's 7-3 record this fall marks the program's best finish since going 10-1 in 2016.

Helping to lead the way were younger names on the team like sophomore receiver Eddie Narva, junior receiver and defensive back Jermaine Calloway and freshman QB Solomon Spann, who found himself taking a considerable amount of snaps while Ryan Jones recovered from injury.

"Every one of our players got real game experience at the varsity level this year," said Lapolla. "We want to get to the point where we can have JV games so they can grow and progress. Our kids are thrown in there and you look at the freshman class and someone like Solomon got game experience you can't get in practice or camp. Our sophomores and juniors got to see what leadership looks like."

Many of those younger players who will be back on the gridiron for the Knights in 2023 now enter an offseason where they might be spending the winter on the basketball court and spring on the baseball diamond or track. However, the successes of this season are prompting more of Liggett's many multi-sport athletes to always be looking forward to the football season.

For coach Lapolla, the pride that comes with

what the Knights were able to accomplish this season is also what he sees as being the motivation for players to be committed to improving in the offseason.

"We want our kids to be involved in as much as possible and play multiple sports," he said. "But I've told them not to be afraid to use football as part of their identity. They've earned the right to call themselves football players. As we get into the offseason with spring workouts and summer practices, there's going to be commitment to other sports but we have a solid group now and a commitment to what we want going forward."

That commitment could be the key to the program continuing to grow. Seven wins this season has already helped change the attitude around the team, once again giving football games at Liggett a special feel of excitement, but it is only the beginning on the road to true success for the Knights football program.

"It feels like Liggett football has a different feeling behind its name now," Lapolla said. "It's a good start, but it's the first step...everyone is excited but knows there's still work in front of them."



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Freshman QB Solomon Spann, pictured in a game against Shrine, is set to be one of 22 players returning to Liggett football's roster next season.



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University Liggett's girls cross country earned a team qualifying spot for the Division 3 state championships on Nov. 5.

## Liggett finishes second, North and South see qualifiers at regionals

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The two most important weeks in the cross country season are finally here, with the penultimate races of the season taking place last week in the lead up to the state championships. Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett took part in their respective regional meets and all earned the right to be represented at the state finals by at least one runner.

**ULS**  
The Liggett Knights are set up to be the Pointe's most well represented school at states after some impressive finishes at regionals. Liggett's girls team had one of the biggest highlights of the weekend by earning second place in the Division 3 regional and qualifying as a team for the state finals.

Sophomore Kerith Short (20:26) crossed the finish line first overall and senior Penelope Griffioen (20:37) was right behind in second place to help Liggett pull off a one-two finish to lead the pack.

All five of Liggett's girls runners finished in the top 20 to help the

team qualify for states as a whole. Elizabeth Gough (23:18) was 16th, Fiona Sierens (23:27) finished 17th and Kelsey Beckett (24:45) rounded out the field for the Knights in 20th.

Liggett's boys team finished fifth overall in its regional, not earning a team qualifying spot but still seeing three runners individually advance to states. Michael Darlington (18:10) was the Knights' only top-ten finisher, crossing the finish line in ninth place. Freshman Brendan Beland (18:58) qualified for states by finishing 13th and Donald Rowlands (20:07) was Liggett's last state qualifier in 22nd.

**South and North**  
In the Division 1 regional, neither the boys or girls teams from North or South managed to finish high enough for a team qualification at states. However, each school did have at least one runner earn an individual qualifying spot.

South and North's boys teams finished ninth and tenth overall, respectively, out of 17 schools in the region. The only boys runner from either school to qualify for states was South senior Logan

Detweiler. Detweiler's time of 15:41 was fast enough to finish third in the entire field. North's top runner was sophomore Caleb Kosel, who finished 20th with a time of 16:42, barely missing out on making it to states.

The girls teams from both North and South finished right next to each other in the standings as well. The Blue Devils ended up fifth while the Norsemen were sixth, and each team had one runner individually qualify for the state finals.

Representing North will be Lillian Deskins, who punched her ticket to states by finishing sixth in the field with a time of 18:57.

"Lilian has been super motivated to make it to states for the second year, and has been running like a machine," North girls cross country coach Scott Cooper said about the sophomore.

South's qualifier, Savannah Spangler, also made it to the top ten as her time of 19:17 was enough for 10th place.

The boys and girls state finals for both Division 1 and Division 3 are set to take place Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Michigan International Speedway.

## NORTH:

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forward with the amount of talent the Norsemen will be bringing back in 2023 is still strong. However, any future success will definitely owe credit to this year's seniors. The aforementioned defensive seniors along with seniors on offense like Daniel Taylor, PJ Sorce and Kyle Armbruster have finished their careers at North, but coach Drouin knows their legacy is far from over.

"The seniors were the building blocks for what we had," he said. "We had a really good culture going into the season and I think these kids really took it to heart."

Another offseason is

now here for the Norsemen, who know the right attitude is to never stop working hard. That was the approach to last offseason, and one could say it certainly paid off.

Although the 2022 season came to an end earlier than they would have liked, the Norsemen are embracing the new attitude around the team. The buzz around North football is seemingly back after this season, which leaves the players and coaches coming back next year hungry for more.

"Our expectations for 2022 were to come back stronger and faster and I think that's still our expectation growing harder," Drouin said. "We have some really good, hard working

kids...and there's excitement in the school now. For the first time really since I took over kids are talking about football. There's even other athletes who don't play football thinking maybe they'll play next year. We just have to keep building to get faster and stronger."

# Hard makes it look easy, leads North relay team to state cut

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Each time Grosse Pointe North's girls varsity swim and dive team hits the water this season, the description of small but mighty continues to define them.

Though the Norsemen swimmers fell short in their latest meet against Grosse Pointe South and Rochester Adams, the group's attitude and effort resulted in achieving several personal best times and a state-qualifying time in the 200 free relay.

"Going into the meet we knew we were going up against two very strong programs," North head coach Chris

Trepanowski said. "We knew we didn't have the depth of the other teams, so we focused on our individual swims and working toward personal best times."

"The girls really were looking forward to the competition to push themselves toward their goals," he added.

Along with several personal-best times, North's 200 free relay qualified to compete in the upcoming Division 2 state meet Nov. 18-19, at Calvin University in Grand Rapids. Of note, the relay consists of all underclassmen, including sophomore Avery Beal and freshmen Cailey Hard, Lauren Loper and Addie

Wakefield. Against South, Hard swam her lead leg fast enough to individually qualify for states.

North swimmers have two meets left to earn state cuts. The first takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at L'Anse Creuse North. The second meet is the MAC Red championship Nov. 4-5, at South.

Beal and Hard each have individual and relay state cuts. Beal has qualified in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 IM, 100 breast and 200 free relay. Hard has qualified in 500 free, 50 free and 200 free relay. In the state meet, swimmers can compete in up to two individual events and one relay.



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North's 200 free relay consists of all underclassmen, including, from left, sophomore Avery Beal and freshmen Cailey Hard, Lauren Loper and Addie Wakefield.

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I SAY By Meg Leonard

# College football rivalry takes ugly turn



trophy, the first time Paul has left East Lansing since 2020.

But, alas. Apparently the Spartans and Wolverines can't play nice anymore. MSU's post-game antics in the tunnel overshadowed the game. More on that in a minute.

Just as game plans change for teams, story ideas that sports editors and writers have teed up in our heads can change after kickoff too.

Such is the case with my plans to write a light-hearted, hopefully funny, first-person account of last Saturday's annual football match-up between the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

As my family and I arrived in the Motherland with our season tickets in hand, sounds of music pumping and tailgaters enjoying keg stands greeted us on this picture-perfect football Saturday in Ann Arbor. (And before we go any further, yes, Spartans, I am a UM graduate and thus earned clearance from your Walmart Wolverine screening program).

Since this is an opinion piece, I planned on offering my take on the game's highlights, including those on UM player and Grosse Pointe South alum Will Johnson. I hoped to sprinkle in a little bit of rivalry trash talk and of course, since my alma mater won, frequently remind you of UM's 29-7 win to take back the Paul Bunyan

On the field, after briefly falling behind 7-3 in the first quarter, Michigan scored 26 straight points. Running back Blake Corum scored twice on his way to gaining 177 yards. In true Big Ten fashion, UM place kicker Jake Moody kicked five — yes five — field goals. Johnson had one solo tackle for a loss at cornerback, as the freshman saw significant minutes in the game.

With the win, the Wolverines remain undefeated at 8-0 and are 5-0 in the Big Ten. The Spartans, now 3-5 overall and 1-4 in the conference, went 0 for 2 on fourth down in the first half. Midway through the second quarter, the Spartans turned it over on downs after head coach Mel Tucker chose to go for it in lieu of kicking a short field goal to tie the game.

By halftime, Michigan led 13-7. UM controlled the second half and out-gained Michigan State 133-8 in the third quarter, shutting down any signs of Tuck Comin'. For those of you who live under a rock, Tuck Comin' is Spartan fans' pithy little catch phrase that warns opposing teams (and fanbases) to "watch out."

The game itself wasn't



PHOTO BY PATRICK BARRON/MGOBLOG

**University of Michigan cornerback and Grosse Pointe South alum Will Johnson wears the intensity on his face of playing in his first in-state rivalry game against Michigan State after making a solo tackle for a loss in the Wolverines big win over the Spartans last Saturday.**

particularly chippy — MSU had two unsportsmanlike conduct calls go against them, including one from offensive lineman Jarrett Horst to thwart State's opening drive. Officials also only called a handful of false starts, delay of games and holding penalties.

As the last seconds ticked off the clock, a decent-sized gathering of maize and blue and green and white convened not far from our seats around the 40 yard line. You immediately got the sense they weren't discussing each other's favorite Halloween candy.

Turns out our instincts were right. Minutes later in the tunnel, captured by cameras instead of fans,

two separate groups of what look to be around 10 Spartans got physical with a lone Michigan player as they walked back to their respective locker rooms. The first video shows MSU players repeatedly punching starting cornerback Gemon Green.

A second video shows sophomore cornerback Ja'Den McBurrows, who is out with an injury, getting attacked when he tried to help. MSU players are seen pushing, kicking and punching McBurrows and, according to ESPN, pulled him out of the tunnel and into a hallway that doesn't lead to either locker room.

It's uncertain whether Green will be cleared to play in this Saturday's game against Rutgers.

With the videos circulating, social media blew up. Many Spartan fans blamed the Michigan players for walking into the tunnel at the same time as State. Others justified what happened because some Michigan players waved goodbye to MSU as they walked

off the field.

It's weak sauce to defend what happened to these Michigan players. Ganging up and beating on a player with no backup is as back-alley as it gets. It is at minimum "bush league" and at worst, criminal. Proper punishments should be coming to ensure this doesn't happen again.

By late Sunday, Tucker announced the indefinite suspensions of linebacker Tank Brown, cornerback Khary Crump, safety Angelo Grose and defensive end Zion Young. He announced four more suspensions Tuesday. Formal charges may come out of this ugliness too.

Before I'm accused of being completely pious, or a hypocritical fan, I want to say all of us are flawed. In the heat of the moment, people can make some extremely poor decisions. Ask UM's head basketball coach Juwan Howard, who after a contentious game last spring was suspended for the remainder of the regular season (totaling five games) after taking a swing in the direction of a University of Wisconsin men's basketball assistant.

No one's perfect. But you have to own up and pay the piper.

So why has this rivalry gotten so disrespectful and mean-spirited? For one, we can probably blame some of it on social media, where the banter and roasting between fanbases relentlessly goes on year round.

But I think a bigger factor to the hatred is the re-emergence of Michigan football in the national spotlight. On the heels of UM's 2021 Big Ten championship and college football playoff appearance, it seems people are doubling down on disdain for the winningest program in college football history. And last I

checked, we aren't wearing leather helmets anymore, so put that caveat to rest, please.

Just a quick look at Michigan's most recent games against its biggest rivals might explain the new target on its back. In those games, UM has beaten:

- Notre Dame by 31 points
- Penn State by 24 points
- Michigan State by 22 points
- Ohio State by 15 points

So I guess when your team is winning, expect opposing fans to eagerly hope for your downfall. Look, I'm all about having fun in this rivalry. Banter can be great. I once received a wonderful compliment from a Spartan that I was "the second-most fun" Michigan fan he has ever met (sidenote: I feel confident I could take the throne from whomever his first choice is).

But in real life, Wolverines and Spartans fans have to co-exist. Some of us are actually related to each other, work together, live next door to each other, or heck, some of you crazy people even marry each other. Unlike Michigan's rivalry with Ohio State, fans of our in-state rivalry traditionally have been capable of having a good time with it. We root hard for our schools, we want the annual bragging rights, but until recent years, we have kept it fun.

Outgoing MSU President Samuel Stanley said in a statement released Sunday, "Rivalries can be intense but should never be violent." Hard to believe that even needs to be said.

Too much in today's world is angry and awful. We need to keep a game like football in perspective. When we don't, everyone loses.



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READ THE LETTER ENCLOSURE IN THIS WEEK'S PAPER AND DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH!

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on November 8, 2022 from 7:00 A.M. to 8 P.M. at which time the following offices will be voted upon:

**PARTISAN SECTION:** State: Governor/Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Congressional: United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Legislative: State Senator, Representative in State Legislature, State Board: Member of State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regent, Michigan State University Trustee, Wayne State University Governor, County: County Executive, Sheriff (partial term), County Commissioner.  
**NON PARTISAN SECTION:** Judicial: Justice of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals 1st District Incumbent Position (Full and Partial terms), Judge of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit Incumbent Position (Full and Partial terms), Judge of the Circuit Court 3rd Judicial Circuit Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court 3rd New Judgeship, Judge of the Probate Court Incumbent Position, Judge of the Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position, Local School District: Board Members Harper Woods Public School District, Board Members Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

**STATE PROPOSALS:** 22-1 A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature. Proposal 22-2 A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections. Proposal 22-3 A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish individual right to the reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right.  
**AUTHORITY:** Wayne County Public Transportation Millage.

The Election will be conducted at the following places:

PRECINCT NO.	LOCATION	ADDRESS
#1	Beacon School	19475 Beaconsfield
#2	Beacon School	19475 Beaconsfield
#3	City Hall	19617 Harper
#4	Tyrone School	19525 Tyrone
#5	Triumph Middle School	19800 Anita
#6	Triumph Middle School	19800 Anita

All polling locations are fully accessible and have alternative voting instructions. Interested and qualified persons may make application to vote an absentee ballot at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00 pm. Absentee Ballot Applications can also be obtained online at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) or [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk in advance of the election. Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot showing the candidates to be elected and the proposals in the City Clerk's Office during regular business hours. For additional information - please call (313) 343-2510.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
**LESLIE M. FRANK**  
City Clerk

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# Championship ready



PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDIE KOHLER

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons varsity, pictured above, and flag football teams are headed to the Eastern Suburban Football League championships to be played on Saturday, Nov. 5. Come back to the Grosse Pointe News for updates.

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unclear, but no matter what happens, this state title will always hold a place in the champion's heart.

"If I do play a sport in college, it would defi-

nitely be tennis," Stafford said. "If I don't end up playing in college, being a state champion my senior year is a pretty good way to end things there."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).



PHOTO BY BLAKE J. DISCHER

Stafford has been playing tennis since he was 8 years old and became South's No. 1 singles player as a freshman.

# Knights end season as state runners-up

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett field hockey team's quest for a third state championship since 2018 came up just short last weekend. The Knights advanced to the Michigan High School Field Hockey League Division 2 championship

game last weekend, but fell short to Dexter in the final.

In order to get to the championship, the Knights had to take on Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the semifinals last Thursday night. Senior Liv Thomas, who scored three goals in the quarterfinal win over Cranbrook, had a big

night yet again as her two goals ended up carrying Liggett to victory in the semis.

Thomas scored her first goal in the win over Gabriel Richard late in the first half to put the Knights up 1-0 going into the break. She added one more in the third quarter, which was enough to keep Liggett

in front and secure a 2-1 win.

The Knights offense was not as lucky in the final against Dexter. The Dreadnaughts jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half, leaving Liggett with a hill to climb in the final two quarters. Dexter's defense held on in the second half to finish off a 2-0 win.

Liggett's appearance in the title game marked the second consecutive year a team from the Pointes played for a state championship, as Grosse Pointe South won it in 2021. The Knights will look to compete for a state title again next year after finishing this fall with an 11-3-2 record.

"The girls played with a ton of heart and unselfishness all season long," Liggett coach Amanda

Amine said in an email to the Grosse Pointe News. "This year's team chemistry is a big reason that we were able to have the success that we did. Our senior leadership set the tone from the first day of tryouts in August and carried us through all the way to the State Championship game. Although we are graduating some key players, the future is very bright for Liggett field hockey."



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett field hockey team finished the season No. 2 in the state after losing in the Division 2 state championship game last Saturday. This year's roster included: Alexandra Karolak, Izzy Fruehauf, Brooke Summers, Lexie Gormely, Madisyn Szajenko, Olivia Thomas, Gabby Noble, Lindsay Kien, Emmalyn Stahl, Luci Boyle, Christa Serventi, and Isabella Ruffner, Hallie Marcero, Tori Nugent, Harper Wallace, Chloe McFarlane, Elizabeth Dickey, Livvy Marcero, Constantina Bournias, Avery Welsh, Ruby Noble, Madeline Unkel, Caroline Krall, Cami McClain, Brisa Reyes-Zobl, Audrey DiDio, and CoCo Marchal.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to hear the appeal of Kevin Crowther and Robert Hakopian, 19483 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who are appealing the denial of the Building Official to issue a building permit due to noncompliance with Section 50-4.27 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Portable Storage Units.

The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us). All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

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WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
**NOTICE**  
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on **NOVEMBER 16, 2022** at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

POLICE VEHICLES	
1986 FORD	2FDKF37H1GCA75504
1990 FORD	2FDLF47MXLCB28055
2001 DODGE	1B7HC16Y71S761580
2001 DODGE	3B7KC26Z51M281020
2003 FORD	2FAFP71W53X133074
2004 FORD	2FAFP71W24X123815
2006 FORD	2FAFP71W56X153121
2006 FORD	2FAFP71W56X151921
2011 FORD	2FAB97BV8BX168176
2010 FORD	2FABP7BV5AX126482
2001 DODGE	3B7KF26Z61M281387
2003 CHEVROLET	1GCCS14H438235617
2009 FORD	2FAHP71VX9X138392
2008 FORD	2FAFP71V48X109136
2003 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER	1GNDDT13S532391853
2011 CHRYSLER 300	2C3CA6CT1BH564553
2005 MAZDA 3	JM1BK143851305082
2016 FORD FOCUS	1FADP3F27GL213811
2005 CADILLAC DEVILLE	1G6KDS4Y35U222111
2022 SUBARU FORESTER	JF2SKACCBNH471774
2009 CHEVY MALIBU	1G1ZG57B19F230494
2009 BUICK ENCLAVE	5GAEV23D59J100704
2010 JEEP LIBERTY	1J4PN2GK6AW153509
2009 CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WT57N991177690
2008 PONTIAC G6	1G2ZGS7N284237177
2022 SUZUKI AN400A	JS1DU11J6N7100065
2008 MERCURY MILAN	3MEHM08158R662896
2015 CHRYSLER 200	1C3CCCAB7FN669517

The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

Sgt. Thomas Teatsworth  
Traffic Safety Section

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