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## To the polls

New voter Luke Dixon, a Grosse Pointe South High School senior, exercised his right to vote for the first time at Maire Elementary School on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Official results of the Nov. 8 general election were not available by press time. We will update our website, [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com), as results become official. Full stories on election winners will appear in next week's edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

## Park considers redevelopment ready status

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Council members resolved last month to clarify, coordinate and streamline the development review process in line with state standards to qualify the city as a redevelopment ready community.

The Park is the second of the five Pointes to do so, the City of Grosse Pointe being the first in December 2021.

"Redevelopment Ready Communities is a voluntary certification program offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corp.," said Warren Rothe, Park assistant manager.

Rothe, hired by the Park eight months ago,

completed RRC certification training during his more than two and a half years managing St. Clair.

"The goal of the program is to empower communities to share their future by building a foundation of planning, zoning and economic development best practices and integrating them into their everyday functions," Rothe said.

He added, "City administration believes incorporating these best practices into our development review processes will enhance, simplify and strengthen our city's ability to manage growth, make sound land-use decisions and maximize community engagement in the development pro-

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## 81-unit apartment complex proposed for St. Clair

### Public hearing is Monday night

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

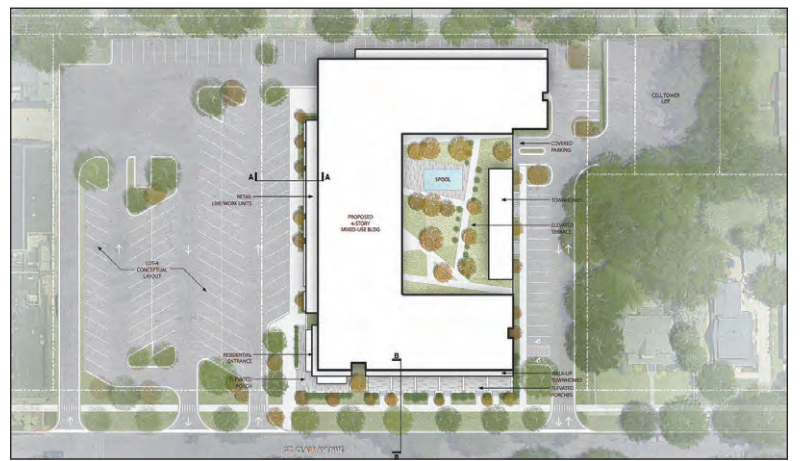
**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — After more than 15 years laying dormant as a vacant plot of land next to the CVS parking lot, the former Sunrise site at 582-606 St. Clair is on the cusp of being developed into a four-story building containing 81 residential units, approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space and surface parking.

The site is zoned transitional district, allowing for a four-story residential building, but will require planned unit development approval from the plan-

ning commission and city council to allow for the small portion of commercial space, which is planned for the ground floor, facing the parking lot and back of CVS.

The City's planning commission is set to hold a public hearing on the proposed PUD during the council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, in city hall. For those unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until noon that day and may be mailed to or dropped off at city hall, as well as emailed to [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org).

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The site plan concept for the four-story, 81-unit apartment complex on St. Clair includes approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space facing a reconstructed CVS parking lot, a town-home-like walk up appearance along St. Clair and covered parking beneath an elevated terrace.

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## Parade day added to holiday parking program

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Along with continuing the 11-year tradition of free weekend parking in off-street lots in The Village this

holiday season, frequenters of the downtown Kercheval strip also will be able to enjoy the ease on their wallets Friday, Nov. 25 — known nationally as

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## Shores looking at tax liens for late utility payments

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — City council at its meeting next week will consider placing tax liens on six properties that are more than six months late on payment for water and sewer services.

"We've sent letters to all the homeowners reminding them to pay their bills and even offering for them to come in and set up a payment plan if they need to," City Manager Steve Poloni said. "We want to work with them."

The city code of ordi-

nances says the city can turn off water and sewer services to a property if payment is 90 days or more delinquent. Bills paid more than 21 days late are subject to a 10 percent penalty.

"Turning off the service is an option, but we

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### Scott Cooper

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods  
Teacher, coach continues legacy in hometown.



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# Farms changes longtime insurance carrier

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Following in the footsteps of its neighboring Pointe, the Farms is leaving the liability insurance carrier it employed for decades in favor of one with far more extensive sewer backup coverage.

The City of Grosse Pointe council voted in September to leave its six-year insurer, Tokio Marine/LLC, also as a result of the summer 2021 flooding that earned a Michigan disaster declaration.

Both cities made the switch to Nickel & Saph, which is a broker for Trident Insurance, desiring its unique offering of \$10 million in sewer basement backup coverage.

Prior to the vote, the Farms had been a member of the Michigan Municipal League Liability (and Property) Insurance Pool since 1984.

“However, we’ve found their

pool provides one significant deficiency,” Farms Finance Director, Treasurer and Controller Timothy Rowland explained, “and that’s in the area of sewer backup liability. They only provide \$100,000 in coverage, so we noticed that a number of our surrounding cities have been getting proposals and changing their carrier to Nickel & Saph and Trident.”

The annual cost for Dec. 7, 2022, through Dec. 7, 2023, will be \$354,380, compared to the \$282,376 the city would have paid to MML for the same term.

The change to Trident also comes with additional benefits of:

- ◆ Assistance to the public safety department with its ongoing efforts to be certified through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, by providing access to OSS Law Enforcement Advisers, which will help update policies and procedures.
- ◆ Additional cybersecurity and

data compromise coverage at \$1 million.

- ◆ The ability to choose attorneys, of which fees are outside the limits of coverage and will not erode the city’s coverage.

- ◆ Direct connections with a professional grant writer, who has a history of success obtaining municipal grants.

Farms city council voted 5-0 in favor of the switch during its October council meeting, with councilmembers Sierra Donaven and John Gillooly absent.

“I think it’s important that council and others know that prior to this, an email was sent to the budget and audit committee and we were asked what our opinion was of the coverage limits here,” Councilman Lev Wood said, “and we all came back with the same approval to obtain insurance for \$10 million with Trident.”

Along with the City and Farms, the Park and Woods also are insured through Trident.

# Planting & pruning

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK, CITY AND FARMS** — Plant a sapling here, lop off a branch there. It’s the fall tree planting and trimming season.

Some of the 90 municipal trees that a 90-year-old garden club helped buy are in the ground and waiting to share the shade.

“The first 20 trees were planted in the City of Grosse Pointe,” said Brian Colter, municipal forester for the City, Farms and Park.

The trees, purchased in part by the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club to mark its 90th anniversary, are being planted on curbside easements in the City,

Farms and Park to replenish the overall canopy.

Each city is apportioned an allotment of trees according to its size, meaning the City, the smallest of the three, received 20, while the Farms and Park each get 35.

“I’m awaiting the nursery to call with trees for the next community, which probably will be the Farms,” Colter said. “I’m pushing them to get it all finished this year because this is the club’s 90th anniversary.”

He’s planting a mixture of 25 species of trees on roadside easements. Types include, but are not limited to, frontier elm, kousa dogwood,

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cess.”

By best practices, RRC certification requires a city to:

- ◆ establish a vision for the future through an updated master plan and capital improvement plan,

- ◆ have zoning regulations allowing for realization of the master plan and capital improvement plan,

- ◆ establish development review procedures that are easy to understand, efficient and transparent, and

- ◆ train and orient members of commissions and boards to ensure they understand their responsibilities.

### Resolution

The Park council on Monday, Oct. 17, unanimously passed a resolution launching the certification process, which may or may not result in the city agreeing with the state to meet all elements of best practices.

“The resolution essentially says we see value in

the RRC program and wish to join,” Rothe said.

Some of the 65 Michigan communities participating in RRC achieved certification within one year, Rothe said. Another 240 cities are working through the process.

Prior to the vote, Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance review committee, which is in the process of appraising every ordinance on the books, doubted the time needed to navigate RRC bureaucracy.

“I don’t think we have time to make these changes,” Caulfield said. “I’m not going to run a three-year MEDC services action.”

“I’ve done this in my previous communities,” Rothe responded. “The longest thing in this is a review of zoning (regulations), probably 12 to 18 months. This is something I believe we can develop quickly apart from zoning.”

To assist city officials appraise and possibly change existing zoning ordinances, which involves legal oversight, Park Manager Nick

Sizeland is soliciting bids from zoning consultants.

“We would bring to the planning commission a recommendation of firms,” Sizeland said. “That recommendation would go to city council for consideration.”

Caulfield also wanted clarification about if and how the resolution obligates the city to the MEDC.

Rothe said, “You are only authorizing a report be generated that evaluates the city’s adherence to best practices in the RRC program.”

“The evaluation will clarify any expectations should the city move forward on certification,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

In St. Clair, according to Rothe, RRC best practices helped municipal officials contend with three large projects — a 49-unit housing development, a 350,000-square-foot manufacturing facility and a 300-seat performing arts center.

“In the Park’s case,” he said, “it’s not necessarily redevelopment, or changing what is here now, but simply development itself. The city council, planning commission and community as a whole is still firmly in control of its plans and ordinances. You have to take a lot of leaps and bounds in reasoning to think the floodgates are going to open to what we don’t want. This is about being prepared to review any type of request and see if it’s good for the community.”

### A little history

“The Redevelopment Ready program originally came out of a group called the Suburban Alliance, a nonprofit organization whose members were primarily inner-ring suburbs, which would include cities like Grosse Pointe Park, Royal Oak and Ferndale,” said John

Jackson, president of McKenna Associates planning consultants.

Jackson, a Pointe native and resident, has provided consulting to all of the Pointes, although the Park hasn’t sought outside guidance on the RRC process.

“The Grosse Pointes are a lot different than Royal Oak or Ferndale, but what they have in common is they are fully built out,” Jackson said. “The challenge they have is how to encourage redevelopment in mature communities. Redevelopment comes with a lot of challenges — brownfields, contamination, obsolete buildings that don’t fit current market demand for retailers or apartments. All these are barriers to attracting development.”

The Suburban Alliance thereby put together a program for communities to be redevelopment ready.

“That meant looking at all their procedures and ordinance requirements to minimize barriers to development,” Jackson said. “If communities want to be certified, they have to throw out antiquated zoning language that hangs up projects.”

That doesn’t mean fast-tracking any development.

“It means if you come in with a project that’s consistent with the community’s master plan and ordinances, you can get through the process in a timelier fashion,” Jackson said. “The concept is to streamline review procedures so quality developments get through quickly.”

The Suburban Alliance dissolved and sold the program to the state.

“The MEDC created a series of best practices about good land use planning and zoning standards that are reasonable,” Jackson said.

### Missing middle housing

Jackson said the RRC program encourages

communities to have a variety of housing options.

“That applies to empty nesters, which is the main thing we’re trying to figure out in the City of Grosse Pointe,” Jackson said. “We don’t want (a senior living facility) on every corner, but if there were flats, condos or apartments, seniors would have a place to go within their own community. It’s going to continue to be an issue.”

Another term for a compromise between single-family attached housing and a large apartment complex is called missing middle housing. A duplex or townhouse, for example. Something consistent with the physical scale of the community.

“It has more to do with lifestyle, giving senior citizens and empty nesters an alternative to maintaining a single-family detached house with all the maintenance and upkeep that goes along with it,” Jackson said.

### The Park

Next for the Park comes partnering with an MEDC representative to review the city’s planning and zoning documents, policies and procedures to determine if changes are needed to meet the redevelopment program’s standards for best practices.

“The council will be able to review the findings with city administration,” Rothe said. “At that point, the council can decide if they wish to continue in the program and pursue one of two certification levels.”

Following through promises a pair of financial carrots.

“Participation in the RRC program gives us access to grant funding that can be used in meeting the RRC best practices,” Rothe said. “An example would be costs associated with updating the city’s zon-

ing ordinance.”

Part of the city’s review process is already complete.

Among qualifying documents is the city’s updated master plan, which Hodges and other new members of the council successfully prompted the planning commission to complete after years of discussion. Hodges has or will be replacing three of those commissioners.

Other qualifying documents the Park updated recently concern the Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Finance Authority. Also, the council last month began drafting a multi-year capital improvement plan, which the prior council did not.

“There has been preparedness,” Rothe said.

The MEDC’s second inducement is closing funding shortfalls.

“If you have a redevelopment project that has a financial gap — a developer wants to do something that fits the city’s master plan and RRC best practices, but can’t get financing — and if a community is redevelopment ready, the MEDC will provide gap funding options,” Jackson said. “They might be low-interest loans, a grant or whatever is reasonable to close the gap.”

To a skeptic, the state’s financing offer echoes President Ronald Reagan’s nine most terrifying words in the English language: “I’m from the government and I’m here to help.”

“It also appeals to young professionals, including some young couples that don’t have children yet,” Jackson said. “It integrates them to the community. Once they’re integrated, they set down roots and can see raising a family. The idea that this program is heavily weighted to anything to do with low-income housing is not accurate or true.”

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# Grosse Pointe Chess Club returns

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — After a hiatus of more than a decade, the Grosse Pointe Chess Club is back on the board and looking for new members.

“Turnout hasn’t been as much as we hoped it would be, but we’re still trying to get the word out,” according to Thomas Sloan, D.D.S., whose idea it was to revive the club. “We’ve only been going for about a month.”

The club meets noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, located at city hall.

“We used to meet at The War Memorial, but we had to pay rent,” Sloan said. “I first started



Thomas Sloan, left, and his brother John at a recent gathering of the Grosse Pointe Chess Club.

attending about 30 years ago and it faded away about 15 years ago. I’m not sure how long it was around before I found out about it.”

Sloan thinks one feature that makes the new iteration attractive is there’s no cost.

“Because of the time of day I think we’ll mostly get seniors, but there are a lot of seniors in the Pointes and we’re a frugal bunch,” he laughed. “For now it’s mostly seniors, but hopefully some students might want to attend when

they’re on break or even next summer.”

Sloan said he got the idea after visiting the Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris, where tables are set up with chess sets for guests to play a friendly game and socialize.

“We definitely want to

make this a social event, whether you’re a beginner or an experienced player,” he said. “Everyone is welcome. Beginners can play each other or they might want to play against a stronger player to learn more.”

Sloan said at one time there were similar clubs in the area that have since faded, including in Eastpointe — then known as East Detroit — and St. Clair Shores.

“The closest one I’m aware of now is in Troy, but who wants to drive all the way out there?”

The club can accom-

modate up to 50 players at a time and chess sets are provided.

“The main thing is for people to get out and socialize now that things are back to being in person,” Sloan said. “It’s more enjoyable to sit and talk to the person across the table from you than playing online. The only way to communicate there with the person you’re playing against is by typing, but that’s distracting when you’re trying to analyze moves.”

Contact Sloan at [tjsloan@gmail.com](mailto:tjsloan@gmail.com) for more information.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, NOV. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Infrastructure Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens’ Commission meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Woods Library, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 18

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe annual Village Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m.

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Princeton elm, red sunset maple, ginkgo and Japanese red maple.

Colter was careful not to choose more than 20 percent of a single genus, thereby maintaining a variety.

“The whole idea is to re-leaf the canopy for next generations to come,” said Rick Whitney, chairman of the City of Grosse Pointe

Urban Forestry Commission, when plans were announced last summer. “I think back to childhood when elms formed a beautiful canopy over so much of Grosse Pointe. Then, through many decades of Dutch elm disease, the canopy is kind of gone.”

While planting occurred last week in the City, in and around the Kercheval business district of Grosse Pointe Park crews were busy trimming the limbs of locust trees.

“Business owners were happy to see that done,” Colter said. “Trees that were hanging on awnings. They look great and will withstand storm damage better because of trimming.”

Work spread into the residential neighborhood.

“A couple blocks really needed it — again primarily locust trees,” Colter said. “Locust trees are nice trees, but they self-prune and require more maintenance than other species.”

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“It would be the first multi-family building built in Grosse Pointe City in 60 years,” City Manager Pete Dame said, calling the development a career-long project. The manager’s first meeting after he was appointed in 2006, was the hearing on the Sunrise development then planned for the site.

Adhering to the theory of a transition district, the first two levels on St. Clair would be built with townhouse-like walk-ups, despite being apartments, to create a warm and welcoming environment at street level. The second two stories then would be set back farther from the street.

As part of the PUD agreement, the developer also would be required to partner with the city on a long-planned effort to reconstruct Lot 4, best known as the CVS parking lot.

This likely would take place in the spring, resulting in an enlarged, shared parking lot, which would be all concrete to account for semi-truck traffic and include pay stations, EV charging stations, an enclosed dumpster, LED lighting and a bioswale.

“It’ll connect to the storm system that empties into the lake instead of to the sanitary system,” Dame reported, “so a huge amount of stormwater comes out of the system when we redo the parking lot.”

City council unanimously approved an easement agreement for Lot 4 in May, which stated the city would build, pay for, maintain and operate the parking lot even on the private property as a public parking lot.

“The owner has been asked by the City of Grosse Pointe to assist with the community’s parking needs by con-

tributing a portion of their private property to the municipality to allow the City to build public parking spaces,” the PUD application states. “Being adjacent to a public parking lot, we believe that adding a finite amount of retail space within our development will contribute to the vitality of the downtown and complement the existing retailers and maximize the existing parking infrastructure without adversely impacting the existing residents on St. Clair Ave.”

It is yet to be determined what type of commercial development would fill the 2,825 square feet, if approved.

“The idea is that this is not Kercheval, so it’s likely to be things that are accessory to the use of the large apartment building,” Dame said, citing a wide range of potential options such as a dry cleaner, coffee shop, co-working space and offices. “Things that would help attract people to live in that building.”

Dame said the proposed development is in concert with the city’s 2012 master plan update, which focused on what residents would like to see at the site and led to its zoning allowance of four-story residential or hotel.

He also reported the neighborhood meetings “went very well,” when the developer met twice with surrounding residents, first asking what they would like to see and then returning with plans they approved of.

“These will be high-end, luxury apartments for people to move out of their big houses or people who might be wanting to move out of Detroit and into town and want to transition toward raising families and try out Grosse Pointe,” Dame said, “so you could have empty nesters or young people living right near The Village, where everybody says they want to

live within walking distance to a traditional downtown, which is an option we don’t have right now. And then that could free up large homes for families, bringing more kids to the school district.”

The Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors, which is comprised of business owners and other stakeholders in The Village, passed a motion to support the development during its meeting Monday night.

“It could have a positive impact on a couple of these outstanding vacancies that we’ve had that we’ve had a little difficulty filling,” MSGP Director Cindy Willcock said of storefronts in The Village, “because when word gets out that there are going to be potentially 81 housing units literally 150 steps from those properties, it’s going to drive that demand up.”

The developer, Michael Bailey with MTB Partners LLC — who previously led residential projects in Grand Rapids and Lansing — purchased the 1.94 acres last year from Sunrise Development when it finally decided to put the property up for sale.

The company was approved for a 79-unit senior condo complex in 2006, and tore down six homes for its preparation before going bankrupt during the 2008 recession.

“They thought they might come back out of bankruptcy and build the project,” Dame explained. “For the longest time, they wouldn’t sell it to anybody, including to the hotel developers.”

Following the public hearing Monday night, Dame anticipates consideration of the approval will be in December.

“What will happen if this is built and approved — and I predict it will be very successful and sell easily — you’ll see other

investors want to build residential above the existing stores,” Dame said, “or coming at us for developments in the parking lots. The reason why the DDA was created (was) to redevelop the parking lots.”

## Correction

In the Oct. 20 article, “ABX is back as Redux,” the name of Christy Wood, owner of ABX Redux, was misspelled.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Coach's corner: Cooper currently wrapping up 30th XC season

By Mike Adzima  
Staff Writer

The epicenter of Scott Cooper's life has been the area near Mack and Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. From the schools he attended growing up becoming the places he ended up teaching and coaching more than three decades, Cooper's legacy in that corner of town is sure to be remembered long after he is finished building it.

Cooper worked as a social studies teacher at Parcels Middle School, the same school he attended in his youth, for 27 years before retiring two years ago. This fall, he currently is wrapping up his 30th season as a coach at Grosse Pointe North High School, also his alma mater, leading the Norsemen's girls cross country team.

"I loved teaching at Parcels, because I went there so I felt like it was my school," Cooper said. "Same thing at North with coaching, because I went there and was on the boys (cross country) team. There's a lot of history there. My son and daughter both ran cross country while I was coaching there so I got to hang out with them and help coach them. It's so much more meaningful being able to teach and coach where I have my history."

Cooper grew up in the Woods and his history in sports goes back to those days as well, with both good and bad experi-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Scott Cooper, with Grosse Pointe North cross country runner Dani Lubienski. Cooper has been head coach of North's girls cross country team for the past 30 seasons.

ences eventually leading him to love the sport that has played such an important role in his life.

"My brother was the starting center for North football, so on the Red Barons they made me the center because I was the only one who knew how to hike the ball even though I was a small guy," Cooper said. "When I got to high school, football wasn't an option so I got into cross country and ran for all four years. It was a great experience."

Cooper eventually worked his way up to becoming a captain of North's boys cross country team his senior year in 1982. That same year, the Norsemen were state champions and Cooper received All-State honors.

Years later, shortly after beginning his teaching career, Cooper was invited to coach girls cross country at North. The program ended up being his for the next 30 years — and still is. His teams qualified for the state championships 16 times and he became MAC Coach of the Year four times, but the beginning of his coaching tenure goes to show how far Cooper has taken the program.

"My first year, I think we had something like 15 girls on the team," he said. "Not one of them had ever run cross country before except for the captain. ... Our first race was against Utica and we lost; 15-50 is a shut-out in cross country so we got skunked. ... The girls didn't even know

how the scoring worked."

Things definitely improved from there, with Cooper's North teams winning the MAC Red four times. He also led North to 10 second-place finishes in regionals; however, the one big thing Cooper still hopes to accomplish is defeating rival Grosse Pointe South in the postseason.

Despite the rivalry, some of Cooper's favorite memories from his coaching career have come from seeing Norsemen and Blue Devils root for each other.

"We wanna beat South and South wants to beat us, but I see Coach Zaranek and cheer for his girls and he cheers for mine," Cooper said. "We're good friends and want to help each other out and cheer each other on, but we're also very competitive against each other."

Now retired from teaching, Cooper is taking a year-by-year approach to coaching, but knows he will be back coaching North girls cross country in 2023 — for the same reason he has always enjoyed going back.

"When I was teaching, I could have the worst day at school, problems with behavior and discipline, but it was a relief to come to North and coach," he said. "Every year for 30 years it was a great group of kids and they keep me coming back."



Left, Cooper was part of the 1982 Grosse Pointe North boys cross country state championship team. That year, he was a senior captain and earned All-State honors. Below, Cooper with his wife, Lisa, during their high school days at Grosse Pointe North.



## PARKING:

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Black Friday and locally as the day of the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade — for the first time.

The Saturdays and Sundays during which fees will be waived between Thanksgiving

and Christmas are Nov. 26 — which is Small Business Saturday — and Nov. 27, as well as Dec. 3-4, Dec. 10-11 and Dec. 17-18.

"Small Business Saturday and the holiday shopping season are so critical to small businesses," Main Street Grosse Pointe Director Cindy Willcock

said. "Small businesses can make up to 40 percent of what they earn (annually) in just that holiday shopping season, so we want to make sure we're doing everything we can to not only show those businesses the support, but also to show the community that we are making it as easy as possible and as welcoming as possible for them to come to The Village and shop and dine and support our local businesses."

The Village parking structure will maintain its normal operations, which include free parking Sundays, as well as three hours of free parking with validation from Trader Joe's and one hour of free parking with validation from Pet Supplies Plus any day.

Street parking at meters along Kercheval also is not included in the free parking exemption.

"We want to make sure those street meters

are turning over and ... that somebody that works there isn't coming and parking in front of a business all day," Willcock explained.

Half of the estimated revenue loss of approximately \$6,000 will be reimbursed to the city's parking fund by MSGP through a partnership with the City, as has been the tradition since 2013, when the organization then was known as the downtown development authority.

While the cost currently is coming out of MSGP's budget, the organization has sponsorship opportunities available. Anyone interested may reach out to Willcock at (313) 886-7474 or willcock@grossepointecity.org.

"It's a great opportunity for anybody who is interested in getting their name out there and helping bring customers to The Village for the holidays," she said.

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## LIENS:

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don't really want to go to that extreme," Poloni said, "especially with winter coming."

Finance Director/

Treasurer Candice Giles has a theory as to why the bills haven't been paid.

"Some of these properties may have been sold over the summer and the buyer thought it would be part of the

closing costs," she said. "And in the case of an all-cash sale, if there's no title company involved, something like this would be easy to overlook. I don't think it's necessarily an indication of financial problems."

The liens will be added to the winter tax bills on the properties. In the most extreme cases, Michigan law says when property taxes go unpaid for three years, the parcel is forfeited to the county treasurer and sold at auction.

The Shores sends out water and sewer bills quarterly. The most recent bills were due at the end of October but seemed to cause a bit of confusion, with people

commenting on the city's official Facebook page they thought the bills were higher than usual.

"Council asked us to change the format of the bills in order to be more transparent," Poloni explained last month. "Bills now reflect water and sewer charges, along with the operation charge to fund the public works department and maintain the system."

A debt service charge also has been added to the bills to pay for the \$8 million in bonds the city sold for water and sewer line work on Oxford and the entire length of Lakeshore. That work is expected to be completed by the end of November.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Kia targeted

An unknown person smashed the rear window of a 2016 Kia Soul in the 17000 block of Mack, then smashed the steering column and ignition, between 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, and 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

## Smashed window

After smashing the rear window of a 2019 Hyundai Elantra in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, the unknown suspect then broke the steering column and ignition.

## Counterfeiter caught

Officers identified and arrested a 48-year-old Detroit man for passing a counterfeit \$50 bill at a business in the 17000 block of Mack Wednesday, Oct. 19.

## Ladder justice

A 53-year-old Detroit man was caught on video stealing a stepladder from a shed behind a business in the 17000 block of Mack at 10:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3.

He then was located on Warren Avenue, where he confessed and gave information to the whereabouts of the ladder, which was returned to the business.

## Assault arrest

A 38-year-old Detroit man was caught on camera walking past a female employee at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval three times Friday, Nov. 4, the last time reaching out and grabbing the employee's buttocks.

Officers then discovered it was the same suspect, when they were called to a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval the morning of Monday, Nov. 7, for a man causing a disturbance. The man was slapping coffee cups out of customers' hands and, when one tried to remove him, threw a chair at the man.

He was arrested for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct and assault.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Suspended license

After being pulled over at Mack and Moross for a non-functioning brake light at 2:48 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, a 19-year-old Park man was cited for driving while license suspended.

## Missing payment

An envelope containing \$42 was stolen from where it was left on a door knocker in the 300 block of Cloverly Wednesday, Nov. 2, intended for the homeowner's lawn care provider to collect.

## Assault warrant

After being pulled over at Mack and Moross because his license plate was not visible, a 27-year-old Detroit man was

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arrested for a misdemeanor assault warrant out of Center Line at 4:36 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

## Salt in a wound

After another driver failed to yield as he was leaving a stop sign at Kercheval and McKinley, striking a 25-year-old Fraser woman's car at 4:04 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, the woman fled the scene of the accident at a high rate of speed.

When officers caught up with her, she said she didn't have time to wait around because she was picking up children, but also admitted to never having obtained a license.

The woman was cited for failure to stop and identify after an accident, driving while license suspended, not having insurance and an expired plate.

## Recovered vehicle

After a Buick Rendezvous was pulled over at Moross and Chandler Park for a defective brake light at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, it was discovered to be stolen out of Detroit.

The driver, a 23-year-old Detroit man, was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle.

One passenger, a 24-year-old Detroit man, also was arrested for a felony arrest warrant for possession of a controlled substance out of another jurisdiction.

## Stolen leaf blower

A red RedMax 7500 backpack leaf blower worth \$500 was stolen from the front lawn of a home on Warner at 4:01 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, while the landscaping crew went into the backyard.

## Found property

A boys bike was found at Brownell Middle School at 11:18 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5.

A key fob and keys then were found on a front lawn in the 400 block of Fisher at 12:10 p.m. the same day.

## Sleeping in public

A 46-year-old Detroit man with numerous prior trespassing offenses was reported to officers for sleeping on the floor of a business in the 19000 block of Mack and refusing to leave at 6:38 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6.

After calling officers racist for moving him outside, the man requested medics because his bones hurt. When MedStar arrived, the medics recognized him as having been thrown out of a local hospital emergency room earlier.

The man ultimately was arrested on a warrant for trespassing.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Two for one

A resident in the 1800 block of Prestwick called police around 2:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, after being awakened by his car alarm and discovering the rear driver's side window shattered.

Nothing was taken from the vehicle and the man gave officers security footage.

While investigating that incident, an officer saw a damaged vehicle in the 2300 block of Stanhope about 45 minutes later. A window on the vehicle was damaged and parts of its ignition were on the floorboard.

## Garden gnome

A woman in the 1200 block of Aline called police around 1:45 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4, to report that several landscaping stones have been stolen from her home over the past few months.

The report said the stones weigh 20 to 30 pounds each but did not indicate a value.

## Garage theft

A resident in the 1800 block of Oxford filed a report around noon Saturday, Nov. 5, stating someone entered his garage and stole the saddlebags from his motorcycle and miscellaneous tools.

He believes it may have happened the previous night and told officers the side entry door to his garage does not lock.

— Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Drunken driving

Police arrested a 26-year-old male motorist from Detroit at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, for drunken driving on Jefferson at Wayburn.

An officer pulled him over for operating a vehicle with severe tire damage.

"(The driver was) in possession of open intoxicants," police said. "Follow-up investigation revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license and was intoxicated."

## Bank problems

Officials of a bank in which a Park resident has an account opened an internal fraud investigation early this month due to the theft of some of the resident's checks.

"(The victim) mailed out three checks, which were stolen after they were mailed and cashed by an unknown person," a Park detective said.

The stolen checks

totaled nearly \$20,000.

In a separate but similar incident, a Park resident discovered Thursday, Nov. 3 that someone hacked into her bank account and transferred what police described as a large amount of funds.

"Funds were replaced by the bank and an internal fraud investigation initiated," police said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Royal hush

A vehicle parked on Michaux Lane that was blocking Michaux Court caught the attention of patrol officers around 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

The 2005 Buick Rendezvous did not have a license plate and the 37-year-old female driving it could only produce a Nevada driver's license.

The title to the vehicle listed an Eastpointe woman, who told officers she sold it a year ago. The Nevada woman told officers they could not take her property, "because she is royalty," and that she intended to register the vehicle in December.

The vehicle was impounded, but no tickets have been issued yet as detectives try to deter-

mine ownership of the vehicle.

— Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Even more merry

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— Although Main Street Grosse Pointe attempted to add festivities in The Village to the excitement of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade last year, it ended up with no-show food trucks and a no-show band, all of whom fell ill.

This year on parade day, Friday, Nov. 25, MSGP will provide entertainment in the form of The Boys of Summer band playing in Kressbach Place from 9 to 10:30 a.m., when the parade reaches The Village. The band will resume from 11 a.m. to noon, coinciding with the streets reopening after

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## Catching a car thief

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Felony prosecution awaits a Detroit teenager accused of stealing four cars last month with the unwitting cooperation of victims.

"He said he wasn't intending to steal the cars," said Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman of the Park public safety department. "He said he was going into unlocked cars to steal things out of them. When he found the (ignition) keys inside, it was a crime of opportunity. We probably could cut auto thefts by 75 percent if keys weren't in cars."

None of the vehicles the teen is accused of stealing during October in the Park were cut up for parts or used to ferry drugs, as far as police know.

"I don't think he had the wherewithal or means to chop these cars or sell parts," Pittman said. "He would just drive them until he got another one."

Officers arrested the suspect, an 18-year-old male, at noon Tuesday, Nov. 1.

"He's never been in trouble before," Pittman said. "He's green to the process. The cases have been sent to the prosecutor's office. They'll return charges to us and we'll bring him in and arraign him."

Modern automotive technology trumped a car chase in leading police to the teen.

"We found one of the cars right after he stole it," Pittman said. "It was owned by Ford, a company car."

Park officers tracked it to Detroit. "We sat at the location waiting for Detroit (police) to assist us because we were out of our jurisdiction," Pittman said. "(The suspect) drove off before the (Detroit) squad car got there. We followed him. (Detroit) police tried to pull him over, but he took off and got away. Ten minutes later, we recovered the car."

A touchscreen on the vehicle's infotainment system read, "Unable to connect to (the first name of the suspect's) phone," according to police.

"We did what's called a Berla examination of the car," said Pittman, referring to Berla Corp., a cyber security company.

Berla trains law enforcement agencies to extract and analyze electronic data from vehicles.

"It gives everything — when the car was put in drive, where it went, when it was put in park, the geographical location," Pittman said. "From there, we followed up on the phone number of (the suspect). We figured out where he lived and went to talk to him."

The suspect lives across Mack in Detroit.

"We found another of our stolen cars hidden behind at an abandoned house next door to his," Pittman said. "We know we have our guy."



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OUR VIEW

Students lose most under new athletic policy

When it comes to sporting events, the primary thing we expect to see pivot is a basketball player. What we didn't expect to see pivot or change (much like the already-lost Detroit Lions season) is our district's long-standing athletic attendance policy, doubling down on it in the middle of our fall sports season, accompanied by an administrator's vague explanation justifying it.

As Michael Hartt reported in last week's Grosse Pointe News, the Grosse Pointe Public School System recently expanded a set of attendance guidelines at district sporting events originally instituted last year at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Whether it's new or just being newly reinforced, it's a policy that greatly limits the ability of our middle school and private school students from attending public school games, meets and matches with anyone but a parent or guardian.

Sorry, but barring any compelling, openly communicated impetus for this policy, we just can't can't root for this decision. The broad explanation of "safety" hardly begins to earn community understanding and buy-in from within one of metro Detroit's safest suburbs for the last century and a half.

The athletic event policy guidelines ban students from bringing bags into games, bans outside food and drinks and contains a no re-entry policy. These are reasonable components that align with most policies for college or professional sporting events.

Additionally, adults' bags are now subject to being searched and public high school students are required to present a school ID, per the policy, when not accompanied by an adult.

But the policy's most unwelcome, controversial and inexplicably punitive piece is that non-high school students are banned from entering events without an adult present for the duration of the event. Parents can no longer bring their child's friends along with them. Additionally, private school students cannot attend the events without a parent, per the policy's language.

Exceptions can be made, the policy says, by the host school's athletic director with prior approval if there is an adult who will be responsible for the group for the event's duration.

Athletic directors in our district perform a dual role as assistant principals. Is this really a valuable use of their time? Is the hope that families give up and not bother attempting approval? Or will requests just get denied wholesale? Otherwise this seems like a burdensome toil.

Roy Bishop, the district's deputy superintendent of educational services, told the GP News that while the policy may be considered inconvenient, he said safety should supersede inconvenience. He added the district is simply following the protocols of many of its peer districts.

For decades on end, our community has enjoyed



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Happy retirement!

After 31 years with the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, Jill Mazzara officially retired Sunday, Oct. 30.

Mazzara joined the department in 1991, as a parking enforcement officer. After two years, she became a dispatcher and in 1997, she was named chief dispatcher, a post she held the remainder of her career.

"After 31 years with the city of Grosse Pointe Park, I am stepping away from the dispatch console for the last time," Mazzara said. "I want to thank not only the dispatchers I've worked with, but also those up the line, for the support, dedication and the job you do every day. I know we don't always feel appreciated, but know that you are an invaluable part of the organization and the true first responders."

"To the officers, chiefs and deputy chiefs that I have worked alongside with over the years, it's been an honor and a privilege and I thank you for believing in me and helping me succeed in this position," she added. "I have made some of my best friends and favorite memories at Grosse Pointe Park and for that I am forever grateful. I am looking forward to spending time with my family, especially the weekends and holidays I have missed over the years, as well as traveling and a little peace and quiet. To all my friends and coworkers, thank you for all your support and to the residents of Grosse Pointe Park, thank you for allowing me to serve this fine community."

the benefits of ultra-safe, walkable and bikeable neighborhoods. However, our wonderful bedroom community also has never had a booming nightlife, particularly for our middle school set. You often see pods of these students, aka "Village rats," congregating on Kercheval to create their own, largely innocent fun.

Athletic events, particularly football games under the Friday night lights, have become a community "event," especially for these kids. Given the strong community support these receive, perhaps our students and families have earned a greater role in helping develop the components of a policy that involve their attendance at them.

After much hullabaloo in the mid-1990s, city councils in Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods approved the addition of permanent lights at our high school football fields. The district supported the shift from Saturday afternoon football games to Friday nights. We have all gratefully embraced it.

Perhaps the crowds have swelled beyond staffing for the game (high attendance should be a good problem to have — ask any athlete on a swim or track team). Was there consideration given to seeking community volunteers and parents from the middle and high schools to help with crowd control? Did the group in charge of this policy engage families to seek input to create the guidelines? Did they reach out to private schools like St. Paul, Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe Academy or Liggett to discuss any issues that were allegedly coming out of their student body attending our events?

If they did, it was right to inform a neighboring school on plans that affected their students and families. But we can't confirm that, primarily because the public at-large has not been told what led to this decision beyond "safety."

We are trying to make sense of it all. However, Dr. Bishop, we politely disagree with your assessment of the change merely being "an inconvenience."

The doctor running a half hour late is an inconvenience. Having to make a family dinner on a busy night is an inconvenience. This is a wholesale change, which unfortunately comprises several community benefits, including:

◆ **Recruitment/PR:** In a time when enrollment is down, what could be a bigger sell than a stadium full of excited fans, a student section cheering in unison, backed by the sounds of a marching band on a beautiful fall Friday night? Or experiencing the palpable school spirit and pride during a North-South game in any sport? In past years,

for example, University of Detroit-Jesuit High School hosted an annual "Sports Night" event to recruit prospective students. UDJ invited families to come to campus to watch a handful of their athletic teams compete. We can shout from the rooftops to prospective families that we are a good district and shower them with curated statistics, but it's much more powerful to show them an example of that pride in action — and it's often seen at an athletic event. In its simplest form, younger kids get excited to imagine themselves a future Norseman or Blue Devil and start to gain some ownership in what could become their high school.

◆ **Communal social opportunity:** The middle school set, who are indeed stuck in the "middle," are too old for play dates and much too young to go on dates or drive yet. They have very little opportunity to socialize en masse like they can at games. They can bike or walk there with friends, gaining some independence in a very safe setting. They can navigate the concession stand while they soak in the fun of athletic competition. Remember, there are no more "War dances" at The War Memorial, like so many generations before them enjoyed. We keep saying kids need to get off of their screens and learn how to interact and communicate with adults and peers. Why would we proactively take away another opportunity in our very own community to do so?

◆ **Building community:** Alumni, families and students all get to interact at sporting events. At football games, for example, you experience a diverse collection of "groups" at games: there's the players, band, cheer and dance teams, parents, teachers, administrators, volunteers and fans. New graduates come back to see old coaches and players. Basketball coaches come to catch a volleyball game, or baseball coaches go support a wrestling match. Youth teams from Red Barons, Pointe Aquatics, Gators, CYO or Little Leagues come to watch the high schoolers compete, perhaps planting seeds of inspiration in younger players to set goals to one day be on that court, track, pool deck or field. We all get to see whatever fun theme the Norsemen Tide or Devil's Den student sections have masterfully coordinated for the game. Administration announced this renewed policy after homecoming. We will all be watching to see if this policy will change a beloved, well-attended and community-supported event such as this next year.

We can appreciate the district's primary motivation for instituting stricter policies to keep spectators safe and at ease during games. We also understand the risks of a "free-for-all" with not enough supervision present.

But we should not let that distract us from the fact this policy reads as very short-sighted, as though it was created in a vacuum and reactionarily instituted, without involving community members to help generate ideas and alternatives to address the nebulous "safety" issues.

We implore the district to revisit this policy, invite parent and student input and come up with a common-sense, community-friendly policy that accomplishes safety without compromising inclusion of an important segment of our student body.

As it currently stands, teams are no longer the only ones who might find themselves on the losing end at games. Our community and, most importantly, our students almost certainly will too.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# Why I love Raising Cane's and why you should too



**Y**ears ago, before I had ever traveled to Texas for the first time, I remember one of my best friends who lives in the Lone Star State notifying me excitedly via text every time she planned to get food from Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

For the many Michiganders who may never have heard of the

establishment, as I hadn't, Raising Cane's is a fast-food chain that exclusively offers fried chicken fingers, crinkle-cut fries, Texas toast and, unfortunately, coleslaw.

I never understood the hype, or why exactly my friend would spend a week looking forward to getting Cane's next, until I joined her in Texas for the first time in 2018. It took exactly one outing and I was hooked.

It's hard to pinpoint exactly what makes Raising Cane's such an otherworldly experience.

Some say it's the incredibly fresh chicken or the Texas toast. I tend to think it's the Cane's sauce.

But really it's one of

those "if you know, you know" things.

While this tends to be a controversial statement and I'm not denying such a person may exist, I've yet to meet anyone who has had both Chick-fil-A and Raising Cane's and doesn't agree with the superiority of the latter.

The fact that it can have such a plain, lack-of-options menu and yet carry somewhat of a cult following, is a testament in itself to its superiority over other fast food chains.

In fact, when the founder, Todd Graves, presented the business model in his college class at just 24 years old in 1994, he received the low-

est grade, because his professor said it wouldn't work. Banks refused him loans as well, so he worked both as a boiler-maker at an oil refinery and as a commercial fisherman in Alaska, to earn the money he then would couple with an SBA loan to build his first location in 1996.

Graves named the establishment Raising Cane's after his Labrador retriever. After the original Cane passed away in 1998, his legacy was continued with Cane II, who lived 1999 to 2016, and the current Cane III, whose adventures can be followed on Instagram @RaisingCane3.

Today, there are more

than 600 Raising Cane's locations.

The most recent one opened last month in East Lansing and, to my absolute delight, is the first location in Michigan.

The very first Saturday it was open, I drove the hour and a half with another friend, who coincidentally lived in Texas for a few years, to happily wait in a line of people stacked down the sidewalk outside. The Lansing State Journal reported 250 people were lined up outside prior to its opening on the first day, which fills me with hope that more Michigan locations are only a matter of time.

This isn't the farthest I've traveled for Raising

Cane's.

Back in April, a friend who grew up in Las Vegas — where there are 15 Raising Cane's locations — and I spent a Saturday driving two and a half hours to Sandusky, Ohio, because the city best known for its roller coasters also happened to house the nearest Raising Cane's location at the time.

We made a whole day of it, stopping at a lighthouse alongside Lake Erie and at the Toledo Botanical Garden, but make no mistake that my sole goal was getting Cane's sauce.

My intended takeaway for this piece? Eleven out of 10 would recommend.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1947

75 years ago this week

**THIN TRICKLE OF ELECTORS VISITS POLLS:** The Pointe rushed to the polls in the thinnest kind of trickle, as is customary with the local voters in any but a national election. The City of Grosse Pointe as balloting for local offices. All the Grosse Pointe Township polls were open for electors to state their wishes on the proposal of a combined City of Detroit-Wayne County administration building.

**YOUTHS TOSS BRICKS INTO MORE HOMES:** Police of the Pointe communities

were engaged in an intensive search this week for an epidemic of brick-throwing through the windows of Pointe homes in recent weeks. Latest incident was the tossing of bricks through the front windows of a home on Balfour about 3 a.m.

**L A K E F R O N T, PARKING PRESENT PROBLEMS:** Grosse Pointe City, fearing a future tax loss because of the deterioration of the large estates below Jefferson, is envisioning a replatting of the area, permitting it to be broken up into smaller residential units. This is one of the community's problems to be taken up in a further study of land use, now that the new zoning ordinance has been passed.

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**'NEAR RIOT' STAGED**

**BY 200 TEENS:** A group of approximately 200 teenagers gathered in the area of Barnes School and Our Lady Star of the Sea School, in what police described as a "near riot" situation. The incident occurred Oct. 30, after 9 p.m. on the so-called "Devil's Night," the night before Halloween. The youths, according to police, had blocked Fairford east of Morningside and the intersection of both streets. Eggs and beer bottles were tossed at civilian vehicles and scout cars.

**FARMS, HILL MERCHANTS STUDY PARKING CHANGES:** Details on reserving the free parking lot area at the

rear of the Muir Road property line, for employers and employees of the Kercheval-on-The-Hill business district, is under discussion and undergoing further study, the Farms council was informed by City Manager Andrew Bremer Jr. The strip, with space for approximately 72 cars, is under lease to the city from the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

store announced it had sold its Store for the Home on Kercheval to Borders Book Store. Jacobson's main store will absorb the children's store, the home furnishings department and bridal registry in a \$4 million expansion that should be concluded by this time next year.

to see where additional cuts in city expenditures can be made. By wide margins, Woods residents turned down two proposals that would have allowed the city to override the Headlee Amendment to the state's constitution and raise the city's millage rates to the 20 mills allowed by the city's charter.

**UPDATES WOULD GUIDE LAND USE NEAR BEAUMONT:** The City of Grosse Pointe's new master plan outlines a health care district that critics feel was contrived to grease the skids for enlargement of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Establishing the district makes it easier for city officials to regulate the area and enforce zoning restrictions, according to council members.

### 1997

25 years ago this week

**JACOBSON'S SELLS STORE FOR THE HOME; BORDERS COMING:** Within the next year, the business landscape of the Village in the City will change as Jacobson's department

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR WOODS?** Now that voters in Grosse Pointe Woods have soundly defeated two millage proposals that would have raised property taxes to cover operating expenses and road repair, city officials have pulled out their calculators and red pens

## OUR VIEW

# Veterans Day gives us chance for unity

**T**his Friday, Nov. 11, our country recognizes Veterans Day, also known as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day in other parts of the free world. It's a day where, as a nation, we unite to show our admiration and appreciation of all the brave and dedicated men and women who served in the military.

On the heels of a heated national election Tuesday, we are all feeling the effects of the political hangover from division and fighting between American voters. Here in Grosse Pointe, we have witnessed vicious verbal exchanges between voters and proactive character assassinations of Pointers running for office. One can only hope we have the chance to unburn the spaghetti sauce, given the fact we all live in the same 10.4-mile radius and raise our families side-by-side in this community.

Thankfully, just three days after Election Day, our country has the opportunity to find unanimous common ground to pause, thank and remember the people who have defended our country and protected our democracy, including the great privilege of voting in free elections.

Although we may vehemently disagree on the best people to represent us, we cast our votes and become entrenched in the often-loathsome political process because we love our country enough to invest our time and energy into it.

It is imperative that on Veterans Day we show those who served and sacrificed, and their families, that we will not forget their service to our country. Whether we hang the American flag outside our door, attend a remem-

brance service, donate to a veterans' charity or talk to others about what this day means and why we celebrate it, we honor our veterans.

But there's more to it than just a single day. It's also imperative to remember that our veterans are an extraordinary group of citizens who so unapologetically believed in the tenets of American democracy that they willingly risked their lives to defend it. Perhaps magnified by 24-hour news cycles and social media, it feels as though any pro-USA, patriotic stance is frowned upon. It also feels like our country has never been more divided.

But despite all our differences, our country needs to remind itself why the military functions so successfully. The luxury is not there for them to have divisions in a foxhole. They stand firmly together, bonded by what they have in common — a commitment to defend our democracy. Letting that powerful common thread lead the rest of us in our interactions with one another demonstrates respect for their sacrifices more than any single gesture on a single day could accomplish.

American politician and diplomat Adlai Stevenson II once said, "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

We couldn't agree more. This Veterans Day, we must honor our veterans and can do so by stopping the in-fighting and disrespect for our differences. Grosse Pointers, this is on us too. Americans must commit to showing each other, our veterans and military members, as well as the world who watches our every move, that we have not forgotten or given up on how to stand together where it matters most.



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# North students present 'tale as old as time'

## 'Beauty and the Beast' hits the stage Nov. 17-19

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Michael Gravame entered his second year as theater director of Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts confident he had the talent to cast this year's "Beauty and the Beast."

"We did 'Fiddler on the Roof' last year, my first year," he said. "I didn't know the talent we had. Knowing the level of talent that was coming back this year, I figured if nobody showed up for auditions, I knew I had at least one person for each role."

The 32-member cast includes students from all grade levels who have been rehearsing since September. They'll bring "Beauty and the Beast" to the stage at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 17 to 19, as well as a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

"Last year, we were getting off COVID,"

### CAST

- ◆ Corey Anderson, ensemble
  - ◆ Meredith Bayus, ensemble
  - ◆ Noelle Bland, ensemble
  - ◆ Mackenzie Carter, ensemble
  - ◆ Teddy "Wren" Cueter, Bookseller
  - ◆ Avani Davis, Belle
  - ◆ Gavin DeFillippo, Cogsworth
  - ◆ Lynn Dennis, Babette
  - ◆ Sarah Dennis, ensemble
  - ◆ Tennyson Fiske, Chip
  - ◆ Andrew Glynn, ensemble
  - ◆ Quinton Gosselin, ensemble
  - ◆ Ben Graham, Lumiere
  - ◆ Mac Graham, Maurice
  - ◆ Lauren Huizdos, Les Fille de Ville
  - ◆ Aaron Ihrie, Monsieur D'Arque
  - ◆ Eva Jarvi, ensemble
  - ◆ Marisa Licavoli, Madame de la Grande Bouche
  - ◆ Addie Lovell, ensemble
  - ◆ Ryan Lutes, Beast
  - ◆ Peter Moe, LeFou
  - ◆ William Murray, ensemble
  - ◆ Jillian Nixon, Les Fille de Ville
  - ◆ Sloane O'Neill, Les Fille de Ville
  - ◆ Gianna Roux, ensemble
  - ◆ Jake Sachs, Gaston
  - ◆ Emily Smith, ensemble
  - ◆ Olivia Snead, ensemble
  - ◆ Eden Vandervest, ensemble
  - ◆ Willow Wood, ensemble
  - ◆ Silas Wooten, Baker/ensemble
  - ◆ Naima Wright, Mrs. Potts
- Behind the scenes**
- ◆ Michael Gravame, director
  - ◆ Karly Harris, student director/stage manager



The cast rehearses "Beauty and the Beast."

Gravame said. "The kids still had to wear masks for the production and the theater was under renovation so we didn't know where we were going to perform."

"Now, knowing the kids and the kids knowing how I work, it's been a more level playing field. It's not as stressful as it was with all the unknowns. We're past the learning curve."

After opening auditions to the entire school, Gravame learned there was more talent among students than he originally anticipated.

"Belle (portrayed by junior Avani Davis) walked into auditions with no theater experience — and landed the lead role," he said. Junior Lynn Dennis, he added "came in really quiet, and blew us away with her audition as the Featherduster."

"The whole show is about transformation," he continued. "The story is full of growth and development. It's a huge undertaking, but everyone is stepping up to the challenge."

The classic story features Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self — but time is running out. If the Beast does not soon learn his lesson, he and his household will be doomed for eternity.

The musical includes the popular songs, "Be Our Guest," "Human Again" and "Beauty and the Beast," with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and book by

Linda Woolverton.

"It's for all ages," Gravame said. "Everyone knows 'Beauty and the Beast.' The title sells itself."

"Our production will showcase some of the best talent Grosse Pointe North High School has to offer," he continued, "complete with enchanting costumes, lively music, enchanting choreography, a live full orchestra and enough magic to entertain audiences of all ages."

Among those providing the entertainment is Jake Sachs, who takes on the role of Gaston. The 17-year-old senior has been involved with theater since age 9, and didn't want to miss out on a chance to take the stage.

"This is the role I wanted," he said. "It's a fun show and Gaston is the most fun role in the show."

Sachs said he's enjoyed watching the production come to fruition.

"It's stressful sometimes, but it's all coming together," he said. "Mr. G knows what he's doing. It's going to be spectacular."

Vying for Gaston's attention are Les Fille de Ville, or The Silly Girls, played by Lauren Huizdos, Jillian Nixon and Sloane O'Neill.

"The whole experience being with the cast has been fun," Huizdos said.

Added O'Neill, "It's Disney — such a classic show. It will be magical for everyone in the audience."

"It's a great show for families," Nixon agreed. "Something for everyone to enjoy."

Senior Gavin DeFillippo said he is enjoying his time as Cogsworth, a character that seems like a natural



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Marisa Licavoli, as Madame de la Grande Bouche, rehearses with Avani Davis, as Belle.

his audition led him to a fit.

"I'm always uptight," the 17-year-old said. "This role is at the breaking point of uptight."

"I've always loved 'Beauty and the Beast,'" he added. "It's been one of my favorite Disney movies since I can remember. There's something alluring about it. ... No matter how old you are, you can find something to enjoy about it. If you're 6, you see Belle who is beautiful and Beast who is mysterious and enchanting. If you're 14, you see Belle is independent and doesn't need anybody to hold her hand and guide her through the issues. If you're older, you can sit back and appreciate a well-written screenplay or find humor in lines that younger people can't."

DeFillippo, who discovered his love for theater just last year during "Fiddler on the Roof," said he enjoys making people laugh, which he hopes to accomplish as Cogsworth.

"Being onstage and making people smile or brightening their day, that's the most rewarding part for me," he said.

For junior Ben Graham, 16, "Beauty and the Beast" will be his first musical and he's happy

prised when the Disney show was selected this year.

"It was a big shock to everyone when the director picked a Disney show," she said. "Last year, we did 'Fiddler on the Roof.' They're two very different genres, so it was shocking and exciting. Every child wants to be in a Disney movie. It's so special to do something so fun. And it's such a wonderful thing to see come together."

Wright, who performs the role of Mrs. Potts, has been involved with theater since middle school and loves the atmosphere of a production.

"The bond with the cast is magical," she said. "The preparation, the costumes, the time leading up to the show is thrilling and invigorating. Then seeing the faces when we're performing — it's a wonderful feeling."

Tickets for "Beauty and the Beast" are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students and children. Tickets may be purchased online at bit.ly/3hezG6r or at the door starting 60 minutes to show time. All seats are reserved. The performance will be held at Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Jake Sachs as Gaston, with Les Filles de Ville — or The Silly Girls — Sloane O'Neill, Jillian Nixon and Lauren Huizdos.

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parade activities conclude.

Parade goers also can expect to find a pop-up tent selling baked goods and hot chocolate at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair from 9 a.m. to noon.

"As an added bonus, Santa Claus is going to be able to stay in The Village this year and visit with children and businesses after the parade, so we're excited about that," MSGP Director Cindy Willcock said.

After the parade, Santa will move to Santa's Workshop in the former

Calico Corners space at 17101 Kercheval. This will kick off Santa's Workshop each Saturday until Christmas, with the exception of Christmas Eve.

City council also has approved an exemption to The Village Loop Social District rules — the social district allows alcoholic beverages purchased at Village Grille & Bar, Old Pony Martini Pub and SideStreet Diner to be consumed in common areas within designated hours — by extending its hours from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on parade day. This is intended to support the three businesses, as well as encourage them to

open earlier for parade goers, as MSGP will not bring in food trucks.

"We know and we all love the Santa Claus Parade that the chamber of commerce works so hard to put (on)," Willcock said to city council. "It brings thousands of people to The Village who then immediately leave The Village as soon as the parade is over. So our promotions committee has spent really the last year figuring out what can we do to keep people in The Village and encourage them to hang out, start their shopping early, eat at the local restaurants and enjoy The Village."

— Laurel Kraus

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# Pointe Players to perform 'She Kills Monsters'

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

The Pointe Players at Grosse Pointe South High School kick off their new season with performances at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 10 to 12, of "She Kills Monsters."

The play, written by Qui Nguyen in 2011, tells the story of Agnes Evans, who tries to get to know her deceased sister better by playing a Dungeons and Dragons module the girl had written.

Nguyen wrote an alternate version of the play, called the "young adventurers edition," which changes Agnes from a young high school teacher to a high school senior whose parents and sister Tilly, a freshman, are killed in a car accident. This version, which has been performed more than 800 times by high schools and colleges since 2020, according to the American Alliance for Theater Education, also cuts out profanity and other adult themes.

"The original version had 10 cast members, but we have 22 as I separated out some of the characters," Director Meaghan Dunham, who also teaches English at South, said. "We have so much talent I wanted to spread the wealth."

Ashton Fell, assistant stage manager and understudy for all of the male roles, called it a medium-sized cast.

"It's not as big as doing a musical, for



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The cast of "She Kills Monsters" takes a break during a recent rehearsal.

example, but there are a lot of support roles," he said.

The main plot in the newer version remains the same, though, that of Agnes and Tilly being distant with each other due to completely different interests.

A large portion of the rehearsals has been devoted to the fight choreography among the monsters in the D&D set-

tings. "That can be an intim-

idating factor," Dunham said. "No one had any

experience with it and in picking this play I had to make sure we had the kids who could learn it responsibly."

Ellie Johnson, stage manager, thinks the audience will enjoy those scenes.

"It's fun to see how the actors incorporate the stage combat and use their weapons," she said. "They've

## CAST

- ◆ Narrator — Aliana Ritter
- ◆ Agnes — Lilly Hunwick
- ◆ Tilly — Malvina Lubanski
- ◆ Chuck — Dylan Samuel DeMarco
- ◆ Vera — Jules Kado
- ◆ Miles — Julian Leo
- ◆ Kaliop/Kelly — Rebecca Dral
- ◆ Lilith/Lilly — Char Van Arragon
- ◆ Orcus/Ronnie — Alex Cline
- ◆ Steve — Avery Barbour
- ◆ Farrah the Faerie — Aliana Ritter
- ◆ Evil Tina — Jolina Hutchingson
- ◆ Evil Gabbi — Nicole Vogler
- ◆ Monsters — Alyx Bocci, Brady Barbour, Mari Mueller, Sage Porter, Kai Tibbets
- ◆ Understudies: Ashton Fell — Men
- ◆ Ivy Prestin — Tilly/Kelly/Lilly/Farah
- ◆ Syri Ibekwe — Agnes/Vera
- ◆ Sage Porter — Evil Tina/Evil Gabbi

## PRODUCTION TEAM

- ◆ Director/Producer — Meaghan Dunham
- ◆ Scenic Design/Lighting — PJ Veltri
- ◆ PAC Staff — Adam Ferkovich, Cristina Karpinski
- ◆ Fight Director — Joe Wright
- ◆ Art Director — Dan DeMarco
- ◆ Stage Manager — Ella Johnson
- ◆ Student Directors — Spencer Yonkus, Gabrielle Duso
- ◆ Choreographer — Rebecca Dral
- ◆ Assistant Stage Manager — Ashton Fell
- ◆ Fight Captains - Ivy Prestin, Syri Ibekwe
- ◆ Costume Design/Crew — Ghost Lindsay, Lily Kester, Richie Barnwell, Alex Carter and Seely Troffkin
- ◆ Programs — Ellie Sahutske, Lizzy Gates
- ◆ Music Design — Spencer Yonkus
- ◆ Props — Isabella Rondini, Siobhan McGlone, Ashton Fell, Zoe Acker
- ◆ Scenic Artists — Stella Maes, Mari Mueller, Acorn Kish
- ◆ Sound/Projection Operator — Dominic Palazzolo
- ◆ Poster/Ticket/T-Shirt Design — Kai Tibbets
- ◆ Lighting - Mango Brower
- ◆ House Managers — Kate Ozar, Olivia Walton
- ◆ Photography — Siobhan McGlone
- ◆ Ticket Design — Kai Tibbets
- ◆ Ushers/Ticket Sales — Pointe Players



gotten really good at it."

Gabrielle Duso, one of two student directors, said there is no dialogue during the fight scenes, making them more intense.

"The costumes are a little on the elaborate side, but not too much since the actors playing monsters each play more than one," she said. "They have to be able to change quickly."

Dunham said she and the students are excited as this will be the first fall show performed without masks since 2019.

"This will also be the first time we'll be using

a projector to set the background scenes," she said. "It's going to look great."

Tickets are \$15, cash or check only, at the door.

# South choir to perform 'Sounds of the Season' in December

On Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, the Grosse Pointe South choir will perform its annual "Sounds of the Season" show in the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North

High School.

The show will feature all of Grosse Pointe South's choirs — The Pointe Singers, Serendipity, Rhapsody in Blue, The Tower Belles and The Suspensions — as well

as solo performances.

Tickets for "Sounds of the Season" are on sale now on the choir's website, gpsouthchoir.org. They cost \$15 for general admission, \$12 for senior citizens and \$10 for K-12 students.

However, there is also another pricing option available starting this year, with balcony student tickets available for \$5. Groups of 10 people or more can use the promo code 10for10 to get a special group

rate for balcony seating.

Curtain time is 7 p.m. for the show Dec. 9 and, for the matinee performance Dec. 10, curtain time is 2 p.m.

— Michael Hartt



# Literacy for Kids partners with author to launch book on legendary grandfather

Katie Yamasaki, granddaughter of legendary Detroit architect Minoru Yamasaki, recently visited Detroit to present and launch her latest children's book, "Shapes, Lines, and Light: My Grandfather's American Journey."

Grosse Pointe-based Literacy for Kids and Yamasaki co-hosted a field trip for 120 Detroit elementary students to Wayne State University's

McGregor Memorial Center, a building designed by her grandfather. Yamasaki's stories focus on social justice and underrepresented communities.

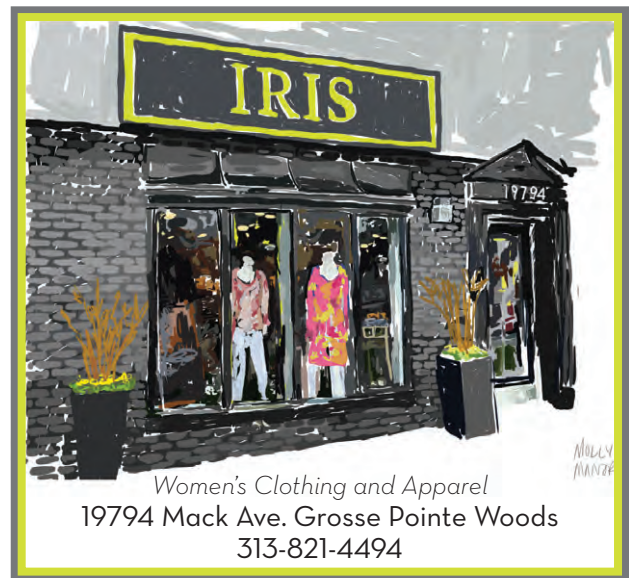
"Literacy for Kids aims to inspire a love for reading in children through personal interactions and art," said Heather Mertz, LFK's executive director. "We are thrilled to present Katie Yamasaki, who is not only an amazing

author and artist, but brings a personal connection to Detroit that we hope will resonate with students."

Yamasaki's "Shapes, Lines, and Light" charts the life and work of Minoru Yamasaki, including his childhood in Seattle's Japanese immigrant community, experiencing anti-Asian racism in post-World War II America and his successful architectural

career. Minoru Yamasaki designed New York City's iconic World Trade Center and created many structures in Detroit, including One Woodward Avenue — his first skyscraper — Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills and

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Literacy for Kids author Katie Yamasaki addresses students.

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Author Katie Yamasaki spoke to 120 Detroit students at the McGregor Memorial Center, which her grandfather designed.

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several Wayne State University buildings, among others.

“For my grandfather, when he was young a lot of spaces were not spaces where he was welcome,” Yamasaki said. “A lot of buildings were ‘white’ spaces. He was made to feel unwelcome in those places. He wanted to address that and make

places where people from everyday walks of life could come and feel like themselves and feel welcome. In both my murals and my children’s books, I try to do the same thing.”

LFK provided transportation and lunch, as well as purchased an autographed book for each student. There were 120 students and teachers from the Jefferson-Douglas Academy and The Boggs School in

attendance. Yamasaki is the newest addition to LFK’s Authors:IN-Detroit program, which connects authors and illustrators with students to promote literacy, imagination and poetry. Previous LFK Authors:IN-Detroit presenters include Kenneth Kraegel, George A. Latham IV, Katherine Applegate, Mac Barnett and Lesa Cline-Ransome. For more information, visit [literacyforkids.org](http://literacyforkids.org).

From left, Literacy for Kids founder and president Jayne Rose-Vallee, author Katie Yamasaki and Literacy for Kids Executive Director Heather Mertz.



## Winterfest at Regina High School

Regina High School, 13900 Masonic, Warren, celebrates Christmas with its third annual Winterfest community event, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. The evening will feature a tree-lighting ceremony, live performances from the Regina Choral Ensemble, pop-up shops from local businesses, a petting zoo with pony rides, pictures with Santa and more! Winterfest is free and open to the public. Register in advance



online at [reginahs.com/winterfest/](http://reginahs.com/winterfest/) for a free picture with Santa.



The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League became district 6 champs in mid-July before going on to win the state championship.

PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

## State champions honored

**GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS** — During their respective October council meetings, both the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms councils honored the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Baseball Major All-Star Team with proclamations in recognition of its state championship win July 27, 2022.

“I have the honor to mention ... that we have a proclamation recognizing the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Baseball Major All-Star Team, which are the state champs,” City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

Led by head coach Terry Brennan and assistant coach Joel Danielewicz, the team is comprised of residents from the two Pointes ages, 11 to 12, including Brady Cooper, Tommy Brennan, Dylan Philips, Alex Nicholson, Cole Wortman, Cayden Wortman, Henry Getz, Ethan Morgan, Henry Danielewicz, Merritt Huebner and Jack Babcock.

— Laurel Kraus

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The Rev. Edgar Yeoman of St. Michael's and the Rev. Dr. J. Clemens Kolb of Christ Church Grosse Pointe — the mother church of St. Michael's — stake out the site of the new church in 1950, along with members of the St. Michael's building committee. Pictured from left are Nelson B. Fisher, Rev. Yeoman, William McQueen, Paul Rowe, Rev. Kolb, Aaron L. Evans, Joseph N. Jennings and Mervyn G. Gaskin.



Rev. Yeoman and founding member Fred Button pose with the church bell before its installation. The bell tower was not part of original construction, but was added when the church was expanded in 1954.

## St. Michael's celebrates 75 years of service to the community

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods recently wrapped up a series of festivities in honor of its 75th anniversary.

The church kicked off its diamond anniversary celebration with a 1940s-themed fashion show in May, followed by an organ recital in September, featuring organist Dr. Jens Korndörfer.

In mid-October, the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, directed by Joseph Palazzolo, presented "Music of the Swing Era," to a packed parish hall.

Topping off the series was a special service, hosted on the church's exact anniversary.

"The first service held in the mission of St. Michael's Church was Oct. 26, 1947, in the caddie house," the Rev. Michael Bradley said.

Right, the caddie house where the first service of St. Michael's took place. Below, the current church building under construction.



Among those who participated in breaking ground at the site of St. Michael's on Oct. 15, 1950, were clergy from Christ Church, the Rev. Edgar Yeoman of St. Michael's and the bishop of Michigan.

"There was a golf course at Renaud and Oxford. We used the caddie house, which was set up as a church. We were a mission — a starter church — of Christ

Church Grosse Pointe." From its modest start at Renmore Golf Club, the congregation quickly grew, gaining independence from Christ Church, building its own

home and later expanding as its population soared.

"That was the era of large families and great church attendance," Bradley said. "At one point, we had 660 children in the church parish and three services every Sunday. There were lots of suppers and clubs and guilds; the church was a networking center then."

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the Oct. 26 service included representatives of Christ Church and the Detroit Deaconry. Of St. Michael's current 150 members, a hearty 120 showed up for the anniversary service, which was preceded by a buffet dinner.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, preached.

"She spent an hour Zooming with some of our older members and had all these wonderful

stories to share," Bradley said. "She did a part two — how we're different now. We don't have 660 children and we don't offer three services on Sunday, but there are other ways St. Michael's is still engaging in the local community."

Some of those efforts include the church's Lunch, Laugh & Learn program, offered the third Thursday of each month; a partnership with Parcels Middle School in which the church sponsors some student events, offering prizes or refreshments and other treats; and a partnership with The Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods, which is housed at the church and offers support and services to people with special needs.

The church's Little Thrift Shop, which turns 64 this year, also continues to support local charities.

"We continue to give to Crossroads in Detroit," Bradley said. "We support a variety of outreach efforts — Ukrainian relief, hunger relief, Mariners Inn."

As the anniversary festivities wind down, Bradley is enjoying some peace after a non-traditional first few years at St. Michael's. The church's fifth rector, Bradley joined the parish just before the pandemic caused a nationwide shutdown.

"It worked out well in some ways," he said. "I came from New Hampshire. They asked if I'd come and if I could start as soon as possible. We had to buy a house, because the church

### St. Michael's timeline

1947 — Christ Church appoints its vicar, the Rev. Edgar H. Yeoman, to a new mission in the old caddie house of the Renmore Golf Club. The first service is Sunday, Oct. 26, with the Rt. Rev. Fran Q. Creighton, bishop of the diocese of Michigan, and the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, suffragan bishop, in attendance.

1950 — The property where St. Michael's now stands is purchased. The five-acre tract on Sunningdale Park is the gift of Mervyn Gaskin, John Sweeney and the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church. Ground is broken in October for the new church and a small wing.

1951 — The cornerstone is laid and, on Sept. 9, the church is dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Russell S. Hubbard, suffragan bishop of Michigan.

1954 — As the congregation grows large enough to warrant becoming an independent parish, construction of the parish hall, lounge and kitchen begins. The new wing is dedicated Oct. 29.

1956 — The parking lot is paved and many beautiful stained-glass windows are designed and installed by Willet Studios of Philadelphia.

1959 — St. Michael's has one of the largest Sunday school programs in the diocese, with 88 teachers and 661 students.

1961 — More classrooms are added, as is a new narthex, cloister and bell tower. This expansion also means the thrift shop, formerly located in the attic, now has its own dedicated space.

1965 — The bell tower is updated with a peal of four bells

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# Honoring the past, building the future

## Fontbonne Auxiliary's White Christmas Ball returns Dec. 2

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's a bit of nostalgia encompassing the Fontbonne Auxiliary's White Christmas Ball this year.

First, the event will be held in person for the first time in three years, returning guests to pre-pandemic normalcy.

Second, it has secured its "old-school" venue — The Henry, formerly the Ritz-Carlton, in Dearborn.

Lastly, it will honor the careers of two exceptional physicians who have left their mark on Ascension St. John Hospital and the patients they served.

"This is the first one we've had in three years because of COVID," said Sally Cytacki, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and event chairwoman. "We'd love to have everybody back, to enjoy everybody's company. It's a wonderful evening and a good way to start off the holiday season — to get back into life again instead of being cooped up."

The 69th White Christmas Ball takes place at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and features dinner, live music by Skyline & The Backstreet Horns, as well as dancing. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres also are included.



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The White Christmas Ball Committee includes, seated from left, Stephanie Berri, Chairwoman Sally Cytacki, President Lorna Zalenski and Kelly Olliver; and standing from left, Pat Connelly, Kathy McDonald, Alicia Krall, Jordyn Sessel, Gail Howe, Camille Cracchiolo, Pat Minnick and Debbie Bellovich. Not pictured are Kim Bill, Cathy Grady, Betty Granger CSJ, Robin Greiner, Phyllis Howard, Madeleine Phillips and Mary Ann Veneri.

The event will pay tribute to the late Robert Veneri, M.D., and the late David Zalenski, M.D.

"Both of these physicians have left an indelible mark on the hearts of all those who were blessed to work with them," said Kevin Grady, M.D., president and CEO of Ascension St. John Hospital, in a written statement. "Dr. Veneri, as a gastroenterologist, played a critical part in the advancement and growth of GI services at our institution. He began his career as a resident

here at St. John Hospital and made it his home as an attending physician. Dr. Veneri will be forever remembered for his infectious smile and great care of patients and associates.

"Dr. David Zalenski not only was the chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Ascension St. John," he continued, "but he was a shining star for the delivery of high-quality, kind, empathetic care to women in our community. His personality was larger than life."

Lorna Zalenski,

Fontbonne president, shared her own sentiments on the two physicians.

"Bob was warm and caring," she said. "He was a gentle soul, soft spoken, very learned. He cared about his patients as if they were his own family. He was very much an educator and believed in the physicians and in educating residents."

"My husband," she added, "also treated all of his patients as if they were family. He was compassionate and warm. I worked with him for 30

years or more. He was warm and caring and compassionate about education and quality of care."

While this year's ball and its honorees may evoke nostalgia for the past, its efforts will benefit the future. Funds will be used to expand resources for St. John's simulation lab, which has been in operation since 2011, by giving additional opportunities for future caregivers to deliver high-quality, safe care to patients with gastrointestinal issues and for women's health.

A simulation lab provides immersive learning experiences for health-care practitioners and students. A simulation center, which consists of realistic-looking clinical sim lab rooms, manikins and equipment, allows learners to practice and develop clinical expertise without any risk of patient harm. Learners apply theoretical knowledge in carefully created, hands-on scenarios that mimic various clinical situations. "The sim lab trains all areas of medicine," Zalenski said, "not just doctors and residents, but nurses, pharmacists, everyone."

For example, health-care simulation may be used for undergraduate medical and nursing schools, internships, resi-

dencies and ongoing training for qualified practitioners. Simulation scenarios may include asthma attacks in pediatric patients, GI bleeds, labor and delivery complications, cardiac arrest and newborn hypoxia. In addition, medical simulation provides a unique opportunity for hospital staff and students to practice team communication, interdisciplinary care and patient safety.

"Someone is controlling it all with a computer," Zalenski explained. "They go through the process with the group that would be in there — whoever would be in that normal situation. And they're not practicing on real people. If they make a mistake, nobody dies."

Expanding resources in the sim lab is just the latest method of support from Fontbonne. Donations from previous White Christmas Balls have supported clinical services that have allowed the hospital to progress from good to great, Grady said.

"We want this to be a sellout," Zalenski added. "Fontbonne has always supported St. John. We've been here since 1947, before the hospital was even built."

Tickets to the ball are \$300 each or a table of 10 for \$3,000. Those who cannot attend but would like to support the effort may make a donation.

For tickets or to donate, email Zalenski at llz523@aol.com or call (313) 590-5607.

# American Legion Post 303 offers national speech contest

Winners earn scholarship money, chance to compete in state, national finals

Grosse Pointe Post 303 Commander Dan McCrary welcomed high school students in the Wayne County, Detroit and Grosse Pointe area to compete in the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program.

Since 1938, the program has provided participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of the nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and

prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes and television commentator Lou Dobbs, Vice President Mike Pence and Grosse Pointe attorney and resident Ted Everingham. Recent Grosse Pointe state finalists include Sophie Hugh, Maria Fields, Ponette Rubio, Abigail Turnbull and Gabriella Scipione.

Contest registration is offered online at michiganlegion.org. Students will not be able to participate in the contest if their online applications are not completed by Friday, Nov. 18.

The first level of competition begins January

2023. Registered students will be notified of contest dates.

For resource and videos to help students with the oratory content, rules and topics, visit michiganlegion.org/oratorical/ or legion.org/oratorical/ or legion.org/oratorical/resources.

The subject in the prepared oration portion of the contest must be about some phrase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the U.S. gov-

ernment. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be eight to 10 minutes long. A three-to-five-minute extemporaneous speech on one of four preassigned amendment topics also is required.

High school level one winners receive \$175 for first place, regional level two winners receive \$500 and runners-up receive \$200, and state-level scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. One state-level winner

will go on to compete at the national level in Indianapolis in April 2023.

In addition to the awards in the various elimination rounds of competition, college scholarships of \$25,000, \$22,500 and \$20,000 will be awarded to the first through third places in the national finals. Each state winner who competes in the first round of the national contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Participants in the second round who do not

advance to the national final round will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The top three youth orators who have won all previous elimination rounds of the contest will vie for top honors in the national contest. The American Legion will pay the expenses of state winners at the national contest and all regional winners competing in the state contest.

For more information, call Commander Dan McCrary at (313) 492-7462.

# Murray Sales to address Eastside Republican Club

Murray Sales, president of The Hill Pointe School Board of Founders, will speak to the Eastside Republican Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We are looking forward to giving our members and the community an opportunity to hear straight from the founders of The Hill Pointe

School, which has drawn both praise and criticism, but nonetheless a lot of talk and attention," Eastside Republican Club Chairwoman Marie Hackleman said in a statement in advance of the meeting.

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for a cookie and coffee reception. The forum is open to the public at no charge.

The Hill Pointe School is a charter school,

planned to open in time for the 2023-24 school year, serving the Grosse Pointes and surrounding area. It will offer a classical education with curriculum provided by Hillsdale College.

"Hill Pointe is an exciting new development in education options for the Pointes," Hackleman said. "It will be a great time to learn more."

With a unanimous vote of approval by its board of trustees, Central Michigan University issued the official charter for the school in September.

Like other charter schools, which are public schools without district boundaries, The Hill Pointe School will be free to attend.

Sales is vice chairman of Soar Detroit, a one-on-one literacy tutoring program serving students on Detroit's eastside, helping students within one year to increase an average of two grade levels.

Sales, senior managing



Murray Sales

director at Medtronic, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Rollins College. The father of three sons, all graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School, Sales resides in Grosse Pointe Farms with his wife, Jeni.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May, at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Follow the ERC on Facebook or at eastsiderepublican.club.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Helen Eileen Gilleran Roach

Helen Eileen Gilleran Roach, 91, a generous and fun-loving spirit, passed away peacefully in her sleep on All Saints Day, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022.

Helen was born Dec. 19, 1930, in Detroit, to Kathleen (née Brunett) and George Gilleran. She graduated from Dominican High School and Marygrove College before marrying the love of her life, Kenneth R. Roach, with whom she raised seven children in Grosse Pointe Woods, while attending Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Harper Woods.

Helen and Ken traveled the world together and she loved to share stories of their adventures in Europe and Asia. Her tales of saunas in Helsinki and tailors in China always made her dinner guests laugh. A consummate host, she made everyone feel welcome in her home, whether serving steak and shrimp for Christmas Eve dinner or having her grandkids over on a Sunday afternoon.

When Michigan winters got too cold, she also enjoyed bringing friends and family to the condo she shared with Ken in Florida for games of bridge and rounds of golf. As much as she loved a good party, Helen loved the people she shared it with even more. One of the greatest joys of her life was seeing her family expand to include 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom made the holidays even sweeter. Always perfectly coiffed with smiling blue eyes, Helen was adored by all who knew her. As her children's friends often said, "I only wish she were my mother."

Helen was predeceased by her parents; husband, Ken; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Gabe Chiuchiarelli; sisters, Regina Butler and Mary Fran Gilleran; and brothers, Jerry, Jim and Tom Gilleran. She is survived by her daughters, Colleen (Rick Krausmann), Eileen (Joe Bogosian), Maureen (Terry Tobin) and Heleen (Bob Heaton); sons, Ken (Dr. Robert Chavez) and Dan (Georgia Karones); brother, Dick Gilleran (Carole); sister-in-law, Judy Gilleran; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other close friends and relatives.

Visitation takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 12, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A Celebration of Life will be held at noon with a luncheon to follow. Burial takes place at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Memorial donations may be made to Detroit Cristo Rey High School for the Mary Fran Gilleran Scholarship, 5679 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209, or [detroitcristorey.org](http://detroitcristorey.org); IHM Sisters, 610 W. Elm, Monroe, MI 48162, or [ihmsisters.org](http://ihmsisters.org); or Self-Help International, 207 20th St. NW, Suite A,

Waverly, IA 50677, or [selfhelpinternational.org](http://selfhelpinternational.org).

## Anton Fritz Tewes

Anton Fritz "Tony" Tewes, 87, died peacefully Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Tony was born Aug. 19, 1935, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Matilda (nee Pfeiffer) and Anton Tewes. He grew up in Binghamton, N.Y., attended Binghamton High School and then Cornell University, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. While attending Cornell, he earned his varsity letters playing football and lacrosse, and was the Cornell heavyweight boxing champion. He met his beloved wife, Nancy Ahlgren, at Cornell and had a loving marriage of 64 years.

Tony proudly served in the U.S. Army and qualified as a sharpshooter. He had a successful career in sales, was a founding member of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co., and went on to build a lucrative company as a founder of Structured Financial Associates, where he was an active board member and eventually CEO.

Tony was an accomplished athlete who enjoyed many sports, including baseball, football, lacrosse, running, tennis, racketball, golf and pickleball. He also proudly attended the many activities of his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his love for family, friends, animals and sports, Tony's faith was strong. He was a longstanding member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church for more than 50 years, serving the church as a Clerk of the Session, Deacon, Elder and on the Stewardship Council. He also was a member of the Businessmen's Club at the YMCA, Detroit Athletic Club and Country Club of Detroit. He lived a life of adventure and relished the outdoors. He had many passions, including fishing, hunting, boating, farming and travel that took him around the world.

Tony was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor and friend. He was deeply loved and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

Tony is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Jennifer Blanzky, John Karl Tewes, Leslie White (Cyril) and Cynthia Tewes; and cherished grandchildren, Nicholas, John, Regan, Sasha, Samuel, Brian, Tony, Nina and Hannah. He also is survived by his sister, Sylvia Repnow; and nieces and a great-nephew.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, give now.[lls.org](http://lls.org).

## Marilyn Corinne Schorer

Marilyn Corinne Schorer, 91, of Champions Gate, Fla., died peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, in Celebration, Fla., at Celebration Hospital.

Marilyn was born April 2, 1931, in Madison, Wis., to Carrie and Maxwell Parish. She grew up in Madison, where she attended East High School and the University of Wisconsin.

Marilyn moved to Detroit in 1950, and married Dr. Calvin E. Schorer on July 8, 1961. She reared her family in Grosse Pointe Park. Marilyn earned a bachelor's degree in vocal music education at Wayne State University in 1977. As a gifted musician and teacher, she was an organist at several churches around metro Detroit and taught K-8 vocal music at St. Clare de Montefalco Catholic School. Her stunning spinto soprano voice could be heard in local choirs, including Rackham Symphony Choir, Wayne State University Choral Union, Christ Church Grosse Pointe Chorale, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and many Detroit Symphony Orchestra performances.

Her passion for learning about foreign cultures led her to travel the world. She studied and immersed herself in the architecture, literature, music, art and food of each culture. She was a scholar with special interest in English literature, poetry and the Bible as literature.

She deeply cherished the community of Grosse Pointe Park and the dear friends and neighbors she came to love over the decades. She was past president of the Detroit Women's Historical Society and founder of Friends of Music at Wayne State. She also worked on the budget planning committee at Pierce Middle School. Marilyn loved and supported the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theater, music at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and Mariners' Church Detroit.

In 2015, she left Grosse Pointe to make a home near each of her daughters, first in Columbia Falls, Mont., then to Sturgeon Bay, Wis., and finally to Champions Gate, Fla., where she lived until her death. Her greatest love was her family and friends. She was dearly loved by and an inspiration to many.

Marilyn is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Pamerleau (George), Martha Ingalls (Brian) and Mary Rice (Robert), as well as her stepdaughter, Anna Schorer (Gary Kravitz); stepsons, Joseph Schorer (Mildred Calhoun) and John Schorer; six granddaughters; eight grandsons; and many nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.



Helen Eileen Roach



Anton Fritz Tewes



Marilyn C. Schorer

dren. She was predeceased by her husband; sister, Ruth Musachia; daughter, Katherine Averill (Dalvin); and grandson, Christopher Pamerleau.

Funeral arrangements are provided by Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home in Winter Haven, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery Chapel at a later date. Her cremains will be divided and interred at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit and Sauk City Cemetery in Sauk City, Wis. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to a charity of the donor's choice.

## George P. Shammass

George P. Shammass, 91, died peacefully at home Monday, Oct. 24, 2022.

George was born Jan. 6, 1931, in Detroit, to Philip and Adele Shammass. He grew up in Detroit and graduated from Denby High School.

George attended Michigan State University before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force and serving in the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Mary Mahfood, in 1957, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kingston, Jamaica.

The young couple settled in Grosse Pointe Woods and George became a senior executive of his family's business, S&G Food Brokerage. After S&G was sold, George started Shammass Brokerage, which he ran until he retired at age 81.

George was an active member of his community, belonging to both Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. He also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. He loved playing golf, boating on Lake St. Clair, following politics and spending time with his family.

George is survived by his sons, Gary Shammass (Mary) and Roger Shammass (Kim); grandchildren, Brittany



George P. Shammass



Jason Andrew Channell

(fiancé, Collin Bowling), Madelayne and Nikkolas; siblings, Violet Mahfood, Robert Shammass (Elizabeth), Florence Mourad and Richard Shammass (Kathy); and many other members of a loving family. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary; parents; and sister, Janet.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 Maple, Troy. Archpriest Joseph Antypas will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Food for the Poor, 6401 Lyons, Coconut Creek, FL 33073. On the donation form, enter the code SC82886 under "Comments," along with George's name.

## Jason Andrew Channell

Jason Andrew Channell, 51, of Sterling Heights, passed away suddenly Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, of an apparent heart attack.

Jason was born Nov. 18, 1970, in Grosse Pointe, to Nelson and Rose (nee Ware) Channell. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1988, and received a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1991. He went on to earn an MBA in international business from Wayne State University in 1994.

Jason began working with his father at Associated Electroplaters in Hazel Park when he was a teen. He eventually became the owner. Later, he obtained a builder's

license, leading to his profession of property management.

Jason met his perfect match, Aimee Hillman, at Bible Study Fellowship. They were married Feb. 26, 2000, when the Michigan winter temperatures soared into the 70s. A few years later, he and Aimee became the parents of four daughters within a five-year span. Jason liked to say he lived in a household of girls, including their four cats.

Jason loved to hunt and spend time with friends and family at their hunting "lodge" in the northern Michigan woods. He earned a pilot's license, was an expert marksman and played trumpet in the University of Michigan marching band.

Jason also was a student of history, with encyclopedic knowledge of World War II and a deep interest in Christian history and theology. He served as an elder at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville and co-taught an adult Sunday school class. He made many close friends in his church family and cherished friendships with the members of his small group fellowship.

Jason was predeceased by his father, Nelson; and brother, Larry. He is survived by his mother, Rose; wife, Aimee; daughters, Lydia, Grace, Deborah and Joanna; sisters, Lois Kilkka and Jennifer Jackson (T.W.); and 12 nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to his family at [givesendgo.com/G9DZK](http://givesendgo.com/G9DZK) or in his memory to Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville, [cbcroseville.org](http://cbcroseville.org).

## Detroit Artists Market presents 'Art for the Holidays'

Detroit Artists Market welcomes guests to this year's "Art for the Holidays," the original and longest-running holiday art market in Michigan.

Guests will enjoy one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on their shopping list, created by hundreds of Michigan's finest artists. Gift items include ceramics, paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glasswork, sculptures, cards, prints and more. DAM also offers hand-crafted ornaments ranging from dazzling, traditional glass ornaments to playful and unconventional styles.

"Art for the Holidays" opens from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, with "First Grabs Friday," a DAM tradition that includes wine, snacks and

shopping.

DAM also will be open 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, during Midtown Inc.'s 48th annual Noel Night, a community-wide celebration in Detroit's thriving cultural center.

"Art for the Holidays" is on view 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, through Dec. 30. DAM individual members and above receive 10 percent off all "Art for the Holidays" purchases.

DAM is located at 4719 Woodward, three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 832-8540, email [kelly@detroitartistsmarket.org](mailto:kelly@detroitartistsmarket.org) or visit [detroitartistsmarket.org](http://detroitartistsmarket.org).



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### Grosse Pointe Financial merges with SageView Advisory Group

Grosse Pointe Financial recently announced a merger with SageView Advisory Group LLC.

This new collaboration will provide Grosse Pointe Financial with access to cutting-edge technology, including more sophisticated planning and reporting platforms, plus the ability to tap into SageView's experience and expertise in complex retirement planning.

Grosse Pointe Financial will rebrand to SageView Advisory Group, continuing to serve clients at 21 Kercheval, Ste. 320, Grosse Pointe Farms, under the supervision of wealth manager, Andrew Spearman.

SageView Advisory Group serves retirement plan sponsors and individuals throughout the U.S. representing more than 1,700 institutions.

### Capuchin Soup Kitchen 50th annual SOCK dinner Nov. 10

The 50th annual SOCK — Support Our Capuchin Kitchen — Dinner returns to Huntington Place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. The event, presented by Comerica Bank, is in person following a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds raised through the SOCK Dinner help provide fresh meals every day to hundreds of people experiencing hardships in the community.

The SOCK Dinner started 80 years ago as a baseball dinner to raise funds for the soup kitchen before evolving into the SOCK Dinner 50 years ago. The 2022 SOCK Dinner, titled "A Grand Slam for a Golden Anniversary," will honor its baseball heritage with a visit from Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, and will be emceed by Detroit Tigers play-by-play radio announcer Dan Dickerson.

"The annual SOCK Dinner invites the people of southeast Michigan to

share in the work of the Capuchin Friars at the Soup Kitchen that began in 1929, at the outset of the Great Depression," said Br. Gary Wegner, OFM Cap., executive director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. "We have always relied on the support of the community who generously offer something of themselves in support of those who are suffering through challenging times."

The 2022 honorary chairs are Mike and Carole Ritchie.

Every year the Capuchin Soup Kitchen distributes Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys, along with all the fixings for a holiday meal. It supplies enough food boxes for approximately 1,300 Detroit-area households experiencing hardship. This year, Comerica Bank made a gift in the name of each SOCK attendee to support this distribution during the upcoming holiday season.

### About Capuchin Soup Kitchen

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves metro Detroit by providing food, clothing and human development programs to the people of our community. Through its programs, it addresses the needs of thousands of families and individuals each day. Programs include:

- ◆ Meal Program — Serving three daily sit-down and take-away meals, six days a week at two locations on the east side.
- ◆ Shower Program — Providing hygiene and clean clothes year-round.
- ◆ Capuchin Services Center — An emergency food pantry and clothing distribution center.
- ◆ Spiritual Care and Emergency Social Work Assistance/Case Management — Assisting with longer-term goals

- ◆ Rosa Parks Children's & Youth Program — Providing art programs and tutoring for youth.
  - ◆ Earthworks Urban Farm — A 1.5-acre USDA-certified organic farm supplying Capuchin Soup Kitchen meal sites and educating the community on building sustainable relationships with the earth
  - ◆ R.O.P.E. House/On the Rise Bakery — Assisting individuals re-entering society following incarceration or treatment for a substance abuse disorder
  - ◆ Jefferson House — A 12-bed residential substance use disorder treatment facility, assists indigent males seeking to reclaim their lives from addiction
- The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is a ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, which is headquartered in Detroit. For more information, visit [cskdetroit.org](http://cskdetroit.org).

Tickets to the 50th annual SOCK Dinner are \$275 per person and include dinner, refreshments, musical entertain-

ment, a silent auction and an afterglow event. To order tickets, call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153, or visit [sockdinner.org](http://sockdinner.org).

## CHURCH BRIEF

### St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its next Lunch, Laugh & Learn event from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. The program will feature a Thanksgiving theme, including a meal, food stories and take-home crafts for the holiday table. All are welcome; a free-will offering is collected at the door. For more information, email [office@stmichaelsgpw.org](mailto:office@stmichaelsgpw.org) or call (313) 884-4820.



Above, guests of the 75th anniversary celebration were treated to dinner before the service. Right, the sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Below, the Rev. Michael Bradley, rector at St. Michael's, speaks during the special service.

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### 75TH:

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doesn't have a rectory. We moved in December of 2019, three months before the shutdown, so we had that time to get to know people."

Like most churches, St. Michael's adapted to the situation, offering Zoom meetings, recording its services and meeting outdoors during warmer weather. While last summer offered a chance for the church to catch up on some lost opportunities, "This fall feels like we're really starting the way we'd like to," Bradley said. "... The good part is we learned some new ways to do things we probably wouldn't have thought of otherwise. But we also learned it's great

to be together, with one another in person. It's been wonderful to get together."

In addition to 75 years of accomplishments and resilience, big plans are on the horizon as the church considers new ways to engage the community, Bradley said.

"I think we're in a very exciting time in the life of St. Michael's," Bradley said. "St. Michael's is at a crossroads, as many churches are. We're becoming excited about what the future holds with different models of what it means to be a church. It's scary, but it's change. It's also the possibility of a whole new way of being: A new 75. There's great energy and hope for what we can do, what we can be. A new life."

### TIMELINE:

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- from the Netherlands.
- 1972 — After serving 25 years, Fr. Yeoman retires as rector.
- 1973 — The Rev. James A. McLaren becomes St. Michael's second rector.
- 1975 — The church's memorial garden is created for the interment of ashes.
- 1978 — A wrought-iron fence and brick pillars are erected around the garden.
- 1979 — Fr. McLaren resigns to become director of Crossroads, an Episcopal social service agency in downtown Detroit.
- 1980 — The Rev. Robert E. Neily becomes St. Michael's third rector. He serves until his retirement in early 2006.
- 2003 — A Skinner organ, Opus 705, originally installed in St. Columba's Episcopal Church on Detroit's east side in 1928, is transported to and installed in St. Michael's after St. Columba closes.
- 2008 — The Rev. Marianna Gronek becomes the fourth rector, ending the congregation's 13-month search for a new senior pastor. She is the first woman called to serve as senior pastor of a major Grosse Pointe congregation.
- 2019 — Fr. Michael Bradley becomes the fifth rector.

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# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

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## GPT's Youth on Stage brings stories of Dr. Seuss to life with 'Seussical, Jr.'

Grosse Pointe Theatre continues its 75th anniversary season with its Youth on Stage production of "Seussical, Jr." The show features popular Dr. Seuss characters including the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Mayzie La Bird, Gertrude McFuzz, the Whos and the intrepid Things.

Audiences will be transported from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus and the world of the Whos.

"The musical features 36 students in the cast, plus a crew of technical theater students working on lights, sound and backstage crew," said "Seussical, Jr." Director/Choreographer Linda Zublick. "The show is almost completely sung, so learning the music along with the movements is challenging and the kids have worked very hard to create their characters. They will be exceptional on stage!"

The story follows Horton the Elephant as



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, Oscar DeLuca as Horton the Elephant. Above, Henry Berschback as the Cat in the Hat.

he discovers the Whos on a speck of dust and vows to protect them. Although he faces ridicule, dangers and a trial, Horton never waivers in his promise. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

Student Director/

Choreographer Rebecca Dral is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"They are the hardest-working kids I have ever worked with," Dral said. "It is an honor to work with such an amazing group of dedicated theater performers and wonderful children."

"What I've liked most about being a student director is learning from seasoned professionals," Dral added. "I'm so new to this craft and have much to learn. This has been so rewarding for me."

Performances will be held at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, and Sunday, Nov. 13.

Tickets are available at [gpt.org/seuss](http://gpt.org/seuss) or by calling the Grosse Pointe

Theatre ticket office, (313) 881-4004.

Those attending are asked to bring a new book, appropriate for preschool through middle school students, that will be donated to non-profit organizations.

"This story embraces so many fun aspects of Seuss stories and the songs are wonderful," Zublick said. "It is really the perfect show for the entire family and we promise you will leave singing."

### The cast

Aubrey Stevens as Jo Jo; Henry Berschback as the Cat in the Hat; Oscar DeLuca as Horton the Elephant; Charlie Henze as Mr. Mayor; Jillian Steele as Mrs. Mayor; Ceci Kordas as Gertrude McFuzz; Morgan Schultz as Mayzie LaBird; Ronan Smith as Wickersham Leader; Avery Secord as Wickersham 2; Siena Bennett as Wickersham 3; Vinny Cavataio as Wickersham; Andrew Hendrickson as Wickersham; Anna Soper, Rose Blake, Ivy Mancelli, Nadia Richardson and Morgan Montagne as Bird Girls; Amelia Unkel as Sour Kangaroo; Sloane Kordas as Young Kangaroo; Charlotte Russell as Judge Yertle the Turtle; Margot Kim as Vlad Vladikoff; Dillon Tesky as The Grinch; Charlotte Torrento as Thing 1; Tommy Juip as Thing 2; Kenzie Luyk as Thing 3; and Lainey Beland, Riley Birsul, Audrey Darke, Abigail French, Hadley Henawalt, Josephine O'Reilly, Stacey Pennar, Eleanor Pilsner, Gia Saliba, Nora LaBelle and Claire Williams as Whos.



Morgan Schultz as Mayzie LaBird.



Above, Ronan Smith, left, as Wickersham Leader and Oscar DeLuca as Horton the Elephant. Left, Amelia Unkel as Sour Kangaroo.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

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## Individual tutoring will help elevate student performance

**Dear Gabby:** My daughter is really smart, but has been performing really quite poorly on tests this year — especially math, where I can't even help.

She's in middle school so it's maybe not the end of the world, but I'm afraid of high school when it really counts. What can I do to help her?

— GP Middle School Mom

**Dear Middle School Mom,**

So many of our students saw changes to their grades and learning outcomes after school hybrid models and uncertainties during the pandemic.

I would highly recommend one-to-one tutoring with a reliable, locally owned company such as Tutor Doctor. They offer free, no obligation con-

sultations to get at the heart of the student's needs, offer free assessments, and have a tutor match guarantee.

One to one tutoring gives students the individual attention that they sometimes need to change their school outcomes

They offer in-person and virtual one to one tutoring and all tutors are vetted with background checks.

Middle school is the foundation for high school and getting those building blocks in place, with the best matched tutor can be key to building confidence and success.

— Gabby

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## Night workers don't have it easier

**Dear Ann Landers:** Most of the world works by day and sleeps by night. But many people do their jobs while everyone else sleeps — police officers, nurses, firefighters, waitresses, truck drivers, telephone operators, cab drivers, janitors, security guards and night-shift workers.

I am a woman who manages a very busy bar, which means I work late hours six nights a week.

Some people have the crazy idea that I get paid to "party." Actually, I monitor the bartenders and have to decide which customers have had enough. I rarely get to sit down.

Meanwhile, my husband seldom gets to stand up. "Mike" is a disc jockey. He is expected to be cheerful and funny and sound as if he is having a ball, even when he has a killer headache or the flu.

I get home around 4 a.m. Mike gets home about 5:30 a.m. We eat supper together and go to bed when the sun comes up.

Then, the phone starts to ring. People think because we work at night, we have the whole day free. Some of our friends and family members have actually said, "You sure have it easy. You can sleep all day." Where do people get

that nutty idea?

Night workers are just like everybody else. We spend eight hours at work, a couple of hours commuting and running errands, a few hours doing marketing, cooking and household chores, and if we are lucky, we get six or seven hours of sleep. Will you please say a few kind words for us night owls? We could use a little sympathy. — Sleepless in New Orleans

**Dear Sleepless:** God bless you night owls. If it weren't for you, the world would come to a screeching halt at sundown. I'm a bit of a night owl myself — preferring to work late into the night and sleep until noon.

My energy level peaks around midnight. The phone is off the hook when I retire. If people think I'm "peculiar," I don't give a hoot.

**Dear Ann Landers:** My 23-year-old daughter is engaged to marry a young man I cannot stand. She

seems very happy, and that is the most important thing, but the relationship worries me. "Francine" used to date a fellow I adored, but they broke up. He had all the qualities I admired. Her current beau has none of them. "Cal" loses his temper a lot and yells at Francine. I have mentioned my concerns and let her know that if he ever hits her, she can come to me anytime.

Francine is now living with Cal, and they have a joint bank account. He has a so-so job but never pays for anything if he can help it. Restaurant meals and movie tickets are always on her. He has no ambition to attend college, and I am sure Francine will end up supporting him, which galls me to no end. I am civil in Cal's presence but just barely. He constantly puts Francine down, and I invariably find myself defending her.

I have begged Francine to wait another year before making a final commitment, but she refuses. Her brother just married, and I wonder if perhaps she isn't

## Classic Ann Landers

competing with him. Is there anything I can do? — Pennsylvania

**Dear Pennsylvania:** Yes, you can stop knocking Cal and do your darndest to find something about him to admire. This will baffle Francine. Do not mention the old boyfriend you like, or she will never go near him.

Meanwhile, keep busy, and pay as little attention as possible to your daughter's social life. A 23-year-old woman might interpret her mother's "guidance" as interference and marry the guy to assert her independence.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Nine years ago, I found a litter of pups that appeared to be about a month old. They were in pretty sad shape. I gave five pups to a friend and kept the runt of the litter and named her

Jessica. I fed her with a teaspoon every two hours around the clock, and she survived.

Last year, I had to have a pacemaker installed, but it malfunctioned, and I needed an operation to replace it. I was transferred to another hospital, and when I awoke, Jessica was at my feet. My doctor had brought her to aid in my recovery.

Little did I know nine years ago, when I fought to save that little dog's life, that the day would come when she would save mine. — M.M., Ree Heights, South Dakota

**Dear M.M.:** What a heartwarming story. I hope you and Jessica will have many more healthy years together.

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## Couple in friends group are constant complainers

**DEAR ABBY:** We have a group of friends who get together most Friday nights. We go out to eat, meet for drinks or gather at one of the group member's homes for dinner and drinks. One person in particular constantly complains about everything every single week.

They don't like the restaurant that was chosen, or the food the host prepared or the place the pizza was ordered from. Once, they kept repeatedly telling the host they wanted to punch the host's son in the face because he was rude to the host on his way out for the evening.

This guest's spouse also nitpicks relentlessly. It makes everybody uncomfortable.

It has reached the point that the group doesn't want to get together anymore because of the damper this couple puts on the evening.

My spouse and I haven't seen the group for several weeks now, but we miss them. Is there a polite way to tell this couple their negativity is a drag on the rest of the group, and maybe they should seek professional help or learn to keep their mouths shut? — DOWN WITH THE DOWNER

**DEAR DOWN:** No, there isn't. But you could stop inviting this particular couple. If you are asked about it, all you have to say is that you grew tired of their constant criticism, which put a damper on the events.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is married with two children and, so far, she's happy with a wonderful husband and a beautiful home. My concern — or curiosity — is that they have hung professionally done photos of themselves, their kids, their friends and candid images from their wed-

ding in many of the rooms on the first floor, but there are none of my husband and me or the other grandparents.

Every Christmas we receive another framed family photo of them. What would you think if we gifted them a lovely portrait of us? — UNSEEN IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR UNSEEN:** I think it's worth a try, but don't be offended if they don't display it. They appear to be so centered on their nuclear family that there isn't room for anyone else in their picture-perfect house.



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** Recently, my wife told me her brothers have been mad at her for more than a decade and don't talk to her because of something I said at a family get-together 12 years ago.

I asked what they were mad about and what the discussion was about that upset them, but they didn't say — they just quit contacting her.

To me, it's childish and rude to treat their sister that way. Do you have any thoughts or suggestions? — DID NOT KNOW IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR DID NOT:** Yes, I do. The term for what your wife's brothers have been doing is "passive aggression." Because your wife's brothers aren't willing to address the issue, nothing can be done to resolve it.

This is why I suggest the two of you — and whatever other relatives you do get along with — go on with your lives and waste no more time looking back.

**DEAR ABBY:** After 40 years of marriage, I just found out my husband has been having an emotional affair, in addition to an actual girlfriend he had 15 years ago. I forgave him the last time.

This time, he has only said he is wrong, but he hasn't offered an apology, nor is he remorseful.

How can this be resolved? I have removed my wedding rings and refuse to go to his family gatherings. I have read that if he doesn't have remorse and ask for forgiveness, it just won't work. Moreover, he blames me for his poor, impulsive choices. Then he minimizes what he did and tells me I'm "overreacting."

How do I gain his respect? How do you convince someone how badly they have hurt you, and get them to make better choices? — WRONGED IN DELAWARE

**DEAR WRONGED:** It may be time for some self-examination. Ask yourself what your husband

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# Brunch spectacular

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

In my opinion, there is nothing better than a salty and sweet snack. This recipe is perfect for brunch and even more perfect served with a Bloody Mary.

I used thick cuts of Danish bacon that I found at Village Food Market. Then once the bacon was almost cooked, I added a mixture of chopped pecans, brown sugar and cayenne over top so it formed a delicious crust.

It turns out like a spicy candy. This is a

must make recipe for the upcoming holidays.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Pecan Bacon

1 pound of thick cut bacon (8-12 pieces)

½ cup of finely chopped pecans

½ cup brown sugar

½ to 1 tsp cayenne pepper

Preheat your oven to 375. On a large, foiled lined baking sheet lay

the bacon slices out. Cook in the oven for 25 minutes until they are a bit crisp around the edges.

While the bacon cooks, mix together the rest of the ingredients in a small bowl until combined. Evenly spoon and divide the mixture between each bacon slice. Put the bacon back in the oven and cook for another 10 minutes.

Let cool for a bit, if you can wait. We couldn't and had plenty of burnt mouths.



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## Variety in reds

I love wine, of course, but as the weather begins to turn colder and our thoughts turn to heartier foods including beef stew, steaks and other red meats, we begin to think more of red wine as our dinner-time companion.

Not that red wine doesn't play a major role for most people year-round, but in the hottest days of spring and summer, and even early fall, the cooling effects of white wines and roses seem to be far more appropriate.

At the lowest end of the price spectrum

many red wines are generally made about the same, somewhat soft and simple, so there is little to distinguish between them in terms of distinctiveness. When we're spending only \$5 to \$7 per bottle, most of us do not expect an awful lot of character that relates directly to the grape.

I have conducted this test several times in the 40-plus years I have been writing about wine, and most wines at the low end of the price scale have had very little varietal character, if any.

But that may be changing. As winemaking and grape growing improve, more distinctive aromatics and tastes begin to show up in less expensive wines. Still, in general paying a little bit more for wine usually pays huge dividends in unique characteristics that are worth paying for.

Here are just a few of my thoughts on the current state of modestly priced but still characterful red wines in the \$10 to \$18 price range.

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Still the most popular red wine around, most of it from California, where temperatures in the vineyards are warm enough to make generous wines every year. However, some of the cabs we buy can be a little bit astringent, which bothers some people who prefer more softness. Values come from Chile and Australia.

### MERLOT

It has been 30 years since this variety was roundly criticized after a few years when some pretty awful merlots hit the shelves. Today, more than any other time in decades it is a superb alternative to cabernet.

### ZINFANDEL

Lots of bright, jammy fruit in these wines, often with strawberries or raspberries, but alcohol levels can become a

little bit daunting. If you get one that's 16 percent alcohol or so, just add a little water.

### PINOT NOIR

A lighter-weight wine (at least it's supposed to be!). There is far more grace and delicacy than cabernet or merlot, and it's a very good match for rare roast beef or even salmon.

### CHIANTI

This Italian staple usually has excellent medium-weight flavors and good acidity so it can marry nicely with tomatoey pasta sauces.

### BARBERA

Another Italian grape, but one that's also successful in California's Sierra Foothills. It's at its best with 14 percent alcohol or less, and usually has good acidity so it works with pasta dishes.

### CARIGNANE

A workhorse variety that has recently regained some of the luster and had in the 1960s. Kind of gutsy and rustic, aimed directly at beef stew.

### PETITE SIRAH

Another fairly rustic grape that can be slightly tannic and thus hard to match with lighter foods. Try with hearty pizzas.

### Wine of the Week:

2018 Bogle Family Petite Sirah, California (\$9) — This one is noticeably less intense and is far more approachable than so many more expensive wines of this

variety. Long one of the best values in red wines in this country.

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For red wines, aging wine in oak for 18-24 months is not uncommon, and allows complex flavors and aromas to develop in the wine.

## DEAR ABBY:

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may be looking for in these strictly emotional affairs. (I assume they aren't physical, or you would have written otherwise.)

If you want to stay married to him, put those wedding rings back on and tell him it is apparent that you two aren't communicating with each other effectively.

Tell him you want to work to improve your marriage with the help of a licensed marriage and family counselor, and make an appointment. During those sessions, it will become apparent to him that you have been deeply hurt.

However, be prepared to hear some critical comments about you from him. For many couples, this has healed an unhealthy relationship.

**DEAR ABBY:** It's been more than three years since I have spoken to my former best friend. We were best friends for nearly 15 years. The friendship ended when we were in our early 20s because she didn't like the men I was dating. I also didn't agree with some of the choices she was making, which led to some nasty arguments.

I communicate with her through social media as "small talk," but it feels like I'm speaking to a coworker. I miss my best friend. I saw her not long ago at a mall, and she didn't look like herself. I was worried for her.

My life has evolved, and I feel I have grown up for the better. I would like to share those experiences with someone I considered a best friend for so long. Would it be wrong to bring up the past? How do I share with her that "the past was the past" and I want to get back to where we used to be? — LOST

FRIEND IN MISSOURI

**DEAR LOST FRIEND:**

Call the woman, tell her you saw her at the mall and ask how she's doing. Suggest the two of you have lunch sometime to catch up. If she agrees, during the lunch tell her you miss the close relationship you once had. Do NOT mention what caused the chill in your relationship or the fact that she doesn't look like herself.

If she brings it up, listen and tell her you think you have both grown since then. I hope it works and you can patch things up, but do not count on it, because a lot of things have happened in both of your lives since the old days.

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# Shores "Boo Fest"

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Shores recently hosted Boo Fest, complete with a bonfire, candy, a pumpkin patch, a tractor-pulled hayride and costumed characters.



Khloe Francis, dressed as a cat, stands next to an inflatable dog suited up as a bat.



Maddison Telesco, dressed as a vampire, gets a photo with Sparky the fire dog.



Isabella Hyatt, Annabelle Reck, Mary Grace Werner, Scarlett Reck and Catherine Hyatt stand under the spooky arch before beginning their Boo Fest adventure.



Lennon Morgan, dressed as a dragon, checks out the pumpkin patch with his mom, Katie, dressed as Beetlejuice and brother, Leopold, dressed as Donald Duck.



Adriana Stahl and her brother, Alexander, pretend they're in jail.



Grosse Pointe Shores Sgt. Terrence Brown and Lt. Tony Spina went in to check out the haunted jail and got stuck inside.

## EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

**THURSDAY, NOV. 10**

- » **Air Fryer Cooking Demo with Mary Spencer**  
Woods Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.
- » **Andrew Brown's DJANGOPHONIQUE**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **ArtLab: Blink Blank Canvas**  
Ewald Branch, 4:30-5:30p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit, 1 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh**  
311 East Grand River Avenue, 5:30 p.m.  
311 E. Grand River Ave.
- » **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Nailed It! Holiday Edition**  
Offsite, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
8425 West McNichols Road.
- » **Senior Hustle For Health Dance Class**  
Ewald Branch, 1-2 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

- » **UniverSoul Circus**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre - UniverSoul Circus, 7 p.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 11**

- » **Josh Turner**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
- » **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit, 5:30 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **Jessie Reyez - The Yessie Tour**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Leslie DeShazor**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Owls of Michigan**  
Woods Branch, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.
- » **Poetry & Music: blk Featuring Jassmine Parks & Johdi**  
The Cube, 8-11 p.m.  
3711 Woodward Avenue.

- » **UniverSoul Circus**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre - UniverSoul Circus, 7 p.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 12**

- » **Faust**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Herb & Holly Boutique, Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit**  
The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
158 Ridge Rd..
- » **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit, 11 a.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh**  
311 East Grand River Avenue, 4:30 p.m.  
311 E. Grand River Ave.
- » **Leslie DeShazor**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Ladies Night Out**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.

- » **St. Germaine Holiday Craft Show**  
St. Germaine School Activity Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
28301 Little Mack.
- » **UniverSoul Circus**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre - UniverSoul Circus, 11:30 a.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 13**

- » **44th Annual Big Bird Run**  
Recreation Authority Center, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
18185 Sycamore.
- » **All Things Detroit Holiday Experience**  
Eastern Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
2934 Russell St.
- » **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit, 3:30 p.m.  
  
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **Immersive King Tut**  
311 East Grand River Avenue, 3:30 p.m.  
311 E. Grand River Ave.
- » **Immersive Van Gogh**  
311 East Grand River Avenue, 11 a.m.  
311 E. Grand River Ave.

- » **Leslie DeShazor**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **UniverSoul Circus**  
The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre - UniverSoul Circus, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
2600 E Atwater.

**MONDAY, NOV. 14**

- » **Blues Jam**  
The Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd..
- » **Boat Handling and Marine Navigation Class**  
788 Lake Shore Rd,  
7-9 p.m.
- » **Girls Reading**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Immersive King Tut**  
Lighthouse ArtSpace Detroit, 1 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **PJ Storytime with Miss Rachel**  
Woods Branch, 7-7:30 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 15**

- » **"Building Empathy" with Jamil Zaki - Grosse Pointe Academy**  
5:30 p.m.  
171 Lake Shore Road

- » **Immersive King Tut: Boy. King. Hero**  
Harmonie Club, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.

- » **Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom**  
Offsite, 10:30-11 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16**

- » **1,000 Hours Gratitude Walk**  
Ewald Branch, 5-6 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Anthony Stanco**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval.
- » **Immersive King Tut: Boy. King. Hero**  
Harmonie Club, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **Jam at Cabbage Patch Saloon**  
Cabbage Patch Saloon, 9:30-11 p.m.  
15130 Mack Ave.

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



# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



If you've ever colored your hair, you know how damaging bleach can be. While I love the look of highlights, I hate when my hair feels and looks dry.

After sending my hairdresser a desperate text requesting recommendations for moisturizing hair masks, she sent me the names of a few amazing products.

Her top hair-repairing mask recommendation was Olaplex No. 3. The Olaplex line is filled with multiple products that claim to repair hair from within, moisturize and make it stronger and healthier than



it was before.

I was obviously intrigued and ordered No. 3 immediately. I slightly hesitated because it was \$30 for a super small bottle, but I decided if it works, it's definitely worth it.

The next day, the package arrived and I couldn't wait to use it. The instructions state to apply the product to clean, damp hair and leave it on more than 10 minutes. After

doing some research online, many websites say that 45 minutes is the magic amount of time for optimal results.

After 45 minutes to an hour, rinse your hair, wash it and you're good to go.

So that's exactly what I did. I applied a generous amount of product to my clean hair (your hair must be clean according to directions), let it sit for almost an hour and then rinsed it out. Immediately, I felt no difference in my hair. It felt as dry as it usually does and I was honestly a little disappointed.

I tried to blow-dry it to see if I noticed any additional smoothness or moisture, but I didn't. I used this hair mask a few more times to see if the results improved and didn't see any tangible results.

I'm not going to bash this product because it might've been working,

but just not enough for me to see the dramatic results I was looking for.

As a loyal product tester, I was not ready to give up that easily. During one of my weekly TikTok scrolls, I saw a few videos that claim the Elizavecca Collagen Ceramide Coating Protein Treatment is the same, if not better, than Olaplex No. 3. Want to know the best part? It's only \$7.85 on Amazon!

The directions to use this product are identical to Olaplex No. 3. I applied it to clean, damp hair, waited

about an hour and then rinsed and washed it out.

I'm not even kidding when I tell you that I noticed an immediate difference in my hair. The ends of my hair felt silky, soft and smooth.

When I blow-dried my hair, there was noticeably less static and damage. I have been using it on a weekly basis to prevent damage and increase moisture in my hair, which is especially important since dry winter weather is coming.

After trying both of these viral products, I'd advise you to skip the Olaplex

and order the cheaper dupe option from Amazon. Elizavecca's product is the real deal and it really works! I am rating this product 5 out of 5 alligators, because I am absolutely obsessed with it. It's completely worth the \$8 and a total must if you color your hair!

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com).

5 Out Of 5



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Left, Kurt Russell as Ben Crane, Dakota Fanning as Cale Crane and Kris Kristofferson in the 2005 movie "Dreamer," written and directed by John Gatins.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"Dreamer"  
2005 - Rated PG  
1 hr 46min

I tend to gravitate toward serious movies. Usually indie flicks that are dialogue-heavy and full of surprises. With a few thrillers, mysteries, and the occasional rom-com thrown into the mix. However, once in a while I just need a break and opt for an old-fashioned, sappy family-friendly movie. Sort of comfort food for the brain. I thought "Dreamer" perfectly fit the bill.

The film is from DreamWorks Pictures, so you know it'll be decent. And the list of the stars practically guarantees it's going to be excellent. The roster includes a young Dakota Fanning, Kurt Russell, Chris Kristopherson, and Elisabeth Shue.

Strong supporting actors like David Morse and Luis Guzman round out the cast.

I was particularly impressed with Ms. Fanning. She delivered a remarkable and believ-

able performance — so natural for such a young girl. It's refreshing to see someone play the part of a child without overacting. What's more, this is one of those films where even the bad things that happen, aren't all that devastating. It's a movie the whole family will enjoy.

"Dreamer" is inspired by a true story, meaning the writer took a lot of liberties with the actual events. It takes place near Lexington, Ky—a beautiful area in heart of horse country. The Crane family, Ben (Russell), Lily (Shue) and Cale (Fanning) live on a horse farm that's been in the family for generations. They no longer have any horses and much of the property has been sold off by Ben's father, Pop Crane (Kristopherson), a grisly old guy who's somewhat estranged from his son. It was nice that their relationship wasn't bitter, they just weren't close.

The story revolves around a racehorse named "Sonador" (Spanish for Dreamer). Ben is an expert trainer who works for Palmer (Morse), a well-known breeder. Before a big race, Ben warns his boss that



he feels Sonador isn't quite ready to compete. And sure enough, during the race the horse takes a fall and breaks her leg.

When Palmer decides to have the horse put down, Ben comes to the rescue. He opts to take Sonador back to his farm and rehabilitate her, with the hopes of breeding her

## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



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).

and producing a champion offspring.

After quarrelling with his boss, not only is Ben fired, his whole crew is let go as well. They include a former jockey (Freddie Rodriguez) who suffered a career-ending injury during a race, along with their stable-hand

okay.

I know this film is a few years old, but I'd never heard of it. When it popped up on Netflix, I put it in my queue. I finally got around to watching it and I'm glad I did. It's a heart-warming and well-crafted film.

The writing is solid and the cinematography is first rate. If you like "Dreamer," you might also enjoy a film I reviewed a while back called "Dream Horse." It's another feel good, root for the underdog type movie.

Note to parents: This is truly a family-friendly movie. I think it could have been rated

"G".

Currently streaming on Netflix and on 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



Left, Freddy Rodriguez as Manolin and Dakota Fanning as Cale Crane.

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THANKSGIVING



HOLIDAY TABLE AND DECOR

# WE GATHER TOGETHER

By Anne Gryzenia  
and Donna Zetterlund  
*Special Writers*

Thanksgiving celebrates gratitude and has grown to be a treasured time to join with friends and family over great food. Hosting is a big deal, with meals to plan and lots of prep work to do. Yet one of the most enjoyable aspects of hosting is designing your table and home to look beautiful and new each year.

We've pulled together some idea-starters to supply inspiration for your family gathering this year. Using popular plaid and a soft autumn color palette, here are some table looks and decor you can try to bring warm feelings to mind as those you love come together in thanks.



Mr. Tom Turkey is made of sturdy metal, so he can come back year after year, unlike the fellow being served for dinner. Check out this sweet Thanksgiving decoration, and so much more to brighten up your party, at Small Favors.





## PRETTY PIECES TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Decorate your home for the holidays with this adorable round throw pillow, top left, from Small Favors. It's also a year-round reminder to stay grateful.

Generous-sized turkey platter, above, holds your bird nicely while it adds a festive touch. It's at Small Favors.

"Every turkey for himself" bowl serves up munchies and giggles, from Small Favors.

Small Favors is located at 17112 Kercheval Ave in Grosse Pointe. Call them at (313) 887-1774 or visit online at [shopsmallfavors.com](http://shopsmallfavors.com).

Garden flowers, white roses and fall stems bundled in various vases make a pretty and eclectic centerpiece on a beige and brown houndstooth tablecloth, far left and immediate left. Leather chargers frame beautiful autumn-themed mixed china with coordinating cloth napkins, topped with pheasant feathers for a fall touch, far left. Lush feather placemats under the chargers, left, add even more textured beauty to the setting. Silver stemware completes the look.



## Stress-free hosting tips

It's the start of the most wonderful time of the year. The holiday season can be a delightful, magical time. But with all of the holiday hustle and bustle, plus entertaining guests, it can also be the most stressful time of the year. Just in time, the folks at Randazzo Fresh Market have some helpful tips that will bring out your inner Martha or Rachel, and help you keep your sanity too.

- **Cook and prepare as much as possible ahead of time.** Many dips and sauces can be prepared days ahead and added to main dishes on the day of your event. Chopping fresh vegetables and pre-measuring ingredients can also be done in advance and stored in your refrigerator to make cooking a breeze on the actual day of your party.

- **Try some Gourmet to Go.** Even though you may want to do it all, it's just not wise to overburden yourself. Trying to cook family dinners during weeks of holiday prep — where you are cleaning for company, planning seating arrangements, decorating and shopping, is a task you just don't need. Gourmet to Go meals from Randazzo Fresh are convenient, delicious, homemade meals you can enjoy without the stress of cooking and clean-up. Save your energy to get ready for turkey day.

- **Mix store-bought delectables in with your homemade dishes.** Holidays tend to evoke guilty thoughts that all meal components must be made from scratch, with love. While this is always nice and certainly appreciated, it's not always necessary — or efficient. Make your favorite things from scratch (and your signature dishes), then sprinkle in some meal elements that are conveniently store bought to save on time and energy. It will still be 'homemade with love', it just doesn't have to be made by you. Randazzo Fresh carries a wide selection of house-made meals and desserts that will have your guests guessing who spent all the hours in the kitchen. And there will still be love in every bite.

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# At Work

by Lindsey Novak



## Make previous skills count when finding a new career

**Q:** I come from a family where all my younger brothers got jobs in the trades, as I did. I'm in my late 40s now, and with all the people I meet with college degrees, I feel like I missed out on an important part of life. I'm in a trade union, so I make good money and always get assigned to new jobs when needed, but I can't stop thinking about what it would've been like to go to college. I was a slower learner in high school, but I still can't stop thinking about college. Should I try to get into college? What are the odds of me getting a job in a business major at this point in my life?

**A:** It's hard to discourage a person with a strong desire, so consider the possibilities before taking action so you can make an educated decision. You have a lot in your favor now with your job; you learned a trade well enough to join a union and collect union wages. Unions negotiate and protect their members by ensuring they work under safe, acceptable conditions and receive wages to allow for a comfortable lifestyle. Also, union employees are not judged by their likability.

Most business jobs don't have unions to represent and protect them. Employees in the business field have to meet many expectations in soft skills (personal character traits such as amenability, diplomacy, resourcefulness, creativity, analytical abilities and more) in addition to their hard skills, efficiency, accuracy and dependability. New business hires

may not realize how important likability is, but the majority of people who are fired in a corporate environment have been considered to be stubborn, argumentative, disagreeable and just plain difficult at work. People like to work with pleasant, positive people, which isn't a serious consideration in a union job.

Changing careers when nearing 50 can be done successfully, but adding to previous knowledge in a field is easier than learning an entirely new field. According to a 2020 article from Harvard Medical School titled "How Memory and Thinking Ability Change With Age," scientists see the brain as continuously changing and developing across the entire life span. Some cognitive functions become weaker with age. Some brain areas shrink in size.

The speed of communication within the brain can slow down. These changes can affect one's ability to understand and retain new information, and previously known information can be harder to retrieve.

Each person's brain chemistry differs, and though numerous vitamins and supplements can help combat these problems, taking supplements without the instruction of a medical specialist is a hit-or-miss approach.

That doesn't mean you should abandon your dreams. Since you remember being a slow learner in school, start slowly by taking one course at a time to see how well you do. Rushing into this life change and leaving your

job could set you on the road for failure, which might not have occurred had you been patient. Check out programs at local or community colleges. Many schools have evening divisions and weekend courses, but I recommend you avoid online courses. Online courses expect students to complete assignments independently, with delayed interaction only through emails. Students with low performance levels in high school can easily feel lost without the guidance and immediate feedback from a classroom environment.

Also, keep this personal activity confidential at work. Hearing negative comments or being taunted by co-workers will only thwart your efforts in the course.

Establishing an additional routine takes time. If you do well after several courses, consider taking two per quarter/semester, but don't leave a good job to attend school full time. Finding a business job may still be a long shot. If you complete your degree, you will be competing in a job market with new graduates in their 20s. To take advantage of your 20 years working in the trades, apply for jobs on the business side of the construction industry.

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# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

**Happy Birthday** for Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022:

You are knowledgeable of yourself personally and the world around you. Because of this, you are practical and competent. You are also talented, energetic and enthusiastic. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of anyone or anything who is holding you back.

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

Be careful about being too generous with shared property or general funding, because someone in authority might criticize you. Therefore, tread carefully and be aware of everything you're doing. For some, an intimate relationship might draw disapproval from elders. Tonight: Study.

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

Although you might feel sympathetic when dealing with a partner or close friend today, an authority figure might challenge your ideas or decisions. They might disapprove of what you are doing, or they might make demands on you. This will limit your freedom of choice. Tonight: Be thrifty.

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

You will encounter some challenges at work today. You might encounter challenges related to your health or something to do with a pet. Although you want to be helpful to others, your hands are tied. Authority figures will restrict you or use rules and regulations to stop you from doing something. Tonight: Make plans.

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

When talking to others today, you want to get down to the nitty gritty truth of something. Nothing superficial. Meanwhile, romance is tender and sweet today; nevertheless, difficulties or financial restrictions might get in the way. Maybe your ATM is down? Tonight: Seek solitude.

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

You will enjoy doing something to make your home more attractive today. You also will feel sympathetic to family members. Nevertheless, partners and close friends might be critical or difficult to deal with. You win some, you lose some. Tonight: Set goals.

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

You will feel sympathetic when dealing with a friend or a group today. You might want to help a third party or do charitable work. Nevertheless, some difficulties might arise that create worries for you. Someone might tell you why you can't do something. Tonight: Talk to authority figures.

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

You are high-viz today, which means people notice you. Specifically, people know personal details about your private life. (Like, what's with that?) Children might be an increased responsibility today. Meanwhile, you want to buy something beautiful and luxurious. Tonight: Learn something new.

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

You feel warm and tenderhearted toward someone today. If you can help them, you certainly will. However, something might hold you back — possibly restrictions, or responsibilities at home or within the

family. Nevertheless, you're eager to do something different today! Tonight: Check your finances.

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

You might be stuck in worry mode today, which is not a good thing for your sign. More than any other sign, you thrive on optimism and physical activity. In fact, these things are like survival issues for you. You have to believe that something better is waiting around the next bend in the road. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

Although you feel sympathetic to a friend or a group today, you might find that financial restrictions will limit your ability to help someone or participate in a joint effort. Nevertheless, do what you can. Be accommodating, because the Moon is opposite your sign today. Cooperation is necessary. Tonight: Work.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Do your best to be realistic with financial matters today. Feelings of altruism or even a personal indulgence might make you want to spend more money than you have. Quite likely, an authority figure will remind you of your duties and obligations. Tonight: Practice.

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

Pie-in-the-sky ideas appeal to you today because you want to escape somewhere and have an adventure! However, something going on behind the scenes might restrict you or throw cold water on your plans. Nevertheless, socialize and have fun today! Tonight: Serious discussions.

### BORN TODAY

Actor Taron Egerton (1989), actress Ellen Pompeo (1969), actor Tracy Morgan (1968).

## Can You Find The 10 Differences



## Contract Bridge

### THRUST AND COUNTERTHRUST

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A K 10 3  
 ♥ 10 5 4  
 ♦ Q 6 5  
 ♣ 5 3 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 9 7 6 5 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ 10 9 7 2  
 ♣ 10 9 8 6

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q J 8 4  
 ♥ J 8 7  
 ♦ K J 8  
 ♣ A K 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ A K Q 9 6 3 2  
 ♦ A 4 3  
 ♣ Q J 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Here is a typical example of the cut-and-thrust game that sometimes occurs when two foemen worthy of their steel cross swords at the bridge table.

East won the opening club lead with the king and continued with the ace and another club, won by South with the queen. Making the contract seemed routine, but when South led the ace of trump and West showed out, serious complications set in.

With the trumps divided 3-0, declarer had no way to reach dummy's A-K of spades for two diamond discards.

After considering the matter fully, South next tried to resolve the problem by leading the nine of hearts! He was perfectly willing to concede a trump trick to East's jack in order to create an entry to dummy's ten.

This play ordinarily would have solved South's difficulties, but East refused to win the trick! East had been taught early in life that if anyone ever offered to sell him the Brooklyn Bridge, not to buy it. To East, the nine of trump looked like the Brooklyn Bridge.

This put South right back where he had been a moment before. He thought about playing the king of trump and then leading a low diamond to the queen, hoping to find West with the king. But he dismissed this notion when he concluded that East almost surely had the king, judging from his refusal to win the previous trick.

And so, consistent with his convictions, South played still another low trump, forcing East to win with his now-singleton jack. This left East with no choice but to return a diamond or a spade, allowing South to gain entry to the dummy and make the contract.

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by Steve Becker



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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**“Let’s have halftime now. I’m Hungry.”**

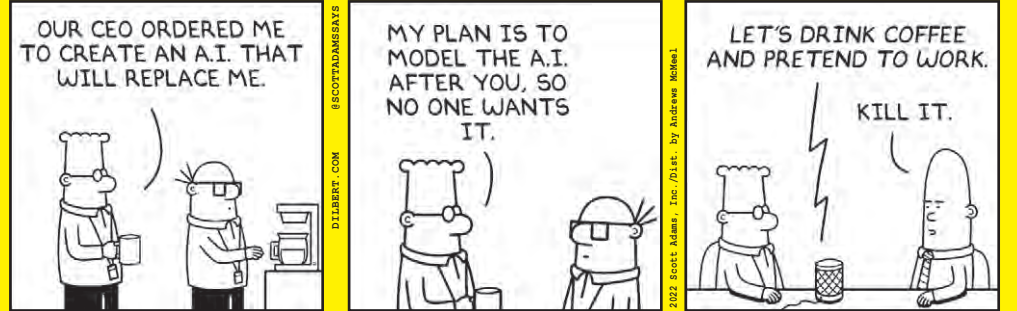
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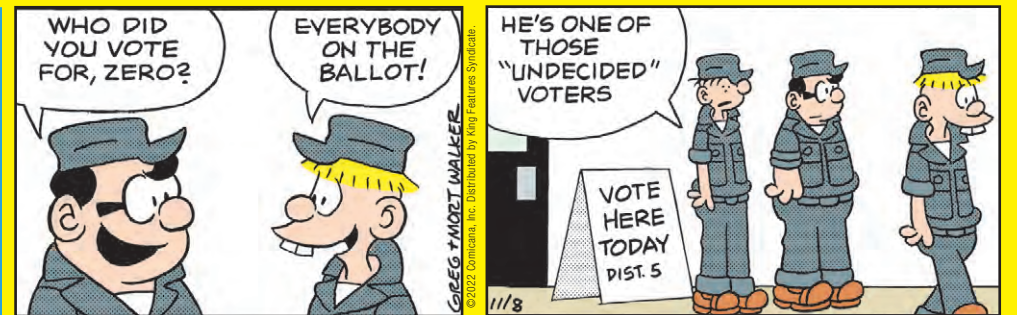
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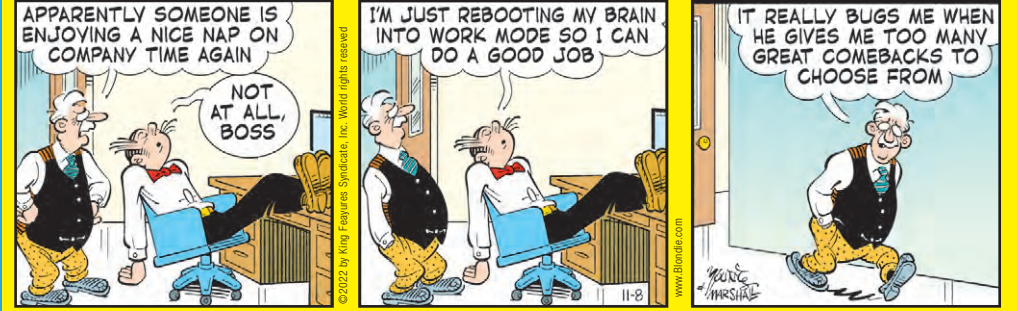
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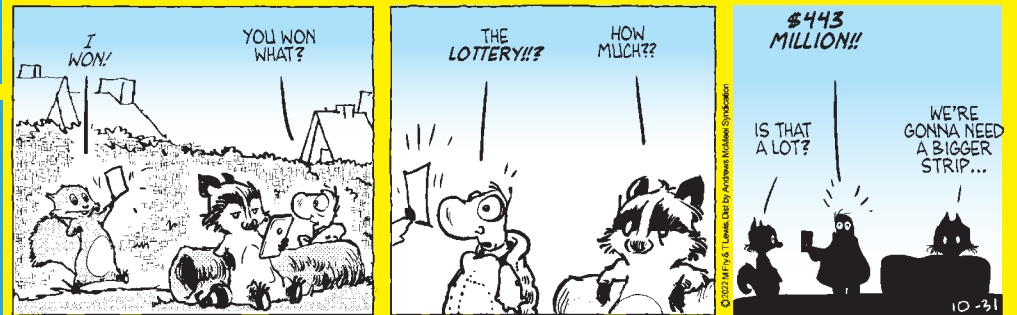
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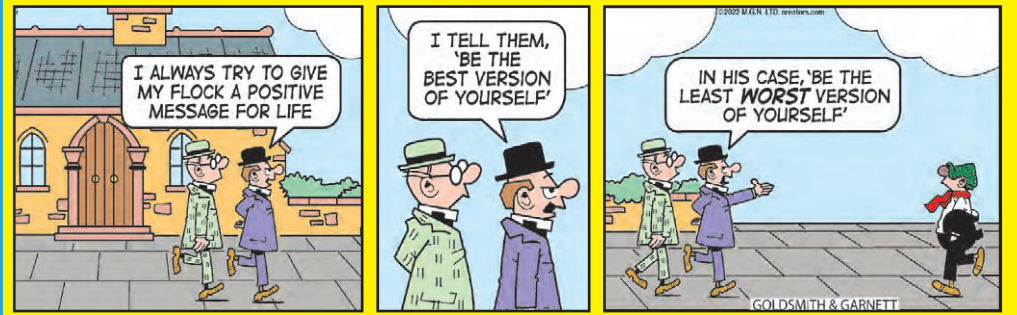
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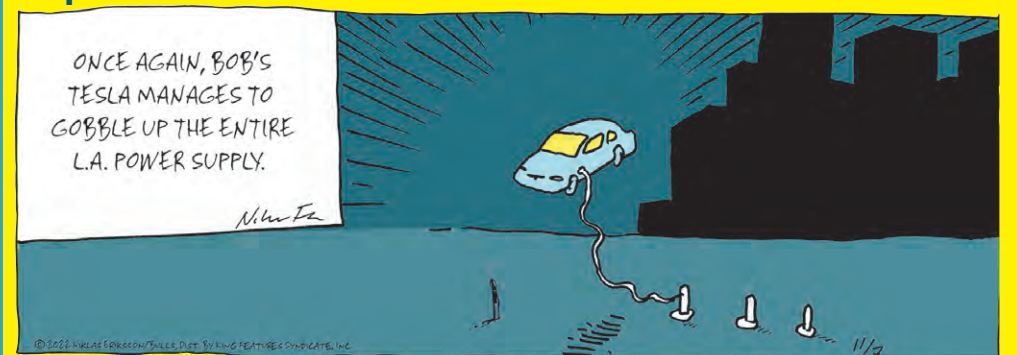
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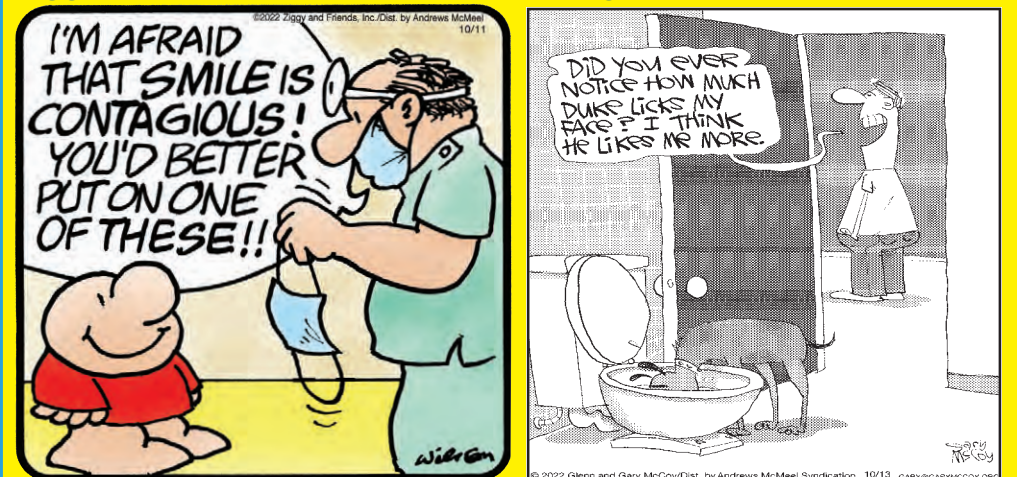


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Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



# UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg November 10, 2022

### ACROSS

- Throw out forcefully
- Hookup for electric instruments
- Surgery marks
- Word before "chip" or "cheese"
- Auto
- Number of people in a trio
- Humanlike robot
- French for "friend"
- Rarin' to go
- Award-winning writer and director of "Lost in Translation"
- Lansbury who will appear posthumously in "Glass Onion"
- Anna's sister in "Frozen"
- "Game-winning scorer in the Olympic Women's Soccer finals in 2008"
- Mediator's asset
- "Here's when I'll show up" letters
- Phishing, e.g.
- Tiniest U.S. coins
- \_\_\_ for tat
- As desired, in recipes
- Difference between 9 and 10

- 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.
- Basil or cilantro
- Maine winter hrs.
- Claudius' successor
- "Tattooed Man at a Carnival" photographer
- Bugs Bunny or Mickey Mouse
- "Relax, soldier!"
- Meteor that might be wished upon ... and a literal hint to the asterisked clues' answers
- "I wish I \_\_\_ done that"
- Bitter beer
- Jazz style
- "Curiouser and curiouser!" speaker
- Driving accessory?
- Author Lalami
- Hopeless case
- "OMG a bug!"
- Landscaping tool

- Steep, in a way
- Choreography units
- Flatbread cooked on a tava
- Jason's ship
- Fishing rod attachment
- Medicinal fluids
- Actress Edie whose surname anagrams to "focal"
- Not new
- Ideal black-jack combo
- Indigenous
- Parmesan shredder
- Back muscle, informally
- Nebraska's most populous city
- Single-celled creature
- Population-counting survey
- Biting African fly
- Up for discussion
- D.C. legislator
- Pick up the tab
- Never
- "\_\_\_ even stand a chance?"
- Like traits you're born with
- Look over again
- Furry aquatic mammal
- Hair or carpet style
- Overhead light?
- Loki's adoptive father
- Sheer joy
- Hide and \_\_\_
- Huge
- Futbol cheer
- Golf course goal

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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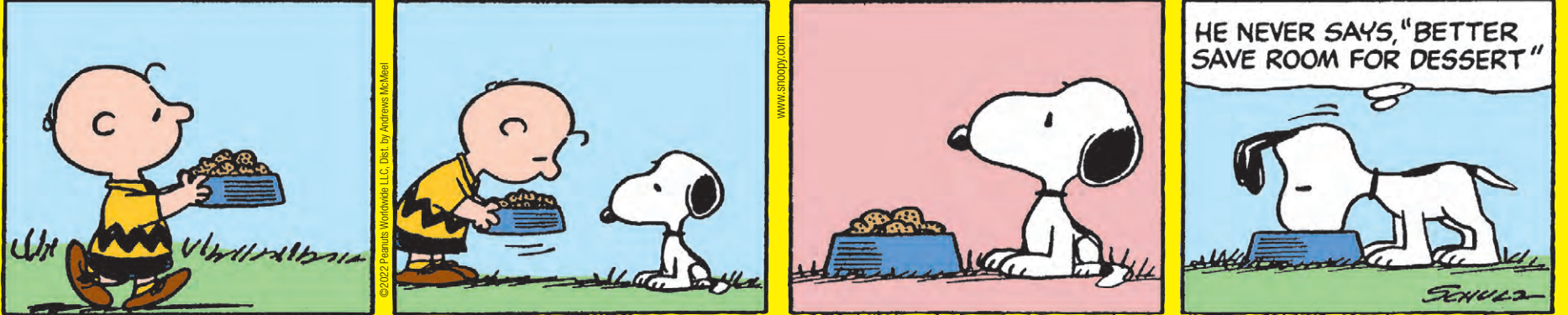
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# Comics

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Charles M. Schulz

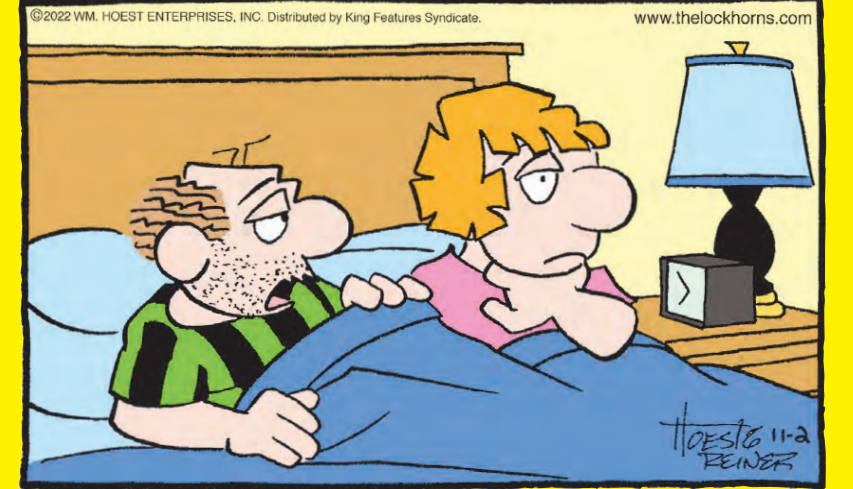
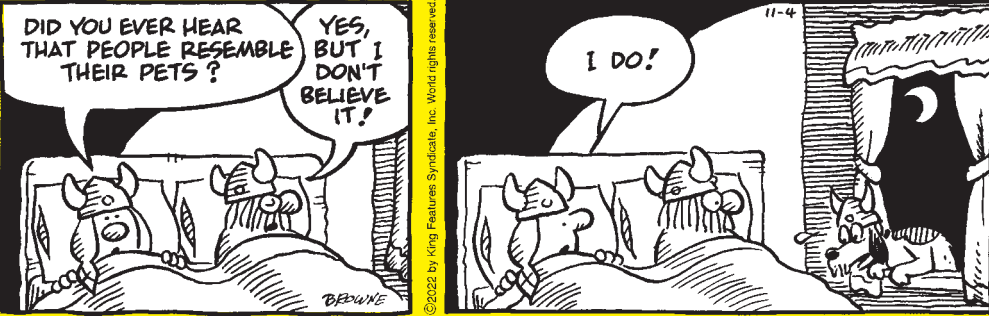


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Dik Browne and Chris Browne

## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Crock

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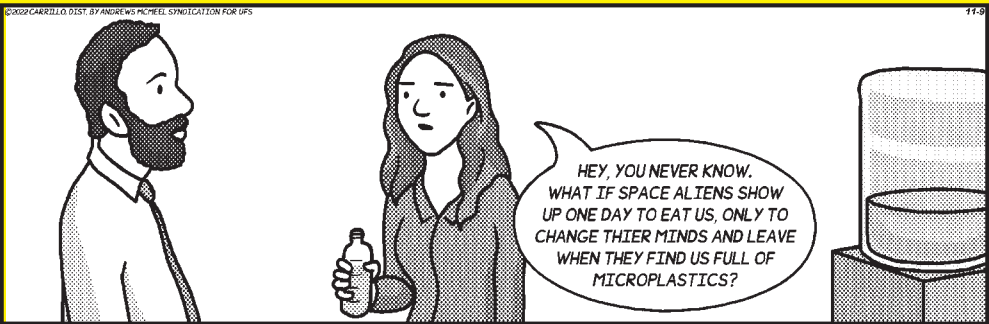
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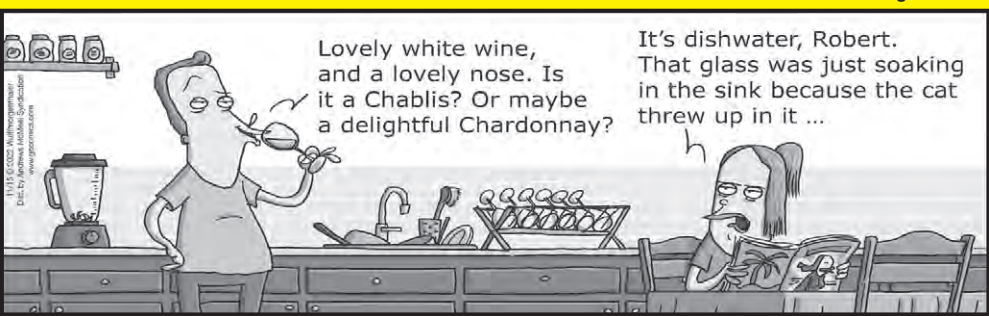
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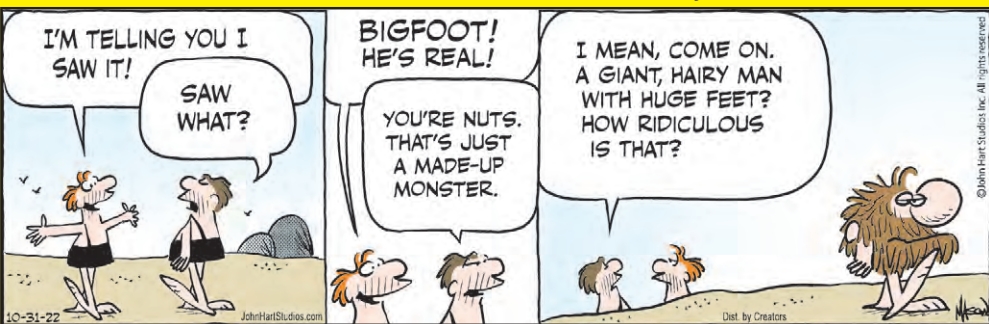
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Mike Peters

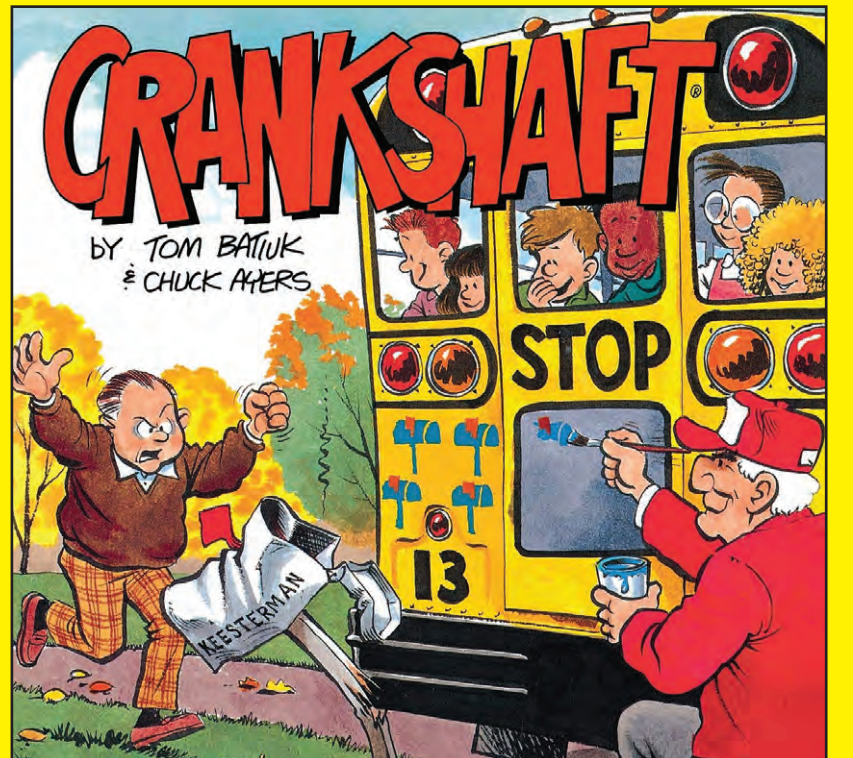
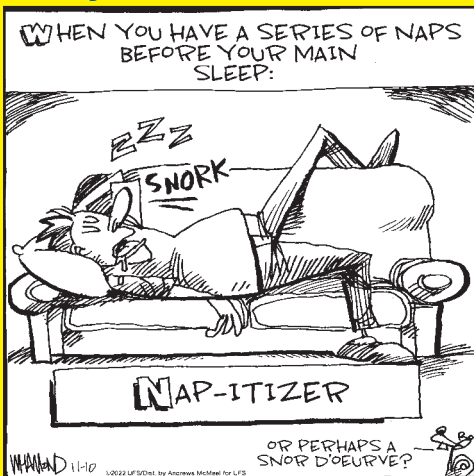


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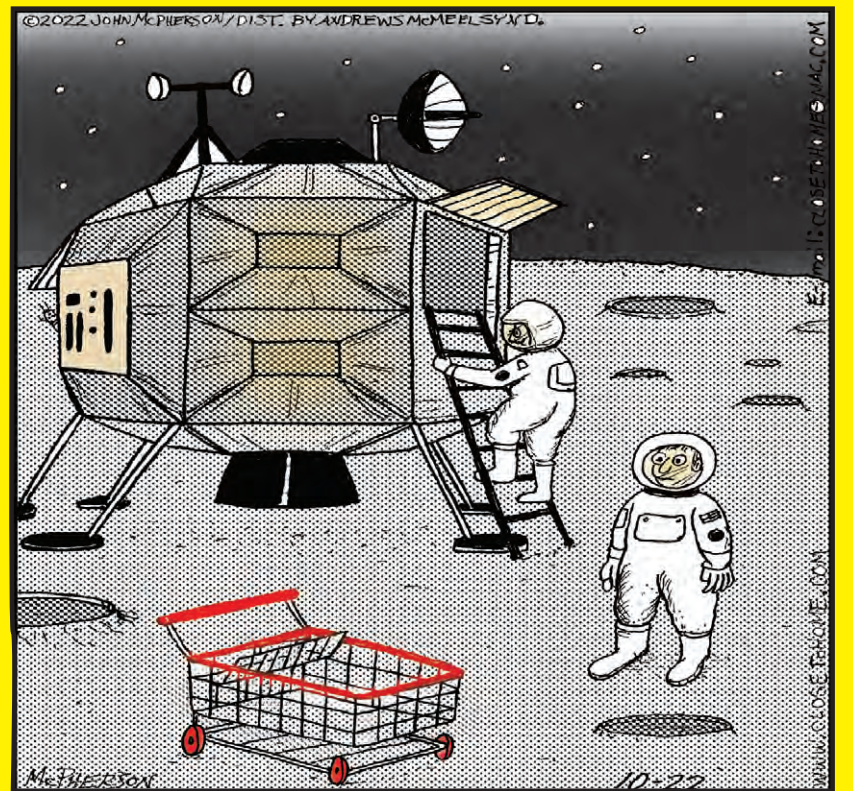
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Top, South volleyball celebrates its ninth consecutive district title after defeating North 3-1 last Friday. Bottom, Liggett was victorious 3-0 over Detroit Edison in last Friday's district championship.

## South, Liggett capture volleyball district crowns

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

Volleyball took center stage in the Pointes last Friday night, as Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett were all in contention for district titles, trying to keep their postseason runs alive. In the end, the Blue Devils overcame their crosstown rivals for their ninth consecutive district title, while the Knights also reigned supreme with a win against Detroit Edison.

### North vs. South

Students and fans packed the gym at Grosse Pointe North as a Division 1 district final showdown between North and South highlighted the week. The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead in the match, pulling away in the later part of the opening set to win 25-16 and go up 1-0.

In a tightly-contested second set, the

Norsemen and South traded points. The Blue Devils ultimately came away with the win yet again, taking a 2-0 advantage in the match with a 25-21 win.

North stormed back in the third set with its back against the wall. The Norsemen took the set 25-16 to keep the match going and their season hopes alive. Set No. 4 was equally tense, but ultimately proved to be the end of the road for North. South took the set 25-22 to take the district crown.

The win for South was its first over North this year, as the Norsemen won both regular season meetings.

North's Lily Parker had a career night in the loss with a .542 hitting percentage and ten total blocks, five solo and five assisted. Elizabeth Wozniak had 34 assists for the Norsemen on Friday night.

South Freshman Gabby DiVita showed her strength in crunch time for the Blue Devils

with 28 kills and four serving aces. Elle Davey had five aces along with 36 assists.

### University Liggett vs. Detroit Edison

In Division 3, the University Liggett Knights cruised through the district semifinals with a 3-0 win over Detroit Central to set them up with a match against Detroit Edison last Friday in the final. Liggett proved to be unstoppable again as the team took care of business with a 3-0 victory against Edison in the district championship.

The Knights dominated the opening set of the match with a 25-10 win. Set No. 2 was tighter, but Liggett still managed to triumph 25-21 and find itself just 25 points away from lifting the district trophy. Those 25 points came easily as the Knights took the third and final set of the match 25-10

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## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Izzy Fruehauf put on her University Liggett field hockey jersey for the final time. The senior captain, who had been involved with the program since long before she even started high school, took the field with her Knights teammates in the Division 2 state championship game, looking to end her career with a second state title.

Though the Knights ended up falling 2-0 to Dexter, the loss on the scoreboard did not overshadow what has become an accomplished career for Fruehauf, who this week learned she earned first team, All-Catholic League and first team, All-State honors in her final high school season. Since she and her

teammates knew the state final would be their last time playing together, it made it feel even more special.

"I did not think we were going to make it as far as we did," Fruehauf said. "We have 12 seniors

in ice hockey, a sport in which she won a state championship at Liggett last winter, Fruehauf picked up field hockey in fifth grade, mainly because her older sister, Katie, played it.

Over the years, she fell in love with the sport and became a four-year varsity player for Liggett, beginning with her freshman year, and a two-time captain as a junior and senior. She credits the consistency of being with the same program and playing alongside many of the same teammates for helping grow her passion for the sport, especially because it relies on teamwork and camaraderie. "No one really knows

a lot about the sport so if you play it, we're all like a community," she said. "Field hockey is almost limited, especially around here, where not a lot of people know how to play. It's great to be able to play it with people who love it as much as you."

Fruehauf and her teammates have grown an incredible amount of chemistry over the years. That chemistry helped propel her to become Liggett's goal-scoring leader this fall, finding the back of the net 20 times, while also ending the year with nine assists.

Even though she could often be found at the top of the stat sheet, Fruehauf knows that none of it would be possible without some of her best friends by her side.

"I'm very much a team player," Fruehauf said. "I couldn't play the game without the midfielders and other forwards. ... It's a lot of trust and passing. If my teammate

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Izzy Fruehauf earned first team All-Catholic League and first team All-State honors to cap off an accomplished field hockey career at Liggett.

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**ATHLETE:**

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gets a ball up the field, I'll be there for it no matter what. Knowing where we are and having the chemistry to know where we are on the field without even looking up."

The state championship just may be the end of Fruehauf's field hockey career. However, she is currently undecided whether or not to

continue her career in college, or place academics first by attending a school like the University of Michigan, her dream school, to study communications. Whatever path she ends up taking, ending her last time on the field with a loss as a Liggett Knight will always serve as a bittersweet memory after so many years with the program and people around it.

"If we won or not, that game was going to be a

heartbreaker either way," Fruehauf said. "We knew we weren't going to play with each other again...losing didn't even matter that much to me. It was more about knowing I'd never be able to play with the people I love again after that."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).



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Liggett senior Izzy Fruehauf has been involved in the Knights' field hockey program since fifth grade. This season, she led the team with 20 goals.



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Fruehauf, pictured in a game this fall against Dearborn, helped lead the Knights all the way to the Division 2 state championship game, which ended in a 2-0 loss to Dexter.

**State finals mark finish line of cross country season**

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

A fall season packed with hard running came to an end last Saturday afternoon when runners from around the Pointes raced at the MHSAA cross country state finals. A wet and windy day at the Michigan International Speedway did not make for ideal conditions, leaving runners from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett to deal with the elements while racing for state championships.

Though no Pointers won trophies or medals Saturday, the Blue Devils, Norsemen and Knights ran with pride to cross the finish line with their heads held high.

In Division 1, individual runners represented both North and South. Blue Devils senior Logan Detweiler was the only Pointes runner in the

boys state final race. His time of 16:55 landed him in 108th place, near the middle of the pack in a field of over 200 runners.

One runner each represented the Blue Devils and Norsemen in the girls championship. Lillian Deskins from North brought a successful sophomore season to a close by finishing 86th with a time of 19:46.

"She's a tough runner and is never satisfied, which makes her extremely competitive and relentless in her pursuit of a better performance," North girls cross country coach Scott Cooper said about Deskins' performance. "I was extremely pleased that nine of her teammates made the trek to watch her perform."

South sophomore Savannah Spangler crossed the finish line 161st at 20:22.

The University Liggett girls were the only team

from the Pointes to qualify as a whole, making the trip to MIS for the Division 3 finals. The Knights did not finish high enough to end up in the final team standings, however they did have one runner finish inside the top 50 individually. Sophomore Kerith Short.

Short, who was coming off an impressive first place finish at the regional meet, finished 37th with a time of 20:14. Her teammate senior Penelope Griffioen (21:07) made it into the top 100 at 85th place.

Three Knights ran in the boys Division 3 state championship race. Sophomore Michael Darlington cracked the top 100 in 93rd place with a time of 17:45. Freshman Brendan Beland (18:27) finished 166th while sophomore Donald Rowlands (20:18) ended up in 235th place.

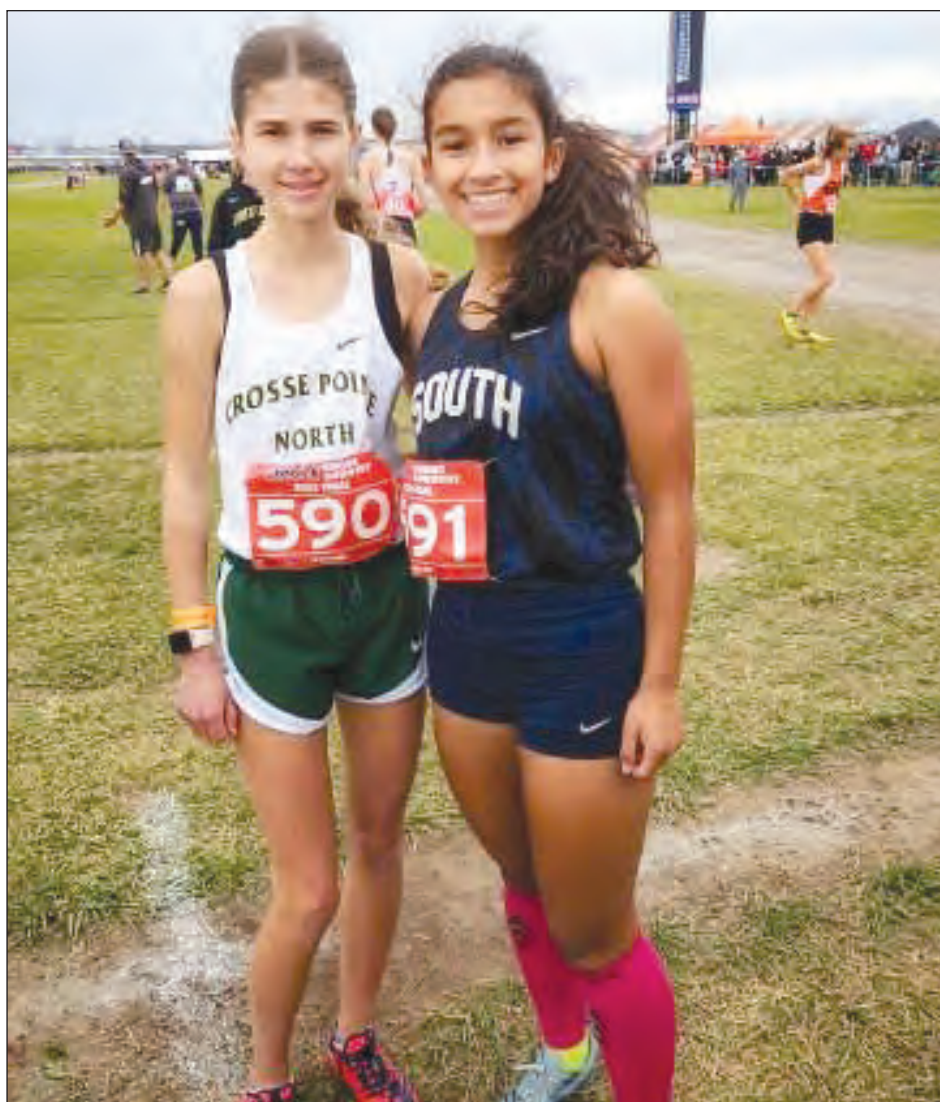


PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

North sophomore Lillian Deskins, left, and South sophomore Savannah Spangler, competed at the Michigan International Speedway during last Saturday's Division 1 cross country girls state championships.



# South speeds to 23rd straight MAC Red title; Beal the real deal in North's second place finish

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls varsity swim and dive continued building on its impressive winning legacy by capturing its 23rd consecutive MAC Red championship last Saturday, in one of its last team meets before the Division 2 state championship Nov. 18-19, at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

South swimmers earned 503 points to take the title. South's senior captain Sophie Schuetze earned the Swimmer of the Meet award, based on NISCA (National Interscholastic Coaches Association) improvement points. South head coach John Fodell earned Coach of the Year honors and the team won the meet's Sportsmanship award, voted upon by MAC Red coaches.

Crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North took second place with 229 points. Both the Blue Devils and Norsemen collectively won every individual and relay event, with South finishing first in nine events and North in two.

Macomb Dakota placed first and second in diving. South's Alayna Okonoski and Ava Rogowski dove to third- and fourth-place finishes respectively, with North's Maddie LoPorto finishing right behind in fifth.

"We soaked up a lot of points," Fodell said. "The girls really worked to keep it a high-energy meet and I think the other teams fed off of that, too."

After qualifying from prelims Friday evening, swimmers competed in the MAC Red championship heats Saturday. The top six finishers from South and North who medaled in the meet include:



PHOTO BY GINNY LEZOTTE

Members of South's first place 200 medley relay, include, from left, team captains Brooke Lezotte, Sophie Schuetze, Ella Pazuchowski and Phoebe Handwork. Pictured at right is Head Coach John Fodell.

**200 Medley Relay:**

- 1st Place/GPS: Brooke Lezotte, Phoebe Handwork, Sophie Schuetze and Ella Pazuchowski (1:49:02)
- 2nd Place/GPN: Rylee Nugent, Cailey Hard, Addie Wakefield and Avery Beal (1:55:70)

**200 Freestyle**

- 1st Place/GPS: Sophia Kapla (1:55.97)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Heidi Bryan (1:57.56)
- 3rd Place/GPN: Cailey Hard (1:58.87)
- 4th Place/GPS: Maryn Smith (2:01.14)
- 6th Place/GPS: Dailey Jogan (2:06.70)

**200 IM**

- 1st Place/GPS: Sophie Schuetze

(2:09.26)

- 2nd Place/GPS: Mischa Eng (2:11.79)
- 5th Place/GPS: Vivian Rizer (2:22.74)

**50 Free**

- 1st Place/GPN: Avery Beal (24.75)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Phoebe Handwork (25.57)
- 3rd Place/GPS: Whitney Handwork (25.59)
- 4th Place/GPS: Hannah DiDio (25.90)
- 5th Place/GPS: Charlotte Bedsworth (25.99)
- 6th Place/GPN: Addie Wakefield (26.02)

**1 Meter Diving (in points)**

- 3rd Place/GPS: Alayna Okonoski (311.40)
- 4th Place/GPS: Ava Ragowski (285.20)

- 5th Place/GPN: Maddie LoPorto (279.15)

**100 Fly**

- 1st Place/GPS: Sophie Schuetze (57.17)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Charlotte Bedsworth (1:00.91)

- 3rd Place/GPS: Hannah DiDio (1:00.92)
- 4th Place/GPS: Betty Engel (1:01.51)

**100 Free**

- 1st Place/GPN: Avery Beal (54.00)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Brooke Lezotte (55.63)
- 3rd Place/GPS: Lily Petz (57.16)
- 4th Place/GPN: Addie Wakefield (57.60)
- 5th Place/GPS: Dailey Jogan (59.28)

**500 Free**

- 1st Place/GPS: Sophia Kapla (5:08.34)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Heidi Bryan (5:15.78)
- 3rd Place/GPN: Cailey Hard (5:21.60)
- 5th Place/GPS: Maryn Smith (5:26.00)

**200 Free Relay**

- 1st Place/GPS: Lily Petz, Heidi Bryan, Sophia Kapla, Phoebe Handwork (1:42.25)
- 3rd Place/GPN: Niya Kendell, Tatum Bastien, Phoebe Rinaldi, Lauren Loper

(1:54.81) **100 Back**

- 1st Place/GPS: Brooke Lezotte (59.66)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Mischa Eng (1:00.34)
- 3rd Place/GPS: Sienna Clark (1:01.87)
- 4th Place/GPS: Ella Pazuchowski (1:02.62)
- 6th Place/GPN: Rylee Nugent (1:06.98)

**100 Breast**

- 1st Place/GPS: Phoebe Handwork (1:08.53)
- 2nd Place/GPS: Whitney Handwork (1:08.68)
- 3rd Place/GPS: Keira Collins (1:11.76)
- 5th Place/GPS: Naya Azoury (1:13.86)

**400 Free Relay**

- 1st Place/GPS: Sophia Kapla, Heidi Bryan, Brooke Lezotte, Sophie Schuetze (3:40.29)
- 2nd Place/GPN: Cailey Hard, Rylee Nugent, Addie Wakefield, Avery Beal (3:47.78)

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PHOTO BY GEMILA LOPER

North sophomore sensation Avery Beal seals the deal winning the 50 Free MAC Red championship last Saturday in an ultra-speedy time of 24.75.



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South senior captain Brooke Lezotte has that championship feeling after winning the 100 Backstroke last Saturday at the MAC Red Championship.

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## 4D | SPORTS

WE TRIED IT - SPORTS EDITION

# RAMP Athletics offers 'tune-up' to whatever injuries ail you

By Anna Lizer

Since playing Big Ten college athletics, not only do I have long-lasting body aches and pains, but also nothing has actually gotten to the bottom of them.

You can go to a doctor, but that's a hassle and when it's not some glaring problem like a torn ligament or broken bone, there's only so much they can do.

You can get a massage, which is heaven, but it's not going to diagnose and treat what's going on for the most part. So when I heard about RAMP (recovery athletic mobility & performance), my interest was piqued. It sounded like the athletic trainers we used to have in college who would fix things, so I had to try it.

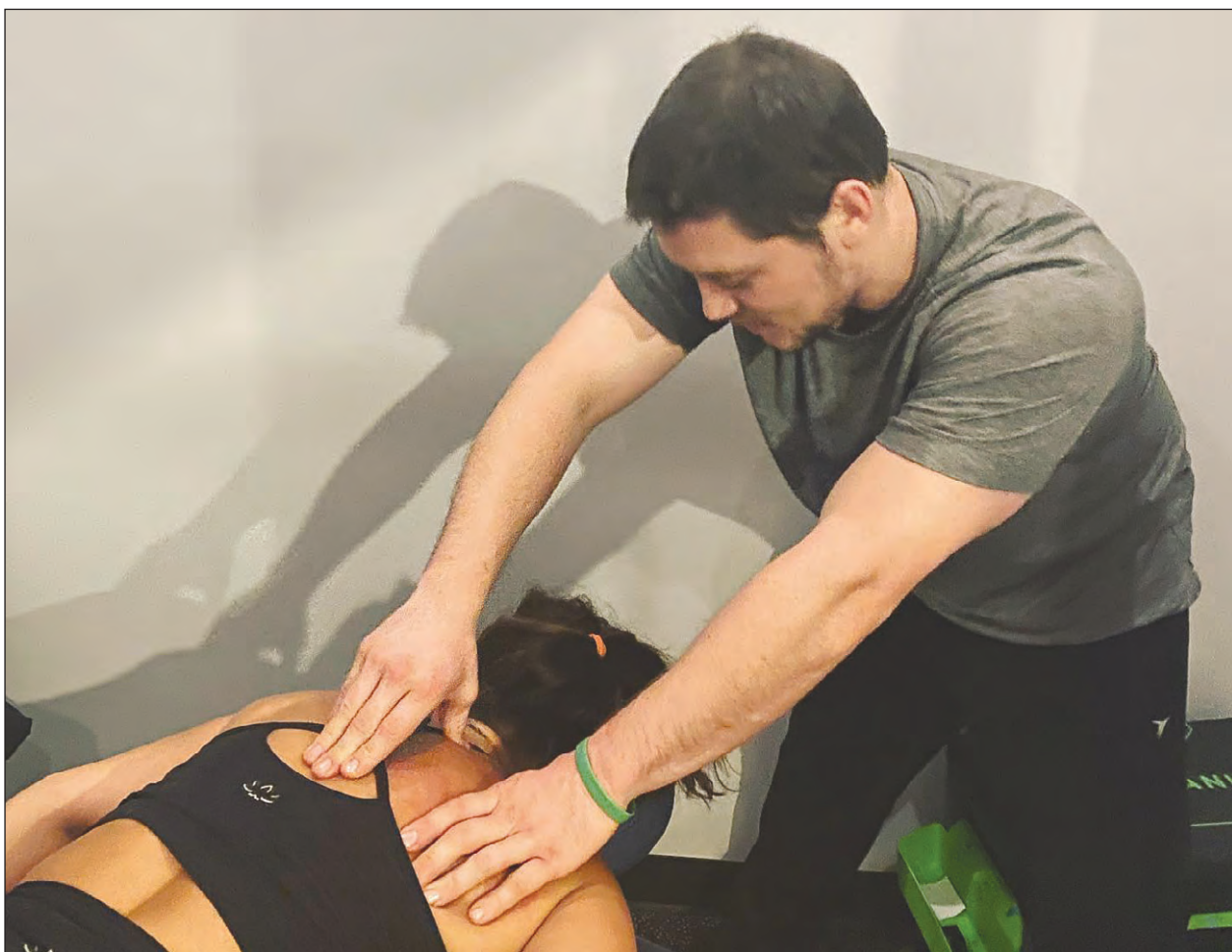
At RAMP, they describe the tune-up on their website as a great treatment if you are recovering from an injury or want to find out what the cause is for pain or discomfort, or just need some leveling out. The session might include stretching, cupping, manual work and possibly add balance, mobility and corrective exercises.

From my experience, it's like a totally custom treatment based on your

complaint. For me, it's my neck, which is extremely stiff with a limited range of motion. Brian, who is a certified athletic trainer, helped my neck in one session more than I had been helped in two years. Between the stretching, kneading, cupping and resistance exercises, I was hooked. I wish I made the time to go more often, which now I can do since they have online appointment booking and a new space on Mack Avenue.

Now that I'm getting older and random pains come and go, I find this to be an incredible resource for those of us with muscle and athletic issues. You don't have to be an athlete to go, by any means, but I think it's especially helpful for those who are prone to tweaks, soreness and those types of ailments. One of my children, who now plays all kinds of sports, saves up his own money to get a tune-up after tough tournament weekends. He feels like it is a major help to him, which reduces soreness and rejuvenates him.

Gotta give RAMP a 5 out of 5. It is a much-needed niche. I would love to test out their plunge pools and other



COURTESY PHOTO

**RAMP Athletics trainer Brian Klozik is the king of the "tune-up," bringing his athletic training skills to the table to identify and help alleviate an athlete's aches, pains and/or injuries using techniques such as stretching, cupping, exercising and manual work**

offerings in the future and I look forward to spending more time there.

RAMP is located in a hard to find place on Mack with an almost-hid-

den driveway. Until you will be in the know. It is Canyon Street. have been there once, it's located on the Detroit Head to their website at tricky, but after that you side of Mack at 4849 ramp-athletics.com.

## CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 3, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Special City Council meeting held on October 10, 2022 and the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held on October 12, 2022.
- 2) to open the public hearing on the Lot Split Request
- 3) to close the public hearing.
- 4) to add to the agenda-Approval of Emergency Repairs - 32A District Court.
- 5) to adjourn to closed session - Litigation Settlement
- 6) to add to the agenda-Approval of Litigation Settlement
- 7) to adjourn

### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 125616 through 125689 in the amount of \$227,571.95 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$10,020.99 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of October and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of firewall security for the Kelly Road office, laptop locks, several cables and the renewal of VMware.(3) approve payment to City Insight in the amount of \$14,250.00 for the enhancement to the water application portal that will include property tax payments.(4) . approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of November 2022.
- 2) to approve a request from the property owner of 18000 Vernier Road to split the 79 acre parcel at 18000 Vernier Road into three lots as follows: Parcel 1 containing approximately 20.55 acres, Parcel 2 containing approximately 37.36 acres and Parcel 3 containing approximately 21.08 acres.
- 3) to approve the application submitted by GAV and Associates for the Special Land Use request at 17700 Vernier Road to erect a new gas station at this location based on the criteria in zoning ordinance Sec. 10-770F and as recommended by the members of the Planning Commission.
- 4) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Harper Woods and the IAFF Local 1188 for retention bonuses in the amount of \$2,400.00 for 2022 and 2023 for the members of this bargaining unit with ARPA funds being used.
- 5) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$24,953.35 for the additional interest charges for the two Milk River SRF loans.286.
- 6) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$335,479.36 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2022 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repair Project, #180-282.
- 7) to approve payment to Insituform Technologies USA, LLC, in the amount of \$86,604.51 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining Project, #180-284.
- 8) to approve payment to Warren Contractors & Development, Inc, in the amount of \$27,581.93 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the Johnston and Salter Park Basketball Facility Project, #180-263 and #180-264.
- 9) to approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc., in the amount of \$50,630.77 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2022 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project, #180
- 10) to adopt the attached resolution in order to apply for the Michigan Department of Transportation and Southeast Michigan Council of Government Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 and further to acknowledge that 20% matching funds are available from the City of Harper Woods for this program.
- 11) to accept the lowest qualified bid provided by Creative Office Interiors in the amount of \$15,819.00 for the emergency repair of the damaged ceiling in the Court offices at City Hall; and further that competitive bidding be waived as this is the only vendor that bid on this project.
- 12) to accept the settlement agreement and authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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## Farah honored on senior night for ULS/Regina swim and dive

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

The girls co-op swim and dive team from University Liggett/Regina had a few things to celebrate on their last home meet of the season — honoring their seniors and capturing a big win against Divine Child Tuesday, Nov. 1.

On Senior Night, the

team recognized its sole senior, Liggett's Miki Farah, for her contributions as team captain. Head coach John Girdwood said the ceremony provided a chance to show Farah appreciation for her accomplishments in the pool and leadership and dedication to the team throughout the season.

"She (is) an excellent

communicator with the team and even organized team-building events outside of practice," he said. "We all benefited from Miki's leadership and we wish her the best in her future endeavors."

Next up for the team is its league championship, which takes place at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, and noon Saturday, Nov. 12, at Waterford Kettering.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN GIRDWOOD

**From left, assistant coach Erin Holz and head coach John Girdwood help recognize University Liggett's Miki Farah on Senior Night for her dedication and leadership as team captain and the team's sole senior.**



## SWIM:

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For South, junior Vivian Rizer earned her first high school state cut in the 100 fly with a time of 1:01.89. Freshman Whitney Handwork qualified for states in the 50 free, swimming the exact Division 2 cut time of 25.59.

North's 400 free relay, a team of all underclassmen, also earned a state cut Saturday.

With the new addition of Rizer, South officially has 15 swimmers heading to states. North has four swimmers who have qualified. Both teams hope to add at least one more swimmer at the "Last Chance" meet, which took place Tuesday at South after press time. Each team also is hopeful to

have divers qualify at diving regionals, set for Thursday, Nov. 10, at Royal Oak Middle School.

Norsemen head coach Chris Trepanowski said his team is riding the wave of good team chemistry and success in the pool, keeping practices focused and fun by implementing events like pumpkin relays and Easter egg hunts.

"I am so proud of them," he said. "We definitely have room for growth, but we are only graduating one senior. It's exciting to see how we can continue building as a team and as a program."

He also recognized the performances of his "workhorses," all of whom are underclassmen, including Hard, Wakefield, Nugent and Beal.

"These four swimmers have been our workhorses this whole season and are the embodiment of our team."

"Avery is swimming out of her mind," he added. "Every time she gets in the pool, she drops more time. ... She is swimming phenomenally."

Fodell said for South that after Tuesday's Last Chance meet, all eyes are on states.

"... (The season) is a blast, but there's lots of stress because you are constantly building to the next weekend," he said. "We got a lot of our state cuts pretty quickly into the season, which is the best part, but we are also looking in five directions at once seeing how other teams are performing ... but we know there's a chance (to win states)."



PHOTO BY GEMILA LOPER

Grosse Pointe North's 400 Free relay celebrates their fast swim, which qualified the foursome of underclassmen for state finals. From left, they include Addie Wakefield, Avery Beal, Rylee Nugent and Cailey Hard.



PHOTO BY JULIE SCHUETZE

And they're off! Swimmers from five teams, including North and South, take off in the 200 IM last Saturday at the MAC Red championships.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Lily Parker, left, and Mary Schaden step up to the net and await a serve from the Blue Devils.

## CHAMPS:

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and celebrated their district win.

Liggett moved on to regional postseason action, with its first match of the regional bracket against Shrine Catholic taking place after press time on Tuesday, Nov. 8. South also advanced to the regional round in Division 1, also played on Tuesday after press time against Warren Woods-Tower.



South freshman Gabby DiVita begins a serve during the district final match against North. DiVita finished the match with four serving aces.

## Stay tuned

Athletes from around the Pointes will be signing their National Letters of Intent (NLI) throughout November, formalizing a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and their future college or university. Come back to the Grosse Pointe News in the coming weeks to get the scoop on where our student-athletes are taking their talents to play at the next level.

— Meg Leonard

## Correction

In the Nov. 3 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, the outline for a photo accompanying the story "Despite early exit, season sets new standard" should have read: "North's Leo Perettie celebrates a touchdown catch during last Friday's game against Allen Park."



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