



ED RINKE

26125 Van Dyke • Center Line
(Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)
(586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

\$239*
per mo. 24 Months \$1,995*
Down

FIND NEW ROADS™

*Pricing is priced on 24 month lease, 10,000 miles per year, plus tax, title, plate. See Salesperson for details. Expires 8/31/23. GM Employee Pricing to All

2023 Chevy Blazer 2LT



Purchase a 2023 for \$32,589 Stock #532858

Grosse Pointe News

VOL. 84, NO. 35, 34 PAGES
ONE DOLLAR (DELIVERY 95¢)

MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Your community newspaper since 1940

AUGUST 31, 2023
GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Board approves GPEA contract

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted 5-0 Tuesday, Aug. 29, to approve a new one-year contract with the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

Trustees Ginny Jeup and David Brumbaugh were absent.

The two sides reached a tentative agreement shortly after midnight Thursday, Aug. 17.

The one-year contract replaces a two-year collective bargaining agreement that expired

Tuesday, Aug. 15.

"We are starting the new school year on a positive and collaborative note by having a new contract in place, albeit a one-year agreement," GPEA Co-President Taryn Loughlin said in a statement. "This will allow teachers and administrators to focus on what's most important: ensuring Grosse Pointe students get the high-quality education they need to succeed."

The GPEA's 500-plus members voted on the contract last week. The

See GPEA, page 9A



Red, white & Blue Devils

Grosse Pointe South's Hunter Belanger holds the American flag high as he leads the varsity football team onto the field Thursday, Aug. 24, before the start of the Blue Devils' first game of the season against Port Huron Northern. South won 38-3, getting the game in just before huge storms hit the area later that evening. For more on Week 1 in football for South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School, head to page 1D.

PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

Dean retiring from GPPSS

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted Wednesday, Aug. 23, to accept the retirement of Superintendent Jon Dean. The vote came after a four-hour closed session, the first half of which was devoted to a student discipline matter.

The final vote was 4-2, with President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Treasurer Sean Cotton and Secretary Ginny Jeup voting in favor. Trustees Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John voted no. Trustee David Brumbaugh was absent



Jon Dean

due to a family obligation.

Dean will transition to a consultant role effective Friday, Sept. 1, and will officially retire when

See DEAN, page 10A

Starbucks swapping street corners

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In what has quickly become dubbed, "the worst-kept secret around town," Starbucks unofficially is set to vacate its current location at the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval in The Village, in favor of the old Jos. A. Bank space one block over at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval.

As the lease has yet to be finalized, the build-

ing's landlord, Versa Development, and representatives for Starbucks are unable to comment; however, a site plan for a "cafe" came before city council last week, with Starbucks mentioned casually during discussion.

Jos. A. Bank closed its doors mid-January, with the landlords since going through three renditions of site plans with the city planner, McKenna.

The one presented to council last week notes

the former retail space at 17030 Kercheval will be split between roughly 2,500 square feet fronting Kercheval for Starbucks and approximately 1,400 square feet of new retail space, including an entrance constructed off of St. Clair.

"They just didn't want all the space," Senior Construction Manager Dale Scrace said of the cafe and decision to split the space. "It was way more space than they

needed." Along with modifying the landscaping around the site, the plan also calls for an outdoor seating area along St. Clair, abutting the Kercheval frontage.

"This plan doesn't encroach on any of the existing free area in the plaza," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted of the public St. Clair plaza space alongside Trader Joe's. "But we did learn

See SWAP, page 8A

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!
CALL (313) 343-5578
GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM

Nationwide hiring headache hits home

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Not to belabor the point, but an article on the National League of Cities website headlines a headache for employers trying to build stable staffs during the current seller's market for municipal employees.

"Between March 2020 and

March 2022, local government employment declined by more than 300,000 employees," according to "Municipal Workforce Labor Shortage" on nlc.org. "This labor shortage threatens municipalities' abilities to perform essential functions and deliver services to residents."

The condition spans public and private sectors.

Some 55 percent of financial-activities jobs are unfilled, according to U.S. Chamber of Commerce data from Aug. 10. As are 60 percent of job openings for professional and business services, according to the same source.

"Finding good job candidates and keeping employees will be the key priorities for organizations in 2023," according to a

Society for Human Resource Management report released in January of this year.

None of which is news to Max Wiener. He owns three businesses in addition to volunteering on the Park city council.

"Human resources is the biggest challenge facing the economy," he said.

And he didn't like it during the Aug. 14 council meeting when Councilwoman Christine

See HIRING, page 2A

Week Ahead 3A
Opinion 6A
Schools 9A
Features 1B
Obituaries 8B
Sports 1D
Classified ads 6D

Pointer of INTEREST

See story, page 4A



Bob Conway

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms Coach, referee and athletic director does it all for his community



PHONE: (313) 882-6900 ◆ FAX: (313) 882-1585 ◆ MAIL: 16980 Kercheval Ave., 48230 ◆ ON THE WEB: grossepointenews.com ◆ E-MAIL: editor@grossepointenews.com

ED RINKE
26125 Van Dyke • Center Line
(Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)
(586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

\$239* per month, 24 months
\$1,995* Down

2024 Buick Envista
Purchase a 2024 for \$22,179 Stock #GCP10

Michigan's Premier
Backer Landscaping Inc.
586-774-0090
www.backerlandscaping.com

Temp help for audit preparation

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Having spent more than twice as long in a futile search for a deputy treasurer than Columbus did discovering the New World, City Manager Nick Sizeland recommended the city council approve filling the job temporarily through an accounting and staffing agency.

“We’re able to bring in a retired finance director,” Sizeland told the council Aug. 14. “We’re thinking about two or three days per week for two to three months.”

New Finance Director and Treasurer Ginger Moriarty requested the search stopgap while the search continues to replace a retired deputy treasurer of 30 years. The deputy’s retirement coincided roughly with the retirement of the combined treasurer and finance director, a 42-year employee.

“All that institutional knowledge is gone,” Sizeland said.

Meanwhile, the annual municipal audit looms and city administrator Courtney Delmege, who transferred recently into the finance department from the clerk’s staff, learns the ropes.

Sizeland and Moriarty recommended the council approve a temporary arrangement with ProNexus, an accounting firm that arranges interim staffing for government business and finance needs.

“I spoke with the manager of Fraser, who has a temporary finance director from this service,” Sizeland said. “They said it was an outstanding transition, plug-and-play,

and there wasn’t a lot of training required.”

“(We were) able to negotiate the per-hour rate to \$82 down from \$110 initially proposed,” Sizeland said.

Proposals from two other companies, Plante Moran and Rehmann, either netted no available candidates or charged between \$175 and \$225 per hour.

The ProNexus contract is for up to 300 hours of work at a maximum cost of \$25,000.

“No hesitation on my part whatsoever to bring on this supplemental service,” Councilman Max Wiener told Moriarty. “I’m happy to give you some support right now because I know you have a full plate.”

Councilwoman Christine Gallagher, who during the discussion criticized city management for not meeting the former city clerk’s request for staffing support — the clerk quit in response and received a nearly 23 percent pay increase at a westside suburb — opposed funding staffing support for the finance director beyond transferring Delmege from the clerk’s office.

“Until Miss Delmege gets up to speed, this transitional service is needed,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

“We were seeking a deputy treasurer to help Ginger with day-to-day duties,” Sizeland said. “We could not find a qualified candidate. They’re all going to the private sector. We had an interim candidate, Courtney, (who) is (also) doing duties of deputy clerk, accounts payable,

See HELP, page 3A

Foundation donates pet waste stations

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Pet parents soon can enjoy greater ease when walking their furry friends, thanks to a donation by the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation that will more than double the number of pet waste stations in the 1.1-square-mile city.

“We generally walk our dogs down (Maumee to Grosse Pointe) Boulevard into the Farms and do a loop ... and the majority of the reason we do that is because the Farms has done a great job of spreading out pet waste stations throughout their city,” foundation member Ben Fischer explained. “And so we saw there was a void of that in the City of Grosse Pointe.”

The five donated stations — essentially a bag dispenser for use in cleaning up after dogs, as well as a waste can —



PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

Five additional pet waste stations, similar to this one outside Pet Supplies Plus in The Village, soon will grace the streets of the City. Their locations still are being finalized.

likely will be placed within the next week or two. Six potential locations for the five stations have been proposed: Washington and Kercheval, Washington and Chalfonte, Washington and Maumee, Rivard and Kercheval, Rivard and Charles, and Lincoln and Chalfonte.

The new stations will be maintained by city staff and join four others already in place.

“Where you currently have them is one at the front of (the) city park, and then you have one on each side of Elworthy Field and then there’s one in front of Pet Supplies Plus,” Fischer said.

The foundation’s donation was made possible by a grant from the Benjamin and Christine Fischer Fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

To donate to future foundation projects, visit cityofgrossepointe.org/membership-info/.

Candidate drops anchor on innovation

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always be what you always were.

A majority of the city council snuffed a notion to change their tunes to an oldies format.

They rejected a rhetorical question by mayoral candidate Councilwoman Christine Gallagher to shun new methods of municipal operation in favor of a return to the way things were.

“I just want to ask a question,” she said during council consideration Aug. 14, of the first-time, stop-gap contracting of a temporary staff member in the finance department to help prepare the city for its annual audit in two months. “If it’s been 20 years or 30 years that

this has never been done, why do we have to press and spend \$25,000 to do it today? Why can’t we not do it over a period of time with our own people?”

The notion of not doing something simply because it hasn’t been done before irked other members of the council.

They either prior to or after Gallagher’s statement supported passage of the \$25,000 temporary services contract, but also endorsed new Finance Director Ginger Moriarty’s actions to operate the department with greater transparency.

“We fully support all you’re doing to transform how we operate in the city, as we should have been operating for a very long time,” Mayor Michele Hodges told Moriarty. “You are trans-

forming a department that is essential to our core services and strengthening our financial foundation, which means you’re also bolstering our ability to deliver services to our community.”

Councilman Brian Brenner, a chef in real life, considered Gallagher’s thinking half-baked.

“This is how we’ve been doing it for 30 years?” he said. “Not paying for work that needs to be done? That’s how we’re in the spot we’re in now where we need extra help to get the work done.”

He said, “I figured for a long time that Grosse Pointe Park was 100 percent analogous to any of our local, private clubs. The city manager was the club general manager and the council was the

board. That’s exactly how it operated. It has been a goal of Mayor Hodges and the council to professionalize and that’s exactly what we’re doing by design. It’s something we’re really proud of. And we’re able to do it without six-month, \$50,000 nationwide (personnel recruitment) searches. We are able to economically find very qualified people to get the job done.”

“We can’t sit on our laurels and say we’ve always done it this way,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the finance committee. “I ran (for office) to get us into compliance. Ginger is bringing us up. She needs help in the short term to make sure everything is transparent as opposed to ‘this is always as it has been.’”

RUSSELL LANDSCAPING INC.
25305 Little Mack Ave. Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081
(586) - 343 - 8253
Residential & Commercial
Irrigation Installation & Repair • Outdoor Lighting

HIRING:

Continued from page 1A

Gallagher said it was Park Manager Nick Sizeland’s fault that City Clerk Meaghan Bachman, hired five months ago, bolted to Farmington for a double-digit percentage

pay boost, more administrative resources and simpler commute.

“So, we no longer have a clerk because she couldn’t get the help,” Gallagher said. “It says a lot about what we’re doing here as an administration.”

“I can tell you,” Wiener

responded, “finding people is a bloody nightmare. To try to suggest it’s a lack of due diligence by the administration and take a kind of pot-shot at him (Sizeland) belies reality.”

Sizeland said it’s hard finding top-flight city clerks due, in part, to the intense and partisan oversight of the 2020 general election.

“If you make one, small mistake, your reputation’s mud,” Sizeland said. “It’s the same with police officers. Good luck finding those people.”

Bachman’s new job pays \$88,564, according to Farmington City Manager David Murphy.

“There was no signing bonus,” he said.

The pay is nearly 23 percent more than the \$72,500 for which she commuted twice daily through Detroit rush hour traffic to an office on public view where employees are expected to interrupt tasks and meet the concerns of walk-ins.

Bachman didn’t respond to an interview request.

Bachman, sworn in by Park officials mid-March to replace retired, 42-year employee Jane Blahut, had within four

months progressed far enough in a new job search to be one of two finalists interviewed July 24 by the Farmington council.

In her resignation letter Aug. 11, Bachman cited inadequate responses to appeals for assistance:

“Only so much can be done when departments are understaffed, but I strongly believe that a collaborative and supportive work environment is essential for overall success.”

Small town governments, like small town newspapers, define multitasking.

Last week, the Grosse Pointe News’ editor plugged a circulation hole by delivering papers more than 20 miles away in Macomb Township.

“In the Pointes, you’re doing multiple jobs,” Sizeland said. “Your title may be clerk, but you’re doing everything else.”

The city’s want ads for a city clerk and administrative clerk have been posted on the Michigan Municipal League website for 11 and 28 days, respectively.

“The good news is I’ve already had a couple of interviews with city clerk candidates,” Sizeland said.

BOOKS & BUBBLES
A SPARKLING CELEBRATION FOR THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, October 26th, 2023
6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Ford House

\$100/person for strolling dinner and entertainment

gplf.org • 313.640.4683

GROSSE POINTE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Grosse Pointe News

USPS 230-400

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY WEEKLY BUGLE, LLC

16980 KERCHEVAL AVE. GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230 PHONE: (313) 882-6900

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID at Detroit, Michigan and additional mailing offices.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$49.50 per year via mail in the Metro area, \$70 outside.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Grosse Pointe News, 16980 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The deadline for news copy is 3 p.m. Monday.

Advertising proof deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday.

CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS: Responsibility for display and classified advertising errors is limited to either cancellation of the charge for or a rerun of the portion in error. Notification must be given in time for correction in the following issue. We assume no responsibility of the same after the first insertion.

THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS reserves the right not to accept an advertiser’s order. Grosse Pointe News advertising representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper. Only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser’s order.

AHEE Jewelers planning expansion

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — One of the most iconic buildings on Mack is about to look a bit different.

City council, sitting as the zoning board of appeals, voted 5-0 to grant a variance at its meeting Monday, Aug. 21, to allow an addition to Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers.

Councilmembers Angela Coletti Brown and Michael Koester were excused.

The scope of the project involves tearing down a storage building, moving the store's parking lot south to that location and adding to the main building in the current parking lot location.

Andrew Littman, a planner with

McKenna, one of the city's consultants, said AHEE agreed with six of seven conditions the planning commission requested, but could not meet the seventh — a required number of off-street parking spaces — hence the need for the appeal hearing.

"The planning commission requested things like changing the angle of the parking spots from 54 degrees to 60, reducing the size of the curb cut and adding more traffic marks to form a barrier with the sidewalk," Littman said. "They agreed to everything except being able to add more parking spaces."

The addition will increase the store's footprint nearly 33 percent, taking it from 6,636 square feet to 9,756. City ordinance requires one parking space for every 200 square feet of gross floor

area. In this case, that would require 49 parking spaces. Littman said AHEE, however, only has enough room for 14 spaces, although reducing the size of the addition in the rear by 16 feet could add three additional spaces.

"Parking has not been a problem in the past and they don't anticipate an increase in the number of customers or staff because of the addition," Littman added.

Councilman Thomas Vaughn said the city should revisit the ordinance.

"It probably should only be based on retail floor space, not gross floor space," he said. "There's no reason to include things like restrooms or hallways in that number."

Andre Ahee, vice president, said the building to be torn down, which abuts

Henry's Cleaners, currently is used for storage and the jeweler's watch-making workshop. The addition will include a basement for storage, additional office space and a showroom for Patek Philippe watches, rings and cufflinks. The Swiss company's watches can range from \$18,000 to \$300,000.

"We are the only authorized retailer for them in the state and they are the last family-owned watchmakers in Geneva, so it's a nice fit," Ahee said.

Stefan Ahee, also vice president, said the project will take about a year to complete.

"We'll be working closely with a team of architects in Paris and Geneva to complete the interior," he said. "This project will allow us to elevate the experience our clients receive."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The tree had to be removed due to damage from recent storms. A section of the tree may be placed with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society or at another prominent location in the City.

Centuries-old oak tree discovered on Washington

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Since having to be taken down, a white oak on Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe was found to have been more than 250 years old.

"Pretty cool to think there (was) a tree growing here prior to the founding of the United States," said Dr. Seth Krupp, councilman and liaison for the City's urban forestry commission.

The tree, 4 feet in diameter, was removed from a front yard in the 600 block of Washington earlier this month.

"It had taken damage in several storms, taken out the power several times

and was becoming a bit of a safety risk," homeowner James Joseph said.

Krupp currently is exploring options to place a piece of the tree with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society or in another prominent place in the community.

The necessary removal of the historical piece of nature also is a "good reminder to keep planting trees though," he added, "and doing it intelligently away from, obviously, our power lines, but we've got a lot of space to replace trees on our streets and in people's front yards that don't pose that risk."

— Laurel Kraus

HELP:

Continued from page 2A

utility billings — she's wearing multiple hats."

"I am a 'no' for this," Gallagher said. "I don't think we should be spending more money on work that can be done with an accountant that has just been brought on to do that exact work."

"I'd rather hear from you," Wiener said to Moriarty.

"We are eight weeks away from an audit," Moriarty emphasized. "Eight weeks. Not a single audit document was prepared prior to my arrival in the city. I cannot act in the capacity of treasurer and finance director and the accountant and oversee the payroll. I'm seeking additional help (from someone who) can do a journal entry without my having to actually work with the individual. It takes more time during training. That is why I have the request before you today. It is not that I am not working 10 or 12 hours a day and not taking lunch. It is that I need help to get this audit prepared."

"We must do the work within ourselves and find a way to do that," said Gallagher, demoted this year from chairing the personnel committee due to two years of non-performance preparing the city manager's objectives and also for comparable ineffectiveness removed from the city's official dealings with the public school system regarding the future of Trombly Elementary School property.

"This is a no-brainer," Councilman and Finance Chairman Tom Caulfield said. "You need to bring in a professional to get us up to speed and who can probably train (Delmege) at the same time."

"We have an empty seat here (the city clerk) because we couldn't get her any help," Councilman Vikas Relan said. "Getting new people in is going to cost us a little more than expected, but bringing us up to current standards is much appreciated."

"When you have a valued employee who is working so hard to bring us up to speed, this is a no-brainer," Councilman Marty McMillan said. "A valued employee asking for help — you've got it. I don't want to sit here and say that because of a lack of a budget we didn't pass our audit."

"It's clearly less expensive to do this now than what the long-term costs would be to not do it," Hodges said. "And it would be irresponsible not to approve this contract. It will drive revenue and lead us to that strong financial footing that ensures we are fulfilling our governing role."

Gallagher reconsidered.

"McMillan and Relan mentioned that if we as a board understand and know that a community, our community that supports us, and the administrative staff behind us needs help, then we should find that help and do it," she said.

Delmege has an associate's degree in accounting.

"Courtney is the kind of person who gets things done," Sizeland said. "She wants to learn and excel. That's the best thing to have in an employee. In the meantime, while we're low in positions, it would be nice to catch up. If Ginger were to walk out the door, good luck finding a finance director."

In Grosse Pointe Shores earlier this year, a three-month search to fill a departed finance director netted few applications and no qualified candidates.

"That's why (Grosse Pointe) Shores Manager Steve Poloni brought in (retired Park city manager) Dale Krajniak," Sizeland said.

ED RINKE GMC

WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

2023 ACADIA SLE

\$269 per month **\$1,995** Down
24 Months
Stock #CSRQ3J

Purchase for **\$37,089**



26125 Van Dyke • Center Line
(Just south of 696 on Van Dyke)

(586) 754-7000 • www.edrinke.com

Like us on Facebook

No Appointments Necessary for Oil Changes

*24 month lease, 10,000 miles per year, plus tax, title, plate. See Salesperson for details. Expires 8/31/23

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

- ◆ Labor Day
- ◆ Municipal offices closed
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Bridge walk, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA board meeting, 7 p.m.

AWARD-WINNING ARTISTRY
SUPERIOR SELECTION
EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ahee

AHEE.COM | 313.886.4600

4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Pointer gives back to community through officiating, coaching, educating

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

Some people around town might not recognize Bob Conway without his umpire mask or signature striped referee shirt. However, those who have played Little League or high school baseball, football or basketball around Grosse Pointe probably have had Conway as an official at some point.

A native of Detroit and a longtime Grosse Pointe resident, Conway has been involved in sports as long as he can remember. He played youth sports while attending St. Clare of Montefalco, the same school where Conway now serves as athletic director, and was a three-sport varsity athlete in high school at Austin Catholic Prep. He then went on to college at Villanova University. It was not long after that his passion for officiating took off.

"I had a friend who was umpiring in the sandlots back in the '70s and '80s when Detroit was a mecca for baseball," Conway said. "I thought, 'Man, I can do this,' and that was in high school. Then, after graduating from Villanova, I went down to the Joe Brinkman Umpire's School. They wanted me to go to Alaska and I said, 'No, I'm going back to Detroit to figure things out.' I never thought I'd be doing it still at 60-plus years old, but I think it's just a part of me now."

Over the years, Conway also has taken as many opportunities as he can to be a coach. In the 1980s, he served as girls



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bob Conway, right, with his son Joe Conway, center, and son-in-law Andrew Hayner serving as umpires for the 2021 CHSL baseball semifinals at Comerica Park.

basketball head coach at Grosse Pointe South. He has helped coach Little League baseball teams to state championships and won multiple state titles as an assistant varsity baseball coach at University Liggett School.

While being an official and a coach always has been a beloved pastime for Conway, his day job also is near and dear to his heart. He has been a lifelong parishioner at St. Clare of Montefalco and this is

his 20th season as the school's athletic director. All of this gives Conway the opportunity to help educate and give back to the very community in which he was born and raised.

"We're there on Mack and Outer Drive and I think we're the beacon of Grosse Pointe Park," Conway said. "We want to keep it going to the point where I tell Father (Andrew Kowalczyk) that I'm not John the Baptist, but I'm out there evangelizing as much as any-

one, telling people to come see the gym and see the school and keep the kids moving and get them involved in something."

Conway treats everyone he meets like family — his colleagues, fellow officials, athletes, students and everyone around town. Sometimes, however, his ventures in officiating really are a family affair.

In recent years, Conway's son, Joe, and son-in-law, Andrew Hayner, have become sports officials themselves.

Sometimes, they all can be found officiating games together and it has become their way of continuing their love of sports together.

"People go out and golf and whatnot and it's kind of like our golf," Conway said. "We get together and that's what we do. ... It keeps you in the game and the last thing you ever want to do is make a bad call, so you're always hustling and trying to do your best."

As someone who has been in the officiating business for decades and has no intention of stopping anytime soon, Conway knows trying to do his best means fairness is the key to success. He loves nothing more than knowing that at the end of the day, he called as fair a game as he possibly could.

Calling a fair and balanced game as an official is almost another way Conway gives back to the community. His favorite memory in all his years of officiating comes from when he knew his reputation was solidified.

"I was doing a game with Mike Dempsey and Mike Peltz, who were my longtime basketball partners," Conway said. "There was one game out in Romeo of all places. ... We go out there and the visiting coach saw Dempsey, Peltz and myself and he leaned over to his assistant and said, 'We got these guys, so we're gonna get a fair shake.' What more do you want as a referee when you walk out there knowing that the visiting coach sees you before the game starts and knows these guys are going to do a good job?"

Raymond James expands into Brooks Brothers space

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In 1998, Raymond James — then doing business as Roney & Co. — outgrew its original Grosse Pointe location at 73 Kercheval, which it had occupied since the mid-'40s, and moved to its current space at 15 Kercheval in the Punch and Judy building.

With the closure of Brooks Brothers earlier this year, the financial services company now is conducting renovations to expand into the former retail space next door.

"We've always been kind of a boutique branch for Raymond James, so just from a size standpoint, we've been

restricted," Managing Director Van Hauswirth explained. "Our office has always been full, so we haven't had room to hire younger people and new people."

With the company's municipal bond traders currently housed on the third floor, the expansion will allow for a consolidation of Raymond James associates along the first floor, while still averaging out to an additional 4,200 square feet of usable space.

"We're adding nine advisor offices and ... bringing down our municipal bond traders," Hauswirth said, "so it's going to be nice for us all to be on one level for the first time."

"... In that process, I've



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Since Brooks Brothers closed earlier this year, Raymond James is expanding into the former retail space on The Hill.

hired three recent college graduates that are new

financial advisor trainees and then we are also in the process of hiring several more experienced financial advisors in our office as part of this expansion."

In total, the new footprint of approximately 11,000 square feet will allow an additional 10 employees to be brought onto the currently 23-person staff.

Renovations of the former Brooks Brothers space are anticipated to

be complete by Nov. 1.

"Brooks Brothers really hadn't been remodeled in 30 years, so we brought it from a retail space to Class A office space," Hauswirth said, "where we took the front doors out, put windows in (and) fancy molding. It's just going to be a really nice buildout, so there's a lot to do inside the building to get it ready."

"This is a whole repurpose of this theater and we tried to do everything

to keep the look of the theater and the history of the building," he continued, "and keep things intact as far as very thoughtful when we did the plans for this to make sure we allow for some growth and innovation, but also preserve the history of the building."

While not exclusively through Grosse Pointe clientele, the Raymond James branch on The Hill currently services around \$3 billion in client assets.



FREE QUOTES!

McCarver Mechanical Heating & Cooling

www.mccarvermech.com
Locally Owned & Operated | Licensed & Insured

Our Specialties:

- Furnaces & Boilers
- Air Conditioning
- Standard Hot Water Tanks
- Tankless Water Tanks
- Indoor Air Quality
- Ductless Mini Splits
- SDHV Systems
- Gas Piping
- Air-Source Heat Pumps
- Air Duct Cleaning
- Whole House Generators

bryant **SPACE PAC** **FUJITSU**

Heating & Cooling Systems

NAVIENT **BOSCH**

CALL US TODAY AT 586-489-3884!

NOW OFFERING:

\$200 OFF NEW DUCTLESS MINI SPLIT INSTALL

OR

\$250 OFF A FURNACE & A/C INSTALL

*Restrictions may apply, please see office for details. Expires September 30th, 2023.

FLEETWOOD Collision **SINCE 1953**

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY LABOR DAY!

LIFETIME GUARANTEE ON ALL REPAIRS.

Including detailing of your vehicle at Mr. C's Car Wash upon completion.

21620 HARPER • ST. CLAIR SHORES • 586.773.6660

Turn East on Shady Lane: Between 8 & 9 Mile Rds.



Grosse Pointe Farms

Unauthorized road trip

A vehicle stolen from Merriweather in mid-June was recovered in Tennessee Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Stolen Kia

A locked silver 2020 Kia Sportage was stolen from the 200 block of Kerby between 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, and 8 a.m. the next morning.

Attempted break-in

Although the attempt was unsuccessful, an unknown suspect tried to gain entry into a business in the 18000 block of Mack overnight into Friday, Aug. 25.

A portion of the door handle was discovered on the interior floor by an employee who came to open the business, while the rest of the door handle was located on the front lawn.

Frenemy

A 32-year-old Farms woman was arrested for felonious assault after a night of drinking turned into an argument that led to her threatening to shoot a friend with her shotgun if she didn't leave her Hillcrest home at 2:08 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27.

Keep your enemies close

A 19-year-old Farms woman suspects a 20-year-old Roseville man stole her credit card numbers after noticing hundreds of dollars in charges

PUBLIC SAFETY

from Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Waterpark and StockX.com.

The two were together in late July, when the man returned her wallet, saying she had left it in his car the night before.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Hyundais targeted

The rear windows were broken out and ignitions stripped from two Hyundais parked in the same location in the 17000 block of Mack overnight into Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Theft closure

After several discussions with officers, a 35-year-old Warren woman turned herself in for a retail fraud that occurred in early July in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

Bike stolen

An unlocked Mongoose Bronco BMX-style bike was stolen from outside an area school between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Unlocked = theft

Four pairs of sunglasses were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of Lakeland

between 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, and 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

Car thief caught

A 13-year-old Detroit boy was detained when officers responded to a larceny from auto in progress in the 300 block of Washington at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The juvenile admitted to being in the area to steal cars and property from cars.

Calming presence

Officers responded to a patient with mental health issues making threats to staff at a local hospital at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24.

Upon talking with officers, the patient ceased his behavior.

Counterfeit

An unknown man attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 4:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25.

The manager confiscated the bill prior to purchase.

Alcohol thieves

Two white women in their late teens stole several bottles of alcohol from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 9:50 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

An investigation is ongoing.

Drunken speeder

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after being pulled over for speeding 60 mph on Mack at 2:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Taken to Tenn.

Car thieves took a Windmill Pointe Drive resident's 2021 Chevrolet Equinox to Tennessee last week for reasons unlikely related to the state's lack of income tax. The theft occurred between 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

Park police said the Equinox's ignition key was inside the vehicle when taken while parked in a driveway.

"(The vehicle was) tracked by OnStar to Tennessee where it was located by local police," according to Park authorities. "Two (black male) suspects fled from the vehicle and were not apprehended."

Asks for it

A suspended male driver from Detroit, 28, wanted on multiple outstanding warrants, drew the attention of police at 11:36 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 25, by speeding on Mack.

During a roadside investigation near Berkshire, police learned of the warrants and made the arrest.

Bike stolen

Someone stole a \$400 red Hotrock bicycle while it was parked in the driveway of a house in the 1000 block of Yorkshire Tuesday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 27.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Hit and run

A 21-year-old Warren man was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident after his vehicle rear-ended another on Lakeshore near Clairview. The suspect was arrested by Grosse Pointe Farms officers on Moross near Kercheval around 2:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25.

The suspect had to be restrained by officers and warned several times not to enter his vehicle until it could be impounded and inventoried.

— *Ted O'Neil*

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Prowler

A 16-year-old from Detroit was arrested on Arthur between Stanhope and Allard for prowling around 5 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, after Harper Woods Public Safety reported five individuals on Wildwood pulling on vehicle door handles.

The suspect was transported to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center and also had a warrant for probation violation in St. Clair County.

Unlocked

A resident in the 1900 block of Allard reported around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, that someone entered her vehicle overnight and stole change and the vehicle registration.

The vehicle was unlocked.

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



FREE!
**Monitored
Smoke Detector**
with purchase of
security alarm and
monitoring services.

www.PointeAlarm.com

313-882-SAFE (7233)
19261 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods 48236



When you need ER care right away

Choose Ascension St. John Hospital

24/7 emergency care with a Comprehensive Stroke Center and Level 1 Trauma Center

Broken bones, signs of a heart attack or stroke, difficulty breathing or other life-threatening symptoms — don't delay when you or a loved one needs emergency care. Doctors and care teams at Ascension St. John Hospital listen to quickly understand and care for your needs.

If you or your loved one needs care for a traumatic injury, our on-site **Level 1 Trauma Center** is the right place to get advanced care for even the most severe injuries. Designated as a **Comprehensive Stroke Center**, our care teams provide advanced stroke care for the most complex cases. And we'll connect the dots to any follow-up care, including lab, imaging, specialty care and rehabilitation.

Find your nearest Ascension ER at ascension.org/MICare

If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, go directly to the ER or dial 911.



Ascension St. John Hospital
22101 Moross Road
Detroit, MI 48236

Add our address and phone number to your contacts for quick navigation when you need us most.



**Ascension
St. John Hospital**

POINTES OF VIEW

GROSSE POINTE WOODS / GROSSE POINTE SHORES / GROSSE POINTE PARK / GROSSE POINTE FARMS / GROSSE POINTE

Grosse Pointe News

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY WEEKLY BUGLE, LLC
16980 KERCHEVAL AVE., GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230
PHONE: (313) 882-6900 FAX: (313) 882-1585
E-MAIL: EDITOR@GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM

SEAN COTTON: Owner
ANNE GRYZENIA: Publisher
JODY MCVEIGH: Editor in Chief
MEG LEONARD: Senior Editor

OUR VIEW

GPPSS is the talk of the town

Last week's top news story about the Grosse Pointe Public School System should not be reduced to a simple song lyric, but to paraphrase singer Bonnie Raitt, it sure gave people "something to talk about."

Prompted by last Wednesday's retirement announcement by GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean, which came on the heels of several other administrative departures this summer, community conversation on the topic reached peak engagement levels. Quite simply, it was the talk of the town.

We believe there's value in breaking it all down with some data to provide an important framework for what got us here and, more importantly, how our district can move forward:

Dr. Dean will transition to a consultant role effective Friday, Sept. 1, and will officially retire June 30, 2024. The Board of Education voted 4-2 to approve his decision to retire a year before his contract would have ended in June 2025 (see story on page 1A).

On the same 4-2 vote, the board approved hiring Christian Fenton, who spent more than 37 years as the district's deputy superintendent for business services, effective Friday, Sept. 1, as interim superintendent.

While change is always unsettling, it bears repeating that Dr. Dean approached the district about his retirement. It's also commonplace for any organization to deal with top management changes. A lot of players are responsible for the turmoil the district has dealt with since the pandemic began, so resulting turnover should not come as a big surprise.

Specifically, district finances have been on the downturn for the last three years and can no longer go unfettered without some kind of shake up. Whether it's constructing a tighter budget or through personnel changes, the decisions will be difficult but necessary.

The district has run on a financial deficit for three consecutive years — the three worst financial results for the district since the Proposal A era began in 1995. GPPSS burned through \$19 million to \$20 million more than it brought in during that three-year time frame.

For example, from 2018-19, the audit in November of that year showed fund equity over \$18.3 million, from which point the financial free fall began. A few months later, the district's end-of-year fund equity was just shy of \$15 million.

In March 2020, the pandemic hit. Later that same year, GPPSS received \$3 million in COVID relief dollars. It received \$4 million per year for the years after that, with the final \$4 million installment coming in the 2023-24 school year, to total \$15 million in relief dollars.

But the money received to date has been



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

Resist as we might, summer's unofficial end arrives early next week with the first day of school Tuesday, Sept. 5. Kids will lament while many parents might consider it the most wonderful time of the year.

squandered by poor student headcount projections. In June 2019, GPPSS had 7,334 enrolled students, according to mischooldata.org, the state's official data source from the Department of Education. The district projected it would lose 200 students in 2020, and gain 126 in 2021.

In reality, it lost 535 students in 2020, and 281 students in 2021 — a net loss of 816 students. Since the 2019-20 school year through the 2022-23 school year, the district has lost 937 students.

That severe underestimation of student loss had the single greatest impact on our financial status because budget revenue estimates are developed from the projected headcount (districts receive about \$10,000 per student from the state.) This gap in projection caused a \$7.6 million budget shortfall in GPPSS, which ate up the entire amount of COVID dollars the district received to that point in time.

The district will have received a total of \$15 million additional dollars by June 2024. Yet somehow, fund equity at the end of June 2023 was down to \$9.8 million, which included monies from the sale of 389 St. Clair, the former district headquarters. Where did all the money go?

Certainly GPPSS was hit by enrollment decline — and not from the reported loss of 590 housing units like Plante Moran Cresa erroneously tried to tell the community. Grosse Pointe News reporter Ted O'Neil's story adeptly dispelled that red herring, ("Alleged missing housing units addressed," Sept. 22, 2022).

Still, losing more than 800 kids in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years was damaging to the district on many levels, particularly financially. But GPPSS failed to budget accordingly, making a small number of layoffs last year but no structural cuts until the most recently approved budget.

Instead, the relief dollars were used to plug structural budget gaps rather than COVID-related learning losses. Some of the dollars also went to ephemeral needs like plastic shields and air purifiers, most of which are now in storage or the trash. We also have yet to learn how much things like GP Virtual cost the district.

Obviously certain things needed to be

done in the pandemic, but afterward, few district leaders voiced concern, let alone led the charge for an aggressive financial plan to recover from it.

The tricky part about a public school system is that it's not a traditional business — despite the same legacy cost burdens. It also involves the education of the community's children, its most precious asset.

Yet it still requires mountains of money to run, along with experts who know how to effectively manage those funds to optimally benefit students, teachers and taxpayers. When that money is being continually mismanaged at stakeholders' literal and figurative expense, alarms should sound. And changes need to be made among the people in charge, sometimes of the wholesale variety, once the iceberg is in sight.

The numbers are clear. The choice GPPSS stakeholders now face is one of opposition versus opportunity. It's one that's united in either a negative culture or a positive one. Does the community place strengthening our public schools as priority No. 1, even at the expense of individual politics or agendas? Or will opposing viewpoints continue to be what defines this district? Will hostility and antagonism take greatest import for those whose main objective is to ruin goals different from their own, at the cost of what's best for our district's overall foundation and health? And make no mistake, the kids are watching if community members and leaders are modeling respect, kindness and positivity as the district navigates them through these rough waters. You must ask yourself, in what ways are you helping them? Or are you failing them?

Grosse Pointers now are challenged with assessing their own willingness to reframe an unsettling season by using it as an opportunity to find areas of common ground with fellow stakeholders, no matter how small. Will you be a contributor to solutions or a catalyst for further dissection and separation? Will community members begin to authentically look for ways to soften deep divisions, at least enough to start building a bridge or two? Will you work to create productive pathways for a brighter, more hopeful future for this district?

The answer rests with each of us. What will you decide?

WEEKLY BUGLE, LLC

EDITORIAL
(313) 882-6900

Jody McVeigh:
Editor in Chief

Meg Leonard:
Senior Editor
Sports Editor

Mike Adzima:
Sports Reporter

Kyla Bazy:
Obituary Writer

Laurel Kraus:
Staff Writer

Renee Landuyt:
Staff Photographer

Brad Lindberg:
Special Writer

EDITORIAL
Ted O'Neil:
Staff Writer

PRODUCTION
(313) 343-5573

Ken Schop:
Production Manager

John Pigott:
IT Manager

David Hughes:
Graphic Artist

Mary Schlager:
Graphic Artist

Donna Zetterlund:
Graphic Artist

ADVERTISING
(313) 882-3500

Shelley Owens:
Advertising Manager

Paul V. Biondi:
Account Executive

Julie R. Sutton:
Account Executive

Melanie Mahoney:
Administrative Assistant

MARKETING
Olivia Monette:
Marketing Specialist &
Audience Development
Manager

CLASSIFIED
(313) 882-6900 ext 567

CIRCULATION
(313) 343-5578

Kristin Martin Duus

Member Michigan Press Association,
National Newspaper Association and
Society of Professional Journalists

GROSSE POINTE 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

August 31 – September 6

LOCAL 4
Expect More.

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
73°	78°	86°	89°	91°	91°	86°
55°	59°	64°	67°	67°	68°	66°
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
SUNRISE 6:56 am SUNSET 8:08 pm	SUNRISE 6:57 am SUNSET 8:06 pm	SUNRISE 6:58 am SUNSET 8:04 pm	SUNRISE 6:59 am SUNSET 8:03 pm	SUNRISE 7:00 am SUNSET 8:01 pm	SUNRISE 7:01 am SUNSET 7:59 pm	SUNRISE 7:02 am SUNSET 7:58 pm

Weather data courtesy of Channel 4, WDIV Detroit • ClickOnDetroit.com

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Final Alter properties up for sale

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city will soon no longer own property in Detroit.

The city council approved retaining a Grosse Pointe real estate agent to market the properties, consisting of four vacant lots one block from the Park on Alter between Kercheval and Hampton.

“I’m hopeful that our efforts to work with partners and ensure prosperity along Alter Road, address public safety issues and other matters will improve prospects for these properties as well and improve our tax base,”

Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. “Working this way, everybody wins. It’s another great step forward.”

The properties’ street addresses are 1264, 1296, 1588 and 1596.

All four are zoned for residential use, not commercial.

“These are vacant properties, just grass,” Sizeland said. “You could only build a home on these four properties.”

The council’s action Monday, Aug. 14, virtually duplicated the process earlier this year of marketing and selling the former Pitters Landscaping commercial property on Alter at the corner of Charlevoix

in Detroit.

“After this, we will no longer own property in Detroit,” Sizeland said.

New owners of Pointe Hardware bought the Alter commercial property in July for \$420,000. Proceeds boosted the Park out of a projected \$243,000 budget deficit.

Rather than selling the four residential lots through a competitive bidding process, the city chose to do so through a real estate agent with a record of accomplishment.

“The sealed bidding

process may not be the most effective and appropriate course of action for selling this property,” Sizeland said. “A Realtor with residential sales experience can assist with facilitating comprehensive marketing of the property and ensure the city receives a price that accurately captures the true values of the property.”

Sizeland and a subcommittee of the planning commission — Chairman Patrick Coletta and members Mike Vethacke and

Matthew Evans — recommended the council retain Mike Defauw of Sine & Monaghan Realtors to market the land.

“Mike has been a Realtor in the Grosse Pointe area since 2015, and has over 17 years’ experience in real estate,” Sizeland said. “In 2021, Mike sold over \$20 million with over \$9 million in Grosse Pointe Park alone.”

Park officeholders in 2008 and 2012 bought the four residential properties.

“None of us were at the table when they were purchased,” Hodges said. “We can only look forward and, just as we did with the Pitters site, we will work to secure the top dollar for that.”

The Park still owns what Sizeland described as “a couple random” pieces of private property. All are within city limits.

They consist of what he called “a small grass lot and some easement areas, a stretch next to Henry Ford Ophthalmology (on Jefferson at Somerset), a little parking lot area with 10 spaces.”

Selfridge golf outing Sept. 18

The third annual Thunderbolt Charity Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18, at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base golf course.

The scramble event is raising money to build a student aviation education center at the Selfridge Military Air Museum.

The organizing committee, which includes current and former Grosse Pointers, said the outing raised \$12,000

last year. They hope to raise \$20,000 this year.

Cost per four-person team is \$125 and includes continental breakfast, lunch at the turn and dinner. The day also includes a beverage cart and 50/50 raffle, plus closest to the pin and hole-in-one contests.

Tee time is 10 a.m., but golfers should arrive between 7:30 and 9 a.m. for security clearance.

Register by Sept. 8 at thunderboltgolfclassic.com.

ROAD:

Continued from page 7A

MDOT to officially approve the contract with Florence, the road work still is expected to be complete this year.

“The original funding was available earlier this

year and you have to start the project within one year of the acceptance of the funding,” Randazzo explained, “so ... whether it is to start a sewer portion of the project or (get) signage up, they have to start the project this year, but we anticipate it’ll be completed in the fall.”



COURTESY IMAGES

Top, the outdoor seating area will not encroach on the St. Clair plaza alongside Trader Joe’s. Bottom, the former Jos. A. Bank space will be split between Starbucks along Kercheval and a new retail space with an entrance off of St. Clair.

Glitter & SCOTCH

WOMENS * HOME * ACCESSORIES * MENS

Shop with us in store 16906 Kercheval Ave
in the Village of Grosse Pointe, or online
shopglitterandscotch.com

(313) 571-3607

SWAP:

Continued from page 1A

this year that moving Music on the Plaza to the other side of Kercheval didn’t do any harm either, so we have two very good public spaces.

“The outdoor seating, that’s pretty much on par with what we’ve just approved for Sidecar

(Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen & Cocktails),” she added, of a coming restaurant across Kercheval. “It’s about the same space, in about the same location, tucked tight up to the building, so we’ll have (outdoor seating) on both sides of Kercheval, which is pretty consistent.”

The site plan also required the zoning board of appeals to approve a variance request, as The Village zoning ordinance requires each storefront to have 70 percent of its facade be transparent between one and eight feet from the ground.

Because the St. Clair side of the building will be an activated storefront, the zoning comes into play. However,

Versa Development plans for only 46 percent of the facade to be transparent.

“It’s a significant upgrade,” said Jeff Klatt with Krieger Klatt Architects. “Right now there’s really no glazing at street level. It’s blacked-out windows that don’t look into the building, so although we technically don’t comply with 70 percent, we are going above what’s currently there.”

The practical difficulties that prevent compliance, he added, are an existing masonry chimney directly on the interior face of the exterior St. Clair facade; the proposed demising wall to separate the single tenant space into two spaces also in the general loca-

tion; and an existing lighting control box for the city that sits directly against the exterior face of the St. Clair facade.

The City’s department of public works confirmed moving the box would not be feasible.

“This is a really much improved presentation of this pedestrian plaza and the St. Clair street frontage,” said Gage Belko, an associate planner with McKenna, before the ZBA approved the variance. “It’s really going to serve to activate that pedestrian plaza, both with the new cafe being proposed at the corner, but also the tenant space, which we hope is a great retail space. Overall, this is a really high-quality design.”

FOR SALE

**22301 CENTENNIAL
ST CLAIR SHORES**

TOM FINCHAM
COMMUNITY CHOICE REALTY
586.899.5565
T.FINCHAM@YAHOO.COM
WWW.FINCHAMRE.COM

PROUDLY SERVING ALL OF GROSSE POINTE & SURROUNDING WATERFRONT COMMUNITIES

BELDING CLEANERS.COM

103 Years

Free Pick up & Delivery in the Pointes

313-822-5800

15139 KERCHEVAL, GROSSE POINTE PARK

GPPSS not immune to teacher shortage

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — With classes starting in less than a week, the Grosse Pointe Public School System still is trying to fill more than a dozen teaching positions, despite having already filled 21 instructional roles through new hires or recalls.

“There is a significantly difficult, very real teacher shortage in every state, in every district,” Superintendent Jon Dean said. “And that includes Grosse Pointe. We are feeling it.”

Dean said he sees a variety of reasons for said shortage.

“We as a society have undervalued teaching,” he said. “Compensation has not kept up with the

rate of increase as other professions.”

A change to the teacher pension plan also has played a role, he said. Beginning in 2018, new teachers started being placed in a defined contribution, 401(k)-style plan, whereas teachers hired before February 2018 remained in a hybrid defined pension and defined contribution plan.

“It’s still attractive, just not as attractive,” said Nicole Pilgrim, the district’s director of human resources.

By late August, despite the new hires, Pilgrim said the district had 73 applications for around a dozen open instructional positions.



“Grosse Pointe is still a desirable place to work and we’re grateful to still be in that space,” Pilgrim said, “but there was a time where we might get 100 applicants for a single elementary school teaching position.”

While a lot of attention has been paid to the number of retirements and resignations among GPPSS teachers this year,

Pilgrim said it isn’t out of the ordinary compared to previous years.

“We’ve seen a bit of an uptick with some resignations in the last week, which is unusual this close to classes starting, but it hasn’t been an uptick overall,” she noted.

A review of the human resources reports from June, July and August bears that out. There have been 58 resignations for the purposes of retirement or personal reasons this year, compared to 61 in 2022 and 42 in 2021.

Dean also said the overall pool of potential candidates has shrunk.

“When I graduated from Wayne State in 1995

with my bachelor’s degree, the college of education had 260 graduates,” he said. “Their most recent class was about 50.”

Dean also noted that when he was deputy superintendent for human resources at Birmingham Public Schools, a college of education job fair at Eastern Michigan University would draw “every public school in Michigan.” EMU’s graduating class sizes for teachers has fallen about 70 percent.

“The pandemic taught us that people want flexibility, especially younger people,” he said. “They don’t want to go to the office five days a week. Under normal circumstances, you have to do that as a teacher.”

Other factors are at

play, Pilgrim said.

“In the past, if a teacher left one district and went to another, they had to start out at the bottom of the pay scale,” she explained. “Districts have started offering credit for those years of service, so teachers can move without losing money.”

Another glitch is a state law requiring retired teachers to have no contact with any public school — not even in a volunteer role — for nine months before they are allowed to return in any capacity without an impact on their pension benefits or insurance premiums.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 108,000 vacant teaching jobs nationwide in 2012. That more than tripled to 386,000 in 2022.

Educators learn about place-based humanities during workshop hosted by Liggett faculty

At the end of July, 15 educators from Michigan and Ohio engaged in a three-day workshop to learn how to use historical sites to teach the War of 1812. “Reconstructing Narratives: the War of 1812 in the Michigan Territory” was hosted by LocLore, an organization under the umbrella of University Liggett School’s Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning and co-directed by ULS faculty members Adam Hellebuyck and Chris Hemler. The workshop was based out of Monroe’s River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

The workshop offered teachers an innovative

and immersive professional development opportunity and a collaborative forum to discuss teaching strategies. The goal, according to Hemler, was to create an experience unlike anything educators have experienced before.

“Unfortunately, a lot of teacher professional development is designed and provided by experts who are not actively teaching in a classroom,” Hemler said. “As a result, despite the best intentions, many teachers walk away from these opportunities without seeing any tangible benefits. With our workshops, we strive to provide teachers with ideas and activities that they can implement

immediately upon return to their classrooms.”

LocLore’s innovative approach to educator workshops is not lost on its participants.

“Teachers rarely get the opportunity to engage in the same sense-making activities, deep learning and joy of discovery that we aim to offer our students,” said Sarah Neely, a teacher at Maire Elementary School. “CITL LocLore gives me those opportunities.”

In addition to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, educators used the Fallen Timbers Battlefield in Maumee, Ohio, and Fort Meigs Historic Site in Perrysburg, Ohio, as the centerpiece of their

place-based exploration. At the sites, workshop participants engaged with experts from the National Parks Service, Wyandot of Anderdon Nation, Metroparks Toledo and the Fort Meigs Association before discussing pedagogical application with LocLore leaders.

“As a result of our work in the field, I have grown as a thinker, citizen and teacher,” Neely said. “I take that inspiration and build more place-based opportunities for my second graders.”

LocLore’s place-based program extends from a model of teaching U.S. history that has been implemented at ULS since 2014, in which students learn about national themes and narratives through local lenses, case studies and site visits. A large goal of the place-based approach is to inspire students to become involved in their commu-

nities and understand local issues.

“I have learned a lot about my local community by participating in CITL’s place-based workshops,” said Vanessa Smolenski, a fourth-grade teacher in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. “Over the past three years, the [ULS] team has brought me closer to understanding how our state’s history truly unfolds through multiple perspectives.”

These workshops have been made possible by a \$250,000 Educational Leadership Grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation, located in Brooklyn, N.Y. In addition to teacher workshops, the grant is providing ULS with the opportunity to facilitate the creation of local learning cooperatives, encourage student “historians-in-training” to contribute to digital journals and podcasts and develop a robust online

presence to engage all participants.

“The Edward E. Ford Foundation’s support has allowed us to create these robust experiences for teachers and students,” Hellebuyck said. “We look forward to hosting our first workshop for teachers outside the Great Lakes region next summer and welcoming students from around the country into our journal and podcast programs.”

The Educational Leadership Grant is awarded to a select number of schools with innovative and replicable programs that promise to have a significant impact on practice and thinking in the national independent school community. The grant requires a 1:1 funding match, encouraging recipient schools to leverage the grant to generate support from their communities to create impactful and sustained programs.

GPEA:

Continued from page 1A

union did not release what the vote totals were. Terms of the contract were not immediately available at press time.

Board President Ahmed Ismail said he was “thrilled” that bargaining teams from the administration and GPEA were able to come to an agreement before the start of the school year.

“My sincere thanks go out to everyone involved for working together to, as former superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein used to say, ‘Keep the main thing the main thing’ in our schools, which is excellence in K-12 education,” he added.

The GPEA indicated in a press release it already is preparing for the next round of contract talks.

“Our community is among the strongest in Michigan and our families deserve to have an exemplary school district that reflects it,” GPEA Co-President Jackie Shelton said. “Regardless of any individual differences, it’s critical that parents, educators and community leaders continue to work together to strengthen our local schools and ensure

Grosse Pointe students have the best and brightest teachers in the state.”

The board in July approved one-year contracts with bargaining units representing office personnel, paraprofessionals and maintenance workers that include new salary schedules and longevity bonuses. Non-union employees received a 2 percent raise.

Ismail at the time

noted the board put \$875,000 in the fiscal year 2023-24 budget to cover employee pay raises and that could be increased to \$1.5 million. Michigan’s education budget is the highest in state history and includes a \$458 increase in per-pupil funding.

The first work day for teachers was Tuesday, Aug. 29, with classes beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5.

maple & mill

17139 KERCHEVAL
GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN
313-571-3385

KITCHEN & BATH SHOWROOM

MON - FRI 9 - 5

AND

BY APPOINTMENT

@MAPLEANDMILLCO
MAPLEANDMILL.COM

You are invited
to our
Fall Preview Night
at
Capricious
apparel • shoes • accessories

Thursday, September 7th • 5pm to 8pm
Vino served. Raffles every hour. Informal Modeling.
Come see new brands, new trends and accessories

DEAN DAVIDSON TRUNK SHOW
Iconic Everyday Demi-Fine Jewelry
Each piece is meticulously handcrafted and made from the highest materials, with a warranty that promises a lifetime wear.

74 Kercheval Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
313.458.8719 @capricious_gp
Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat 10-5 • First Thurs of the month 10 - 7
Closed Sun & Mon

History project moving forward

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A consortium aimed at promoting the region's history has its first project lined up and wants to spread the work.

The Grosse Pointe

Learning Collaborative will host an informational meeting about Grosse Pointe History Day for parents of students in grades three through 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods

Branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. "We're trying to spread the word to all different groups who can play a role and support student involvement," said Annemarie Harris, coordinator of GPLC. "We'll also be

reaching out to teachers and afterschool program staff to get as many learners involved as possible."

Harris added that includes public and private school students, as well as homeschoolers.

The collaborative's goal is to get students to take part in Michigan History Day. The theme for next year is "Turning Points in History."

"Ideally, we'd love for them to focus on people, places and events in Grosse Pointe history," Harris added.

Students who undertake a project will present them Wednesday,

Feb. 7, 2024, at Ford House. Harris said participants have five options:

- ◆ Develop a website
- ◆ Perform a play
- ◆ Film a documentary
- ◆ Write a paper
- ◆ Create a poster

"We'll invite the broader community and there will be a judging component, but it's not an intense competition," Harris said. "It will be more like giving them feedback."

The GPLC, which formed last March, includes University Liggett School, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Edsel & Eleanor

Ford House, Grosse Pointe Public School System, The War Memorial and Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Its goal is to share and pool resources so each member group and the community is aware of what is available regarding the area's history.

The collaborative received a \$10,000 grant in May from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan through the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds to support its efforts.

For more information, contact Harris at aharris@uls.org.

State of the district

With the announcement of Superintendent Jon Dean's retirement from the Grosse Pointe Public School System, here is a look at where the district's central office stands.

Dan Hartley, who had been director of secondary instruction, left in July to become principal of Bloomfield Hills High School. Roy Bishop, GPPSS deputy superintendent of educational services, said that position will not be filled and those duties will be spread among other administrators.

Stefanie Hayes, former director of special education, is now special education supervisor for Birmingham Public Schools. Bishop said the district was not impressed with the pool of applicants, so that role will be filled on an interim basis while the search contin-

ues for a permanent replacement.

Amanda Matheson, former deputy superintendent of business services, accepted a role as vice president of finance at Ferris State University. GPPSS Board of Education President Ahmed Ismail said he never thought of trying to talk her out of such an opportunity.

Bishop was one of two finalists to become superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools. He and the other candidate removed themselves from consideration.

Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist, is leaving GPPSS after 18 years to take a similar role with West Bloomfield School District.

—Ted O'Neil

DEAN:

Continued from page 1A

his revised contract expires June 30, 2024.

On the same 4-2 vote, the board approved hiring Christian Fenton, effective Friday, Sept. 1, as interim superintendent. Fenton, for whom the performing arts center at Grosse Pointe North High School is named, spent more than 37 years as the district's deputy superintendent for business services.

"I will continue to be a champion and supporter of this district," Dean said in a letter emailed to the GPPSS community. "I am fortunate to have had the amazing opportunity to live and serve in this community. Thanks to the staff, the community, the students and the board of education for the opportunities I've been provided."

Ismail indicated Dean will receive around \$200,000.

Worden and St. John

called it "irresponsible" to pay Dean to leave so close to the start of the new school year and disagreed with hiring Fenton on an interim basis without further discussing the matter and other candidates.

Ismail noted it was Dean who approached the board about retiring and Papas explained state law requires all districts to have a superintendent in place on Sept. 1 of each year.

"Dr. Dean has been an instrumental force in steering our school system toward academic excellence, innovation and a student-centric approach to education," Ismail said. "His commitment to the betterment of our school system has been unwavering."

Although the agenda for the meeting indicated public comment would only be accepted when the meeting began at 4 p.m. before the board entered closed session, a motion by St. John to accept public comment

at the conclusion of the meeting failed along the same 4-2 split. There were more than two dozen community members present.

In light of the announcement, Grosse Pointe Education Association Co-Presidents Jackie Shelson and Taryn Loughlin issued a statement.

"While the timing is not ideal, this will not impact the wonderful teachers in this district and their ability to get ready for the school year," they said. "Under these tough circumstances our teachers, counselors, social workers, nurses and other GPEA unit members will continue to be the professionals they have always been all while ensuring our students come first."

The GPEA also said it expects to be involved in the hiring of a new superintendent.

Dean, 50, joined the district in 2012 as deputy superintendent for educational services, where he oversaw the human resources and instructional departments. He was appointed superintendent in July 2021, to replace the retiring Gary Niehaus.

Dean was selected on a 4-2-1 split vote over the other finalist. Four current board members were involved in that vote. Worden supported Dean, while Papas and Brumbaugh voted for the other candidate. Ismail voted no on both.

Before coming to GPPSS, Dean was deputy superintendent of human resources for six years with Birmingham Public Schools. He also has been an elementary school principal and high school teacher in various districts.

Dean earned a doctorate in education policy studies from Wayne State University, where he has been an adjunct faculty member since 2014. He also earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in education leadership from Wayne State.

Ismail said after the meeting that Dean expressed to him a desire to retire from k-12 education, but not step away from education entirely.

"He's an adjunct at Wayne State and I understand he's quite good at it," he said.

Dean's letter to the community ended by saying, "And don't worry, I'm still living here so you'll see me around!"

Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy

Where Families Find Fun For Generations

Shop Online at whistle-stop.com
(586) 771-6770 | Mon-Sat 10-8 • Sun 12-5
21714 Harper Ave - 8 1/2 Mile, St. Clair Shores

Now is the best time to have alterations or replacement done to your boiler-heating-AC-plumbing and electrical projects that are needed

Here are a few reasons to have it done now.

1. The weather is favorable. Having it done now won't cause the inconvenience of being unable to heat your home if it goes down during colder weather.

2. Upgrading your old boiler to a more efficient system will save

you money in the long run.

3. Equipment and materials have gone up but who knows if it may go up more.

4. We can handle any other home repairs such as electrical — plumbing — A/C — drain cleaning — drain repairs — waterproofing — flood clean up — restoration — remodeling

and insurance claims.

5. We have very skilled and experienced personnel to take care of any home repairs you need. We've been around 44 years.

6. Take advantage of our special offers listed below.

7. We have financing available. 18 months same as cash. **You save money.**

Lakeview

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING
PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL
BOILER SPECIALIST
HOME RESTORATION
INSURANCE CLAIMS

lakeviewmechanical.com

CALL 1-800-466-7827

<p>\$89 A/C OR FURNANCE CHECK & TUNE UP</p> <p><small>Not valid with any other offer. Not valid holidays, weekends, evenings. With GPN coupon. Must present coupon at time of service. Expires October 31, 2023</small></p>	<p>10% OFF ANY A/C, HEATING, PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL SERVICE</p> <p><small>Up to \$200. Not valid with any other offer. Must present coupon at time of quote. With GPN coupon. Expires October 31, 2023</small></p>	<p>\$145 DRAIN CLEARING WITH CAMERA INSPECTION \$275</p> <p><small>Not valid with any other offer. Not valid holidays, weekends, evenings. With GPN coupon. Limited time only. Must present coupon at time of quote. Pricing may change depending on blockage. Expires October 31, 2023</small></p>	<p>\$200 OFF ANY NEW FURNACE OR AIR CONDITIONER</p> <p><small>Not valid with any other offer. Up to \$200. Not valid with any other offer. Must present coupon at time of quote. With GPN coupon. Expires October 31, 2023</small></p>	<p>10% OFF SEWER SAFETY BACKUP TO PREVENT SEWER FLOODING</p> <p><small>Up to \$200. Not valid with any other offer. Must present coupon at time of quote. With GPN coupon. Expires October 31, 2023</small></p>
--	---	--	---	--

HAVE A BOILER?

Make sure it's safe for the season.

It might be a wise idea to have it checked over before the heating season arrives. Let Lakeview get you ready.

We have been servicing and installing hot water and steam boilers for over 45 years. We have a seasoned trained staff that can take care of whatever boiler needs you have.

We are offering a limited time safety check and tune up for \$159.00 for the month of September.

Lakeview can also take care of other household needs.

Heating-A/C-Electrical-Plumbing-Waterproofing-Flood Clean-Up- Restoration-Remodeling and Insurance claims and much more.

Call for a quote 586-757-2700

FEATURES



Integrity. Heritage. Lifestyle.
2022 Top Producer at Higbie Maxon Agney.

Paula Draper
paula@higbiemaxon.com
313-886-3400
313-310-0211
higbiemaxon.com



3B AREA ACTIVITIES | 3-7B BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS | 8B OBITUARIES | 8B CHURCHES



Photos courtesy of Michelle Boggess-Nunley
From left, paintings by Angelo Sherman, Christine Wardwell and Suzy Fishback.

Art Takeover Project kicks off Sept. 7

Scavenger hunt, prizes part of month-long exhibition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Hoping to draw unique visitors to The Village, as well as expose residents and guests alike to artists and businesses, Michelle Boggess-Nunley created the Art Takeover Project.

The interactive walking exhibit, which officially kicks off 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, and runs through Saturday, Sept. 30, will feature 67 artists displaying their work at 26 businesses and common areas spanning six blocks in The Village.

“The Art Takeover Project was designed to connect artists, businesses and community through a walkable, month-long exhibit,” Boggess-Nunley said. “It’s to get people in The Village who maybe

haven’t been here before.”

The artist and owner of Posterity Gallery put out a call for participants earlier this year. More than 130 artists applied for the project, which randomly pairs them with business owners in The Village who provide space to show their work.

The project was limited to Michigan artists, but open to work in all mediums. Participating artists from beyond Grand Rapids, Plymouth and Monroe, as well as several local talents, will showcase their artwork, ranging from sculptures and paintings to photography and mixed-media pieces.

“We were only able to keep 67 artists because of space,” Boggess-Nunley noted. “This is our first year. I hope next year we have more businesses.”

Though artists and businesses were paired at random, some consideration was given when deciding between indoor and outdoor spaces. A large installation, for example, will be displayed outside near the plaza, Boggess-Nunley said.

“Each venue has its own provisions, like certain business hours or certain display spaces,” she added. “I tried to avoid having businesses move existing displays.”

Currently, artists and business owners are communicating about what type of art will best fit each space. Once decisions are made, a variety of artwork will dot locations throughout The Village.

“Everyone’s getting excited; you can feel the energy,” Boggess-Nunley

said. “There will be one to three pieces per display. Some displays are being created for the spaces. Some of it is work on hand, as it’s already created.”

Throughout the project, children and adults alike can participate in an art-themed scavenger hunt, which starts at Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval.

“The scavenger hunt you can do all month,” she said. “We’ll have a kid-friendly one and an adult-friendly one. It’s an extra incentive to have a visitor to each store. You start at Posterity and end up going around the entire Village loop.”

Once all 26 business are visited, the scavenger hunt ends at Village Nutrition, 16837 Kercheval, where participants may vote for their favorite artist.

During the kickoff event, participants will be entertained along the route by juggler The Amazing Flec and acoustic musician Andrew Buhr, as well as with caricatures drawn by Emad Tammo.

Also along the way, the artists will be on hand — discernible with VIP badges, “so while you’re walking the loop, they’ll be standing by their art and trying to convince you to vote for it,”



A painting by Dan Knighton.

Boggess-Nunley said.

“This is a competition,” she added. “... Voting is open for the entire month. Voting is in-person only, which is another incentive to come to The Village. It’s one vote per person, per artist — not per piece — so there are 67 voting options.”

After the kickoff, the voting dropbox will be located at Posterity Gallery; however a full display of the artwork will be available online at posterityartgallery.com.

The grand prize is a cash award for the winning artist. Second and third prizes are still being determined.

Those who complete the scavenger hunt also are eligible for prizes.

“Visitor prizes are done at random,” Boggess-Nunley said. “Scavenger hunt winners can either award a gift to their favorite artist or receive one themselves. Prizes include gift cards from various businesses and original artwork.

“We’ll have as many prizes as we can give away,” she added, “hopefully up to 50 prizes. I’m hoping everyone donates something.”

Boggess-Nunley said she hopes to make this an annual event.

“This is a spinoff of last year’s Art Collaboration,” she said. “Now it’s the Art Takeover. Next year it may be something different, but it’s still about building community and focusing on art.”

More information, including an artist lineup, downloadable map of participating businesses, scavenger hunt card and ballot to vote for a favorite artist, is available online at posterityartgallery.com/arttakeoverproject.



A sculpture by Estela Boudreau and a pen-and-ink creation by Rob Cameron.

WE'VE MOVED

Signature | Sotheby's

INTERNATIONAL REALTY

ssir.com

18000 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

313.888.8800

Foodie creates Facebook fellowship with GP Eats & Treats

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The “About” section on the GP Eats & Treats Facebook page says it all:

“Finally! A place for us to share and support our local and close neighboring restaurants, bakeries and speciality food locations!”

The idea for the page came to St. Clair Shores resident Nina Taormina late one night, after she’d had surgery on her mouth and was unable to eat, so, of course, she was thinking about food.

“My age plays a role in all of this,” she said. “I grew up with so many people who are owners and managers of restaurants and bars in the community. I’m friends with many of them and a patron of many of them.”

“... I knew their struggle was out of control (during COVID),” she continued. “It was sad. There was so much frustration with social media — people not seeing the full picture. People were not realizing there were staffing issues and food shortages.”

In an effort to stop the criticism and instead show support for local restaurants, bars and bakeries, Taormina launched GP Eats & Treats.

“I thought this was not the time to be tearing down these places,” she said. “They’re our neighbors, our community members. They need to be supported. I’m active on social media because of my job (at Pat Scott Jewelers) and I thought, ‘Let me see what I can do

here.’ I thought it would be fun if I could get to 1,000 followers. Within the first month, I was at over 3,000.”

For its one-year anniversary, Taormina accumulated multiple gift cards from participating businesses and raffled off five gift baskets during a live drawing.

At the two-year mark, the page had close to 10,000 followers. She kept a close eye on the growing number so she could fully thank those supporters. When No. 10,000 joined the group, they were given a gift card donated by Fairway Packing.

Now, the page has 11,500 followers and sees, on average, 20 to 40 people joining every day.

“It goes in waves,” Taormina said. “Like when new restaurants open, there will be more.”

Taormina, who was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, asks patrons and businesses alike to stick with positive comments; negative reviews and comments will not be tolerated. She should know; she is vigilant about keeping an eye on the page.

“It’s not a free-for-all,” she said. “I monitor it 24/7. I pride myself on zero negativity. That’s been my whole mission out of the gate. If you have to make bad comments or voice your dissatisfaction, that’s for Yelp or take it up with the manager.”

“... Half the restaurants are owned by husbands and wives, full families, siblings,” she added. “These people work



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Nina Taormina created GP Eats & Treats to rally support around local restaurants, bakeries and specialty food businesses.

together 16 hours a day and then go home together. The last thing the place needs is to be chopped down if the service was slow or their order was missing ranch.”

Taormina said if comments get out of hand, she is quick to disable or delete them. For the most part, she added, people are pretty respectful.

Posts range from customers showing off a photo of their entree to businesses sharing about the week’s specials. Oftentimes, posts include questions, to which responses typically are fairly quick.

“There were a lot of people working from home during COVID when I first launched,” Taormina said. “People would be home sick, putting it out there: Where’s

the best soup? Within 10 minutes there’d be a bunch of people making recommendations. It’s instant gratification. It’s insane how fast people can jump in and give their opinion or suggestion. They’re so quick to respond.”

GP Eats & Treats is where people turn to get updates on incoming restaurants like Bucharest

Grill and Crispelli’s; to learn about new sandwiches being offered at Eastside Bagel or what Wednesday night family meals are being offered at Lyla’s. It celebrates growth, like when Licavoli’s Market expanded to a restaurant in St. Clair Shores and soon to a grab-and-go location in The Village, or Estia Greek Street Food graduating from a food truck to a brick-and-mortar establishment.

It announces closures, like Pepperoni Grill shutting down for a week so the family who owns it can get a short summer break. And it celebrates businesses like Hillside Hearth and Cheese Shoppe, both on Mack and both of which were selected to provide sandwiches and charcuterie boards, respectively, when Plnk was in town last month.

Around 30 businesses are members of the page. To be accepted, businesses must have an established Facebook page and an LLC.

“I don’t gain anything from this,” Taormina noted. “People have asked what I make.

Nothing. This is not a monetary thing. That was never my reason. I’m just a community supporter and I want my friends to succeed.”

Though the name says “GP,” GP Eats & Treats allows posts about establishments in St. Clair Shores and downtown Detroit.

“So much of downtown is fed because of Grosse Pointe,” she said. “I’m a downtown person.”

But for those who aren’t, she hopes the page will share ideas with people looking for a new place to dine. Her parents, for example, live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

“They are creatures of habit; they dine on Mack Avenue,” she said. “They have no idea what’s in the Park. And maybe Park people have no idea what’s at 9 and Mack. The crossover in that five-mile stretch ... so much is happening there.”

“... It’s fun and rewarding for me mentally,” she said of the Facebook fellowship she’s created. “I know somewhere in me I’ve done something good for the community I’m too afraid to leave and glad I never left.”

League of Women Voters to conduct candidate forums

The League of Women Voters-Grosse Pointe recently announced four candidate forums in advance of the Nov. 7 General Election.

The public is encouraged to submit questions for the candidates. No questions will be accepted at the actual forum events. As in the past, due to time constraints, the LWV may prioritize or combine questions based on general interest and a goal of avoiding redundancy. If your question isn’t asked, contact the candidate(s) directly.

The forum schedule is as follows:

Harper Woods City Council

6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11
Wayne County Community College District
Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center
19305 Vernier, Harper Woods

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Curtis Brown
Cheryl Costantino
Teresa Foster
Gerianna LaPratt
Regina Williams
Question submission deadline: Sept. 7

GP Park Mayor & City Council

6:30-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12
Pierce Middle School
15430 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Mayor:
Christine M. Gallagher
Michele Hodges
Council:
Brent Dreaver

Jay A. Kennedy
Tim Kolar
Marty McMillan
Elvis Torres
Heather Ulku

Question submission deadline: Sept. 8

City of Grosse Pointe

Forum for Municipal Judge

6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church
17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Sarah W. Colegrove
David Draper
Thomas Gregory Krall
Bryan A. Sunisloe

Question submission deadline: Sept. 18

City of Grosse Pointe

Virtual Forum for City Council

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26
Not open to the public; video recording will be available after Sept. 27.

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Seth S. Krupp
Christopher Moyer
Donald J. Parthum Jr.
Terence A. Thomas

Question submission deadline: Sept. 18

Questions may be submitted online at <https://lwvgrossepointe.org>.

The LWV encourages all voters to participate in this process and submit questions by the deadline. Questions regarding these candidate forums may be referred to Lauri Read, vice president for voter services, at lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com.

GROSSE POINTE ANIMAL ADOPTION SOCIETY

20542 Harper
(Lennon and Harper)
(313) 884-1551
www.gpaas.org

Animals Available for Adoption at gpaas.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

313-884-1551 OR www.gpaas.org

Meet **PEPPA**

Male,
5 months old,
shorthair,
Gray.

BITSY

Female, 6 months old,
Yorkshire Mix, 5 lbs.

Open House Every Saturday
10:00am-12:00pm for Dogs & Cats

Todd the Mindful Dog Trainer

Serenity DOG TRAINING

- Obedience Training**
- Leash Walking**
- Puppy Training**
- Behavior Modification**
- Family Dog Training**

313-207-1175 • serenitydogtraining.org

Volunteers needed

The Hope Not Handcuffs initiative depends on volunteer Angels to help it run smoothly and

the Grosse Pointe area is in need of more volunteers. Program Director Kim Baffo stressed the importance of volunteering.

“Becoming a Hope Not Handcuffs Angel is an effective way to assist our communities in becoming healthier and reducing drug and alcohol addiction,” she said. “Together we can help change perceptions and facili-



tate positive change. The schedule for volunteers is very flexible and the work is incredibly

rewarding.”

A one-hour virtual training session for Grosse Pointe volunteers is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, via Zoom. For more information on becoming an Angel or to register for training, go to familiesagainstanarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs-angel, email hnh@familiesagainstanarcotics.org or call (833) 202-4673.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ 2023 Yoga at Ford House, Tuesdays, through September. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for members.

- ◆ Autumn Landscape Tours are offered Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.

- ◆ Fall Garden and Grounds Tours are offered Sept. 1 to Nov. 22. Tickets prices vary.

- ◆ Storytime: "Children Make Terrible Pets," by Peter Brown, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 5 to 26.

- ◆ Explorers: Bird Island, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. Admission is \$5 per child.

- ◆ Story Festival: Let's Go on an Adventure, 10

a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, for ages 7 and younger.

- ◆ Talk: "No Equal Justice," 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Author Peter J. Hammer will speak about his book, "No Equal Justice: The Legacy of Civil Rights Icon George W. Crockett Jr." Admission is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

- ◆ Back-to-School Reader Dog, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods. ◆ 1st Tuesday Book Discussion, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Central Annex's last day open, Friday, Sept. 8.

- ◆ Hustle for Health Dance Class, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at

Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, VFW Post 1146, 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15,

Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 6. Dean Dauphinas, communications manager with Families Against Narcotics, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

The Helm

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

- ◆ The movie "A Man Called Otto" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

- ◆ New to Medicare, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

- ◆ Arthritis of the Hip and Knee: Diagnosis, Treatment and Misconceptions, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, with Dr. Michael Wagner.

- ◆ Field trip to Greenfield Village, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers.

- ◆ The movie "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery" is shown at

See EVENTS, page 8B

ENGAGEMENTS

Ubik—Bafumo

Henry and Sally Ubik of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Ubik, to David Bafumo, the son of Chip and Christina Bafumo of East Granby, Conn.

Miss Ubik earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in archaeology and a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Boston University. She is an engineer.

Mr. Bafumo earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental earth science from Eastern Connecticut State University. He is a geographic information systems technician.

An October 2023 wedding is planned.



David Bafumo and Emily Ubik

WEDDING



Mary Kate and Jack Francis Lang

Kramer—Lang

Mary Kate Kramer and Jack Francis Lang were married Saturday, July 15, 2023, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. Fr. Andrew Kowalczyk, CSMA, celebrated the nuptial Mass. A reception was held at the Detroit Athletic Club following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Kelly Kramer of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Ron Lang and Allison Kuhnlein of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The bride's friends, Shannon Connolly and Megan Wolf, served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Greta Elhosni and Olivia Lang; and the bride's friends, Ann Parker, Leanne Krausmann, Melissa Presar and Shelby Stone.

The best men were the groom's friends, Connor Matthews and Charlie Weipert. Groomsman were the bride's brother, Tim Kramer; the groom's brother-in-law, Dan Elhosni; and the groom's friends, Evan Vanslebrouck, Nayan Telang, Drew Schwartz and Will Boyce.

The groom's cousin, Emily Davids, served as flower girl and the bride's godson, Simon Thiel, served as ring bearer.

The bride and groom both earned bachelor's degrees in business administration from the University of Michigan. The bride earned a master's degree in accounting from the Catholic University of America. Mr. and Mrs. Lang recently returned from Washington, D.C., where they worked and lived for a number of years. They now reside in Grosse Pointe Park.



Rory Schlageter and Kathryn Williamson

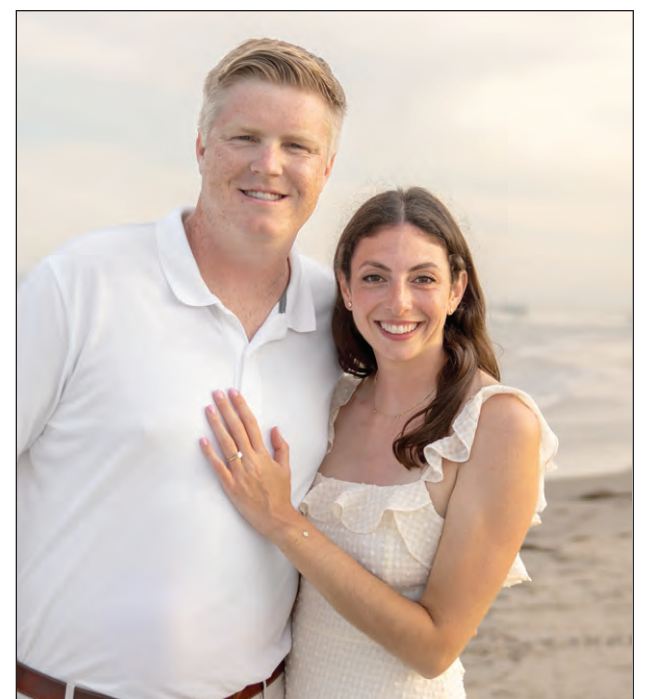
Williamson—Schlageter

John and Elizabeth Williamson of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Williamson, to Rory Schlageter, the son of David and Shannon Schlageter of Maplewood, N.J.

Miss Williamson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University and is a senior executive at H. W. Anderson.

Mr. Schlageter also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University and works in institutional sales at Citadel Securities.

A July 2024 wedding is planned.



Gordon Post and Annamarie Cappetto

Cappetto—Post

Lawrence and Patricia Cappetto of Marysville, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Annamarie Cappetto, to Gordon Post, the son of Gordon and Patricia Post of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Cappetto earned a bachelor's degree in advertising from Marquette University. She is a Lincoln ownership specialist.

Mr. Post earned a bachelor's degree in economics and management from Albion College, as well as an MBA from Walsh College. He is a category implementation lead with Ford Motor Co.

A June 2024 wedding is planned.

Custom Wedding Cakes
for Your Special Day!

- Fresh Baked on Site -
- Grooms Cakes
- Cupcakes
- Custom Designs & Colors

Chocolate Bar Café
313.881.2888
20737 Mack Ave.
(N. of Vernier)
Grosse Pointe Woods

www.chocolatebar-cafe.com

Village Grille *Grosse Pointe's Friendliest Family Restaurant!*

LUNCH • DINNER • SPORTS BAR • KIDS GAME ROOM

Our Private Banquet Room is the perfect place to host your event!

Call to Reserve for your Special Day!

Bridal Shower • Rehearsal Dinner • Wedding Reception
Sports Event • Baby Shower • Business Meeting

16930 Kercheval Avenue (bet. Cadioux & Notre Dame)
313-882-4555 • www.villagegrillegp.com

SAVVY CHIC
boutique

BOGO SALE

BUY ONE SALE ITEM
GET ONE SALE ITEM FREE

STARTS AUGUST 17TH.
IN STORE ONLY

16822 KERCHEVAL AVENUE
GROSSE POINTE

BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS



YOUR ENGAGEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

By Olivia Monette and Donna Zetterlund

Few moments capture the true personality of your relationship like engagement photos. These relaxed, tender and sometimes whimsical photo shoots seem to truly bring out the best in both members of a couple and provide the first official milestone pictures in the memory album of your lives together. Couples seem to enjoy planning their special locations, outfits and themes, creating a vibe that really highlights who they are and how they feel about one another.

Today's engagement photos showcase a wide variety of creative options compared to the standard (sometimes stiff) studio poses of yesteryear. These on-location photo sessions also give the couple a great opportunity to practice getting relaxed in front of the camera in advance of the wedding, and hopefully get familiar interacting well with their wedding photographer as a type of rehearsal for the big day.

We recently met with professional photographer Erin Goodrich, owner and lead photographer of Ellie Frances Photography, who shared some of her favorite engagement shots and locations we hope will provide inspiration as you ponder your own engagement and wedding plans. Pros like Goodrich are able to make great recommendations on places that work best, so start by asking your photographer if you aren't sure.

Topping Goodrich's list for an urban vibe is her favorite city — **Detroit**, with downtown offering endless opportunities such as Capitol Park, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Riverwalk.

"**Z Garage Parking Deck** in downtown Detroit has stunning views of the city and the most beautiful golden light at sunset that make this location stand out for an urban shoot," Goodrich added.

Detroit's Eastern Market also provides a creative palette for beautiful engagement photos. "Walk down any street and you will find colorful, gorgeous works of art to use as a background. This is my favorite area for couples looking for a fun and vibrant session," Goodrich said.

"Looking for a cross between city and outdoors? Love architecture? **Belle Isle** in Detroit provides options from the classic favorite in front of the gorgeous water fountain to the gorgeous conservatory. There are indoor options in case of rain and many outdoor options around the island," offered Goodrich.

For a more natural theme, Goodrich recommends any of **Michigan's beautiful lakes** with their picturesque waterfront views. "We live in the Great Lakes State and sunsets on the water do not disappoint. I love having fun at the end and getting the couples in the water!" she said.

Goodrich wrapped her list of favorites with Stoney Creek Metropark in Rochester, for lovers of the outdoors. "There are gorgeous tall pine trees, beaches, water and endless nature trails," she said.

ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF ERIN GOODRICH

Z GARAGE, DETROIT

This parking deck has become a modern landmark downtown, a meeting place for parking for Detroit events after work hours. It boasts stunning accessible views from the top deck that capture remarkable sunsets that enhance photo sessions.

Above and right, Noheli and Johnny Henry chose this incredible scene for their romantic engagement shots.





EASTERN MARKET, DETROIT

This well-known Detroit landmark has it all – history, vibrancy, modern appeal. Murals abound, serving as easy and colorful backdrops for every couple to express themselves in their own way. Above and below right, Alexia and Zach Convery add their fashionable spin to photos that will last a lifetime.

Q & A with pro photog Erin Goodrich

Q: What are some things couples should look for in a spot to shoot engagement photos?

A: The first question I always ask couples is if there is anywhere special or important to them. What do they enjoy as a couple? If they love the country and outdoors, water, architecture, date nights in the city, etc. I get to know their personalities, likes and dislikes in order to give them the best options for their session.

Q: What is your favorite thing about photographing engagements?

A: Celebrating love! There is nothing better than hanging with two people who have decided to spend their lives together. They have found their partner and I get to bear witness to all the joy and laughter that comes with that.

Q: Picking outfits for these types of things is always so hard. Do you have any recommendations to make it easier?

A: If they are indecisive I always suggest two outfits so they have a casual look and a more formal option. I suggest dressing in what makes them
See Q&A, page 7B



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ERIN GOODRICH



DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Detroit is a wonderland of metropolitan cool. From steel and marble structures of local businesses and hotels to the magnificence of the waterside Renaissance Center, Detroit has become a mecca for interesting photography backdrops.

At left and above, Anna Aul Rivard and Scott Rivard made great use of the urban vibe for their upscale engagement photos.

PHOTO TIP:

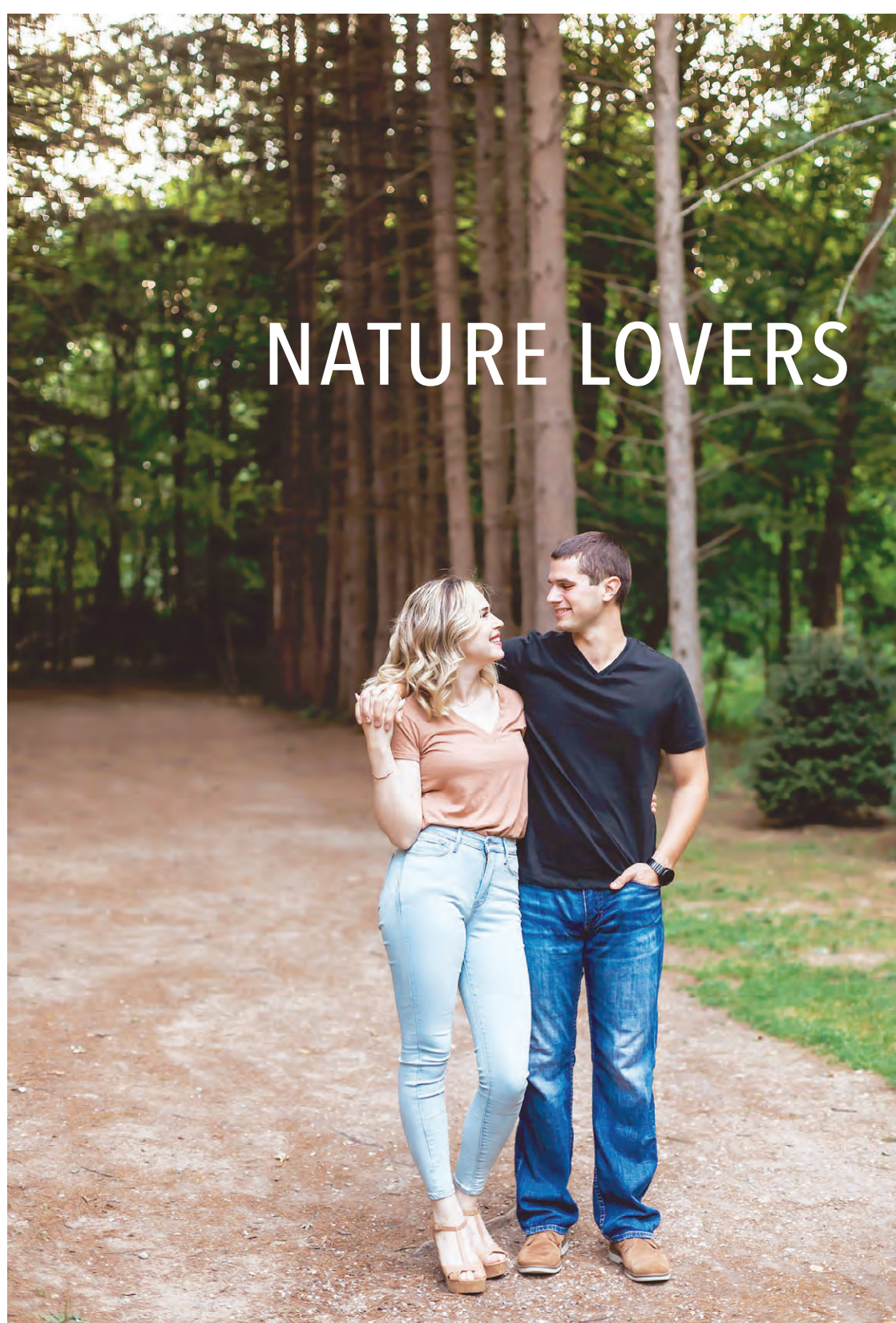
Timing is everything

If you plan to use your engagement photos for your 'save the date' cards for your wedding, book your photo session at least 10 months in advance. Save-the-date cards should go out eight months prior to your wedding, and you have to allow your photographer time to edit the photographs and get final photos ready for you.

If you're not planning to use the photos this way you have more flexibility – but still allow a few months time for photo editing, especially at busy times of the year for your photographer. Part of developing a good relationship with your photographer is setting reasonable and respectful expectations.

SOURCE: Brides.com

6B | BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS



NATURE LOVERS



STONEY CREEK METROPARK, ROCHESTER

This location just oozes with possibilities, from the woods to the beaches and everything in between. Many local couples have great memories of youthful fun at the metropark or spent romantic nights gazing at the stars there. Kaitlyn and Nolan Dellot chose this scenic natural setting for a relaxed and beautiful look for their cherished engagement photographs.

PHOTO TIP:

'Tis the season

Unless you are planning a specific winter scene, choose spring or fall for your engagement photo shoot and avoid the high heat and humidity of summer, which can cause problems with makeup, hair and clothing. Pick a time that will be mild and comfortable so you and your beloved shine for all the right reasons.

SOURCE: Brides.com



ISLE ALWAYS LOVE YOU



BELLE ISLE, DETROIT

Everyone has great memories of Belle Isle from childhood or as adults. This classic location has been a romantic standard for decades and is still as beautiful today. Couples like Rachel and Lars Virgin chose identifiable locations that have personal meaning and make their engagement photos relatable and extra special to pass down to upcoming generations.

GREAT LAKES, GREAT MEMORIES

Q & A

Continued from page 5B

feel their highest self, an upgrade to what they would usually wear so that it still feels like them individually and as a couple.

Q: Are there any personal elements couples can include in photos that add a special touch?

A: Yes, definitely! Do you love wine? Let's pop a bottle! Love date nights at a certain restaurant? We should pop in and grab a few candid moments of you enjoying yourselves there. Want to bring your dog? Let's do it! The session should feel like you as a couple and incorporating things you love together makes it feel that much more special. One of my couples loved date nights in the back of their truck under the stars, watching movies and eating popcorn. So that is just how we ended that session — it was perfect for them to capture those memories forever.

Q: Anything else you think the readers should know about engagement sessions?

A: Your photographer is there to help you. Ask all the questions and go over their portfolio to ensure they have the style you are looking for. An experienced photographer will have location suggestions, posing ideas and should be able to pull the emotion out of you for your session so that it comes across in your images. Most of all your photographer should make this a fun experience for you!

MICHIGAN LAKES

They don't call Michigan the Great Lakes State for nothing! You can hardly throw a stone without skipping it on a lake. Take advantage of the rare natural beauty the mitten state has to offer by choosing a waterfront location for your engagement memories.

Left and below, Abigail Klima, fiancée Mitchell and photographer Erin Goodrich nailed it with these ethereal storybook shots along the water.



ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF ERIN GOODRICH



THE PHOTOGRAPHER



Erin Goodrich

Owner and Lead Photographer, Ellie Frances Photography

About: My name is Erin Goodrich and I am the owner and lead photographer for Ellie Frances Photography, which is named after two out of three of my little girls. We specialize in portrait and wedding photography but love to create images for any type of event. I have been a creator since childhood and turned my passion for photography into a full-time business years ago and never looked back. Besides art, I love coffee, books and travel and can usually be found looking for an adventure with my three kids. I feel absolutely blessed to be able to meet so many people and beloved pets. I strive to capture the real moments of life as well as posed photos and would love to meet you to talk about photography for your next celebration!

Ellie Frances Photography

586.322.6567

elliefrancesphoto.com • info@elliefrancesphoto.com

8B | OBITUARIES/CHURCHES

OBITUARIES

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

Lita Marie McKeehan

Lita Marie McKeehan, 90, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at home in Bruce Township. She was a former resident of St. Clair Shores.

Born Jan. 15, 1933, in Detroit, to George and Pauline Bonnier, Lita was known for her generosity and creativity, leaving a lasting impact on everyone she encountered.

During her career, Lita held various positions within Chrysler Corp. She also was a woman of many talents and passions. She was an accomplished artist, songwriter and published poet, and was involved in her com-



Lita Marie McKeehan

munity.

More than 30 years ago, she created the St. Clair Shores chapter of the Republican PAC, which still operates. The St. Clair Shores Republican PAC recently presented Lita an award in appreciation of her dedication and commit-

ment to the organization.

Lita was a devoted wife to her late husband, Howard, who was the love of her life. They enjoyed many years of entertaining and traveling together. She also was a loving sister, aunt and friend.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lita was predeceased by her siblings, Toula, Loretta, Paula, Bess and John. She is survived by her loving nieces and nephews.

A private inurnment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc. Grosse Pointe Park, verheyden.org.

Artist's lifelong love of painting on display

Congregational church kicks off exhibition Sept. 10

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Charmaine Kaptur's parents recognized her artistic talent as early as age 8, but her passion for painting really took off after immersing herself in the art program at Dominican High School.

Now, many decades later, she'll show her life's work during an exhibition at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Retrospective: A Life in Art" is open for viewing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24, or by appointment. An opening reception with light refreshments is planned from 3 to 6 p.m. Sept. 10.

Kaptur admits she finds inspiration in landscapes, but credits her father for his influence, too.

"He was an artist," she said. "He was a car designer for General Motors and one of the cars he worked on was the Corvette. I was just a kid in grade school when he started at GM."

Kaptur's earliest works were made in oil paint before she discovered a preference for watercolor.

"I didn't like oil," she said. "It stunk, for one. And I didn't care for turpentine. My father worked in watercolor, so there was always watercolor in the house. Then I got into school and they put more emphasis in school on watercolor. It's not as messy."

Kaptur earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Marygrove College and a Master of Arts degree in painting from Wayne State University. She also did post-degree studies at Western Michigan and Central Michigan universities, as well as the Art Institute of Chicago.

"My first job out of college, the only place that would hire women was department stores, so I did fashion illustration at Sears & Roebuck," she said. "After that, I was a graphic artist at Michigan Credit Union League."

Kaptur often used her love for traveling to inspire her work, capturing on canvas sights in Mexico, France, Norway and other



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Several of Kaptur's watercolor paintings will be exhibited at the church.



The artist.

locations.

"For 40 or 50 years I used to go on trips," she said, "and I usually painted there."

Several of her pieces also are water themed, as the former Grosse Pointe Park resident lived near Lake St. Clair for many years.

Though she enjoys watercolor, she also branched out, learning papermaking and incorporating that talent into some of her pieces. Her skillset also grew to include pen-and-ink drawings.

She painted beyond a typical canvas as well, turning clothing and pillows into colorful canvases.

"This has been a lifelong venture for me," the 88-year-old said.

Kaptur, now residing at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods on Mack, said her work has been exhibited in some 200 shows nationally,

as well as in France, Austria and Norway.

She has won multiple awards for her art, including from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Michigan State Fair, Studio 23, Scarab Club and several others.

She previously taught watercolor and drawing at The War Memorial and papermaking at the Anton Art Center in Mount Clemens.

She anticipates showing nearly 50 of her pieces at the upcoming exhibition — her first solo show — which was organized by friend and fellow Pointe Studio Ten member Lori Zurvalec, who is active in the church's arts ministry.

"What will be in the show are some older pieces," she said. "I haven't done much painting the past 10 years."

Kaptur will be on hand opening night, but not throughout the exhibition; those interested in buying any of her paintings may call a phone number in the gallery to make arrangements.

For more information about the exhibition or to schedule a visit, call (313) 884-3075 or email arts@gpcong.org.



Another of Kaptur's watercolor.

EVENTS:

Continued from page 3B

12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Detroit Abloom

Dahlia Fest 2023 at Detroit Abloom, 248 Manistique, Detroit, takes place noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. The event, which celebrates the dahlia and the garden season's end, includes food, music and children's activities, including a magician. Flowers will be available for sale. Tickets are \$5 and available at the event. Visit detroitabloom.com.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at [rial.org.](http://warmemo-</p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

◆ 9/11 Service of Remembrance, 8:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11. Following the service, which commemorates the 22nd anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, a gathering with refreshments, conversation, reflection and fellowship occurs in the Alger Center.

Badminton

The Grosse Pointe Badminton Association begins its 91st year of play in the Grosse Pointes at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12. The group plays three times a week: from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The association follows the Grosse Pointe Public School System year; if school is

closed for a holiday, there will be no play. Those who have played competitive badminton or who are practiced in other racket sports, or who are good athletes and quick at excelling in other sports are invited to check it out. For more information, email agnotarangelo@gmail.com.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

◆ Fabric Color Workshop with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

◆ "The Art of Pastels," a workshop with Fran Seikaly, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30.

CHURCH BRIEF

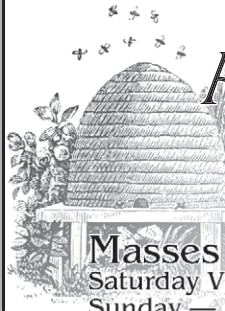
Day of Remembrance

An interfaith memorial service takes place 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Assumption Grotto Cemetery, 13770 Gratiot, Detroit, in recognition of National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Free, secure parking

and the cemetery are directly behind the church.

Pastor Kenneth Snodgrass from Thy Word is Truth Ministries will talk about "The Dignity of Life." Refreshments and fellowship follow. Call (313) 881-6793 or email beverly1016@aol.com

Grosse Pointe
Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ)
Worship Sunday at 10:00 am
Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver
An Open & Affirming Church
240 Chalfonte G.P. Farms
313-884-3075 • www.gpcong.org
WE HAVE AN ARTS MINISTRY



Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
15020 Hampton
Grosse Pointe Park,
Michigan 48230-1302

Masses

Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m. (☺)
Sunday — 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday — 8:30 a.m.
Thursday — 7:00 p.m.
Friday — Noon

(313) 822-2814 • stambrosechurch.net • [facebook.com/stambroseparish](https://www.facebook.com/stambroseparish)
(☺) Saturday Vigil is streamed online at 8:00 a.m. Sunday on our facebook page



St. Michael's Episcopal Church
sharing the Light of Christ

Help with your burden,
Rest for your soul.

Easy Summer Sunday Worship at 10 AM,
followed by cooling refreshments.

We look forward to welcoming you.

20475 Sunningdale Park
313.884.4820 stmichaelsgpw.org

Christ the King Lutheran Church and Preschool
Mack at Lochmoor • 884-5090
www.christthekinggp.org

SUNDAY
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School
MONDAY
7 p.m. - Worship Service
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month
WEDNESDAY
10 a.m. - Bible Study

Randy S. Boelter, Pastor
Making New Disciples -
Building Stronger Ones

LIFE & LEISURE



Kim Valice, Realtor
Sine & Monaghan REALTORS™
Kimpvalice@gmail.com
@kimperzvalice
Kim.searchmichiganhomesforsale.com

313-320-2544

SINE & MONAGHAN
REALTORS™

18412 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Farms

2C GP GABBY | 3C MOMBEAU'S TABLE | 4C MOVIE JUNKIE MARK | 6C & 7C COMICS

Historical Society lecture series returns in September

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's 2023-24 Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series begins Wednesday, Sept. 20. Each program is free and open to everyone.

The series begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, with, "The Hanna and her Sisters: A story from the Great Storm of 1913."

The Great Storm of 1913 was the greatest natural disaster in the history of the Great Lakes, with hurricane-force winds over four of the Great Lakes. With untold damage along the shoreline, it was an even more terrifying ordeal for the 250 sailors who lost their lives. Of the 25 ships lost, nine were in lower Lake Huron. The SS Howard M Hanna Jr. was typical of the ships destroyed, but with one exception: Her entire crew survived. The crew's written accounts trace the journey of the Hanna during the gale and bring understanding to why so many other ships sank. Using this information and his original artwork, Robert McGreevy will follow the Hanna on her journey through The Great Storm.

A second lecture, presented by Nicole Beauchamp and based on her book, "Haunted Detroit," takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Cook Schoolhouse. Detroit and the Grosse Pointes have haunted hotspots aplenty, each with its own blood-curdling tale. Beauchamp, an author and paranormal investigator, will lead guests down the darkest corridors and into the tragic past.

A third lecture, presented by Bill Loomis and based on his book, "Christmas in Detroit," takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Cook Schoolhouse. Few areas of the country seem to love Christmas as much as southeastern Michigan. Whether at Hudson's, sitting in the Fox Theater or seeing hundreds of dolls and live reindeer at the Ford Rotunda, Michiganders can't seem to get enough of the holiday season.

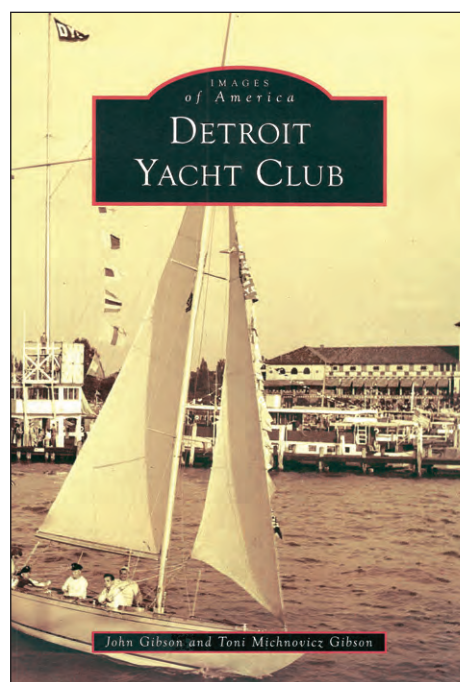
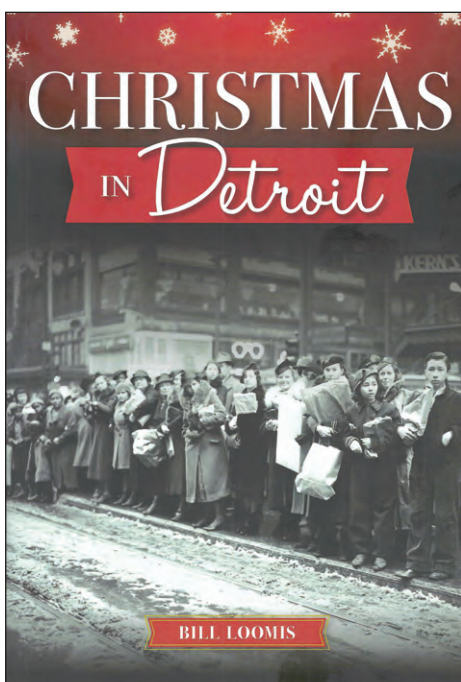
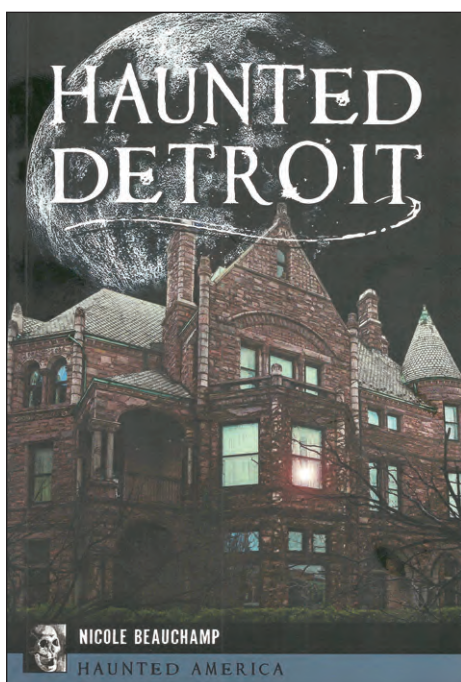
A fourth lecture, presented by Toni Michnovicz Gibson and John Gibson and based on their book, "Detroit Yacht Club," takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Cook Schoolhouse. While the Detroit Yacht Club was founded in 1858, its fifth and current clubhouse, which is listed on the National Historic Register, is celebrating its centennial. It was designed by George Mason, who also designed Detroit's Masonic Temple and Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel. This club's membership has always included many Grosse Pointers.

A fifth lecture, presented by Peter J. Hammer and based on his book, "No Equal Justice: The Legacy of Civil Rights Icon George W. Crockett Jr.," takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Cook Schoolhouse. This book traces the Crockett family history from slavery to George Crockett's admission into the University of Michigan Law School and his 12 years (1979-91) as representative in Michigan's 13th District, which included a portion of the Grosse Pointes.

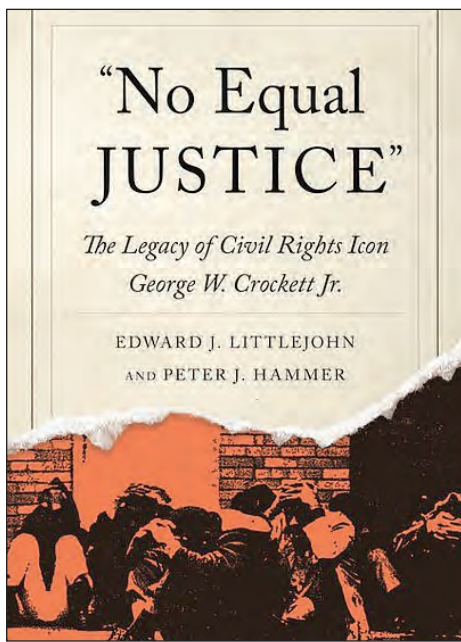


COURTESY PHOTOS

Robert McGreevy painting of the SS Howard S. Hanna Jr. during the storm.



Three lectures will be based on the books, from left, "Haunted Detroit," "Christmas in Detroit" and "Detroit Yacht Club."



The fifth lecture will be based on the book "No Equal Justice: The Legacy of Civil Rights Icon George W. Crockett Jr." The sixth lecture includes discussions about the MV Henry Ford II, photo by Gregory Rudnick.

The sixth and last lecture of the season, "The Centennial of the Motor Vessels Benson Ford and Henry Ford II," is presented by former Grosse Pointe Gregory Rudnick, who served aboard both motor vessels. His lecture takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and is co-sponsored, during Preservation Month, by the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. It takes

place at the Ford House Visitors Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The MV Benson Ford and MV Henry Ford II were launched in 1924, and were the first two large ships on the Great Lakes to be powered by diesel engines. These ships were virtual twins, with identical dimensions and carrying capacities. They were the

most modern ships on the Great Lakes a century ago and included staterooms and dining rooms covered with inlaid mahogany, candle wall sconces and chandeliers, which were not found in other Great Lakes vessels. The Benson and the Henry remained in service more than 50 years and became familiar to everyone along the Grosse Pointe shoreline.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kovalcik honored

During a recent volunteer appreciation lunch hosted by Detroit Audubon, Wild Birds Unlimited—Grosse Pointe Woods owner Rosann Kovalcik was presented with the Presidents Award, by board Chairwoman Rochelle Breitenbach.

"Rosann has been an active volunteer with Detroit Audubon for more than 10 years and a board member since 2017," Executive Director Gretchen Abrams said. "She volunteers her time leading field trips (and) has often helped us when in a bind. She writes informative articles for Flyway and lends her expertise and shares her passion for our mission with everyone she encounters. Beyond her volunteerism, she is also a supportive partner through her business, Wild Birds Unlimited. Thanks to her, we have had binoculars replaced, bird seed and feeders donated for fundraising, financial support of Flyway and more. Without Rosann, I would not have known about the work DA does, nor the position she is in, now. We are grateful for her advocacy for birds and DA." Pictured from left are Brittany Leick, Ava Landgraaf, Kovalcik and Abrams.

Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Stop wearing pajamas in public

Dear Gabby: How casual is too casual for running morning errands and school drop offs? I have seen a lot of pajamas and slippers lately — is this something that is appropriate for real life outside of the home?

I always tell my kids to dress for success, but when the adults they see around them aren't following suit, a good example isn't exactly being set.

Maybe I'm getting old and overthinking, but this over-the-top casual look just seems wrong and

frankly, looks slovenly. Any advice?
— Shocked in the Shores

Dear Shocked,

Even before the pandemic hit, life seemed to be getting pretty low key. After two-plus years of being indoors and zooming, the trend slowly started fading, but is still lounging around (tee hee).

I agree with you that pajamas are made to be worn inside the home, but there's nothing that

we can do about it and no amount of online ranting (similar to any other subject these days) or complaining about it will make a difference.

What MIGHT make a difference is to go the opposite route and wear things that are aspirational with a big smile on your face. Confidence and happiness are contagious!

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



Grief can't be rushed

DEAR ANNIE: I miss the days when society's rules gave people the "right" to grieve for a year.

I wanted to respond to the friend who felt that a grandmother grieving for 10 months is prolonged grief; it's not. As a bereaved mom, I lost many "friends" who felt this way, who just didn't understand why I couldn't get over it. I had two other children and a baby on the way, etc.

I learned that the first year after the death of a loved one is bad because of all the firsts you experience, such as the first Christmas without them. But the second year is brutal because you realize



that this is the new normal, that there is no going back to the old you because part of that person is gone. Losing a child or grandchild is not the same as other losses because

it's out of order; we are not supposed to outlive our children and grandchildren.

Finally, I want to recommend an organization called The Compassionate Friends, which is a good

resource for those who experience the death of their child or grandchild as well as friends and people who want to help.

I am still grieving almost 23 years later.
— GRIEVING GRANDMOTHER

DEAR GRIEVING GRANDMOTHER: I am so sorry for your loss, and I want to thank you for sharing your experience. Grieving takes the time that it takes, and anyone who tries to hurry you along is being insensitive.

I hope your observations and advice help others know they are not alone in their grief, and they should never feel pressured to ignore their feelings.

DEAR ANNIE: Having had to wear hearing aids myself for a very long time, I have become something of an expert and would like to offer a few pointers:

No. 1: The hearing aids need to be constantly monitored. The ears get wet, and the tips of the aids often get clogged. Simply unscrew them and blow into the screw to ensure the tube is clear. (Don't blow into the ear end.)

No. 2: Make sure you use the little brush often to sweep out the microphones -- usually one in front and two on the sides.

No. 3: Check your ears to make sure they are not filled with wax. There are many wax removers on the market.

No. 4: Maybe invest in some TV ears or go to closed captions to help with the TV.

Not being able to hear is a frightening thing, and even with hearing aids, it can be a struggle at times. But taking these steps should help. — HEARING WELL

DEAR HEARING WELL: Thank you for these excellent reminders and suggestions to help improve the use of



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

hearing aids.

DEAR ANNIE: I have two daughters, and they have children. I had to move to a different state because my children thought my life should solely be about my grandchildren. I'm still in my 40s.

After I moved, my children continue to call on me for babysitting. They plan "vacations" for me to come watch their kids while they go on an actual vacation. I have to fly back to their state and take off from work.

Now, they do pay for the airfare, and I stay at their home with the kids, but I feel I am obligated to plan a full week of things for my grandchildren to do — at my expense.

There are five grandchildren, ages ranging 2-8. This happens twice a year. It also makes it extremely difficult for me to afford an actual vacation myself.

I am a young widow, so there is no grandpa to shoulder some of the weight. How do I explain to my kids that as much as I love my grandchildren, I would like to go on vacation, too! — BABYSITTING FOREVER.

DEAR BABYSITTING FOREVER: You have to say to your daughters exactly what you said to me in this letter. Maybe you could find activities at your local library, park or beach where you could find activities that don't cost money.

DEAR ANNIE: On Father's Day of 2022, we were returning home

from my son's house when a car coming in the other direction crossed the center line and hit our vehicle head on.

The driver of the other vehicle was 83 years old. She died shortly after the accident. More than a year later, I am still recovering.

I know it is not easy to give up your driving privileges. I voluntarily stopped driving myself a few years ago because of heart issues. I realized I was a danger to myself and others. However, I started driving again after I had a pacemaker implanted.

My grandmother was an example to me. When she realized she was no longer a safe driver, she asked family members to drive for her.

Each person is different, but when it is no longer safe for your loved ones to drive, tell them that, and take their keys away. You will protect them as well as others on the road. — STILL RECOVERING

DEAR STILL RECOVERING: That story is so sad. I am sorry for everyone involved. Thank you for sharing your letter, and I hope it helps others who are questioning if they should be on the road to make the right decision.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.
COPYRIGHT 2023 CREATORS.COM.



GROSSE POINTE THEATRE PRESENTS

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

SEPTEMBER 8-17, 2024

For Tickets - gpt.org/ADDAMS or call 313-881-4004

CHRISTIAN A. FENTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
at Grosse Pointe North High School
707 Vernier Rd. Grosse Pointe Woods

No-cook meal

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I could eat this salad every day of my life. It's light, crunchy, fresh and healthy. The best part is that it keeps well in the fridge and doesn't get soggy.

Rotisserie chicken adds the protein and all you have to do is shred it. I prefer using the breast meat but it's all up to your preference.

Chow mein noodles, from the can, are added for extra crunch. They are the only part that may sog if you have it the next day. You could add them to the salad individually to avoid the problem.

I paired it with a umami rich peanut dressing that's spiked with lime juice and sriracha. You can add red pepper, snap peas, cashews or peanuts.

I'm providing you with a blank canvas that you can absolutely make

your own. However, keep the salad dressing the same. It's deliciously addictive.

I watched my husband and son pass over a grilled steak and head straight for this salad. I almost fell over. This is simply a feel good dish to round out the season. And there is no cooking required.

Cheers, Mombeau

Chinese Chicken Salad

2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

2 cups thinly sliced red cabbage

2 cups thinly sliced green cabbage

1 large carrot, julienned

4 scallions, chopped

¼ cup, cilantro, chopped

1 cup dried chow mein noodles

Peanut Dressing

Juice of 1 lime

¼ cup rice wine vinegar

¼ cup soy sauce

2 tbsp peanut butter

1 tbsp sriracha

1 tbsp toasted sesame oil

1 minced garlic clove

1 tbsp minced ginger

Start by mixing up the dressing. Add all ingredients to a medium sized bowl and mix well. Make



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

sure there are no clumps from the peanut butter. Next add all ingredients

for the salad in a large bowl and combine with a good pair of tongs. Add

the dressing and give it a good toss to incorporate. Enjoy!

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Granola is one of my family's favorite snacks. We have a few brands we buy all the time and they get eaten quickly. After my kids demolished four bags of granola in one day, I cringed when I thought of how much I paid for each bag.

I looked up a few simple recipes and decided I could try to make my own. Spoiler alert: It is SO easy and delicious! Seriously, if I can do it, literally anyone can.

My kids loved it and used the homemade gra-

nola in their milk for breakfast, with yogurt for snacks and over ice cream

for dessert. It's also a budget-friendly and quick recipe that can be made in



large batches — perfect for big families.

Try the Chocolate Chip Granola recipe below, courtesy of browneyed-baker.com, and let us know what you think.

Ingredients:

1/3 cup pure maple syrup

1/3 cup light brown sugar

4 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup vegetable oil

5 cups old-fashioned rolled oats

2 cups chocolate chips

Recipe:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

In a large bowl, whisk together all ingredients until well combined.

Spread the oat mixture into a thin layer on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Bake until the top is lightly browned, 40 to 45 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let cool for one hour.

Break up into pieces and enjoy!

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.



5 Out Of 5

Cold reds

It has been a while since I saw a winemaker as upset as Peter Mathis was last week during a luncheon we had at a cafe that had no air conditioning.

Peter has been involved in winemaking for decades dating to his experiences long ago at Ravenswood. Today he farms red wine grapes in Sonoma Valley. And he's not shy about stating his opinions.

A wine he brought for me to try was his 2019 grenache, a wine that should be served cool and with food. It's hefty, but without the high tannins of many substantial red wines.

When we arrived at the cafe, the temperature outside neared 100. Inside it wasn't much different. I touched the bottle. It was probably about 60 degrees Fahrenheit — cellar temperature.

After he poured the wine, I noted that it was too young to evaluate without aeration, so I swirled the glass and soon noticed that a fascinating aroma was built into this lovely, dark red.

About 15 minutes later I took another sip. So did Peter. And it was then that he blurted out, "If you wanna write a column that will do a great service to the wine indus-

try, you could tell people how important it is to serve wine at the right temperature!"

From the taste of the wine, I knew exactly what he was referring to. His grenache had gotten too warm to enjoy.

At this time of year, with temperatures soaring, anyone drinking red wines at what's often called room temperature probably experiences unpleasantness. Red wines were never intended to be served at anything close to "room temperature" — not even a room that's 70 degrees F or anything higher.

In fact, the edict to serve red wines at "room temp" is a misunderstanding of the French term "chamber," which refers to how wines in Europe once were stored — in chilly below-ground cellars.

If a red wine was brought up from a cellar for a meal, the cellar temp would be too low to enjoy. So, the wine then was "chambered" — bringing it up to the temperature of the dining room, say 62 F.

Since few European homes had central heating decades ago, and since such edifices had high ceilings and were almost always cool (and drafty?), chambering the wine meant allowing it to rise in temperature

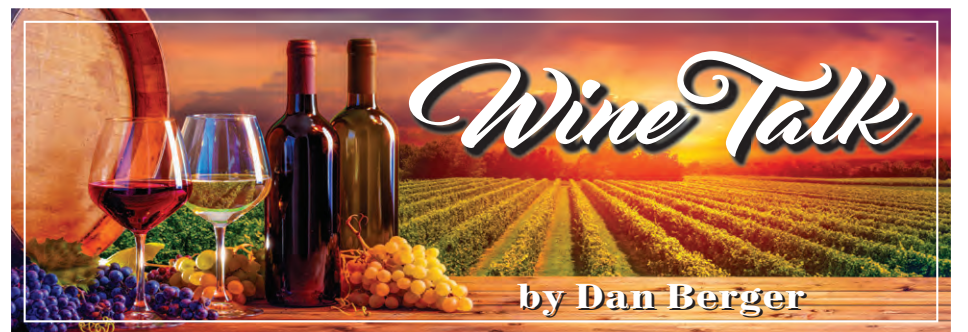
from 50 F.

The French "Le Guide Hachette des Vins" explained on its website:

"Chambering a wine is an ancient practice consisting of bringing red wines up from the cellar, to bring them gently to room temperature, before serving. This practice was justified when the cellars were at 8 to 9 degrees Celsius (about 48 degrees F) and the rooms did not exceed 15 to 16 Celsius (62 F)." What Mathis and I experienced in that hot cafe was a grenache whose temperature was 40 degrees higher than optimum!

I could tell a dozen stories about wines served at the wrong temperatures, including one at a famous Chicago hotel bar. I ordered a glass of a well-known sauvignon blanc. It arrived with slivers of ice floating on top!

There also was the time in a well-regarded Italian restaurant in Manhattan. I ordered a Barolo. The bottle was warm. I asked for an ice bucket to get it to a drinkable (cooler) temperature.



That resulted in a nasty lecture from a snooty waiter who loudly said, "Red wine is never served cold!" The story takes an even nastier turn. Space limitations prevent me from revealing more.

Most people prefer to have their chardonnays quite cold. For most chardonnays, that poses no problems, but when it comes to fine quality chardonnays, 60 F probably is better.

Aromatic whites and/or rose wines like gewurztraminer, riesling, pinot gris and viognier can take more chilling (45 to 50 F), but for maximum enjoyment sauvignon blanc is usually best at 60 to 65 degrees.

Most Beaujolais and some lighter pinot noirs can be slightly chilled, and almost all of them benefit from cooling. When in doubt, cooler is usually better than warmer.

Wine of the Week:

2021 Kysela Pere et Fils Picpoul de Pinet (\$14) — Grapefruit and green tea aromas mark the delicate

nuances of this crisp white wine from France's Languedoc. The mid-palate texture is linked to its charming softness. Served cold, it's as refreshing a glass of wine as you can find for hot-day sipping. It's often seen for around \$10.

Dan Berger lives in Sonoma County, California, where he pub-

lishes "Vintage Experiences," a weekly wine newsletter. Write to him at winenut@gmail.com. He is also co-host of California Wine Country with Steve Jaxon on KSRO Radio, 1350 AM. To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

COPYRIGHT 2023 CREATORS.COM.

Homemade Hand-Dipped ONION RINGS & MUSHROOMS

Kennedy's IRISH COFFEE BAR & GRILL EST. 1980

Try Our Famous **Corned Beef Sandwich**
Grobble's Corned Beef

Heather's Famous SLOPPY JOES
Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Check us out on **Doordash, Grubhub and UberEats**

Best BURGERS IN TOWN!

Grosse Pointe News **BEST of the BEST** 2023

18666 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms
CALL for CARRY-OUT 313-881-5675

SEE MENU

4C | LIFE & LEISURE



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANIMAL KINGDOM AND TRACTION MEDIA

Left, John Gallagher Jr. as Mason and Brie Larson as Grace in the 2013 movie "Short Term 12," written and directed by Destin Daniel Cretton.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Short Term 12"
2013 - Rated R
1 hr 36 min
★★★★★

I first saw this film shortly after it was released and I was blown away. I recently re-watched it and it had the same effect on me.

Not only is it one of the finest indie flicks I've ever seen, the cast of relatively unknown actors (at the time) was equally impressive. It's sort of like "The Breakfast Club" or "Diner" where a director assembles a group of young unknowns who eventually have meteoric careers shortly after.

Here we have Brie Larson ("Room," "Captain Marvel") in her first starring role, John Gallagher Jr. ("Hush"), Rami Malek ("Bohemian Rhapsody"), Kaitlyn Dever ("Booksmart") and Stephanie Beatriz ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine") to name just a few.

"Short Term 12" is the second feature-length film for writer/director Destin Daniel Cretton, and it's based on his experiences as a counselor at a foster home for at risk teens.

He originally released a short film with the same title in 2009. It received so much praise, he decided to make a full-length movie on the same subject.

The film was made on a paltry budget of \$600,000 and was filmed in just six weeks. It's won numerous and well-deserved awards and should be better known.

The film opens with several counselors standing around welcoming the new hire Nate (Malek) to the group.

Mason (Gallagher) is retelling an amusing story the rest of the gang has heard a million times before. Then suddenly, one of the kids in their care bursts out of the facility and makes a mad dash for the front gate. They're immediately in hot pursuit and when they nab him, they all work together to calm him down.

We find out that the policy is, if a kid makes it past the gate, the counselors aren't allowed to touch them.

Most of the film revolves around Brie Larson's character Grace. She's a very complex person. On the one hand, she's a competent disciplinarian who the teens look up to. She's also a sensitive, vulnerable soul who we eventually learn has had to deal with her own personal demons.

She and Mason are romantically involved and are both products of foster homes themselves. This gives them a deeper insight into what the kids in their charge are going through.

I thought Ms. Larson's

performance was nothing short of breathtaking. You never feel like she's acting — all this could have really happened to her.

Contributing to the slice-of-life tone of the film is the camerawork. A fair amount of the movie is shot with a hand-held camera and while this can often be irritating, here it draws the viewer in and makes you feel like you're one of the gang. It has an intimate, almost conspiratorial vibe to it.

The beautiful soundtrack also adds to the emotional aspect of the movie. It's never front and center, but has a subtle, quietly understated quality to it. It's often a bit sorrowful.

I felt a couple scenes in "Short Term 12" were really pivotal to the story. They both involve one-on-one interactions between a counselor and a teen. In the first, Mason sits down with Marcus (LaKeith Stanfield) in his room. He's soon to be released from the facility and is a brooding, angry kid. Mason plays percussion accompanying Marcus as he recites a very personal rap tune that reveals his deepest feelings about his relationship with the world at large.

In another similar scene, Grace tries to get a new kid, Jayden (Kaitlyn Dever), to open up. She's a smart but aloof teen who's convinced she'll only be at the facility for a short spell until her dad comes to get her.

Grace convinces her to read a short children's story she's written where it becomes apparent her father has abused her. This is something the two have in common as it's revealed further on in the film.

"Short Term 12" is a powerful, heartfelt drama. It deals with some pretty heady subjects, and you can't help but feel for just about every

character in the film.

While it's a fairly serious film overall, it's not depressing. And there are plenty of humorous moments to keep the mood on the lighter side. When it was over I thought to myself, "That's it? I wish I could spend a bit more time with these folks!"

Note to parents: The film is rated "R" mainly because of strong language and the subject matter.

You have a ton of viewing options. Currently streaming for free on Hoopla and Kanopy (with your library card), Freevee and Tubi. Also on The Roku Channel, Plex, Pluto TV, Peacock and other services.

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



tions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

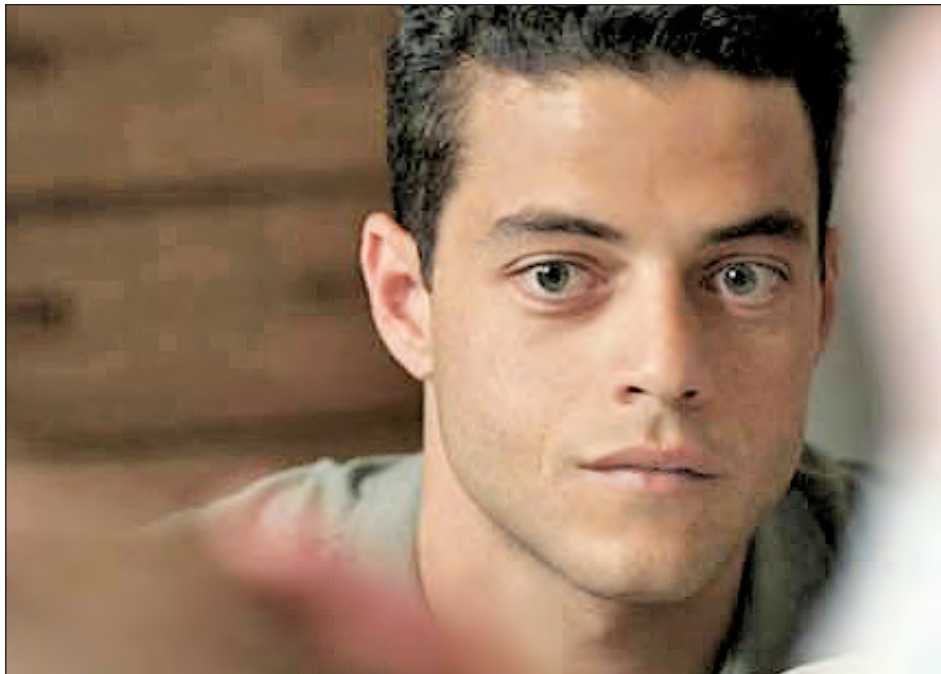
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I'll also review note-



Brie Larson as Grace and Marcus, played by Lakeith Stanfield, discussing how he is about to turn 18 and what is next in his life.



Rami Malek as Nate, the new counselor for the foster care home.



Newcomer Jayden, played by Kaitlyn Dever, is comforted by Grace.



Mason and Grace calm down teen Sammy played by Alex Calloway, who tried to make a run from the foster care center for teens.

BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS

(To the tune of 'School Days')

Back to school days,
Good old rotten rule days!
Football, cheerleaders and marching band,
The "rumble beat" clapping of many hands,
Long live the Queen as trumpets blow
Her team is sure to win, you know
Go North! No, go South! Go Liggett, GO!
It's good to be back in the swing!

Joan LeGro Bushnell

Joan LeGro Bushnell is a freelance writer and composer who has been performing since age 5. A vocalist, actress and radio talk show hostess, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has long been active with Detroit theater groups, the Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts Club. Her published credits include several plays and a book about theater, as well as a pair of cookbooks.



Find 6 Differences



Find 10 pencils in the classroom



Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, August 31, 2023: You are energetic, enthusiastic and fun! You have a knack of making things look easy. This year is the beginning of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to be courageous and flexible so you can entertain new directions and new ideas. Be ready to open any door!

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Be open to new and different opportunities to boost your earnings today, because they exist. It might be something different from what you had anticipated, but hey, you are the pioneer of the zodiac, and you love to tackle something new. Do your homework, but wait until October to act. Tonight: Restless feelings.

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This is a fortunate day for you. In particular, you will enjoy touching base with friends and interacting with members of clubs, groups and organizations. Someone unusual might entertain you. Or perhaps, they will make an unusual suggestion. It's not a boring day. Tonight: Be friendly.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Someone in authority might surprise you with an interesting offer today. Although it's unexpected and perhaps unusual, it could expand your world and perhaps increase your wealth. Check things out. However, if it is a major new venture, it will be wise to wait until the beginning of October to initiate something new. Tonight: Salute.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

This is an excellent day to discuss future travel plans or opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine or the law. You might suddenly decide to take a course or do some training in an unusual field. Basically, you want to expand your experience of the world. Tonight: Explore!

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is an excellent day for important discussions about how to divide or share something. Perhaps you're dealing with estates, inheritances or shared property. It's also a good day to try something different with a banking product. Whatever you do might profit you in the future. Tonight: Check your finances.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a marvelous day to schmooze! In particular, you'll be attracted to characters and unusual people. Perhaps a spouse, partner or friend will introduce you to someone very interesting. You might discuss travel or legal matters. Tonight: Listen.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Work-related travel might be fun. It might happen at the last moment, or there's something unusual about it. In fact, something unusual and different is very likely to happen related to your work, your health or even your pet. Fear not, because whatever it is will delight you. Tonight: Get organized.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Accept all invitations to socialize and party today, because this is a wonderful day to talk to others. You will enjoy playful activities with kids, the arts, musical performances, special times with friends and sports

events. An element of excitement is in the air! Tonight: Socialize!

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Stock the fridge so you can spontaneously entertain at home, which is what might happen today. You might impulsively invite people over. Or without your knowing, family and friends might arrive at your door. Be on the lookout for unusual real estate deals. Tonight: Cocoon.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is an upbeat, exciting day! Your sense of optimism is strong and you're full of big ideas! If you can fit in a short trip, this will please you. You will definitely enjoy socializing with others, especially people from other cultures or different countries. Enjoy your day! Tonight: Share ideas.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Look for ways to boost your income today, because they exist. This could be related to a family business or perhaps a real estate situation. You might even be involved with people from another culture or country. Stay light on your feet so you can act fast. Tonight: Count your money.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a wonderful day for you, because the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with lucky Jupiter and unpredictable Uranus. This makes you fortunate and also subject to impulsive ideas and moves and spontaneous decisions. But one thing is certain; you want to have fun! Tonight: Be flexible.

BORN TODAY

Actor Richard Gere (1949), actress, singer Sara Ramirez (1975), actor, comedian Chris Tucker (1971).

Contract Bridge

DUCK SOUP

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ A K J 6
♣ 10

WEST
♠ Q 8 4
♥ A J 5
♦ 8 3
♣ K J 9 4 2

EAST
♠ K J 7
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A Q 5

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 1♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — four of spades.

This deal occurred during the 1986 world team championship in a match between England and Denmark. The final contract at both tables was four hearts, and both Wests found the only lead to pose a potential threat to declarer, a low spade.

At the first table, with an English pair North-South, declarer won East's jack with the ace and immediately played the Q-K-A of diamonds, discarding a spade on the third round. However, West ruffed the third dia-

mond with the five of hearts and led a low spade to East's king.

East thereupon returned a fourth diamond, ruffed by declarer with the king. But the Danish West, Dennis Koch-Palmund, did not make the mistake of overruffing with the ace. He discarded a club instead, thereby assuring that he would eventually score a trick with the jack of hearts as well as the ace to put the contract down one.

At the second table, there was a seemingly minor variation in the play, but it made all the difference between the success and failure of the contract. Here the Danish South, Stig Werdelin, allowed East's jack to hold the first spade trick, and from that point on, there was no way the defenders could score more than three tricks.

In practice, East continued with a spade to South's ace, after which the Q-K-A of diamonds were played, declarer discarding his last spade as West ruffed. But now, thanks to South's duck at trick one, West could not put his partner on lead with a spade for the killing diamond return that would promote his jack of hearts.

Later, after the king of hearts had driven out the ace, declarer was able to drop West's jack with the queen, giving the Danes a gain of 12 IMPs on the deal.

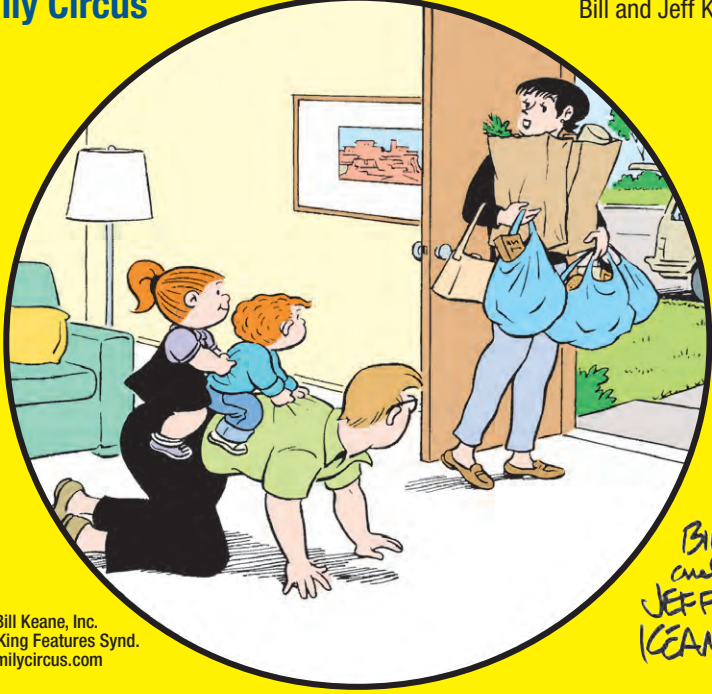
©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

by Steve Becker

Puzzles and

Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



©2023 Bill Keane, Inc. Dist. by King Features Synd. www.familycircus.com

Bill and Jeff Keane

“Could you give me a hoof with these groceries”

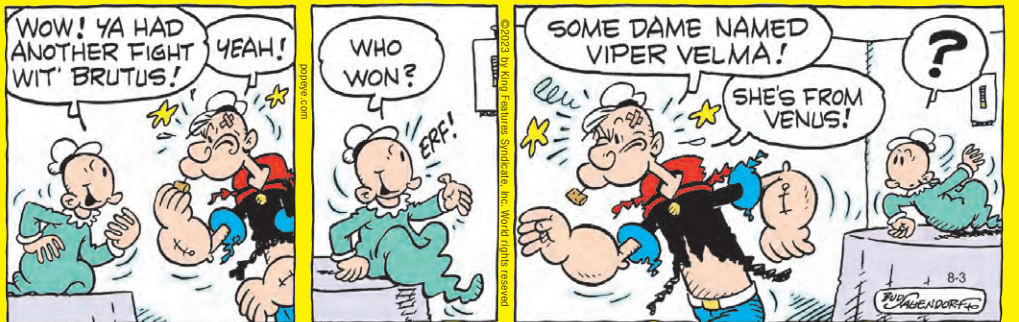
Garfield

Jim Davis



Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



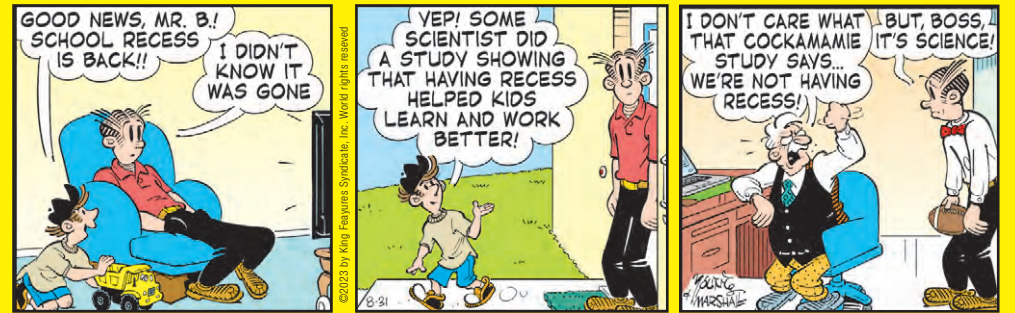
Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



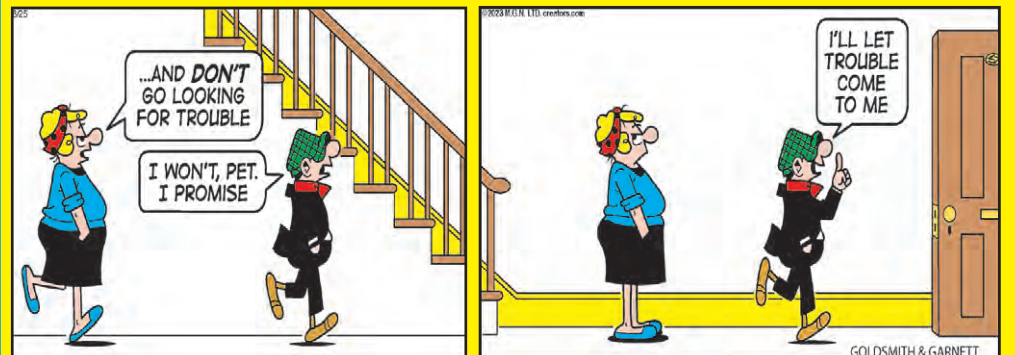
Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



F Minus

Tony Carrillo



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

		7	2					9	
1			9					6	5
		5	8					4	3
	4		1						8
	9		7			6			
8			5		4				
9	6		3	5					
4	5		6					1	
2			4	8					

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

Previous puzzle solution

6	3	4	7	2	5	8	9	1
9	5	1	6	3	8	4	7	2
8	7	2	4	1	9	5	6	3
5	2	7	9	8	4	1	3	6
4	1	9	2	6	3	7	8	5
3	6	8	5	7	1	9	2	4
7	8	5	3	4	6	2	1	9
2	4	3	1	9	7	6	5	8
1	9	6	8	5	2	3	4	7

8/31 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

© 2023 by Andrews McMeel Syndication

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 31, 2023

ACROSS

- Genre for Tito Puente
- Org. in TV's "Alias"
- Boarding areas in airports
- Really scrub
- Buffet container
- Fairleigh Dickinson's 2023 victory over Purdue, e.g.
- Birds in a formation
- Sizable
- Seek
- admission
- Off-brand version of Pizza Hut?
- car (place to eat on a train)
- White with fright
- "Too bad"
- Elegant and stylish
- One has a canopy and a floor
- Pallindromic family nickname
- Off-brand version of Olive Garden?
- Everyone
- Yes, in Yamaguchi
- Apple platform
- Adobe file extension
- Off-brand version of Church's Texas Chicken?

- Snapshots
- 10 pages, say, for an essay
- Goal in wrestling
- Curry of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"
- de deux
- Speed Wagon maker
- Off-brand version of Auntie Anne's?
- Pomegranate bit
- "To clarify ..."
- City in western Nevada
- Patella location
- Flies off the shelves
- instant
- Inquires
- Lower, as the lights
- Viking Ship Museum's world capital

- Avo spread
- Seem
- Baking meas.
- Fish that might be jellied
- Muddy pen
- Polite request
- Intel, say
- Keeps in the loop
- Tony winner
- Stroker
- Time to view trend lines?
- Swiss chard and others
- In which a raised pinkie means "I," for short
- City in eastern Mo.
- They can be in a flow state
- Weigh down
- Bronze component
- Instant lawn
- Org. at JFK

- Hill insect
- Advice columnist
- Savage
- Whats (messaging)
- Uses special toothpaste on
- "Currently ..."
- Region east of the Rockies
- Timeless
- P. in Crete
- Made into a GIF, perhaps
- One of 150 in the Bible
- Caesar's worst day
- Place to buy mortadella
- Group of three
- Genre for Reel Big Fish
- Singer Yoko

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	G	A	M	E	R	O	L	E	F	L	A	B		
L	O	C	A	L	T	I	M	O	N	R	A	R	E	
F	O	R	D	M	O	D	E	L	T	E	S	O	S	
A	P	E	D	V	E	G	A	N	I	M	E	S		
H	A	S	A	W	H	A	C	K	A	T				
S	O	F	I	A		H	A	S	H					
A	G	E	N	T	S	P	A	R	H	Y	P	E		
G	R	A	B	S	A	B	I	T	E	T	O	E	A	T
S	E	R	A		R	A	N		S	E	R	E	N	A
					D	I	A	L		A	N	T	E	S
B	E	A	T	T	H	E	H	E	A	T				
A	U	R	A	S		O	L	D		O	N	T	O	
M	R	I	S		W	H	O	L	E	W	H	E	A	T
B	O	A	T		A	U	D	I		I	N	A	P	T
I	S	L	E		N	E	S		N	O	T	I	S	O

© 2023 by Andrews McMeel Universal www.upuzzles.com

Chain Changes by Hoang-Kim Vu

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14					15				16						
17					18				19						
			20		21				22						
23	24	25			26				27	28	29	30			
31					32				33	34					
35					36				37	38	39				40
					41	42			43					44	45
46	47				48				49					50	51
52									53						
54					55				56					58	
					59	60			61					62	
63									64					65	66
67									68					69	
70									71					72	

Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



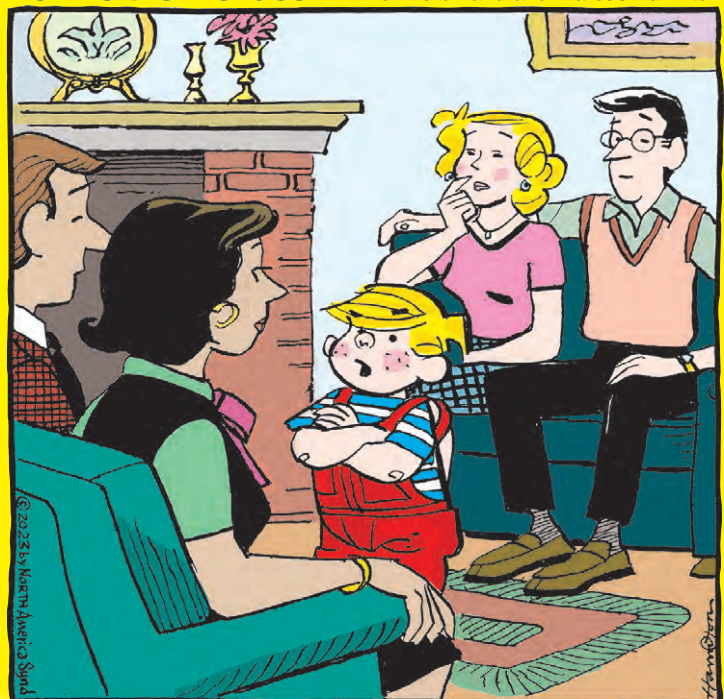
Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayne



"I HOPE YOU'RE NOT STAYIN' MUCH LONGER. I ONLY HAVE ABOUT 15 MINUTES OF GOOD BEHAVIOR LEFT!"

The Lockhorns

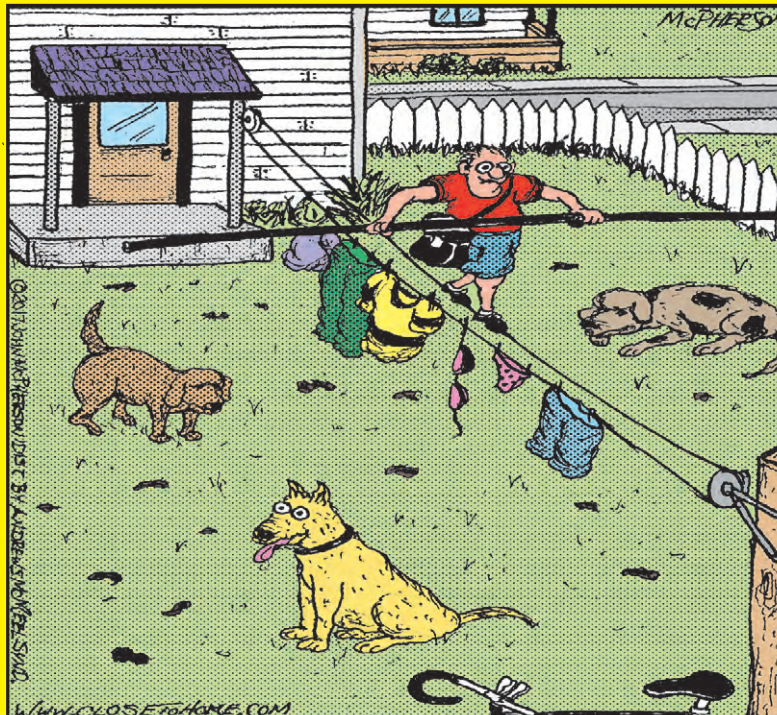
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT WHEN I ASKED YOU TO HELP ME PUT EVERYTHING AWAY."

Close To Home

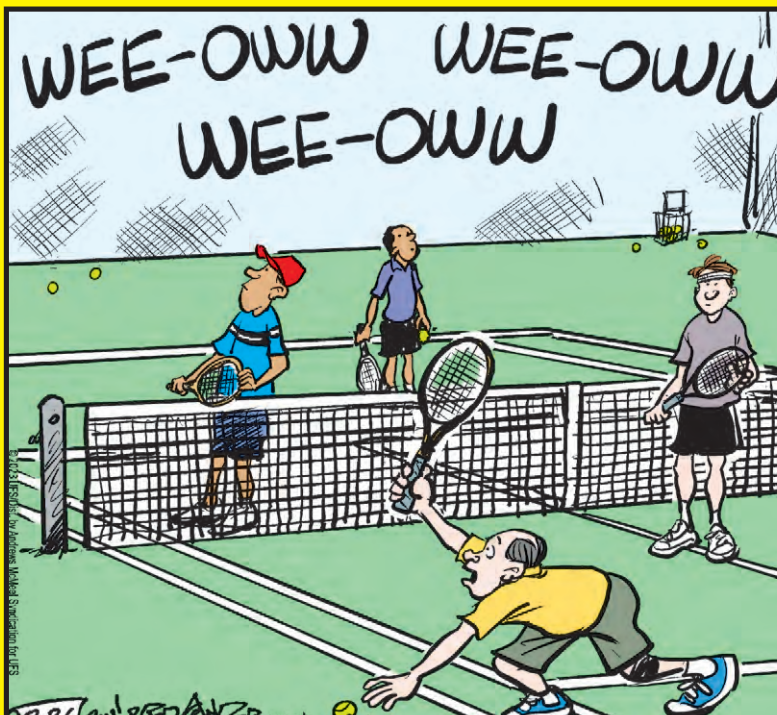
John McPherson



Famed tightrope walker Alfonso Galfini learned his craft as a child avoiding the dog poop in his backyard.

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson

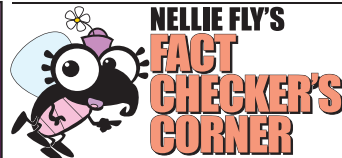


"Quick! Pick up all the tennis balls. That's the Marmaduke alarm."

Kid Scoop



© 2023 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 39, No. 39

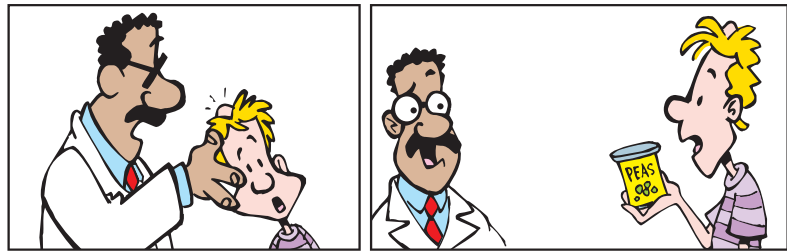


SMILE POWER

Smile and the world smiles with you! Smiles have the power to make people happy. Maybe that is why millions of people use the smile emoji when sending messages. And with a smile, people from different countries who speak different languages can communicate.

Just What the Doctor Ordered

Doctors even tell us that laughter can help sick people heal more quickly. All in all, a smile is very powerful.



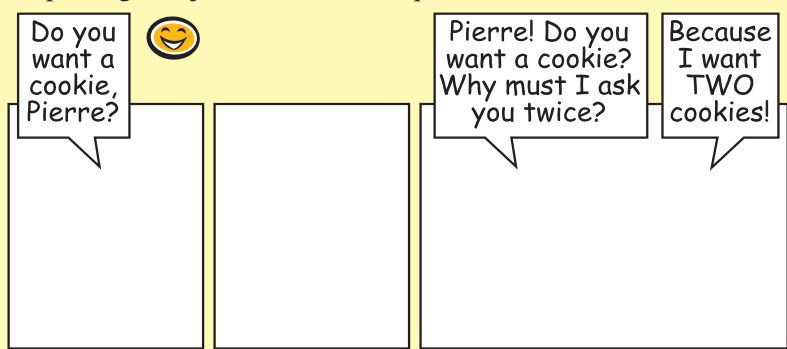
Cut out the word balloons below and paste them in the correct order on the comic strip above.



Standards Link: Health: Identify activities and actions that promote or enhance emotional health.

Laughter! The Universal Language!

There are jokes from all over the world. What can you learn about people by reading their jokes? Draw your own comic strip using this joke from Martinique.



These riddles are from all over the world and the answer to each one is the same thing. Can you guess what it is?

Spain

What is a small, white chest that all know how to open and nobody knows how to close?

Jamaica

What is more useful when it is broken?

Peru

In a pot there are two kinds of food. What is it?

Zambia

What is an entire little house without a door?

Malawi

I have built my house without any door. What is it?

Afghanistan

In a bowl of china fixed, two liquids with colors unmixed. What is it?

Have you figured out the answer? If not, color all the boxes with odd numbers. Read the letters that are left and you will know the answer.

2	7	9	6	5	8	4	3	2
A	H	T	N	W	E	G	P	G

How many smiles can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Social Science: Compare life in different places and recognize that some aspects of cultures are similar.



Comedy Cafe

How many silly things can you circle in this picture?

Superlative Fun

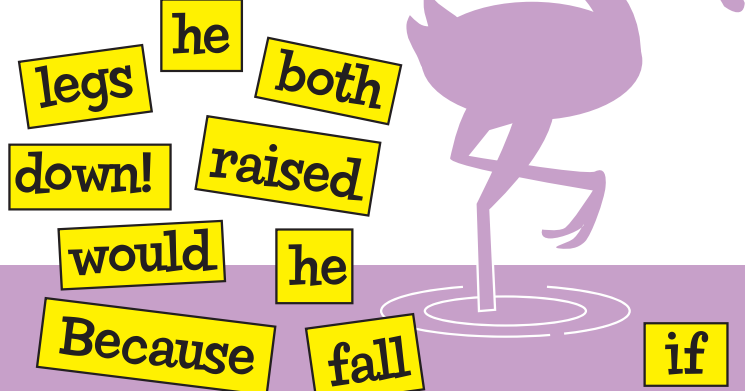
Look through the newspaper for three happy pictures. Label one "Happy," one "Happier," and one "Happiest." Repeat this game with other words.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand comparative and superlative case.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Why does a crane raise one leg when he stands in the water?

Put the words in the right order to discover the answer to this joke from Poland.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- OPEN
- COMIC
- SMILE
- LAUGHTER
- FOOD
- JOKES
- WORLD
- QUICKLY
- GUESS
- ORDER
- PEOPLE
- SILLY
- BOWL
- LEARN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

W	O	D	O	O	F	E	R	A	W
Y	C	P	T	V	L	L	W	O	B
L	O	Q	E	I	A	O	E	C	N
K	R	M	M	N	U	Y	L	I	R
C	D	S	P	S	G	L	P	M	A
I	E	A	S	Z	H	L	O	O	E
U	R	E	W	C	T	I	E	C	L
Q	U	J	O	K	E	S	P	U	U
G	B	F	D	L	R	O	W	F	Q

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Good News/Bad News

In today's paper, categorize stories as either "good news" or "bad news." Explain why you think newspapers print "bad" news at times. Are there some stories that are bad news to some and good to other people?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write formal letters; write persuasive compositions that state a position or proposal.

What is the **longest** word in the English language?

ANSWER: 'Smiles', because there is a 'mile' between the first and last letters.

Write On!

What makes you smile?

Write a paragraph about what makes you smile. Give at least three details about this.

With so much information available in print, on TV and online every day, it is important to know that some information is **true** and some is **false** or misleading.

Sometimes news reports make a mistake. Good journalists will let readers and viewers know of the error as soon as possible.

Other times, false information is designed on purpose to make you feel a certain way.

How do you tell the difference between fact and fiction?

1. Read beyond the story's headline. Headlines can't tell the whole story.
2. Do some research! Go to the library and look up more information. Your librarian can help you.
3. Look for more information online. Be sure to check more than one online site as some sites simply repeat false information.
4. Make sure the publications and websites you use to check facts are trustworthy.
5. Ask a parent or family member to help you understand more about the story.

FACT CHECKER CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

One of these statements is true and one is false. Do the research and find out. Then share what you learned with your friends and family!

Smiling makes us feel happier.

TRUE FALSE

Smiling is contagious.

TRUE FALSE

Was it easy or difficult to find out if the above statements were true or false? It's not always easy being a News Fact Checker. But it's important to always try to get the **whole** story!

Standards Link: Research: Locate and check information about a given topic using multiple resources.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **EMOJI**

The noun **emoji** means an icon or image used to express an idea.

Emily used the smile emoji in her text message to show she liked the joke.

Try to use the word **emoji** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Your Neighborhood

It's what's most important to you, to your kids, to your family. It's easy to stay on top of what is happening around you with the

Grosse Pointe News



\$49⁵⁰

Annual subscription, delivered weekly with 24/7 online access



Subscribing is easy.

Call 313.343.5578

or visit grossepointenews.com

SPORTS



3-5D FALL SPORTS PREVIEWS | 6-7D CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING | 8C NORTH GIRLS XC

Griesbaum steps up as South interim AD

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

For the third time in his career, Dan Griesbaum Sr. is stepping in as Grosse Pointe South's interim athletic director after Brandon Wheeler left his post as the Blue Devils AD and assistant principal to accept a new role as principal of Marquette Senior High School, a Class A high school with roughly 1,000 students.

Wheeler, who said it was "very bittersweet to leave GP," came to South from Leland Public Schools, where he was a teacher and coach, in June 2021.

Griesbaum, South's longtime varsity baseball coach and a former health teacher, received a call from South principal Moussa Hamka early last week asking if he would be willing to step

into the athletic director role on an interim basis.

"I said yes because I wanted to help," said Griesbaum, who has coached at South for 40 years and won two state championships with the Blue Devils. He retired from teaching at South in 2014.

Griesbaum will not be an acting assistant principal and will strictly work in athletics. He said his primary duties will be to be present at "as many events as I possibly can," troubleshooting within the athletic department, scheduling winter sports if needed and field and grounds management, including replacing the roofs on two dugouts at Elworthy Field, which blew off in bad storms that rolled through the area late July.

This is the third time Griesbaum has stepped in as interim AD at South.



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. has stepped in as the Blue Devils interim athletic director after the departure of Brandon Wheeler last week.

The first was in 2000, when then-AD Jo Lake took a temporary medical leave. The second was in 2018, when Jeremy Hawkins resigned and Griesbaum

filled in during January and February of that year, before Chris Booth permanently took over the position. The third time began at the end of last week.

"With all of the changes going on in our administration and so on," Griesbaum said, "... I just felt and hoped that I could provide at least a little bit of stability to the athletic part of it. ... I'm happy for Brandon. It's something he's wanted, to be back up north, and I just wanted to help in any way I could to help the school and help the district out."

Hamka said he is thrilled Griesbaum agreed to step in.

"We're grateful for Coach Griesbaum's continued dedication to Grosse Pointe South and to our athletic program," Hamka said. "He has coached in this district for 44 years, has won two state championships at South, made eight trips to the final four and was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches

Association's hall of fame.

"More importantly, he's a man of character, honor and integrity, and we are confident he will do an exemplary job at the helm of our athletic program while we look for fulltime replacement."

For Wheeler, the opportunity to become a principal came sooner than expected, but was one he could not pass up.

"I have always had aspirations of leading my own building; however, I did not expect that opportunity to come so soon and in an idyllic place that fits my family's needs and wants," he said. "I am beyond proud of the work that we have done during my time in the district. I will always be invested in the continued excellence of GPPSS and South now, and well into the future."

Blue Devils hush PHN 38-3 in opening win

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe South used stingy defense to hold Port Huron Northern to a single field goal in Week 1 of the high school regular season, overwhelming the Huskies for a 38-3 win at home Thursday, Aug. 24.

The Blue Devils rushed for three touchdowns, while its receiving corps accounted for two more in what head coach Chad Hepner considered a total team win.

"It was a little rocky at the start," he said. "We had a turnover and gave up three points early. But honestly, I think it's our defense. Once they got comfortable and kind of settled down, they were fantastic."

Hepner noted the heat his defense put on Huskies quarterback, junior Ty Fletcher.

"Our defensive line was stout and put pressure on the quarterback. I thought overall our tackling was outstanding, so some of those fundamental things we are always looking for were good."

On its first possession of the game, Northern threatened by marching down to the Blue Devils 19 yard line, before defensive back Adam Czarnik intercepted the ball in the end zone. South got the ball back on their own 20 yard line, only to fumble on the next play with about 8:43 in the first quarter.

About a minute later, the Huskies kicked a

short field goal to take a 3-0 lead.

From there South's offense clicked and its defense swarmed the Huskies.

Quarterback Jack Lupo punched it in with about a minute left in the first quarter to put South up 7-3. After an acrobatic 37-yard catch by senior Karter Richards, senior running back Joey Michelotti took it into the end zone from the five to extend South's lead to 14-3 heading into halftime.

"They were really packing the box, so we did struggle with the run more than I wanted," Hepner said. "But they were giving us the pass so we were able to take

See SOUTH, page 2D



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Junior Vince Vachon celebrates his touchdown catch in the first quarter against Port Huron Northern.

Norsemen start strong, shutout Clintondale

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

High school football season kicked off around Michigan Thursday, Aug. 24, and that meant the start of the 2023 campaign for Grosse Pointe North. Looking to build on last year where the team finished the regular season 8-1 and were MAC Gold Division champions, the Norsemen began the new season on a high note with a 22-0 shutout victory on the road over Clintondale.

North did not waste much time getting ahead on the scoreboard in the season opener. After the defense forced the Dragons into a three-and-out to start the game, the Norsemen got

the ball and had their first possession of the season finish in the end zone. On third down with 11 yards to go, junior running back Ethan Hamilton took the ball 36 yards to the house for North's first touchdown of 2023.

Just over a minute later, the Norsemen added a couple more points onto their early lead. After forcing another three and out on defense, North blocked Clintondale's punt and recovered the ball in the end zone. Fans initially thought the play was a touchdown, however the officials ruled that the North player who recovered the ball stepped out of bounds on the recovery, resulting in a safety

and a 9-0 lead for the Norsemen.

To close out the opening quarter, North found the end zone once more. Senior QB Ryan Henderson tossed his first touchdown of the year on a 24-yard connection with Rocco Cardinale to extend the Norsemen's lead to 16-0. That 16-point advantage would end up carrying over into halftime, as the second quarter was rather uneventful except for a North interception by senior safety Rubin McBride-Williams.

The Norsemen got the ball to begin the second half and turned it into more points. Henderson's second TD

See NORTH, page 2D



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North junior running back Ethan Hamilton flies past the Clintondale defense on his way to the end zone for the Norsemen's first touchdown of 2023.

2D | SPORTS

SOUTH:

Continued from page 1D

advantage of some matchups and you can see how athletic we are at some of the receiver positions and we were able to put the ball up and let those guys make plays.

"Eventually we got the running down, our short yardage offense was good last year and we picked right back up with that," he added.

In the second half, South's offense didn't slow down, with touchdowns coming from senior Connor Pattie, junior Vince Vashon and senior Jack Kendall. Five South receivers combined for 144 yards on the day.

South's defense registered three interceptions in the win, eight tackles for loss and two sacks, while holding Northern's offensive output to the single digits.

Hepner said he liked what he saw from his

defense and was happy with the play of Lupo, his junior quarterback.

"He got a little bit of experience in our playoff game last season, but for him to step in (tonight), he showed he's very comfortable, comfortable on this big stage, and obviously physically he can do it, so I'm real proud of him," he said.

Overall, Hepner said, the game showed what might be in store this season for the Blue Devils.

"We definitely had some jitters, but I think these guys believe in themselves and really believe in each other," he said. "I told them that I really like the way they played together as a team and I really think that's gonna be one of our best attributes this season."

Up next in Week 2: South heads to Anchor Bay for a 7 p.m. kickoff Thursday, Aug. 31. Immediately after last week's opening night win, Hepner addressed his team about what's



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Lex Wilson (#35) takes an interception to the one yard line, setting up a rushing touchdown for Jack Kendall on the next play.

ahead.

"Let's have that learning mindset. Let's show up tomorrow ready to get better, hit the weight room and the film room because Game 2 starts right now," Hepner said in the post-game huddle.

"Feel good tonight. Feel good about this one. Tomorrow we show up and reset for Anchor Bay."

The matchup is a MAC Red crossover game that gives the Blue Devils a chance to play outside

the MAC White and size up against the MAC's highest-level competition.

"We know they are very good and we know they are very well coached and we certainly know they've got some

real good players," he said. "We'll have to take a closer look at what we see on film. I told (my team) to enjoy tonight, but tomorrow it's back to work." South lost to Anchor Bay at home last season 45-20.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen QB Ryan Henderson gives his offense the play call in the huddle.

NORTH:

Continued from page 1D

of the night was a 47-yard toss to junior Leo Perettie to make it 22-0 North. Late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, the Norsemen were unable to score while having the ball in the red zone. Perettie's touchdown to open the second half would end up being the final points of the night, as the remainder of the game was called off with 10:25 remaining due to lightning, resulting in the 22-0 win for North.

"We have a lot to build on because we didn't play a clean game and there's a lot of things we

can fix," North head football coach Joe Drouin said. "But coming out with a win and knowing we can improve gives us a higher ceiling."

Henderson finished the game completing eight passes on 13 attempts for 180 yards and two touchdowns. Perettie led the Norsemen in receiving with five catches for 109 yards, while Hamilton was the team's leading rusher tallying 57 yards on seven carries.

"Leo (Perettie) comes as advertised because he's a playmaker and you just want to get the ball in his hands whenever we can," Drouin said about some of his

offensive playmakers. "...Ryan (Henderson) made some really good decisions...With his control and knowledge of the offense, being able to do that, it's like how the pros have the green dot, we've got Ryan who can go ahead and make the checks as needed."

Up Next in Week 2: After starting the season on the road, the Norsemen have their home opener in Week 2 hosting Warren Mott at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. The Marauders will also enter the game at 1-0 after defeating Fitzgerald 30-16 in their Week 1 matchup.

Knights battle

University Liggett quarterback Nikkos Davis takes a diving leap into the end zone in the Knights first game of the season Thursday, Aug. 24 against Fowler. Davis was called out of bounds at the 1 yard line, but punched it in moments later to get Liggett on the scoreboard. The Knights ultimately fell to the Eagles by a score of 54-4 in the non-conference home opener. Week 2 will bring another home game for the Knights, this time against Lutheran Westland Thursday, Aug. 31. Kickoff is at 4:30 p.m.

—Meg Leonard



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD



PHOTO BY RUBY VERLINDEN

Freshman goalie Harriet Kowalski earned a shutout against University Liggett last week in the first high school game of her career.

Blue Devils singe Knights field hockey 2-0

In a matchup where fans can always bank on both teams going all out for the win, the Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett girls varsity field hockey teams put on show Tuesday, Aug. 22, with the Blue Devils besting rival University Liggett 2-0 on the Knights' home field.

South junior forward/midfielder Scout Webber scored both goals unassisted, which were strong shots that came from the top of the scoring circle. Freshman goalkeeper, Harriet Kowalski, had 12 saves in her first high school field hockey game, recording the team's first shut out of the season. Both the Blue Devils and Knights had notable performances from several players in the game, including University Liggett sophomore midfielder Olivia Marcero and senior defender Hallie Marcero. South benefited from solid play from Webber, senior midfielder Isabella Haindl and freshman goalie Kowalski.

The teams are not scheduled to play each other again in the regular season.

—Meg Leonard

Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

3D

Come back next week to the Grosse Pointe News as we finish out our fall sports previews from your favorite varsity teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett!

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Girls Varsity Field Hockey



By Grace Cueter
Staff Intern
Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Experience, skills and game awareness to benefit Blue Devils field hockey in '23

a coach," Rouleau said. "Our senior class of 11 is a group of kind, fun, thoughtful, hard-working and encouraging athletes."

The team is focusing on a number of skills this year. In addition to communication, positioning, finding space and using transfers, it is working to have a higher percentage of success on offensive corners in comparison to its performance during the 2022 season.

Following a season of development, the Grosse Pointe South girls varsity field hockey team has a deeper roster of experience they plan to not waste in 2023.

With 15 returning varsity players, including 11 senior leaders, head coach Jessie Rouleau is excited to watch her team play with determination and excitement.

"Seeing them lead this year with more skill mastery and game awareness is exciting as

These team goals are set at the beginning of the season during a player-led meeting.

"We have a player-led meeting to set goals the first day of practice, each season," Rouleau said. "The team determines their collective areas of focus and they share them with me."

Only a few games into the season, including a big 2-0 win over rival University Liggett School Tuesday, Aug. 22

(see page 2D), Rouleau said she already sees a number of good qualities in her players.

"Positive culture, enthusiasm, coachable, competitive spirit and good level of fitness — we are off to a great start," she said.

Scout Webber and Katie Vandewyngearde are two of the players to look out for this season. They both help control the middle of the field and are a core part of the offense on transition.

Abby Brink, a new defenseman, has a strong ability to mobilize offensively. The team's core offensive players are returning and rising sophomore Evie Wodzisz has had an impressive start on the team.

The Blue Devils headed to East Grand Rapids Saturday, Aug. 26, for a conference doubleheader and emerged undefeated. South beat East Grand Rapids 2-0 (South's JV squad also beat EGR by a score of 6-0) and blanked



PHOTO BY RUBY VERLINDEN

Grosse Pointe South junior forward/midfielder Scout Webber scored both goals unassisted versus Liggett last week.

Hudsonville 8-0 in the second game.

Canton Tuesday, Aug. 29, after press time. Up Farmington at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at South hosted Plymouth next, the team will play South.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Boys Varsity Tennis

Blue Devils tennis wants young talent to lead to bright future

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Things on the courts are going to look pretty different for the Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team this fall than in years past. The Blue Devils saw the departure of several key seniors from last year's team and welcomed in a new coach, who is taking over a team now filled with youth looking to build for the future.

"We're definitely a young team and I think we've been viewed as an underdog this season being a young team, but we're definitely throwing out surprises left and right," South boys tennis coach Brian Kean said.

Kean steps in to take over the Blue Devils this fall, and some around the Pointes may know him better as the owner of the Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club. In his first year as coach and with a largely young roster, Kean wants this season to be the first step on the path back to consistent success for South tennis.

Helping him to do that are some of the team's few veterans. Two of the biggest leaders are a pair of senior captains, Chase Bartoszewicz and Shawn Coyle. They serve as the Blue Devils' No. 1 doubles pairing this season and have become like coaches on the court.

"Those guys are the hype man team, you can hear them from anywhere in the facility," Kean said. "They're hyping each other up and motivating the team. They're a force to be reckoned with and I think they have a shot at winning a regional and going far at states."

While those two senior players occupy the top spot in the doubles bracket, one of South's younger stars has taken over the No. 1 singles spot. Sophomore Matthew Holowinski will serve as the top singles player for the Blue Devils this fall, and is already looking comfortable in that role.

"He took a flying leap because he played all winter long and all summer long," Kean said



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South senior captain Chase Bartoszewicz serves the ball while his No. 1 doubles partner and fellow senior captain Shawn Coyle waits at the front.

about his team's top singles player. "There were a lot of seniors fighting for that spot, but Matthew stepped up and elevated his game and was our clear No. 1 singles player...He's got three wins at the spot

already which is hard to do."

Holowinski occupying that No. 1 singles role as a sophomore is a perfect example of how young but promising the Blue Devils can be. Coach Kean hopes that there

will be some success this year, but wants to see growth more than anything, both with the athleticism of the players and with the chemistry of the team.

"The goal is basically developing a unified

team where everyone is working together," said Kean. "The veterans can help bring up the freshmen and sophomores who were added on... Everyone at every position working together and as a team."

Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Boys Varsity Tennis

Hard work to net rewards this season for North boys tennis

By Grace Cueter
Staff Intern

Positivity, responsibility, athleticism, strength and full potential are the key focuses of this year's Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team. Head coach John VanAlst always teaches his team the importance of giving it everything they've got and this season is no exception.

"My personal goal for the team is for each player to realize their full potential so they see the efforts of their hard work," VanAlst said.

In order to ensure each player thinks and acts positively, VanAlst has created a reward system. "This year I have cre-

ated a new award to be given to a player each week based upon their positive actions and attitudes," VanAlst said. "The award is given to a player the first week, then the following week it will be the player's responsibility to see another player's positivity in order to receive the award."

With only three seniors on the team, there is an opportunity for a year of development. However, the young team is a strong one.

"We have many team strengths this year," VanAlst said. "One strength is the team's athleticism. This year's team is one of the more



athletic teams that I have seen in many years. Along with that, the team has a super competitive, winning mindset, setting us up for a great season."

The team kicked off its season with a quad meet at Forest Hills Northern Wednesday, Aug. 16. The team's collective season goal is to play well enough to beat its biggest competition, Grosse Pointe South, and qualify for the state final tournament.



PHOTO BY JOHN VANALST

North's Vasili Vasilos, left, and Gruhith Yermalli warm up before a quad match on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Boys Varsity Tennis

Liggett boys tennis has state-title repeat on its mind

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Expectations surrounding the boys tennis team at University Liggett tend to be high most years. That is what the program has earned itself through years of consistent success and now being the defending Division 4 state champions. Things look to be no different this fall, as even with a relatively young team, the Knights' believe they have what it takes to once again be title contenders.

This year's roster for Liggett features just a couple of seniors. However, the level of talent and athleticism the Knights believe they have should be more than enough to make up for some lack of experience.

"We have a lot of balance," Liggett boys tennis head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "All of our singles players are good athletes. They move and they're quick and fast. Doubles takes a little more time, especially from the young guys who are used to playing sin-

gles...They're getting better at it and should really improve by the end of the year."

When it comes to doubles, the Knights do have experience at the top as the No. 1 doubles pair this season will consist of senior captain Tommy Ugval and junior Luca Marciano. For singles, Division 4 state champions. Things look to be no different this fall, as even with a relatively young team, the Knights' believe they have what it takes to once again be title contenders.

Those veterans have an important role in helping the younger players on the roster improve with each practice. Even the younger players, though, are no stranger to working with their more experienced teammates, and are an example of why the Knights' tennis program has been able to sustain a certain level of success.

"Even in the offseason, the younger guys get to play with the older guys," Sobieralski said. "They see how they work and

the work ethic and how they hit. It really helps a lot, but they've known each other because they've been playing together. We have the middle school kids play against the varsity guys in the offseason so that every year we can just reload."

The Knights seem to be reloaded again this year with talent that they believe can lead them to a repeat as Division 4 state champions. Liggett enters this season ranked third in Division 4 by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association and is ready to fight through tough competition to be ready to add to its trophy case.

"Our goal every year is to win the regional and win a state title," Sobieralski said. "But really, we just try to get better...We play in the top division of the Catholic League...Every team is in the top ten. It's brutal, but it prepares us for the Division 4 state tournament because we get to regularly compete against all these big schools."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett doubles partners Tommy Ugval and Luca Marciano tap rackets after a point in a match against Grosse Pointe South last week.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Girls Varsity Swim & Dive

New coach leads Liggett's 2023 girls swim team



By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

New head coach Chris Cornell will lead University Liggett School's 2023 girls varsity swim team, with goals to be competitive in the Catholic High School League (CHSL), the annual Wayne County meet the last week in September and Division 3 state championship this November at Oakland University.

Due to a small roster of eight swimmers and no divers this season, the athletes will work out with their respective club teams throughout the season. Some will practice with Pointe Aquatics, which trains at Grosse Pointe North, and others with Grosse Pointe Gators, which trains at Grosse Pointe South.

Last season, the program worked as a co-op team with Regina High School, where Knights

swimmers made a splash at the CHSL Championship in November. Allie Roth had a 10th-place finish in the 100 breaststroke, while Annabel Klassen finished seventh in the 100 backstroke.

This season, the Knights will instead face Regina, along with other Catholic League opponents, including Bishop Foley, Marion, Cranbrook, Divine Child and Mercy in the regular season. The team also will

have two crosstown matchups against North and South. They open their season at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, in a tri-meet against the Blue Devils and Lakeview High School, before heading to North the following week to compete in a tri-meet against the Norsemen and L'Anse Creuse North at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19.

"Our big meets on the schedule this year are (in the) Catholic league, the

Wayne County meet and the state championship," Cornell said in an email to the Grosse Pointe News. "Our season goal is to send as many girls as we can to represent Liggett in the state championship."

Cornell said his team strengths are in the following three events:

- ◆ 500 free, with swimmers Klassen, Izzy Haladjian, Lilliana Haladjian and Kelsey Beckett.

- ◆ 100 breaststroke with swimmers Roth and Mia Pyenta.

- ◆ 100 backstroke with Addie Ancona and Ava Noecker.

Cornell said as the team works toward its goals this season, he anticipates the team's positive attitude will make its supporters proud.

"It is my hope that our community will describe the team as energetic, supportive and respectful," he said.

Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls Varsity Swim & Dive

North swim and dive eager to make winning waves in new season

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

“Make it good! Make it legal!” Chris Trepanowski advised his girls varsity swim and dive team right before they dove in for a 100 meter breaststroke at an early morning practice last week at Grosse Pointe North.

Helping his team focus on technique instead of worrying about the learning curve Trepanowski experienced last year as a rookie coach is a welcome change — and one he plans to take advantage of in his second season.

“I definitely have more expectations this year,” he said. “I know what to expect as far as my girls go and their strengths and weaknesses. A lot of that first-year anxiety has been replaced by second-year anxiety, so a lot of the unknowns are like,

‘OK, so now I know.’ So now I worry about what I know instead.”

Trepanowski said the challenge for him lies in continuing to do what worked well and fix the things from last season that didn’t work as effectively after the Norsemen finished 18th in the state in team standings at the 2022 state final.

He said he feels a mantle of responsibility to continually improve because he knows he has a talented roster to work with, which lost only two seniors to graduation.

“We’ve got some really good girls that have pretty high aspirations,” he said.

The first is junior Avery Beal, who burned up the top of the leaderboard in last year’s Division 2 state championship meet.

Beal scored all of North’s 34 points with outstanding swims in the

50 free, in which she finished fourth (24.20), and sixth place overall in the 100 free (53.46). As a sophomore, she also earned all-state honors for both events.

Another swimmer to watch is senior captain Rylee Nugent, who Trepanowski said is interested in competing at the college level after this season. She led North’s 400 free relay in the state final last season, along with teammates Beal, Cailey Hard and Addie Wakefield, who collectively dropped nearly five and a half seconds off of their seed time to finish 14th overall in the state.

Nugent will co-captain the team this season with Maggie McSkimming, Molly Verlinde, Niya Kendall and Tina Kirck, a strong senior leadership group who will set the tone for the roster of 22



PHOTO COURTESY OF MILLIE GATES

Surprise! Grosse Pointe North varsity swimmers recently played an unexpected but friendly visit to rival Grosse Pointe South’s pool during a team-building bike adventure to check out the crosstown competition, at the invitation of South head coach John Fodell.

swimmers.

Trepanowski said he is especially counting on his captains to help the new freshman class of six, who are arriving at North with high expectations.

He expects this group of Elliana Orlando, Mia Melham, Victoria Beauregard, Leah Kendall, Lizzy Olson and Ayla Grazioli to help the team right away.

“That’s the thing with swimming. It doesn’t really matter your grade. You can jump right in and be a contributor and we expect that from our freshman this season,” Trepanowski said.

The team will have a new diver to start the season, Anna Nguyen.

Trepanowski and his squad are setting big team goals as well. He

said the team expects to compete well in the MAC Red dual season.

“We can definitely win individual races,” he said. “We might not have the numbers to always get the team wins, but we are always going to compete.”

As always, a meet circled on the schedule is Tuesday, Oct. 3, against archrival Grosse Pointe South, a team that methodically wins the MAC Red and finished fifth overall in the state last year. The rivalry seems to drive both teams in the pool and the classroom, where they saw a 1-2 finish in the 2022 All-State All-Academic rankings for total team GPA, with the Norsemen taking second place to the Blue Devils, who took the top spot.

Macomb Dakota is another team with which the Norsemen have developed a healthy rivalry, according to Trepanowski.

Along with a strong league finish, he said his team also is looking to make multiple county and state cuts. Overall, he said, his team has the right mindset and positive attitude to make some waves this season.

“I see them as a team of swimmers that constantly wants to better themselves,” he said. “I also see them as an encouraging team, who root for each others’ successes along the way.”

The team dives in the season with a multi-team meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Raven Relays in Royal Oak.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Girls Varsity Swim & Dive

South swim and dive eyes top 10 state finish

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

With a preseason ranking of No. 7 in the state in Division 2, the girls varsity swim and dive team at Grosse Pointe South is the biggest squad in head coach John Fodell’s six years at the helm. Though not ranked quite as high as the program is used to heading into the 2023 season, Fodell has high aspirations for what his swimmers are capable of accomplishing this year.

“I have 55 swimmers, so it’s the biggest team I have ever had,” he said. “... It would be really cool to finish as a top 10 team in the state, but could we sneak into the top five? It’s hard to say, but we will see as the year goes along. Good things could happen no doubt.”

Last year’s squad finished fifth overall at the state final meet. It also had six All-State swimmers, including Sophie Scheutze, Brooke Lezotte, Phoebe Handwork and Sophia Kapla, all of whom have

graduated, along with returning juniors Whitney Handwork and Mischa Eng. The 2022 team also won the MAC Red conference championship for the 23rd consecutive season.

“We had a state champion caliber team last year,” Fodell said, “... but the next few years are going to be exciting.”

The achievements in 2022 are the same goals that are in place this season, according to Fodell, who believes it’s possible for his team to earn a state cut in nearly every event.

“We are a young team, but I’m excited to see the girls grow as the season progresses and watch people step up,” he said. “When you don’t have any ‘super monsters’ on your team, you are excited to see them play a bigger role and watch them come into their own.”

Fodell is relying on his team co-captains to set the pace and lead by example, including Charlotte Bedsworth, Keira Collins, Millie



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH SWIM AND DIVE

South girls varsity swimmers start off the blocks during a morning practice this week.

Gates, Dailey Jogan, Lily Petz and Vivian Rizer. Petz is out this season with an injury, but Fodell said she continues to come to practice and cheer on her teammates, exemplifying the kind of leadership he looks for in his captains.

“We need swimmers that were All-State swimmers last year to do their thing this year and, for anyone that was close, I need them to make that jump,” he said. “If we can have four scorers in fly, or have Mischa (Eng) and Heidi (Bryan) finish in the top eight at states, we will start adding on the points we need to be a top five team.”

Fodell said he expects his team to qualify for the state final in three relays — the 200 medley relay, 200 free relay and 400 free relay — events that will anchor the team

throughout the season.

He added that several Blue Devils should make state cuts in several individual events, including the 100 fly.

“This is probably our strongest event and we will probably have the most state qualifiers in it,” Fodell said. “We should have up to three or four qualifiers in the 200 IM and three or four in the 500.”

Other events with state cut contenders include:

- ◆ 100 free: Bedworth, Rizer, Hannah DiDio and Betty Engel
- ◆ 500 free: Bryan and Marin Smith
- ◆ 100 back: Eng
- ◆ 100 breast: Collins, Whitney Handwork, Lydia Pryzak and Naya Azoury

South also returns diver and 2022 state qualifier Alayna

Okonowski, whom Fodell said is fully capable of returning to states.

The team is anticipating some important meets on the schedule, including several MAC Red dual meets and hosting Grosse Pointe North Tuesday, Oct. 3, a team Fodell categorized as “very good with some great swimmers.”

The Blue Devils also host the Wayne County meet Saturday, Sept. 27, before heading to Calvin College for the annual MISCA meet Saturday, Oct. 7. South will host No. 1 ranked Mercy and No. 5 Farmington in a tri-meet Saturday, Oct. 21.

“We build it like a championship meet when we swim on Saturdays. Our Mercy/Farmington matchup will be like a state meet, without it being a state

meet,” Fodell said. “It might end up being faster than (Wayne) counties.”

In a change from the last several seasons, South’s first meet of the season will not be the annual relay meet at Wayne State University. Instead the team is heading west for a tri-meet against Rockford and West Ottawa high schools Thursday, Aug. 31.

As he gets ready to dive into the new season, Fodell said he is as ready as ever to get started.

“We’re gonna compete the best we can always,” he said. “We don’t have open enrollment here and we just go with who lives in our ‘square mile.’ But we get swimmers who show up and step up every year, so we have a chance at another great season.”

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING



PHONE: 313-882-6900 EXT. 4

FAX: 313-882-1585

WEB: GROSSEPOINTENEWS.COM

Complete Index

<p>General Listings</p> <p>ANNOUNCEMENTS 097 Property for Sale 098 Greetings 099 Business Opportunities 100 Announcements 101 Prayers 102 Lost & Found</p> <p>SPECIAL SERVICES 103 Attorneys/Legal 104 Accounting 105 Art 106 Business Services 107 Catering 108 Computer Service 109 Entertainment 110 Delivery Service 111 GP Miscellany 112 Health & Nutrition 113 Home Concierge Services 114 Music Education 115 Party Planners/Helpers 116 Local Harvest</p> <p>Real Estate RENTALS 700 Apts/Flats/Duplex: Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods 701 Apts/Flats/Duplex: Detroit/Wayne County 702 Apts/Flats/Duplex: St. Clair Shores/Macomb County 703 Apts/Flats/Duplex: Wanted to Rent 704 Houses: Rent 705 Houses: Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods 706 Houses: Detroit/Wayne County 707 Houses: St. Clair Shores/Macomb County 708 Apts/Flats/Duplex: Rent 709 Townhouses/Condos to Rent</p> <p>Guide to Services 900 Air Conditioning 901 Alarm Installation/Repair 902 Siding 903 Appliance Repairs 904 Asphalt Paving/Repair 906 Basement Remodeling 907 Basement Waterproofing 908 Bathtub Refinishing 911 Brick/Block Work 912 Building/Remodeling 913 Cargo/Auto Transport 914 Carpentry 915 Carpet Cleaning 916 Carpet Maintenance 917 Ceilings 918 Cement Work 919 Chimney Cleaning</p>	<p>117 Secretarial Services 118 Tax Service 119 Transportation/Travel 120 Tutoring Education 121 General Services 122 Alterations/Tailoring 123 Decorating Services 124 Beauty Services 125 Financial 126 Contributions 127 Video Services 128 Photography 129 Sports Training 130 Art Frame/Restore 131 Counselors/Therapists</p> <p>HELP WANTED 200 Help Wanted General 201 Help Wanted Babysitter 202 Help Wanted Clerical/Office 203 Help Wanted Dental/Medical 204 Help Wanted Domestic 205 Help Wanted Legal</p> <p>710 Townhouses/Condos Wanted 711 Garages/Mini Storage for Rent 712 Garages/Mini Storage Wanted 713 Industrial/Warehouse Rental 714 Living Quarters to Share 715 Hunting Rentals 716 Offices/Commercial for Rent 717 Offices/Commercial Wanted 718 Property Management 719 Rent with Option to Buy 720 Rooms for Rent 721 Vacation Rental: Florida</p> <p>920 Chimney Repair 921 Closets 922 Computer Services 923 Construction Repair 924 Demolition 925 Decks/Patios 926 Doors 927 Debris/Clutter Removal 929 Drywall/Plastering 930 Electrical Services 933 Excavating 934 Fences 935 Fire/Flood Damage 936 Floor Sanding/Refinishing 937 Floor Installation 938 Furniture Refinishing/Upholstering 939 General Services</p>	<p>206 Help Wanted Part Time 207 Help Wanted Sales 208 Help Wanted Nurses Aides/Caregiver 209 Help Wanted Professional 210 Help Wanted Restaurant 211 Help Wanted Management 212 Job Fair</p> <p>SITUATION WANTED 300 Situations Wanted 301 Clerical 302 Convalescent Care 303 Day Care 304 General 305 House Cleaning 306 House Sitting 307 Nurses Aides 308 Office Cleaning 309 Sales 310 Assisted Living 312 Organizing</p> <p>MERCHANDISE 400 Antiques / Collectibles</p> <p>722 Vacation Rental: Out of State 723 Vacation Rental: Michigan 724 Vacation Rental 725 Rentals/Leasing 726 Waterfront 727 Relocation Services</p> <p>HOMES/LOTS FOR SALE 800 House for Sale 801 Commercial Buildings 802 Commercial Property 803 Condos/Apts/Flats 804 Country Homes 805 Property for Sale 806 Florida Property 807 Investment Property 808 Waterfront Homes</p> <p>940 Glass-Residential/Commercial 941 Home Concierge Services 942 Garages 943 Landscapers / Gardeners 944 Gutters 945 Handyman 946 Home Services 947 Heating/Cooling Repair & Installation 948 Insulation 949 Janitorial Services 950 Engine/Motor Repair 951 Iron Work 952 Locksmith 953 Marble/Stone 954 Painting/Decorating 956 Pest Control 957 Plumbing & Installation 958 Pool Maintenance</p>	<p>401 Appliances 402 Arts & Crafts 403 Auctions 404 Bicycles 405 Computers 406 Estate Sales 407 Firewood 408 Furniture 409 Garage/Yard/Rummage Sale 410 Household Sales 411 Clothes/Jewelry 412 Miscellaneous Articles 413 Musical Instruments 414 Office/Business Equipment 415 Wanted To Buy 416 Sports Equipment 417 Tools 418 Toys/Games 419 Building Materials 420 Resale/Consignment Shops 421 Books</p> <p>809 Waterfront Lots 810 Lake/River Resorts 811 Lots for Sale 812 Mortgages/Land Contracts 813 Northern Michigan Homes 814 Northern Michigan Lots 815 Out of State Homes & Property 816 Real Estate Exchange 817 Real Estate Wanted 818 Sale or Lease 819 Cemetery Lots 820 Business For Sale 821 Open House 822 Vacation Properties 824 Mobile Homes 825 Estate Sales 826 Auctions</p> <p>959 Power Washing 960 Roofing Service 961 Security Enforcement 962 Sanitation Services 964 Sewer Cleaning Service 965 Shutters 966 Snow Removal 968 Stucco 969 Swimming Pool Service 970 T.V./Radio/CB Radio 971 Tree Service 973 Tile Work 974 VCR/DVD Repair 975 Vacuum Sales/Service 976 Ventilation Service 977 Wall Washing 980 Window Installation 981 Window Washing 983 Welding</p>	<p>ANIMALS 500 Animals Adopt A Pet 502 Horses For Sale 503 Household Pets For Sale 504 Humane Societies 505 Lost And Found 506 Pet Breeding 507 Pet Equipment 508 Pet Grooming 509 Pet Boarding/Sitting 510 Animal Services</p>	<p>AUTOMOTIVE 600 Cars 601 Chrysler 602 Ford 603 General Motors 604 Antique/Classic 605 Foreign 606 Sport Utility 607 Junkers 608 Parts/Tires/Alarms 609 Rentals/Leasing</p> <p>610 Sports Cars 611 Trucks 612 Vans 613 Wanted To Buy 614 Auto Insurance 615 Auto Services 616 Auto Storage</p> <p>RECREATIONAL 650 Airplanes 651 Boats And Motors</p> <p>652 Boat Service/Care 653 Boat Parts 654 Boat Storage/Docking 655 Campers 656 Motorbikes 657 Motorcycles 658 Motor Homes 659 Snowmobiles 660 Trailers/Tractors 661 Water Sports 662 Recreational Vehicles</p>
--	---	--	--	--	---

Place an Order

MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM (OR PLACE AN ORDER ON OUR WEB SITE)
Grosse Pointe News

Mail: Classified Advertising, 16980 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230
Phone: (313) 882-6900 Ext. 4 Fax: (313) 882-1585

Web: grossepointenews.com
Email: classifieds@grossepointenews.com

YOUR ADVERTISEMENT

CLASSIFICATION NAME: _____

\$25.35 FOR 12 - 25 WORDS. ADDITIONAL WORDS, .30¢ EACH. CALL FOR COLOR!

25	\$25.35	26	\$25.65	27	\$25.95	28	\$26.25
29	\$26.55	30	\$26.85	31	\$27.15	32	\$27.45

NO. OF WEEKS: _____ X COST PER WEEK: _____ = TOTAL: _____

YOUR CONTACT AND BILLING INFORMATION


NAME: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
CARD NO: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Prepayment is required. We accept credit cards, cash and check.

Announcements

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS



In observance of **LABOR DAY** the office is closed Monday, September 4, 2023. Grosse Pointe News Classified **DEADLINE Tuesday 1PM** September 5, 2023

Special Services

106 BUSINESS SERVICES



• RECORD AND CATEGORIZE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

• BANK ACCOUNT CREDIT CARD RECONCILIATION


• ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

• INVOICING INCLUDING LAW FIRM INVOICING

• BILL PAY

CALL TIARA AT (586)690-2056

111 GP MISCELLANY



CLASSIFIED SPECIAL FREE
Attention Getter on top of your Classified Ad 25 words \$25.35 (313)882-6900 x4 OR classifieds@grossepointenews.com

125 FINANCIAL

Repair bad and low credit score FAST! Everybody qualifies, better credit, fast cash loans. In business 20 years, CreditFirm BBB A rating, Go to: save333.com

Help Wanted

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL



BEAUTIFUL SALON has an open chair for talented stylist. Strong pay scale. Employee lounge, Clean. New build out. Part or full time. **Call Edwin (313)885-9001**

Buy!

Sell!

Grosse Pointe News Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 1

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

BUSSERS NEEDED Student Welcome Must be 16 or older Apply After 4pm Tuesday thru Saturday Cafe Nini 98 Kercheval

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL



EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE IS HIRING Our Facilities and Maintenance Team has immediate openings. Manager and entry level technician positions available. Full- time & part-time. Competitive wages, comprehensive benefits, various schedules. Please visit fordhouse.org for details

210 HELP WANTED RESTAURANT



WAIT PERSON needed Experienced. Apply within: Village Grille 16930 Kercheval. Great Hours, Great Pay.

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL



The Giving Tree Montessori Learning Center is seeking experienced infant and toddler age caregivers. Full and part-time positions available. Must be good at multi-tasking. Please call (313)888-3286 if interested in applying.

200 HELP WANTED GENERAL



JOIN TEAM JAY! Full-Time (or Near Full-Time) Management Position for Young Man with Autism living in Grosse Pointe, MI. Are you passionate about making a positive impact in someone's life? Are you a compassionate and patient individual who believes in the power of understanding and support? We have a remarkable opportunity for you! Contact me at jaystephend001@gmail.com

300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS

ATTENTION: by MICHIGAN LAW DAY CARE FACILITIES (In-Home & Centers) Must Show Their Current License To Advertising Representative When Placing Your Ads. THANK YOU. Parents- Please Verify All Child Care Licenses!

300 SITUATIONS WANTED BABYSITTERS



CITA ANGELS HOME CARE Caregiver services. 24 hour care. We assist in cooking, cleaning, bathing/grooming, doctor's appointments, errands, etc. Accepting medicaid payments. **1(866)54-ANGEL**

305 HOUSE CLEANING



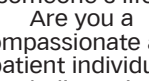
HOUSEKEEPER Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly. Now I have openings, all items provided. Top name products used. Mop never used. Laundry available. **(586)322-7867**

305 HOUSE CLEANING



YOU FINALLY FOUND US! Women who actually like to clean. Thorough, reliable, trustworthy. Over 25 years experience. References. **(313)550-2890**

302 CAREGIVER



ESTATE SALE 4226 Neff, Detroit, half block off Mack. **EVERYTHING MUST GO** Tools, antiques, glassware. Saturday, Sunday, Monday. 10- 4.

305 HOUSE CLEANING




SELL ME YOUR VINYL RECORDS We buy LP's, 45's No collection too large. We come to you! **RIPE RECORDS** Call (313)469-7479

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



IRISH COFFEE BAR & GRILL now hiring **SERVERS** Apply in person 18666 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Farms

305 HOUSE CLEANING



DUCKS IN A ROW De-cluttering and organizing your home! Closets, basements, whole house. Organize your paper clutter. Home information, notebooks, medical journals, memory albums. **Becky Schlaff (313)580-2528 Susan Mason (313)910-9705** schlaffb@comcast.net rwmason@comcast.net

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



ESTATE SALE Saturday, September 2, 2023 from 10am to 6pm. 21501 Van K. Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. **EVERYTHING MUST GO!** Items include a vintage restored baby grand piano, women's fur coat, dining room set, patio furniture, sofas and loveseats, bedroom chests/dressers, small appliances, lamps, kitchen table/chairs, custom power chairlift, washer/dryer, tools, newer queen-size bed, women's shoes and purses.

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



HOUSE FOR RENT Mapleton Street, Grosse Pointe Farms, NO pets, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car garage. \$1,700. per month. (313)410-1222

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES




1992 MERRO CRAFT Deep V 14' aluminum, with trailer, Excellent condition, \$1,500. **GUN SAFE** Homak, \$75. (586)556-8734

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



ESTATE SALE Saturday, September 2, 2023 from 10am to 6pm. 21501 Van K. Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. **EVERYTHING MUST GO!** Items include a vintage restored baby grand piano, women's fur coat, dining room set, patio furniture, sofas and loveseats, bedroom chests/dressers, small appliances, lamps, kitchen table/chairs, custom power chairlift, washer/dryer, tools, newer queen-size bed, women's shoes and purses.

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



HOUSE FOR RENT Mapleton Street, Grosse Pointe Farms, NO pets, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car garage. \$1,700. per month. (313)410-1222

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



1992 MERRO CRAFT Deep V 14' aluminum, with trailer, Excellent condition, \$1,500. **GUN SAFE** Homak, \$75. (586)556-8734

400 ANTIQUES / COLLECTIBLES



ASURE SALE THE CLASSIFIEDS **Grosse Pointe News 313-882-6900 ext. 1**

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license.

900 INTERIOR / EXTERIOR DESIGN



Interior • Exterior Design
Award Winning Design Team
Free Estimates
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

911 BRICK / BLOCK WORK



Masonry • Tuckpointing
Porches • Walkways
313-886-8088



MADISON MAINTENANCE specializing in restoration of chimneys, porches, houses, brick walls, tuck pointing, all masonry. Grosse Pointe resident. Free estimates. Licensed and insured.
masonrygp88@gmail.com
(313)885-8525
Cell (313)402-7166
NOW OFFERING FINANCING

REDBARON ENTERPRISES

- Chimneys
- Porches
- Concrete
- Steps
- Stonework
- Tuckpointing
- Patios
- Fireplaces
- Brick Work

RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

Read the FINE Print
See The Classifieds
Grosse Pointe News
(313)882-6900 ext. 1


912 BUILDING / REMODELING



ACES AROUND CONSTRUCTION, LLC
30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
All types of roofing, rough carpentry (garages, decks additions) siding, gutters.
Ask for Richard (586)822-2021
MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL BUILDER
•No Gimmicks
•No Drama
•No Regrets

The bathroom of your dreams for as little as \$149/ month!
BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Limited Time Offer- FREE virtual in-home consultation now and SAVE 15%!
Call Today!
1(877)957-1264

914 CARPENTRY



Wood Rot Repair Specialists
Garage Straightening
Deck Repairs
Crown Molding
Custom Wood Projects
Free Estimates
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166



Nick Karoutsos Painting
586.778.9619
• CUSTOM CARPENTRY
• WOOD REPAIR & REPLACEMENT
• HANDYMAN SERVICES
• All Work Guaranteed •
• FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED • INSURED

920 CHIMNEY REPAIR



Masonry Repair Tuckpointing
313-886-8088



MADISON MAINTENANCE specializing in restoration of chimneys, porches, houses, brick walls, tuck pointing, all masonry. Grosse Pointe resident. Free estimates. Licensed and insured.
masonrygp88@gmail.com
(313)885-8525
Cell (313)402-7166
NOW OFFERING FINANCING

927 DEBRIS / CLUTTER REMOVAL



Debris Removal
•Clean Outs
•Hauling Unwanted Items
•Dumpsters Available
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

REDBARON ENTERPRISES

DUMPSTERS AVAILABLE
•Clean outs
•Basement/ Garage Cleanout
•Debris Removal
(313)408-1166

930 ELECTRICAL SERVICES



Electrical Repair
Lights • Switches • Plugs
313-886-8088

936 FLOOR SANDING / REFINISHING



FLOOR laying, sanding and refinishing. Laminate flooring installed. Free estimates.
Terry Yerke
(586)823-7753

939 GENERAL SERVICES



GUTTER • WINDOW CLEANING
Insured
Call Tom Micoli
(313)656-9402

943 LANDSCAPERS / TREE SERVICE/GARDENER



(313)886-0520
TREE REMOVAL



DAVE'S TREE & SHRUB Tree Removal/ Trimming
Stump Grinding
Gutter Cleaning
FREE ESTIMATES
30% FALL DISCOUNTS
SENIOR DISCOUNTS
***FIREWOOD* AVAILABLE**
25 Years
(586)216-0904

944 GUTTERS



Gutter Replacement & Repair
5 & 6 inch Gutter Guards
Gutter Cleaning
Free Estimates
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

944 GUTTERS

ELIMINATE gutter cleaning forever!
LeafFilter, the most advanced debris- blocking gutter protection. Schedule a **FREE** LeafFilter estimate today.
15% off entire purchase.
10% Senior & Military discounts.
Call 1(866)495-1709



SEAMLESS GUTTERS
Temper Aluminum Gutter Covers
Insured
Free Estimates
(313)886-0520
Grosse Pointe Woods

945 HANDYMAN
DeBeers HOME IMPROVEMENT
Your Local Handyman Service
Electrical - Plumbing
313-886-8088

945 HANDYMAN



HANDYMAN specializing in Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning, Electrical and miscellaneous odd jobs. Lifetime career experience, reference available.
Call Douglas Kehrer at
(586)292-5971


DON'T FORGET- Call your ads in EARLY!
Classified Advertising
(313)882-6900 x4
Grosse Pointe News

945 HANDYMAN



We're your "TO DO" list handymen! Let us help you with any plumbing, electrical, carpentry and much more.
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

948 INSULATION



A quiet home is a relaxing home! Blown in Cellulose Insulation is GREEN, cost and energy efficient. Red Baron Enterprises, LLC can insulate your home.
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

954 PAINTING / DECORATING

JOHN'S PAINTING Interior/Exterior Repairing: Damaged plaster, drywall, cracks, windows puttying, caulking. Fire/Water damage insurance work. All work guaranteed
G. P. References
License/Insured
Free estimates
Senior Discount
(313)882-5038

REDBARON ENTERPRISES

Painting Services
Interior & Exterior
Floors
Drywall
Plaster
Restoration
Wood Finishing + Staining + much more!
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166



Nick Karoutsos Painting
586.778.9619
• INTERIOR & EXTERIOR RESTORATION
• CUSTOM PAINTING
• All Work Guaranteed •
• FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED • INSURED

957 PLUMBING & INSTALLATION



Plumbing Diagnosis
Installation
Repair
Hot Water Tanks
Snaking
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

958 POOL MAINTENANCE



OPEN & CLOSINGS at a Great Price \$295.
Weekly or Bi-Weekly maintenance of your pool. \$75.00 per visit. Includes water chemistry check, backwash, skim, brush, vacuum when needed, clean skimmer and filter baskets, clean automatic vacuum cleaners and add chemicals as needed. 30+ years experience. We are a husband and wife team and the best in town. Give us a call at
(586)447-6279
James and Amanda

960 ROOFING SERVICES



ACES AROUND ROOFING, LLC
Serving Michigan 33 YEARS
Seamless rubber, reflective PVC, all types residential shingles, exotic wood roofs.
Ask for Richard (586)822-2021
MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL BUILDER
•No Gimmicks
•No Drama
•No Regrets

960 ROOFING SERVICES



NEW INSTALLATION
Roofs, Gutters
Repairs
Siding
Financing Available!
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material? Steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer- 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.)
Call
Erie Metal Roofs:
(1866)718-3124



Residential Commercial
ROOFING EXPERTS
Lifetime Warranty on Shingles
Licensed & Insured
Free Estimates
(313)886-0520
Grosse Pointe Woods

RR CODDENS
Family since 1924
Re-Roofs ~ Tear Offs
Flat Roofs
Chimney Repair
(313)886-5565
(313)550-6602
Licensed • Builder • Insured

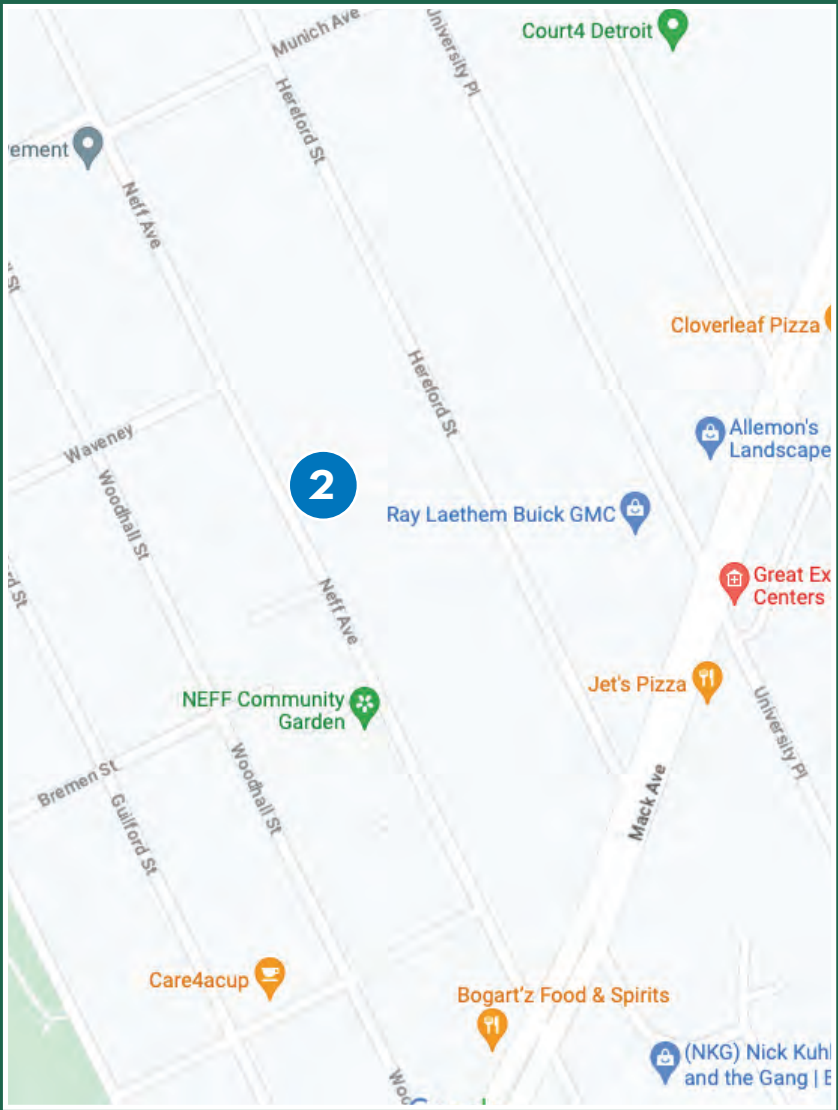
REDBARON ENTERPRISES
Painting Services
Interior & Exterior
Floors
Drywall
Plaster
Restoration
Wood Finishing + Staining + much more!
RedBaron Enterprises.com
(313)408-1166

981 WINDOW WASHING

Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license.

Grosse Pointe News

Yard & Estate Sale Map

THIS WEEK 1. 21501 Van K. Drive, GPW 2. 4226 Neff, Detroit

See Classifieds for more details ● = ESTATE SALE ○ = YARD SALE

8D | CROSS COUNTRY



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

North XC finishes strong at South Lyon

The Grosse Pointe North girls cross country team raced in the South Lyon Invitational last weekend and had both its varsity and JV squads finish in the top ten. The varsity runners for the Norsemen finished sixth overall while North took first in the JV race, with five JV runners finishing in the top 15. Pictured, North's first-place JV runners, from left: Liliana Ivanaj, Zofia Lutoborska, Avery Boutell, Hope Fegan, Belle Kalus, Juliette Aouad and Ellie Darlington.

—Mike Adzima

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 14, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except for Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilmember Costantino from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 10, 2023, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meetings held on July 18, 2023 and the Planning Commission meeting on July 26, 2023.
- 3) To open the public hearing on the zoning ordinance amendment.
- 4) To close the public hearing.
- 5) To acknowledge receipt of and approve the Detroit Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2023.
- 6) To designate Mayor Kindle as the City's official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Sawicki as the alternate delegate at the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Meeting to be held during the October 18 - 20, 2023 convention, unless another member of City Council is interested and plans to attend.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 127786 through 128053 in the amount of \$1,824,414.86 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 Dominion Voting Systems in the amount of \$5,085.00 for the annual maintenance of the voting equipment and software license renewal. (3) . approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system. (4) . approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$12,576.00 for the various accounting and billing system software for the period August 2023 through August 2024. (5) . approve payment in the amount of \$36,544.61 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period January 1 through June 30, 2023. (6) . approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of August, 2023. (7) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,147.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (8) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$52,263.25 for professional services during the month of July 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Danbury Lane, Joint/Crack Sealing, Misc. Concrete Repair, Eastland Center Redevelopment, Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, Storm Sewer Repair, Temporary Water Operator, Spark Grant App, Gas Station Redevelopment and GIS Field Data Collection project. (9) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$41,467.42 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of July 2023. (10) . approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$10,632.86 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of July and for IT support services for all departments and the website development for the 32A District Court. (11) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$17,366.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.
- 2) to require the Acting City Manager to engage in discussions with the following communities to explore the possibility of merging fire services or creating a fire authority, City of St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, Eastpointe, and the City of Detroit and further to provide the City Council with a full account of the potential to do so.
- 3) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$110,532.83 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.
- 4) approve payment to Fontana Construction Inc., in the amount of \$162,699.46 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the Beaconsfield Water Main Replacement project, #180-266.
- 5) approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing Inc., in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) on the 2022 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project, #180-282.
- 6) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2023-03 entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9, Section 9-5 - Pre-collection Regulations of the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances" and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 7) to accept the Wayne County Parks Millage Fund Grant in the amount of \$42,013.00 for Improvements at Danbury Park, Johnston Park and Salter Park and further, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Harper Woods.
- 8) to authorize the acting City Manager to accept the 2023 First Right of Refusal on three (3) residential tax foreclosed properties in an amount not to exceed \$40,710.90 and further to authorize him to sign any necessary documents pertaining to the sale.
- 9) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for first quarter FY 2024.
- 10) authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Convention October 18-20, 2023 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor
Published: GPN, August 31, 2023

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

2023 SPORTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER



5 TUESDAY

- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer vs. Oakland Christian
- » 6 p.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive @ Fraser
- » 6 p.m. - GPN Girls Swim & Dive @ Lakeview
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball @ Stevenson

- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey vs. Cranbrook

6 WEDNESDAY

- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis vs. St Clair
- » 5 p.m. - GPN + GPS Boys & Girls XC @ MAC Red Jamboree
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer vs. Utica
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer @ CV
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey @ Pinckney

12 TUESDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis @ Greenhills
- » 4:30 p.m. ULS XC @ CHSL Meet
- » 5:30 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey vs. Grand Blanc
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer @ Riverview GR
- » 6 p.m. GPN Girls Swim & Dive vs. CV
- » 6 p.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive vs. Lakeview
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball vs. Austin Catholic
- » 6 p.m. GPS Volleyball vs. TBD (Quad)
- » 6:30 p.m. GPN Volleyball vs. Ford II

7 THURSDAY

- » 3 p.m. - GPS Girls Golf @ Stevenson
- » 6 p.m. - GPN Volleyball @ Fraser
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball vs. Ford II
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey vs. Farmington

13 WEDNESDAY

- » 3 p.m. - GPN + GPS Girls Golf Tri - Meet (@ Lochmoor)
- » 4 p.m. - GPS @ GPN Boys Tennis
- » 5 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey @ Farmington
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer vs. Romeo
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer vs. Anchor Bay

8 FRIDAY

- » 7 p.m. - GPN Football @ Eastpointe
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Football vs. Utica
- » 7 p.m. - GPS @ GPN Boys Soccer

9 SATURDAY

- » 8 a.m. - GPS + GPN Boys Tennis @ GPN Invitational
- » 9 a.m. - GPS + GPN Boys & Girls XC @ Algonac
- » 11:30 a.m. - GPN Field Hockey vs. Rockford (@ GPS)
- » 2 p.m. - ULS Football vs. Chandler Park Academy
- » 2:30 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey vs. Rockford

14 THURSDAY

- » 3 p.m. - GPN + GPS Girls Golf Tri - Meet (@ Lochmoor)
- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis @ Brother Rice
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey vs. St. Catherine Siena
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball vs. Everest
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPN Volleyball @ Utica
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball @ Fraser
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey vs. Dexter

10 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

15 FRIDAY

- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer vs. Warren Woods Tower
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Football vs. Cousino
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Football vs. L'Anse Creuse
- » 7 p.m. - ULS Football @ OLL

11 MONDAY

- » 3 p.m. - GPS Girls Golf @ Port Huron
- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis vs. UDJ
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis vs. Romeo
- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis @ Eisenhower
- » 5:30 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey @ Dearborn
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer @ Dakota
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer vs. Fraser

16 SATURDAY

- » TBD - GPN Volleyball @ Mercy Tournament
- » 8 a.m. - GPN Boys Tennis @ Midland Quad
- » 9 a.m. - GPS Boys & Girls XC @ Huron Invitational
- » 9 a.m. - ULS XC @ Holly
- » 10 a.m. - GPN Boys & Girls XC @ Stoney Creek
- » 10 a.m. - GPN Field Hockey vs. Forest Hills Central
- » 1 p.m. GPS Field Hockey vs. Forest Hills Central (@GPN)
- » 7 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer @ Shrine



CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2023

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present,

MOTION FAILED

- 1) To amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 10-264; Locations, eliminating the Marijuana Establishments Buffer, and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with the City Charter requirements.
Ayes: Toussant, Williams and Kindle
Nays: Costantino, Jenny, LaPratt and Sawicki
- 2) That the agenda of the Special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, August 31, 2023



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday August 14, 2023	7:00 p.m.
------------------------	-------------------------------	------------------

1. Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2023.
2. The Board of Zoning Appeals approved request for a dimensional variance for 15 Rose Terrace.
3. Council authorized the distribution of the Draft Master Plan for 63-day comment period to the public and required entities.
4. Council approved the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Consideration of a request from the Public Safety Department to renew the CLEMIS agreement.
 - b. Consideration of a request to approve a contract with Bokano Builders, LLC for remodeling of the Court Office entryway.
 - c. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of bulk road salt for the 2023-2024 season.
 - d. Consideration of a request for a three-year contract extension with Wayne County Assessors for assessing services.
 - e. Consideration of a request to purchase a multi-use loader for the DPW.
 - f. Approve legal bills.
 - g. Consideration of a request to approve July 2023 invoices.
5. Council received the July 2023 Public Safety Report
6. Council held public comment.

Council adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk**

Published: Grosse Pointe News 8/31/2023