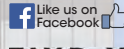




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## Playscape switched to Windmill; Patterson's preserved

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Some 900 petitioners spoke loud and clear: Don't monkey with the playscape at Patterson Park.

They and a lineup of residents at this week's city council meeting won their case.

The council and Grosse Pointe Park Foundation canceled plans to replace the Patterson playscape, but will build a new one with donated funds at Windmill Pointe Park.

"After listening to everybody, we will not be doing anything at Patterson Park," said Bob Lucas, chairman of the foundation's playscape committee. "It will stay exactly like it is. We are going to attempt to fit into Windmill Pointe (Park)."

"The community spoke and we listened," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

The Patterson playscape is old, wearing down and noncompliant with rules about disability access. But, as a legacy in a tradition-heavy town, it is fresh in the memories of more than a generation of Park users who succeeded this week to retain and, most likely, preserve it with renovations estimated to cost at least \$130,000.

"Some of you might be wondering what the heck all this hubbub is about this playscape," Park resident Ron Porter told the council Monday, Sept. 11.

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## In remembrance

On Sept. 11, fire stations across the country remembered the lives lost Sept. 11, 2001, by flying flags on fire trucks or at fire stations. Moments of silence were observed at 8:46 a.m., when American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the World Trade Center's North Tower and again at 9:03 a.m., when United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the World Trade Center's South Tower. American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m. and United Flight 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pa., at 10:02 a.m., the assumed target, the White House, thwarted by passengers who tried to overtake the cockpit to divert the hijacked plane. Top, a large flag was displayed on the side of Grosse Pointe Shores Engine 4 on Lakeshore at city hall. Above left, Grosse Pointe Park had its Ladder 1 truck on Jefferson at city hall displaying a flag flying from the bucket at the end of the ladder. Above right, Grosse Pointe Woods posted a flag in front of Engine 5 at the foot of the driveway to the fire station.



Grosse Pointe Farms hung a sign that read, "In Memory of our Fallen Heroes," above its fire station doors.

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## Brumbaugh leaving BoE

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Trustee David Brumbaugh has announced he will be stepping down from the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education in the next 60 to 90 days.

Brumbaugh said the move is necessary because his wife, Anne, who works for the federal government, is being relocated to Washington, D.C. Brumbaugh, who works for the IRS, will receive a new appointment in D.C.

"Because we both work for the federal government, they'll give me a waiver and relocate me as well," he said. "Until then, I'll continue to serve to the best of my ability."

The announcement came at the end of a spe-

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## GPPSS admins get contract extension

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The four remaining executive administrators saw their contracts extended by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education during a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The board voted 7-0 after a brief closed session to extend the contracts through June 30, 2025. They had been set to expire June 30, 2024.

"I'm glad we're finally able to do this because it's long overdue," Trustee Colleen Worden said. "I want to thank each of them individually for staying with the district and this is a sign we value and appreciate what you do."

The extensions are for Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent of educational services; Nicole

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## Marijuana makes the ballot in Park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The marijuana matter passed muster and is being put on the November ballot.

Petition signatures and other legalities were substantiated regarding two grassroots proposals advocating the operation of

up to two recreational marijuana stores in the city, which means they will be decided by registered voters Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The same election decides the mayor and four seats on the city council.

One question proposes amending the city charter to let two recreational marijuana

establishments operate within the city.

The second question does the same thing by changing a city ordinance.

"There is currently an ordinance on file that prohibits the use of recreational marijuana in the city," Assistant City Attorney Morgan McAtamney said. "The request for that petition

is to not only revoke that ordinance, but to replace it with an ordinance that allows two facilities within the city to operate a recreational marijuana facility."

The measure also lets the city control the location and operation of such businesses through licensing and zoning requirements.

"I'm against the mari-

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# 9/11 book has unexpected GP connection

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — When Ed Zier began writing down his recollections of 9/11 in the mid-2000s, he never expected to write a book or be in Grosse Pointe on the 22nd anniversary of that fateful day. Nor did he expect to discover one of the people he mentions in the book who died in the attack — David Alger — was from Grosse Pointe.

Zier's youngest daughter, Kerriann, married Grosse Pointe native Jim Solomon Jr. in 2021, and they currently live in the Farms.

"We spent some time in Chicago with our oldest daughter, Marybeth, then headed here," Zier said. "I did a Google search to see if the Grosse Pointe area had a 9/11 commemoration and came across The War Memorial."

Reading about the Alger House, Zier discovered David and Fred Alger were great-grandsons of Russell A. Alger.

"I don't recall if I ever

met David personally, but we certainly spoke on the phone more than a few times," Zier said.

Alger at the time was running Fred Alger Management, an investment firm founded by his brother and located in the North Tower at the World Trade Center. Zier was chief operating officer of Baseline, located in the South Tower.

"We had about 1,000 clients and Fred Alger was in the top 50," Zier said. "They were incredibly well respected and we were thrilled to be working with them."

Baseline had created a program that allowed investment firms to better track portfolios. Alger Management was one of Baseline's first beta test sights.

In his book, "Undaunted: Leadership Amid Growth and Adversity," Zier mentions Alger Management several times.

"Our team and their team worked very closely together," he said. "They were a tremendous name."

Also outlined in the



COURTESY PHOTO

Ed Zier holds his book, "Undaunted," across the river from One World Trade Center.

book are the events of that morning and what kept Zier out of his office.

"I don't like to be called lucky, because that implies those who didn't survive were unlucky," Zier said. "It's more a double twist of fate."

A meeting Zier was to attend in San Francisco Sept. 5, was pushed back to Sept. 12. When he tried to change his flight to Sept. 11, he was told the price would be \$2,000, not \$500, because

the change was being made within a week of the original flight.

"I just thought that was fundamentally wrong," he said. "And as COO, I didn't want to set a precedent for people taking expensive flights."

He instead booked a 4 p.m. flight out of JFK.

If he had agreed to the higher price, there was a one-in-three chance he would have been on United 93.

"United had three

flights daily from Newark to San Francisco," he said.

United Flight 93 was one of four flights hijacked that morning and eventually crashed in Shanksville, Pa.

"With a later flight, I was in no rush so I was home packing and had breakfast with my daughters," Zier recalled. "I never got to do that because I was always out of the house so early."

He decided to stop by

the office for a while before heading to the airport, but just as he arrived at the train station the first plane hit the North Tower.

"Everyone was saying it was a Cessna and since that wasn't my building I didn't think anything of it," he said. "But then they shut down all the trains and then the ferries."

He called his wife, Mary Tara, from a payphone.

"She's watching all of this on TV and as we're talking, the second plane hits my building," he said. "She used a few choice words, which she never does. She thought I was dead."

Zier was able to get a taxi back to the train station near his house to retrieve his car.

"I'm listening on the radio and heard the South Tower was the first to fall," he said. "I nearly drove off the road."

Zier wrote the book as a way to commemorate four Baseline employees who died on 9/11, and to

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## PLAY:

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On the meeting's agenda was municipal acceptance of the foundation's free offer to outfit and build a new, modern playscape worth \$400,000.

Porter was the first of a dozen residents at the meeting either speaking

against razing the Patterson equipment or asking why residents hadn't received sufficient notice of plans to do so.

"I'll give you a couple of reflections of why it's so important to the community," he said of the more than 30-year-old equipment slated to be replaced. "First, it was truly a community effort."

Children, adults and elders built it.

"It was imagined and designed by students at Defer, Pierce and Trombly (schools)," Porter said. "I think we raised about \$75,000. There were no large donors. Children emptied their piggy banks. Adults and kids had bake sales."

"Community is very important in this," added Sherilyn Russell, appearing at the meeting with her young son, Charlie. "Unfortunately, with this project, there didn't seem to be any community engagement. We just received a letter in the mail from the foundation

saying this was going to be built."

Foundation donors thought they were doing the city a favor by offering to replace equipment that didn't meet modern standards, particularly those of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Chad Craig, director of the Park recreation department, said a contractor assessed the site and estimated upgrades would cost \$130,000 to \$180,000. Replacement ranges from \$395,000 to \$1 million.

Russell said, "I don't think any of us are advocating not having a playground that is ADA compliant, but can we

find ways to adjust this playground? I'm pretty sure, with how much motivation and interest there has been in this activity, people would be willing to lend their expertise to help with it."

Lucas said the foundation's revised plan is to shift the donation from Patterson to Windmill. Construction should be finished by spring.

"We have tons of equipment; all kinds of things," he said. "I think it's going to be a great fit."

"Wheelchair accessibility will be included and encompass age groups of 2½ years old," Craig said.

Construction materials are plastic, rubber and metal rather than Patterson's wood structures.

"The material lasts longer than wood and there is less maintenance

required, saving the city funds," Craig said.

He forecast the city facing annual maintenance costs of less than \$1,000.

Lucas is a playscape veteran. He co-chaired the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club's construction of the Rotary Tot Lot at Elworthy Field across from the Neighborhood Club in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"I go by there two or three times per week," Lucas said. "There's always 25 to 40 people there, as long as there's decent weather. I think we're going to end up with a really great project. Hopefully, everybody's appreciative of the fact that we listened to everyone."

Foundation President Shery Cotton is related to the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

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# Jerry's to be featured in Crown Royal commercial

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — “Grosse Pointe Farms has that sort of upscale Middle America feel that can translate nationwide,” location manager Dave Krieger said.



An actress “purchases” a bottle Crown Royal at Jerry’s Party Club Store.

Thus, Jerry’s Party Club Store at Kercheval and Lakeview was chosen as the shooting location for a Crown Royal national television commercial that took place last month. “Jerry’s has just got that hometown feel,” Krieger said, “that sort

of everywhere America convenience shop and there’s not very many of them in southeast Michigan anymore or in the metro area. They’re either corporate or they have window glass between customer and shopkeeper.”

Scheduled the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 30, the shoot coincided with the 17th annual Racing for Kids to The Hill, and — alongside Lakeshore reconstruction — left driving through the Farms not for those with little patience.

Pointers residing along Kercheval and Lakeview in the area of Jerry’s had no access to street parking between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., as the spaces were needed for multiple box trucks and a generator.

The shoot, led by Park Pictures, set up base-camp at Grosse Pointe Methodist Church, 211 Moross, with crew cars parked in its lot.

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Above, the scene is set for filming a Crown Royal commercial in front of Jerry’s. Left, two extras walk in front of the store as the actress who has “purchased” the Crown Royal leaves the store.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Park honors officers

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — It’s the most wonderful time of the year for the public safety director.

“Tonight, we have the honor of recognizing your public safety department for its outstanding service to the community day in and day out,” Director Jim Bostock told the city council and audience Monday, Sept. 11. “I’ve been involved in a number of award ceremonies, but, to me, this one is special.”

It was his first opportunity to award officers for outstanding duty since being promoted over the summer to head the department.

Also, the meeting coincided with the 22nd anniversary of al-Qaeda suicide terrorist attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

“Tonight, we have the presentation of department commendations, which are acts deserving of recognition,” Bostock said.

“Because of you all, we are safe and our property and people are protected,” Mayor Michele Hodges told Bostock and attending officers. “Thank you for being the best of the best. We are in partnership with you to make sure you have every resource you need.”

◆ **Commendation:** Officer Brady Baetens, for recovering a stolen vehicle and its contents.

Shortly after 6 a.m. Jan. 23, 2023, Baetens and the owner of a just-stolen work van containing thousands of dollars worth of tools and cell phones used the victim’s cell phone tracking system to quickly recover the vehicle hidden behind an abandoned house on Detroit’s east side.

“As a result of Baeten’s tenacity and commitment, the property was returned to its rightful owner,” Bostock said.

◆ **Unit Citation:** Lt. Terry Hays, Detective Paul Pionk, Detective Ryan Willmer and Officer Baetens, for catching Detroit youths using BB pistols to shoot out windows of more than 40 parked vehicles.

“After the third round of (vandalism), PSO Baetens’ keen police IQ led to the arrest of the three suspects (and) confiscation of the two BB guns used in the attacks,” Bostock said.

Lt. Hays coordinated an interrogation, obtaining confessions.

Detectives Pionk and Willmer worked against a time constraint to prepare and submit to the prosecutor evidence gathered from numerous

victims.

“The offenders in this case will ultimately be charged with 10 to 20 counts of malicious destruction of property,” Bostock said. “PSO Baetens, Lt. Hays, Detective Willmer and Detective Pionk worked as a team and are examples of the level of service we strive for in this department.”

◆ **Commendation:** Ordinance Officer Olga Merametdjan.

Merametdjan’s com-

mendation came at the urging of the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office for assisting a widowed, wheelchair-bound female victim of theft, physical assault and emotional abuse.

“Ordinance Officer Merametdjan took it upon herself to find a way to help when she was made aware of (the victim’s) case after the arrest of the perpetrator,” Bostock said.

The officer helped the victim with household chores, gave supportive companionship, drove

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, SEPT. 18

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

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

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

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

- ◆ 17th annual Harvest Fest, 3 p.m. at Neff Park. Event includes hot dogs, fall crafts, a petting farm with pony rides, a strolling magician, apples, caramel apples, cider and other treats. Cost is \$5 per person.

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# It's not about him

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Rick Whitney will forever use the University of Michigan email account from his undergraduate days.

"Email for life," he said.

It's a perk the school affords alumni as a gesture of perpetual homage to the Maize and Blue.

Another of Whitney's post-graduation ties to the school is paying more than a decade's worth of additional tuition.

His two oldest children, Hugh and Elise, graduated from U of M. His third and youngest, Hope, is in her junior year.

"All three are Wolverines and my wife is, too," he said.

All three, also, are closely fallen fruit. Like their dad, they work in or are studying fields intertwining business, sustainability and environmental stewardship.

"My kids are forging their paths and are wonderful, caring citizens," Whitney said. "That's what really counts."

Their mother, Kristin, and father knew each other before college.

"We met at Grosse Pointe South freshman year in journalism class," Whitney said. "We always had a thing for



COURTESY PHOTO

Rick and Kristin Whitney in Acadia National Park.

each other."

They dated on and off until, as Whitney said, "We decided we couldn't live without each other. Sept. 4, we celebrated our 30th anniversary."

Whitney had one request when accepting the nomination to be a Pointer of Interest.

"Don't make the story about me," he said.

That's a tough work-around for a personal profile feature, but let's try.

A brief bio: Whitney's a business and technology consultant.

"We do all sorts of stuff: digital, data analytics, software engineering and all that jazz." Done.

He's on vacation in Maine with Kristin and

friends.

"We're driving along the coast coming up to Acadia National Park."

Acadia is loaded with trees. Trees are a big deal to Whitney.

The park straddles two opposite forest zones.

From the south and north, respectively, deciduous and conifer species encroach on each other to broadcast a palette of fall colors and all-winter green which, contrasted with the ruddy and sometimes bleak New England shoreline, attracted Hudson River School founder Thomas Cole and his star pupil, Frederick Church.

"We need more trees across the Grosse

Pointes," Whitney said. "Everybody I've talked to sees the value of trees. They don't really notice them until they're gone."

He chairs the City's Urban Forestry Commission.

Last year, he helped coordinate the "90 Trees for 90 Years" campaign to plant 90 trees in the City, Farms and Park in recognition of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club's 90th anniversary.

This year, he directed private fundraising to plant 111 trees memorializing Park resident Brian Fraser, among Michigan State University students murdered at random on campus in February.

"I believe people have their sense of place

enhanced by planting and caring for trees," Whitney said. "City budgets are drained by a lot of demands, so individuals need to do more to plant more trees on their property, not only for the value of shade, but the aesthetic aspect, home values and the connectivity."

Because Acadia and the Pointes both border water bodies, they are alike in sharing the dual, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde characteristic of accommodating trees from disparate temporal zones. Big bodies of water retain enough heat to moderate coastal winters, allowing trees and plants otherwise not hardy enough to feel at home.

Among trees' role in the environment is slowing the fall of rain, which helps water soak into the ground instead of flooding.

"With the implications of climate change, we're going to have more extreme rainfalls," Whitney said. "We've certainly seen that this summer and in past summers. Those are impacts of rainfall and stormwater that we need to prepare for."

Whitney sees a link between his high-tech career and love for something as basic as a tree.

"Advancements in technology are allowing us to change the way we behave for the better," he said.

He cited examples: "Instead of black-top-

ping a road, there are lighter-color additives you can put into cement that absorb less heat.

"Think of micro-level understanding of weather patterns and how we now understand the implications of having a small plot of forest versus all cement. That's a simplistic example, but without a good technology base, you can't model weather patterns."

Whitney is bullish on the Pointes.

"The main thing I care about is making our community an outstanding place to live, raise kids and grow old," he said. "That involves the natural environment."

His enthusiasm extends to southeast Michigan.

"The Detroit area and Grosse Pointe in particular is an absolutely great place to be in the coming years and decades," he said. "We have 20 percent of the world's fresh water flowing past our doorstep. We have plenty of land, a great cost of living. We don't have any natural disaster risks."

Among his activities is working on the advisory council of Digital Links.

"It's a collaborative initiative of a lot of bigger companies in the area to retain and attract top talent in technology, software and data machine learning," Whitney said. "Part of the mission is marketing what a fantastic place this is for tech talent and doing amazing things."

## '80s band plays Charlevoix street party

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Members of the 1980s cover band Atomic Café are making themselves available for induction into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.

"Despite only playing covers of bands currently in the Hall of Fame, (Atomic Café) plays them so well, they feel they deserve this," according to a show schedule on the

band's website, the [atomiccafeband.com](http://atomiccafeband.com).

Until the votes are counted, the band from Ann Arbor will show their chops at the Charlevoix Street Party, 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

Charlevoix in the Park is closed in the social district between Beaconsfield and Lakepointe for the free concert and attractions, which are open to

all. Food trucks scheduled to attend are Pure Mitten BBQ, where food is slow-cooked and smoked with hickory wood, and People's Pierogi Collective.

A tent of vintage arcade games, such as pinball and Pac-Man, is expected to draw a nostalgic crowd.

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## JERRY'S:

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"I haven't an idea of what the script is or anything like that," owner Jerry Stocking said prior to the shoot. "I've seen other Crown Royal commercials on TV and generally they have somebody coming

and purchasing some Crown Royal and from there they film where the bottle goes, to a residence."

While Jerry's was featured in a Chevrolet advertisement in Autoweek magazine more than a decade ago, this will be its national TV debut.

The shop has been a

staple in the Farms community since 1987, and is housed in a nearly 100-year-old building at 381 Kercheval.

When asked whether it was intentional to maintain the traditional feel of Jerry's, Stocking said, "My goal was just to make people happy in the neighborhood."

## BOOK:

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recognize companies like Alger Management that came back strong. Before the terrorist attack, Alger had \$13 billion in assets. A year later it had climbed back to \$10 billion and now stands at \$22 billion.

"We had 16 people in the office that day and 12 made it out," said Zier, 65. "They were also smart not to listen to building security, who told people to stay at

their desks."

Alger Management lost all 36 people in the office that day.

"Alger didn't have that benefit because the floors they occupied were right at the impact zone," Zier said. "Our offices were below where the plane hit."

Now retired and living in Florida, Zier's book was published Sept. 11, 2021.

"It started off as just a Word document so my daughters and my descendents would never forget what happened

that day," he said. "It took a long time to have the courage to interview so many people about a very rough subject."

Because of the local connection, Flyleaf Literature & Libations, 92 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, and the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, have agreed to stock the book.

"Undaunted" is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. See [edzier.com](http://edzier.com) for more details.



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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Possession with intent

A 22-year-old Detroit man was arrested at his probation officer's office at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, for an incident that happened May 8, at CVS. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. He was charged through the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

## Stolen Kia

An unknown suspect stole a 2014 Kia Soul from the rear lot of a business in the 17000 block of Mack sometime between 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, and 11 a.m. the next day.

## Sticky fingers

A tall, thin, white man was seen on video at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, placing numerous items in the back of his waist band while at a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval. The investigation is ongoing.

## Hit &amp; run

Officers responded to a hit-and-run accident at 5:20 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in the 700 block of Rivard. The investigator located the responsible driver, a 37-year-old female City resident, who was highly intoxicated and subsequently arrested.

— Jody McVeigh  
Report information about these and other

crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, (313) 886-3200.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Off the wagon

A 37-year-old St. Clair Shores man was found sleeping near a vomit-spattered bus stop at Moross and Mack around 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, with an empty wine bottle nearby.

The man told officers he had just been released from Ascension St. John Hospital after being treated for alcohol abuse and stole the wine from a local store.

He was cited for retail fraud and returned by ambulance to the hospital.

## High beams

A 64-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was pulled over on Mack near Cook around 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10.

She told officers she was driving with her high beams on because one of her regular headlamps was out. Officers found a half-empty bottle of wine in the vehicle, but the driver's preliminary breath test came back under the legal limit. She was cited for open intoxicants and driving while license suspended. Her vehicle was impounded and she was given a cour-

tesy ride home.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Vehicle stolen

A white 2021 Ford Expedition was stolen while parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Whittier between 10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, and sunrise the next morning.

The vehicle was unlocked with its key fob inside, according to police.

## Youths flee

Six unknown juveniles were seen fleeing north across Mack Avenue into Detroit shortly after a resident of the 1400 block of Bedford investigated a banging sound of someone reportedly trying to kick in a side door.

The incident reportedly happened at 8:21 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

## Failed theft

A man living in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield discovered last week the attempted theft of his 2017 Kia Sportage. He told police it happened between 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, and 9:08 a.m. the following morning.

Evidence consisted of a broken driver's side window and damaged steering column.

Police said both were characteristic of a failed theft.

## Home invasion

A male, 63-year-old Park resident faces felony charges for the home invasion early Saturday, Sept. 9, of a woman's residence in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield, according to police.

"(She) was awakened by hearing footsteps outside her bedroom," according to police. "(She) warned the intruder that she had a gun. The suspect fled on foot. (He is) known to the victim."

Police said they

arrested him at his residence.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Baby blues

A resident in the 1400 block of Blairmoor filed a report around 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, after attempting to buy a baby crib on Facebook Marketplace.

The complainant said she sent the seller \$400 via Venmo, then was blocked by the alleged seller. The victim has yet to receive the crib or get her money back.

## Stolen truck

A 2023 Dodge Ram was stolen from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital between 6:45 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

The complainant said his driver's license and

credit cards were in the vehicle. The report did not indicate if the vehicle was unlocked or if the keys were inside.

## Unlocked with keys inside

An 2021 Jeep was stolen from an open, attached garage in the 500 block of Pear Tree between 8 and 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

The complainant said the vehicle was unlocked and the keys and her credit cards were in her purse inside the vehicle. It was recovered at 3 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11, in Detroit.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil  
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Dog woes continue in Shores

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — As city council debates an ordinance that would ban pit bulls, an incident involving a different breed over the weekend put officers on scene and resulted in several citations.

A couple was walking their leashed dog and pushing a baby stroller around 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, when they were charged by a German Shepherd on Stonehurst, according to

a public safety report.

The dog did not attack, but concerned the couple enough to call 911. The report says a woman called the dog back into the house. When officers arrived, they found two more dogs inside. The owner received three citations for unlicensed dogs and one for a dog at large.

The breed ban is under consideration due to an event in early June when a pit bull on Lochmoor

ran from a backyard and attacked a couple walking their dog. The owners received puncture wounds and scratches and their dog's front left paw had to be amputated.

The couple has filed a civil lawsuit against the pit bull owners — David Montgomery of the Detroit Lions and his girlfriend — and Municipal Judge Theodore Metry ordered the pit bull be put down.

The last two council

meetings have been overflowing with multiple public comments on both sides of the issue. Those against the ban say owners of dogs that attack should be held accountable rather than a blanket ban, while those favoring the ban say the next attack could be fatal.

Council is expected to vote on a final version of a breed ban ordinance when it meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19.

—Ted O'Neil

## BALLOT:

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juana proposal," Councilman Marty McMillan said.

He said dispensaries aren't a good fit for the Park.

McMillan is allowed to express his opinion on the topic if he does so on his own behalf. He nor any of his colleagues are allowed to speak on ballot proposals as a unified body.

"Every single individual member of this council is allowed to advocate how they feel personally," McAtamney said during the Monday, Sept. 11, council meeting. "Every single person on this dais is able to say,

'I think we should vote yes on this initiative,' or 'I think we should vote no.' But, the city and the council as a whole is not allowed to take a position."

Cities must stay out of the debate.

"A statute in Michigan states that any city is not allowed to advocate for a position," McAtamney said. "They have to give equal time and place to both sides of each petition."

Nor do ballot measures infer municipal endorsement or opposition.

"It's more to put it before voters for their consideration," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

Michigan voters legalized marijuana in 2008.

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### OUR VIEW

## Bosses know remote work is here to stay

**W**hile the concept of what once was known as “telecommuting” is nothing new to the workplace, the pandemic took this term to a new level.

But all eyes were on corporate America last September to see if the days of remote work would become a thing of the past when companies like GM, Peloton and Apple Inc., asked their workforces to come back into the office more frequently after Labor Day 2022.

Not so fast, my friend. Turns out, hybrid arrangements might be just the ticket companies and employees needed. And it looks like American workers are holding on dearly to their flexible schedules, according to an Aug. 28 article, “Survey: Remote Work Isn’t Going Away — and Executives Know It,” in the Harvard Business Review.

Publicly, many CEOs might be gearing up for yet another return-to-office push, but privately, they expect fully remote and hybrid work to keep on growing over the next five years, according to a new survey conducted by the publication.

Grosse Pointers seem to be following that national trend. In a recent Grosse Pointe News online poll, 34 percent of respondents said they work in a hybrid model and 42 percent are fully remote. Coming in third were the 23 percent of workers who said they are in the office full time. Of the 42 percent who reported working remotely, 10 percent said they have been remote since before the pandemic (see poll at right).

But certain professions do not lend themselves to remote work. Doctors, nurses and teachers, for example, generally need to be where their “clients” are, aka patients and students. Grosse Pointe Public School System former superintendent Jon Dean recently spoke to the GP News about the national teacher shortage and how the lack of flexible scheduling has compromised the attractiveness of teaching for some.

“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.”

It makes sense why the increased flexibility works for so many. Employees like it, technology makes it possible and there seems to be no loss of productivity. The most recent numbers say those with a hybrid schedule were around 5 percent more productive than employees who worked remote only. Conversely, all-remote workers were 10 to 20 percent less productive than colleagues who worked fully in person or hybrid.

So how did we get here? During the pandemic, remote work spiked from around 6 percent of full workdays in the U.S. to more than 50 percent in spring 2020. Today, it hovers around 28 percent.

Still, many executives believe it’s time to come back to the office. As reported by the Harvard Business Review: “Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan, has declared himself a remote-work skeptic; Mark Zuckerberg has declared that engineers ‘get more done’ in the office; and Google’s chief people officer recently told employees that office attendance would factor into performance reviews. Even Zoom’s leadership wants employees back in person two days a week.

“The only problem? Not even senior management expects this return-to-office push to work.”

In the Aug. 29 edition of Forbes magazine, Sander

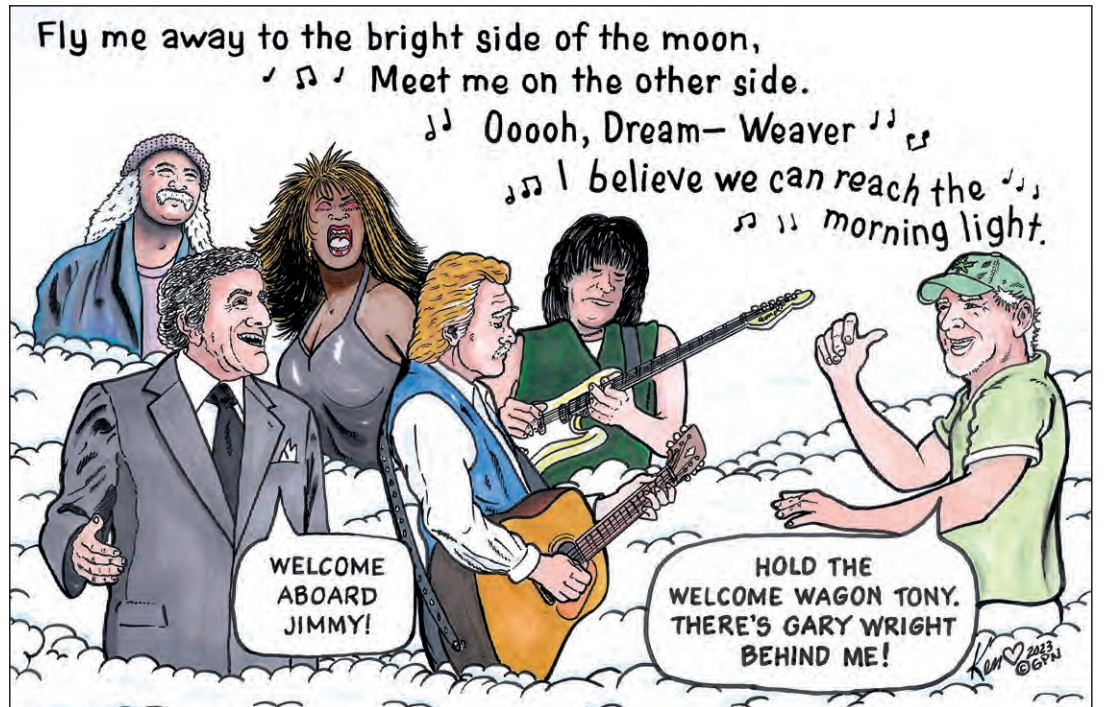


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David Crosby, Tony Bennett, Tina Turner, Gordon Lightfoot, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Buffett and Gary Wright. We have said some sad goodbyes recently to some of music’s most influential artists. May they rest well (with a cheeseburger) in paradise.

### GUEST VIEW By Jessica Silverman Bryan

## ‘L’Shana Tovah’: To a good year

**T**he aroma of pumpkin spice lattes starts to get noticed in early-morning meetings. Sidewalks are riddled with school-age children on their way to or from school. Apples in bushels outside of the local markets. The cheers from Friday Night Lights can be heard from blocks away. September has arrived. With it, comes the Jewish High Holidays.

My family of five moved to Grosse Pointe Park in August 2019, from Cleveland, Ohio. We spent six months exploring our neighborhood, embracing this marvelous community nestled aside Lake St. Clair. We found youth sports teams

for our children, and classmates to help navigate school and develop familial friendships. I feel beyond grateful to have landed on a street with neighbors who embrace camaraderie and offer assistance and guidance. This proved almost life-saving as the world proceeded to shut down in 2020, mere months after our arrival.

As we emerged from the pandemic, what my family realized had been stunted was our exploration of a Jewish community in the Pointes or one that was geographically “convenient” to our Eastside location.

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van’t Noordende, CEO of the world’s largest talent company, Randstad, explained his stance in an essay, “Why ‘Flexibility With Intentionality’ Ends The Remote Work Debate.”

He said because not all work can be done remotely, workplace flexibility is key. He said leaders believe “being physically present helps employees connect with each other in ways that can’t be replicated online.”

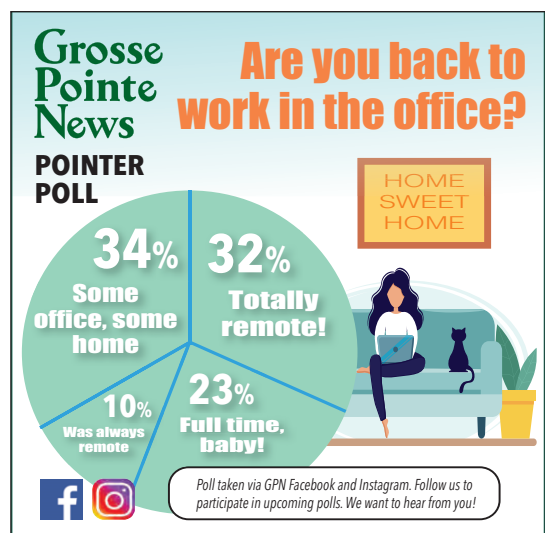
But he also emphasized that remote work has created many benefits and opportunities for businesses, including giving companies access to a worldwide, more diverse talent pool. Remote and hybrid work arrangements also offer companies potential labor

and facility cost savings, with employers hiring at lower wages and operating fewer offices.

But as most any employee will tell you, hybrid scheduling gives people an improved work-life balance they have sought for ages. It helps save time and money involved in things like buying gas more often, parking and buying lunch.

Yet all signs clearly point to the fact that the key moving forward will lie with employees accomplishing the same amount of work, if not more, by using the hybrid arrangement earnestly and effectively.

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## LETTERS

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I first encountered this great service in 1999, taking me to volunteer at Bon Secours. Then never stopped using PAATS. Where can one go in the Pointes and Harper Woods for one dollar? Plus always very clean buses.

I rode the bus downtown for years. This is when you get to know people. I am with the same people so very often on PATTs. This I enjoy. Many are my neighbors.

When I see the drivers, Lori and Amy when at The Helm on Tuesdays knitting for

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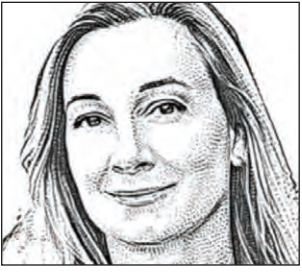
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### GROSSE POINTE 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia



# Look for the good apples

**T**here's something so exciting about the back-to-school season. The fresh start, the weather getting a little chillier when the sun goes behind a cloud, the new clothes and freshly packed pencil cases, full of brand new supplies. Yay fall!

Watching my children in their various ways of preparing (or not) for this year is making me reminisce about my own education here in Grosse Pointe at Kerby, Brownell and South. There were ups and

downs — most having to do with friend groups, spelling tests, homecoming dates, parties and sports teams. I never once worried about what was going on at the school board meetings or had a clue who a teacher was voting for, nor did I care for that matter. Ah, life as a carefree student attending world-class, beautiful schools in an idyllic community. Sometimes I wish I could rewind and do it all again!

I hope the same for today's students in Grosse Pointe, including my own. I love that they are blissfully unaware of the insane shouting and rants at board meetings and the

bonkers Facebook pages. If you haven't seen the GPPSS Community Discussion page, you should probably grab some popcorn. It's a real clown show. Sometimes I wish I had the time to post incessantly about whatever is the outrage of the day (or the minute). On second thought, nah. Not everything needs to be a Facebook post or a lawn sign.

Earlier this week I checked my calendar and saw that Tuesday, Sept. 12, is our "National Day of Encouragement." It seems to be a fitting day to celebrate something positive like an encouragement day, since it lands the day after Sept.

11. I know this week serves as a great reminder to me how lucky my family and I are to live in this country and even luckier to live in the Pointes, especially when I look back on that awful day so many of us remember in detail.

It also reminds me that the issues people obsess over these days often are so very small in comparison. I was reminded how important it is to choose the positive and avoid the bombardment of negative that tries to work its way into our lives.

Regardless of the rotten apples trying to spoil the barrel, I know my children are getting a top-notch education

in our Grosse Pointe schools. I wish everyone in town could attend a back-to-school night. The amount of thoughtful planning, impressive teachers, staff and principals we have here is just unbelievable and makes me overjoyed. I am so proud to send all four of mine through the same schools I attended.

I don't always agree with everything that goes on and that is OK. We talk about it as a family at home and discuss opinions, thoughts and sometimes vent. Such is life. You will have bosses you don't care for, teachers you don't mesh well with and people you straight up just don't like. The

quicker you learn how to deal with these things the better.

It's the same with the Grosse Pointe News or whatever information you are taking in. You don't have to always agree. The point is to absorb, form your own opinion and proceed accordingly. If you agree, great! If you don't, also great! I was always under the impression that you should be taught how to think, not what to think. If everyone agreed with everything, life would be pretty boring. I say cheers to a great school year, fresh starts and renewed optimism. We live somewhere pretty special and I choose to embrace that.

## GUEST:

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Although we have not found a synagogue, it is incumbent upon me to not lose my family's Jewish connection. And thus I feel it is crucial to ensure we don't lose sight of the calendar and the arrival of the Jewish High Holidays.

Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of Friday, Sept. 15, and ends at sundown Sunday, Sept. 17 this year. Literally, "Head of the Year" in Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the High Holidays or "Days of Awe," ending 10 days later with Yom Kippur.

It is a time to reflect and take note of one's intentions over the past year. My children have all carved their own Shofar, from rams' horns, during their early religious education. So, don't mind us if you hear the shrill melodic notes coming from our backyard later this month. Spiritual leaders have numerous interpretations of the meaning or reasoning for the Shofar's integral role. To me, it is quite literally a wake-up call to be reflective and introspective on the past year. Although we may not be surrounded by a

congregation, we can take part in this ancient call to worship and eat the symbolic apples dipped in honey to signify a "sweet new year."

A core component of my Jewish faith is that family is of utmost importance, regardless of where you gather or how you define family. On this Rosh Hashanah, I call upon everyone, of all faiths, to pause, open their door, gather for a meal, reflect and awaken their spirits with the goal of ushering in a sweet and hopeful new year.

Following Rosh Hashanah is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. On sundown Sept. 24, we will begin 24 hours of solemn observance, including fasting, to seek forgiveness for our transgressions. Yom Kippur is a time for Jewish communities and families to come together in prayer and reflection. It is also a time for reconciliation and forgiveness among fellow human beings. This is such a valuable lesson for all of us, regardless of our faith background. The themes of introspection, repentance, forgiveness and the celebration of life's blessings resonate with all of us.

In a world often divided by differences, it is essential to take moments like these to learn about and appreciate the customs and traditions of others. As I continue to navigate adulthood and parenting, I hope

to find a Jewish community for my children here in the Pointes.

That said, it is also my goal to help bring a deeper understanding and respect for the religious traditions of others to those around me. May this new year bring all of us the ability to foster a greater sense of unity and empathy among all members of our society.

"L'Shana Tovah tikatevu," which means, "May you be inscribed for a good year."

Jessica Silverman Bryan is the deputy director of Project Night Night, a national organization that provides comfort to children in shelters. She is a native of Oak Park, Ill., who now resides in Grosse Pointe Park with her husband, three children and two golden retrievers.

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cancer patients, I am always greeted with so

much love and kindness. Thanks to Jody McVeigh for an excellent report.

AUDREY F. LAWRIE  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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# Ford House selects GEI Consultants in habitat restoration project

Ford House, the historic home of Eleanor and Edsel Ford and a National Historic Landmark, selected GEI Consultants to help plan the Lower Lake St. Clair Habitat Restoration Project, funded by a \$7 million Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA. This grant supports the environmental future of the Great Lakes and Ford House's plans to restore the natural habitats of Ford Cove and nearly one mile of Lake St. Clair's shoreline.



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**A \$7 million grant will support the environmental future of the Great Lakes and Ford House's plans to restore the natural habitats of Ford Cove and nearly one mile of Lake St. Clair's shoreline.**

GEI Consultants is partnering with three

Michigan-based businesses to support this

transformational project. These include InSite Design Studio and LimnoTech, both based in Ann Arbor, and Edgewater Resources, based in St. Joseph. This collaboration will support Ford House with the experience, creativity and range of services this project deserves. This team has well over a century of experience working in the Great Lakes and more than 20 years working with NOAA; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or USACE.

GEI has designed and helped implement more

than 25 NOAA-funded Great Lakes restoration projects over that period.

InSite Design Studio will lead the landscape design and has 25 years of experience creating ecologically sensitive, innovative designs through ongoing consideration of hydrologic, topographic and vegetative systems.

Edgewater Resources will lead the hard infrastructure design, such as potential boardwalks, viewing platforms and offshore wave breaks. The company specializes in planning, design and implementation of sustainable waterfront environments and has many years of experience with

local, state and federal government agencies on shoreline, coastal, marina design and other engineering issues.

LimnoTech will lead the hydrodynamic and wind-wave modeling. The company offers the latest water science and engineering expertise in numerous disciplines within the areas of watershed and waterway management, contaminated site and sediment evaluation and restoration, permitting and regulatory assistance, water sustainability and stewardship, ecosystem studies and applied research.

GEI Consultants were chosen because the company balanced the value of proposed services within budget, presented a highly qualified project team and drew attention to current and recent relevant examples of successful projects. "We are looking forward to working with them and seeing this project move forward," said Kevin Drotos, Ford House landscape and natural areas manager and project manager. "It's thrilling to see years of thoughtful planning coming together for the betterment of the Great Lakes and its natural inhabitants."

"We are excited and grateful to have the

opportunity to work with the Ford House team to restore and conserve badly needed nearshore habitat on Lake St. Clair," a representative of GEI said. "It is clear from the quality of the work already done on this project and from the beautiful Ford House estate that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us."

In addition to the businesses and aforementioned agencies working with Ford House on this restoration, additional support and collaboration are provided by Macomb County Planning and Economic Development and Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division.

The Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant award schedule covers a three-year and five-month period for a total amount of \$7,052,050 in federal funds.

The Lower Lake St. Clair Habitat Restoration Project's proposed timeline, which is tentative, has engineering and design ending in August 2024, with construction occurring October 2024 to late 2025. Post-construction monitoring and maintenance will be completed by the end of November 2026.

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her to court hearings and assisted with the preparation of testimony.

"The (Park) was informed by the prosecutor on the case that Olga's work with the victim should be commended," Bostock said. "Merametdjan's compassion shines bright and is evident in the work she does day in and day out."

◆ Unit Citation: Lt. Colin Connaire, Sgt. Robert Ruggero, PSO Korrine Farmer, PSO Esho Matty and Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Michael Ryan.

While staking out last summer in an area known for overnight larcenies from parked cars, PSO Korrine Farmer witnessed four young males wearing hoods and masks walking along the 1400 block of Bedford trying to open vehicle door handles.

Confronted, the quartet separated and ran. Park police, with mutual aid from colleagues in the City of Grosse Pointe and

Farms, hemmed in the youths. Farms Officer Michael Ryan operated his department's drone, equipped with a heat sensor, to locate and facilitate the arrest of one suspect hiding behind a house on Devonshire below Charlevoix.

Officers searching the neighborhood recovered money and property stolen during a yet-to-be reported larceny from a vehicle parked in the same block of Bedford.

"This arrest was a direct result of inter-agency cooperation, tireless vigilance, technological innovation and functional physical fitness," Bostock said. "There was a great deal of running required during the initial pursuit and during the drone-aided search. All officers involved were able to broadcast important information while on the move. This important arrest would not have happened without a group of dedicated and highly proactive officers giving their absolute best."

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## PARTY:

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"The tents are usually pretty full," said Corin Vance, event organizer from the city recreation department.

The Charlevoix party is intended for adults 18 and older, unlike the Kercheval After 6 street fairs, which are themed for family involvement.

"It's more like come out, have a date night, party with your friends or significant other to enjoy your time together," Vance said. "Bars in the social district will be open. The street gets packed."

— Brad Lindberg



# Liggett duo represents elite of National Board Certified Teachers in Michigan

Only two teachers in the Grosse Pointe area — and only 0.6 percent of teachers in Michigan — are National Board Certified educators. Both of them teach at University Liggett School.

Upper School history teacher Kitty Lam first achieved National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in December 2018. NBPTS certification is considered the highest level of certification a teacher can achieve.

"After I finished my bachelor's degree in history, I went straight on to an MA and then a Ph.D. program in history, where my primary focus was research," said Lam, who taught undergraduate-level classes as an Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. candidate.

While at her first high school teaching job at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, a colleague encouraged Lam to pursue NBPTS certification.

"I took on the challenge because I thought it was worthwhile to document the steps that I have taken to deepen my understanding of effective pedagogy and apply that understanding to my own teaching practices," Lam said. "I thought that pursuing NBPTS certification would be a great way to demonstrate my commitment to and pride in the teaching profession."

While going through the initial certification process, Lam relied heavily on fellow ULS faculty member Adam Hellebuyck, who also is NBPTS certified. Hellebuyck, an Upper School social studies teacher and dean of curriculum and assessment, first became NBPTS certified a couple



Adam Hellebuyck and Kitty Lam



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years after Lam.

"Adam was an important thought partner for me during the initial certification process because he is very good at thinking about the bigger picture," Lam said. "I often turned to him for fresh ideas and feedback when I was looking for items to include in my portfolio."

Since being certified nearly five years ago, Lam has used what she learned about herself in the collection, submission and certification process to enhance and clarify her teaching style.

"Going through the certification process has prompted me to become more consistent in intentionally making meaningful student learning clear and visible," Lam said.

The initial National Board Certification process takes around two years. During these years, candidates collect copious evidence of effective teaching, including student work, data, col-

leagues' classroom observations and videos of interaction with students in a classroom setting. The candidates then submit the material to a board of judges for evaluation.

Candidates also write reflective essays that analyze how the evidence submitted reflects sound pedagogy and demonstrates positive impact on student learning. A content knowledge exam also is part of the process. Adding to the degree of difficulty, candidates never meet the board face-to-face. Lam ensured her submitted materials left no ambiguity about her qualifications.

"You are not being observed in real time, which means evaluators do not have the opportunity to interact with you and you do not have the benefit of having follow-up conversations to clarify certain moments," Lam said.

Lam currently is undergoing the recertification process, which takes place every five years.

## LEAVING:

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cial board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5, to extend the contracts for the district's executive administrators.

"It's heartbreaking," Brumbaugh said. "This is a wonderful community and I love the school system."

Brumbaugh said he fully intended to run for re-election next year if not for the move. The couple has lived in Grosse Pointe eight years and have a kindergartener and fourth grader at Defer Elementary School.

"It's been a real pleasure serving on the board," he added. "We'd move back here in a heartbeat if we get the chance."

Brumbaugh was elected in November 2020, with a term expiring Dec. 31, 2024. Board President Ahmed Ismail said the board will have 30 days to appoint a replacement once Brumbaugh's official resignation is submitted. That person will serve the remainder of the term.

If the board were to not appoint a replacement, it would be filled by the Wayne RESA, the county's intermediate school district.

According to the Michigan Association of School Boards, no special election is necessary because Brumbaugh's seat will be on the ballot in the next regularly scheduled election.

State law requires eligible appointees to be regis-



David Brumbaugh

tered voters of the district; at least 18 years of age; a United States citizen; and a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days.

MASB recommends the board interview candidates, which must be done in open session, and then board members should list the candidates who are acceptable and meet the qualifications.

The board president then tabulates those lists to determine which candidates appear on all of the lists or at least most frequently. The lists must be publicly announced and recorded in the meeting minutes.

MASB suggests narrowing the field to the top three candidates. Board members then list a first and second choice for the appointment. The president tallies the results, giving two points for each first place and one point for each second place.

That also must be publicly announced and the board president recommends for appointment the candidate with the most points. The ensuing appointment must be done in open session.

## CONTRACT:

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Pilgrim, director of human resources; Keith Howell, director of elementary instruction; and Chris Stanley, director of instructional technology.

The administrators received a 2 percent raise at the top of the salary schedule and a 3 percent retention bonus.

"Thank you to the administrators for their input on how to tweak these contracts," board President Ahmed Ismail said.

Some board members were pushing to extend the contracts last spring during budget discussions, but Ismail indicated at the time it would be improper to do so before settling contracts with the Grosse Pointe Education Association and other bargaining units.

It's been a summer of upheaval for the district's central office.

Dan Hartley, previously director of secondary instruction, left to become principal of Bloomfield Hills High School in July. Bishop previously said that role will not be filled and the 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 that

role will be filled on an interim basis until a permanent replacement is found.

The district also is searching for a replacement for Amanda Matheson. The former deputy superintendent of business services was recruited to become vice president for administration and finance at Ferris State University.

Jon Dean announced his retirement from the role of superintendent in late August. He will consult for the district through next June.

Chris Fenton, former deputy superintendent of business services, was appointed interim superintendent effective Sept.

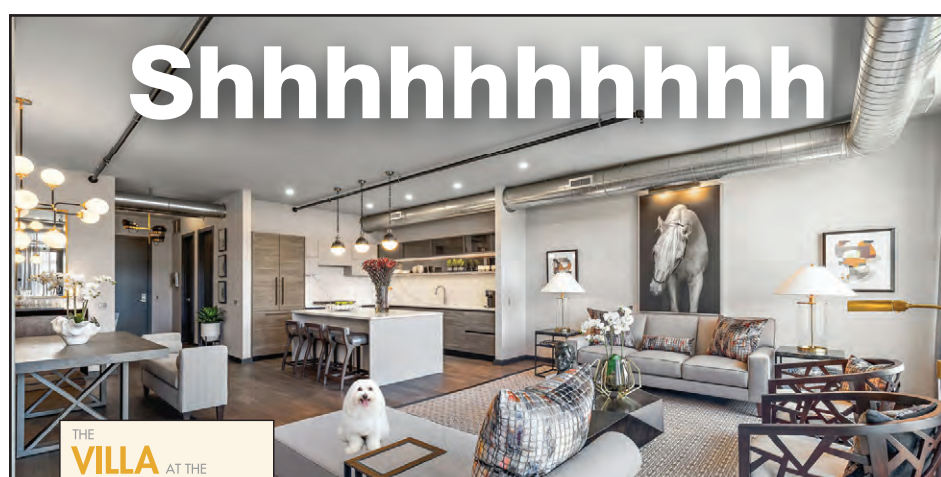
1. The district also has posted an opening on its employment website for a communications coordinator to replace

Rebecca Fannon, who left to take a similar role with West Bloomfield Public Schools.

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## 10A | SCHOOLS

## ULS announces Class of '23 Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

Five members of the University Liggett School community who exemplify athletic excellence, character and a lifelong commitment to sports will be inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Boll Campus Center.

The five outstanding alumni who have been selected for induction into the ULS 2023 Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame are:

◆ Thomas Gage, Class of '66: While at Grosse Pointe University School, he played baseball, football, soccer, basketball and hockey. Gage was a sportswriter and journalist for 39 years with The Detroit News. He was the Detroit Tigers beat writer from 1979 to 2015. As a writer, has covered more than 5,000 baseball games in 54 ballparks. Gage also worked as a reporter for Fox Sports and The Sporting News. He was inducted into the writers wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015, and is a

recipient of the 2015 J. G. Taylor Spink Award — the highest award given by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 2016, and the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 2018.

◆ Bruce Barit, Class of '68: While at GPUS, Barit was a three-year varsity member of the soccer, basketball and tennis teams. He was a four-year varsity athlete in baseball. He earned first-team All-State honors in basketball his senior year. Barit was part of the state champion tennis team his sophomore, junior and senior years, and he was the state Class C-D tennis singles champion his senior year. While at Wesleyan University, he played varsity tennis, squash, basketball and football. He also played freshman, soccer, basketball and tennis. He has been president of Advanced Storage Technology, a company involved in public works

to store roadside salt throughout the country. He still plays tennis, golf and pickleball.

◆ Abigail Tompkins Johannson, Class of '97: While at ULS, Johannson was a four-year varsity member of the field hockey, soccer and ice hockey teams. She was the senior year captain of the 1996 state champion hockey team and was recruited to play NCAA Division 1 hockey. As part of the soccer team, Johannson won the Metro Conference championship in '94, '95, '96 and '97. During her senior year, she scored 26 goals, which was a school record at the time. As part of the hockey team she won state championships '94, '95, '96 and '97. Johannson went on to play NCAA Division 1 soccer at the University of Michigan. While at U of M, the team was nationally ranked in the top 25, made the NCAA Tournament four times and won the Big Ten Tournament. She was

named to the Big Ten All-Academic Team her senior year.

◆ Kevin Espy, Class of '98: While at ULS, Espy was a four-year varsity member of the football and lacrosse teams, a three-year varsity member of the basketball team and a member of the track and baseball teams. In 1997, he was named to the All-Conference first team, the All Metro-Detroit team and All-State honorable mention in football. The team also won the Metro Conference championship in 1997. He was one member of the record-setting 1997 relay team and went to regionals in the 100m in 1998. Espy was an All-American honorable mention in lacrosse his senior year and received All-State and All-League accolades his junior and senior years. While at Columbia University, he played four years of varsity football and is on record as an all-time letter winner in the sport. Following gradua-

tion, Espy spent more than 15 years as an educator and coach in New York City.

◆ Mags B. Dillon, Class of '02: While at ULS, Dillon was two-time captain and three-time MVP of the ice hockey team, as well as two-time captain of the softball team that won districts and were regional finalists during senior year. Dillon's batting average is in the MHSAA all-time top 10. Dillon also played field hockey and was an MVP and on the All-State first team. Dillon was a Terrill Newnan Scholar all four years at ULS, valedictorian, president of the student council and winner of the 2002 Gatorade "Will to Win" athlete scholarship for the state of Michigan. Dillon attended Princeton University and between 2002 and 2006, played on the rugby team that won the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union and Ivy League Championships (2003), advanced to the USA Rugby National

Championship Game (2004) and played USA Rugby Sweet Sixteen (2006).

The Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame honors and celebrates the rich athletic history of University Liggett School and its predecessor schools — Grosse Pointe University School and The Liggett School, which merged to become University Liggett School. The award recognizes alumni who have displayed solid character and citizenship while at Liggett or one of its predecessor schools, had an exceptional athletic record while in school and have achieved distinguished post-graduate athletic competition or coaching.

The 2023 Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were reviewed and selected by the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, which comprises inductees, past and current coaches, athletic department staff and the alumni relations team.

## Liggett alum showcases artwork at guest artist opening reception

University Liggett School presents an art exhibition featuring 2019 ULS graduate Hope Kulka. The exhibition, on display throughout September, showcases Kulka's evolution from a budding artist in the Upper School at ULS to a professional artist.

Kulka graduated from the College of Creative Studies in May. Her work is

known for its creativity, depth and ability to engage and inspire audiences.

Kulka's journey at ULS was marked by her dedication to the arts, culminating in an academic research project that stunned students and faculty alike.

The exhibition also features CCS artists Madelyn Taylor, Aaron Murray and Stephen Klimushyn.



The artwork of Liggett alumna Hope Kulka will be featured in the exhibition.

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## St. Clare to bid farewell to sisters

### Sept. 23-24 celebrations planned for Sisters Kathy, Mary Peter

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It was the welcoming spirit she felt during a 2007 visit that compelled Sister Kathy Avery to join the staff at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.

“My mom and I came to visit before I signed on the dotted line,” she said. “We went to church; I knew nothing of the school at the time. We were greeted warmly. Then I looked at the school and I thought it was lovely.”

Avery served eight years as principal before stepping into the role of director of religious education. Now, eight years later, she’s making another move — returning to the Servants of Mary in Omaha, Neb.

“That community asked us to return to Omaha,” she said of herself and Sister Mary Peter Caito, a 16-year religious education teacher at St. Clare. “... I’m going to miss the people, the prayer community, the spirit of the place and Father Andrew (Kowalczyk).”

“I came to St. Clare in 2012, and met this principal of our school, who was vibrant, not shy to speak up, but also a lady, a sister, with a great love of Catholic education



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Sister Kathy Avery, left, and Sister Mary Peter Caito will return to the Servants of Mary in Omaha, Neb., the end of this month.

and the students,” Kowalczyk said. “She would do anything for the students to succeed in the academic field. ... She’s fun and always with a big smile, not shy of doing crazy things ... all because of her love for the students. That’s going to be missing — sister’s life and presence in the school. Sister Mary Peter as well, her presence in the school. They are two sisters with

great heart, but with two different characters.”

In recognition of their years of service, Avery and Caito will be honored with receptions after the 4 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 23, as well as the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses Sunday, Sept. 24.

“Following each Mass we’ll honor the sisters with prayer, words of gratitude and thanksgiving at receptions in our

newly renovated parish hall,” Kowalczyk said. “At 11 a.m. Sept. 24, Bishop (Robert) Fisher is going to come and express words of thanks, not only for the sisters, but the entire community of Servite Sisters. This is the start of a transition; within the next few years, all sisters are transitioning to Nebraska.”

The receptions will feature food, music, prayer and, Kowalczyk anticipates, laughter and tears.

“My entire time here at St. Clare was always associated with the two sisters — morning Mass, school, after school, The Geezers (senior group),” he said. “They will be missed. The parents really got to know and love the sisters and so did the students. This will be a new chapter without them. I’m sad

for us, but happy for the sisters.

“They are loved here, respected here and we’ll see a great void when they’re gone.”

“It’s a family,” Avery said. “I feel like they belong to me and I belong to them. I dearly love what I’ve been doing. I love the children, the parents. ... This is the best parish I’ve ever been at and I’ve seen quite a few.”

Prior to St. Clare, Avery worked at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Flint. She also held positions in Detroit, Kentucky and Iowa.

“This is the first time I’ve not lived near the church, the first time I’ve not lived in a convent,” said Avery, who lives in St. Clair Shores. “It was a big adjustment when I first came.”

Avery settled into her role at St. Clare swiftly, adding to her duties as needs arose.

“I do whatever needs to be done, with the school, with the choir,” she said. “I’m a math teacher, so I’ve taught eighth grade math.

“... In a small school like this, you have to do everything — on the playground, in the lunchroom, protecting God’s children,” she added.

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COURTESY PHOTO

## Woods scout attends World Jamboree

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Oppressive heat, torrential rain, lack of food, getting sick. Even with all of that, Jack Grace said he enjoyed his trip last month to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

“I still got a lot of fun out of it and enjoyed it, even with everything that happened,” he said. “I don’t regret going.”

Grace, 17, just started his senior year at Grosse Pointe North High School and was the only scout to attend the event from the Pointes. The Woods resident, who is senior patrol leader for Troop 34 based out of Ferry Elementary School, also is a member of the Gearheads, North’s robotics team that went to the world championships in Houston in May. He also is about to start his Eagle Scout project, building a board on which adaptive tools can be stored that are used by attendees at The Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Grace of Grosse Pointe Woods snapped this selfie on the way to the opening ceremonies of the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Woods. The jamboree, which has drawn national and international media scrutiny, faced problems even before the 1,000-person American delegation arrived Aug. 2. They stayed at Camp Humphreys, an Army base near Seoul, an extra

day because scouting officials did not think the jamboree site was ready yet.

Heavy rains in late July left standing water at the site, which led to a mosquito outbreak. The organizing committee, however, was able to secure 160,000 wooden

pallets for scouts to pitch their tents on.

Grace’s troop pulled out and returned to Camp Humphreys after just a few days before flying home Saturday, Aug. 12.

“We stayed in the middle school gym on base and the girls stayed in the high school gym,” Grace

said. “The first night we stayed there they gave us MREs (meals ready to eat), which was neat, but when we went back we ate cafeteria food.”

The food was a welcome relief.

“When they first decided to leave, the media said it was because of the heat and even I wasn’t happy to hear about that,” said John Grace, Jack’s father. “Then we started to learn more about the problems.”

Those problems included overflowing toilets that left puddles of contaminated water, food that wasn’t stored properly and a medical facility that was overrun due to scouts suffering from heat exhaustion and dehydration.

“They had a teleconference for all the parents and the scouts’ chief medical officer was explaining everything to us,” the elder Grace said. “That’s when we knew it was bad. The food wasn’t stored at the right temperature and they weren’t

paying attention to food allergy requests.”

“I even saw salami in a bag marked vegetarian,” Jack Grace said.

John Grace said the medical officer told parents more than 5,000 people a day were visiting an on-site medical facility built to handle 500 people.

The South Korean prime minister, who visited the site, held a cabinet meeting about the shortcomings and called in soldiers to handle sanitation. The jamboree eventually was canceled and all 45,000 attendees evacuated Aug. 8, due to an approaching typhoon. They were housed in temples, college dormitories, hotels and military bases.

After returning to Camp Humphreys, the scouts were treated to a professional baseball game and a trip to a water park. John Grace was able to connect with a Canadian living in Seoul and bought several English-language board games from him that were delivered to the base to help the scouts pass the time.

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## Racing For Kids honors 3 with Courageous Kid Awards

Racing For Kids once again honored three outstanding young people with its Racing For Kids Courageous Kid Awards at the 17th annual Racing For Kids to the Hill event Aug. 30.

RFK created its Courageous Kid Awards in 2017, to recognize youngsters who are dealing with serious medical conditions and challenges with inspirational strength, resolve and determination.

This year's award recipients are Griffin Wright of Grosse Pointe, Jenna Parys of Roseville and Grant Maristela of Clinton Township.

Griffin Wright, 18, was born in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and adopted by Regan and Rob Wright when he was 7 months old. For the better part of his life, he has had to deal with a club foot, amniotic banding on his left index finger, texture defense eating disorder, attention deficit syn-



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE HATHAWAY

From left, Jenna Parys, Griffin Wright, Hudson Brown, Dylan Drouillard, Grant Maristela, Riley Slattery and Matthew Nyenhuis. Past recipients helped with this year's awards presentation.

drome and cerebral palsy with attendant and silent seizures.

Surgeries and therapy have resolved most of his issues. Feeding therapy at Beaumont, multiple

sessions of physical and occupational therapy, and Kids on the Go camp have improved his fine motor and social skills. Surgery at Children's Hospital corrected his club foot and after years of casts and bar shoes, Wright is a good runner and daring skier.

He went to Eton Academy for middle school and started eye tracking therapy at Excel Institute to improve his attention, since he was diagnosed with ADS in eighth grade. He was able to attend Grosse Pointe South High School and take mainstream classes and ultimately graduated with honors this past June.

Jenna Parys is 11 years old and the daughter of Chris and Lisa Parys. She was diagnosed with hemiparetic cerebral palsy and dystonia after delayed milestones. During a trip to a pediatric neurologist at age 1, an MRI confirmed she had endured an in-uterine stroke. She wore leg braces from 18 months to 7 years old, but eventually was able to walk without them.

Over the years, Parys has spent time with different specialists and therapists for speech, physical, occupational and recreational therapy through hospital stays and Kids on the Go camp

programs. She has dealt with fatigue, muscle spasticity sensory problems, anxiety, sleep and eating issues. Many of these conditions still exist, but she has learned to manage them. In addition, she has undergone medical procedures to address some of these issues.

Through Kids on the Go she has been able to participate in activities such as cheerleading and basketball, as well as art and communication classes. She learned how to ride a two-wheel bike and now enjoys swimming, drawing, painting, bracelet-making, music and spending time with friends.

Grant Maristela, the son of Candice and Gerard Maristela, is a strong-willed, brave and courageous 5-year-old who was diagnosed with hemolytic-uremic syndrome, or HUS, caused by E. coli. HUS is a rare but serious disease that affected his kidneys and resulted in kidney failure.

Maristela endured five weeks in the intensive care unit and since then has been doing peritoneal dialysis every day for nine hours, which he will continue until he is able to have a kidney transplant. On top of kidney failure, Maristela was diagnosed with myo-



Racing For Kids Courageous Kid recipient Griffin Wright with his parents, Regan and Rob Wright.



Kids on the Go founder Kristy Schena with Jenna Parys, 2023 Courageous Kid.



From left, Gerard, Grant, Gusto and Candice Maristela celebrate Grant's award.

carditis, a condition that weakens and reduces heart functionality. Thankfully, after a year of disfunction, he fully recovered from myocarditis.

The past two years haven't been easy for Maristela, but he has shown resiliency and the discipline to overcome the challenges he has faced and continues to experience. Despite his limitations, he has developed the mindset to be the best advocate for himself and maintains a cheerful attitude, strong will and lovable attitude. His family said he is their superhero and inspiration, with his exceptional strength and courage.

"Racing For Kids has been visiting wonderful

children like our Courageous Kids for the past 34 years," said J. Patrick Wright, CEO of Racing For Kids. "Our concerns for 'our kids' reflect the overall child healthcare concerns of the Grosse Pointe community. That's why the Courageous Kids Awards are such a popular part of the Racing For Kids to the Hill events."

Racing For Kids will be making \$500 donations to the charity of choice in honor of each of this year's award recipients. Past recipients who attended this year's ceremony and assisted with the trophy presentation are Dylan Drouillard, Riley Slattery, Hudson Brown and Matthew Nyenhuis.

## Ballenger offers expert political analysis Tuesday

Michigan's premier political commentator, Bill Ballenger, speaks to the Eastside Republican Club Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Involved in Michigan political circles more than three decades, Ballenger is a recognized authority on Michigan government and politics.

The 7:30 p.m. forum is open to the public.

"It's an honor to host Mr. Ballenger again," ERC chairman Mike Vethacke said. "Our forum is open to the public at no charge and we invite anyone interested in responsible government to attend and take part in the discussion following Mr. Ballenger's presentation."



Bill Ballenger, political commentator

Forum doors open for coffee and networking at 7 p.m., Vethacke added.

As a commentator, Ballenger is a prolific writer and analyst of the Michigan political landscape. Yet over the years, Ballenger himself has been the subject of stories. In one such story, the Detroit News dubbed

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## Library

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

◆ 3D Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept.

14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ DANCE for Hispanic Heritage Month, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Shelf Indulgence, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, Cellar 313, 15112 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E.

Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Outdoor Family Yoga, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, via Zoom.

◆ DANCE for Hispanic Heritage Month, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

## Questers

The Fox Creek Questers will meet at

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noon Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House, 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Kit Greening, past president, will speak on "Gifts from France: The Merci Train and the Statue of Liberty." Members also will discuss efforts to raise money for restoration and preservation at the Provencal-Weir House, including operation of LaBelle's Annex the second Saturday of the month. The annex offers pre-owned vintage clothing, jewelry, crystal and other surprises. It will next open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 14.

## The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ Detroit Opera Resident Artists Series, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, featuring soprano

Melanie Spector, mezzo-soprano Lisa Marie Rogali, tenor River Guard and baritones Rolfe Daus and Ben Reisinger. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$35 VIP.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Redeemer United Methodist

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# Constitution Day celebration, marker dedication planned Sept. 17

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in collaboration with the American 250 Commission, will celebrate the dedication of a Revolutionary War Patriots marker at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

Members of the chapter have been working with Grosse Pointe Farms city officials and the NSDAR to place an America 250 brass marker honoring Revolutionary War Patriots at Joy Bells Park, located at the corner of Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

"We started this process a year ago, trying to get a marker," said Deann Newman, Louisa St. Clair chapter treasurer. "The America 250 Commission and DAR have worked together on a couple different markers, which are meant to get the attention of the community to

celebrate the country's 250th anniversary in 2026. The idea was to start with a marker in certain communities across the country."

There potentially will be five such markers placed throughout the state of Michigan.

"I'm pretty excited to get one in Grosse Pointe Farms," Newman added. "The marker was delivered last week, will be installed next week and dedicated Sept. 17."

The entire community is invited to the ceremony, which also kicks off Constitution Week with a Bells Across America bell-ringing event.

"We've asked all churches and anyone with a bell tower on the Eastside to ring their bells at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17, Constitution Day," Newman said.

Following the ringing of the Joy Bells, proclaiming Constitution Day and honoring American Revolution patriots, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Tomcat Squadron based at

Selfridge Air National Guard Base will serve as Honor Guard.

Joining the dedication are several community leaders — including Louisa St. Clair Chapter Regent Dorothea Martin, DAR of Michigan Regent Kelly VanWormer and Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros — as well as special guest Lynn Forney Young, NSDAR honorary president general who was appointed to the U.S. Congressional Semiquincentennial Commission. She will talk about the mission of America 250.

"She is tremendously passionate about her patriotism," Newman said. "She was appointed to the America 250 Commission, which is designated to prepare the country for the 250th anniversary in 2026. Congress established the commission in 2016."

Newman also will officially dedicate the new marker, one of a few approved to date in the state and across the

country.

"The Joy Bells were selected mainly because the original owner, Helen Newberry Joy and her husband, Henry Joy, the bell tower was at their home in Grosse Pointe Farms," Newman said. "They relocated it to the park after Mrs. Joy died. Her husband had the bells built for her on their property because she missed the bell carillon from her childhood days."

Newberry Joy also was an early member of the Louisa St. Clair chapter of DAR, "and a great benefactor of many organizations across the state," Newman added. "She was a nice benefactor of our chapter, too. We wanted to recognize her heritage as a patriot."

Within the last handful of years, Newman said, the bells have been refurbished.

"When I took over the Constitution Week Committee, I really wanted to hear those

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Delta Kappa Gamma's Beta Xi members, from left, are Pat Meek, Lynda Bachteal, Tammy Duffield, Linda Khoenle, Lillian Kachadourian, Kathy Heitman, Linda McKinney, Elsie Onychuk and Dorothy Goodfellow.

## Beta Xi chapter awards scholarships

Back to school season is a time both working and retired teachers hold dear to their hearts. The Beta Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is an international women's fraternity of retired and active teachers within the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

To show their love and support of the profession, Beta Xi holds an annual scholarship auction every December. Scholarships support

current teachers and graduating high school seniors. Current teachers have received scholarships for classroom supplies and grants for their graduate degrees.

This year, the scholarships were awarded to Sarafina Melhem and Sunny Days Co-Op Preschool.

Melhem graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and is

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## Worn U.S. flag collection underway

### Flag retirement ceremony is Oct. 16

The John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution; Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution; and Grosse Pointe Boy Scout Troop No. 96 are collecting worn United

States flags during the month of September.

Flags may be dropped off at:

◆ the Grosse Pointe Farms municipal office, 90 Kerby; or

◆ the Pier Park gatehouse, 350 Lakeshore.

Donated flags will be

part of a flag retirement ceremony that takes place at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Pier Park. All are welcome to attend.

Members of the John Paul Jones Society will lead the ceremony in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance" and "The

American's Creed." The Boy Scouts will explain the symbolism of the flag, when to fly the flag and other important flag facts.

To inquire about the flag retirement ceremony, contact Louisa St. Clair member Patti Theros at therospr@gmail.com or call the Farms at (313) 885-6600.



The scholarship presentation included, from left, Maria Melhem, Kathy Heitman, winner Sarafina Melhem, Tamara Duffield and Lillian Kachadourian.

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Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

### Veterans Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc., gathers at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, with a welcome at 1:30 p.m. in the Veterans Room of the Alger House, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The purpose of the gathering is to get to know members, auxiliary members, families without a veteran and potential new members. At 3:30 p.m., the group will tour The War Memorial and its lakeside sculpture, "Les Braves II: At Water's Edge." For more information, call President John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

### Ford House

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

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

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

◆ 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 nonmembers.

◆ Movie on the Meadow: "James Bond: Dr. No," Friday, Sept. 22. Grounds open at 6 p.m., followed by the film at 7:45 p.m. Admission is \$10.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

### Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods offers a variety of programming this fall. For information or to register for the following, email maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Preschool Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. through Nov. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Led by Danielle Mitchelson, parents and caregivers join in as toddlers play, sing and dance. For ages 2 and older.

◆ Community Book Club meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The book, "The Good Life: Lessons From the World's Longest Scientific Study of Happiness," by Robert Waldinger, M.D., and Marc Schultz, Ph.D., will be discussed.

◆ How to Connect with your I-Generation Child, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe

Park. This in-depth talk is led by Nicole Runyon, LMSW.

### 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:

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

### Rotary

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

Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Amanda York with the Mason Elementary School PTO will speak about Mason's new inclusive playground. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

### Moross Greenway

Volunteers are needed divide and move perennial plants along the Moross Greenway beginning 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. Volunteers will meet at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 21150 Moross, Detroit, and should dress for the weather and wear study shoes or boots. Volunteers also are asked to bring gloves, a shovel and a trowel. Email morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com or visit morossgreenway.org.

  
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## St. Michael's lunch series returns Sept. 21

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, resumes its Lunch, Laugh and Learn series at noon Thursday, Sept. 21.

Ever wonder what it would be like to be backstage at the Oscars and see how the show is put together? To see Barbra Streisand win Academy Awards twice? To exchange off-color jokes with Bea Arthur or work with Bing Crosby, Cher, Dick Clark, Madonna, Pearl Bailey, Betty Davis and even Miss Piggy? To be backstage at the Kennedy Center honors and the American Film Institute? Or see behind the scenes of Broadway shows with Lauren Bacall, Liza Minelli and James Earl Jones?

Ray Klausen has designed the sets for nine Broadway shows, numerous Off Broadway shows and more than 400 television shows and, having three Emmy Awards for art direction, has some great stories to tell.

The program is open to everyone; a free-will offering pays for the meal, but seats must be reserved. Call the church office at (313) 884-4820. The last day to register is Tuesday, Sept. 19.



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## 4B | OBITUARIES

# 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.

## Dorothy Loretta Taylor

Dorothy "Dottie" Loretta Taylor, 76, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, surrounded by her beloved family.

Born in 1947, to Joseph and Anna, both now deceased, she enjoyed 56 years of marriage to her adoring husband, William. She was a proud mother to her five children: Sarah, Anna, Katherine (Chester), Daniel (Dorene) and Kenneth (Sandra); and she cherished her eight grandchildren, Benjamin, Alexander, Joseph, Katherine, Elliot, Julia, Owen and Samantha. She was a loving sister to her brother, Thomas; sisters, Susan and Diane; brother-in-law, Isam; sisters-in-law, Marilyn, Judy, Melinda and Patricia; and adored her numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Wesley; brothers, Joseph and Michael; sisters, Joanne and Mary Christine; and brothers-in-law, Robert, Richard and Mark.

Dottie graduated from St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe Farms. Soon after, she met the love of her life, William. On their first date, they attended a showing of "The Sound of Music" at the Madison Theater in downtown Detroit — a film that remained her all-time favorite. They married in 1967, and lived briefly in Oklahoma and Germany as part of William's service in the U.S. Army. They eventually settled in their native Grosse Pointe and started their family, which grew to five children.

Dottie worked for a number of local businesses, including Meier Cut Stone, JCPenney, Impressions and Addison & Addison, before retiring to enjoy time with family and friends.

Dottie lived a life full of family and faith. She enjoyed being at home and loved to periodically rearrange furniture to give a room a new vibe. She always enjoyed shopping and fully embraced shopping at home via QVC. She enjoyed comfort foods right up to the end, as her final meal was a Sander's hot fudge sundae. She said the best days of her life were days she was surrounded by her family.

Per her wishes, Dottie's remains will be cremated. She will lie in state Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9:30 a.m. until a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. The Mass may be viewed online at [sjascs.org](https://sjascs.org) or on the parish's Facebook page, [facebook.com/sjascs-catholic](https://facebook.com/sjascs-catholic). A private inurnment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Autism Science Foundation, 3 Continental Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583, or [autismsciencefoundation.org/donate](https://autismsciencefoundation.org/donate).

## Nancy Joyce Hillebrand

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy Joyce Hillebrand, 97, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

Nancy was born March 6, 1926, in Detroit, to Bryan G. Joyce and Patrice McInerney Joyce. She attended Convent of the Sacred Heart, St. Paul Catholic Grade School, Grosse Pointe High School, Georgetown Visitation Junior College in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the University of Detroit with a major in English. While at U of D, she was a member of Alpha Chi Tau, a national honor society. Nancy received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1948, and briefly taught school in St. Clair Shores before marrying Francis X. Hillebrand Jr.

Nancy was a member of the Altar Society at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and belonged to the Austin High School Mother's Club, Children of Mary at Convent of the Sacred Heart and Christ Child Society. She also was a former president of the Mother's Club for Boy Scout Troop No. 156 at Christ Church, a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club and a hospice volunteer for both Bon Secours and St. John hospitals. She was devoted to her family and enjoyed gardening and journalistic endeavors. She was a historian.

Nancy was predeceased by her daughter, Mary Patrice Hwacinski; her husband of 68 years, Francis X. Hillebrand Jr.; and her sister, Jeanne Joyce. She is survived by her sisters, Susanne Grambo Kramer and Judy Bartsch Humphrey. All three of her sisters were a large part of her life. She also is survived by her daughter, JoAnn Hillebrand of Grosse Pointe Farms; and sons, Albert J. (Mary) of Newport Beach, Calif., Frank (Wendy) of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Michael (Laura) of Waterford; grandchildren, Holly Moore (Aaron), Robert Hwacinski (Jaime), Kathryn Hood, Francis X. Hillebrand V, Charles Hillebrand, Lauren Hillebrand, Cara Pfund (Max), Wendy Powell (Joseph) and Brendan Hillebrand; and great-grandchildren, Meghan, Alexandra, Hannah, Josie, Ellie, Henry, Archer and Hadlyn Bea.

A memorial Mass will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with a gathering at 9:30 a.m. Interment is at the St. Paul Catholic Church columbarium.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to St. Jude Research Hospital, Children's Hospice, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105; or Little Sisters of the Poor, Oregon, OH Development Office, P.O. Box 221277, Cleveland, OH 44122.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., [verheyden.org](https://verheyden.org).

## Gaetana "Nina" Allam

Gaetana "Nina" Allam, 89, formerly of Dearborn, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Born Sept. 10, 1933, in Detroit, to Peter and Rose Farago, Nina was a vibrant, faith-filled woman known for her adventurous spirit.

Nina was a proud alumna of Mount Clemens High School. After graduation, she launched herself into a successful career. She spent most of her professional life at Ford Motor Co., working as an executive assistant to the design department. Nina's dedication and hard work made her a respected figure in her position. She also was an executive assistant at the Oakland County Board of Realtors.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Nina was a passionate world traveler. She found immense joy in exploring new cultures, landscapes and experiences. She loved sharing her travel stories with friends and family.

Nina was predeceased by her beloved husband, Michael Allam. She is survived by her sisters, Dora Cadieux (the late Gerald) and Norma Eschenburg (the late Ronald); brothers, Louis (Paula), Tom (Jean) and Peter Farago (Joan); and many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in the chapel at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, [bit.ly/3Z9utPp](https://bit.ly/3Z9utPp), or the American Stroke Foundation, [bit.ly/3P76LhZ](https://bit.ly/3P76LhZ).

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park, [verheyden.org](https://verheyden.org).

## Katherine Paige Brouwer

Katherine Paige Brouwer, 86, passed away Monday, Sept. 4, 2023.

Born Aug. 19, 1937, in Albany, N.Y., she grew up with her family in Delmar, N.Y. In 1955, she traveled by train across the country to Pella, Iowa, to attend college.

Mrs. Brouwer graduated from Central College in Pella and married her beloved Merle the same day, June 1, 1959. After settling in Michigan, Mrs. Brouwer taught English for the Warren Consolidated Schools district, starting at Cousino High School in 1967. She also taught at Warren Woods High School before retiring due to health reasons in 1990.

After moving to Grosse Pointe in 1977, she and her husband were active members of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. They enjoyed traveling and trips to London,



Dorothy Loretta Taylor



Nancy Joyce Hillebrand



Gaetana Allam

Ireland, Scotland and Russia. During her widowhood, she lived primarily in Clinton Township and most recently in Roseville.

Katherine was the beloved wife of the late Rev. Dr. Merle G. Brouwer; cherished mother of Christine Kay Brouwer, Michael Andrew Brouwer and the late Timothy Paige Brouwer; dearest grandmother of Victoria Paige Bruce, Erica Lynne Bruce, Nicole Paige Brouwer and Emily Michelle Brouwer; and great-grandmother of four. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Services by [ahpeters.com](https://ahpeters.com).

## Gail Kay Burkholder

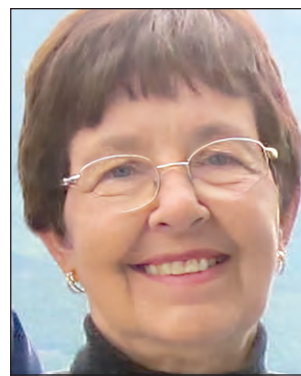
Gail Kay Burkholder (nee Arduin), 85, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, succumbing to the final stages of Alzheimer's.

Gail was born Nov. 28, 1937, at Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit, to her parents, M. Arthur and Mildred Arduin. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Before marriage, she worked at Farm Crest Bakery and United States Rubber Co., (Uniroyal), both in Detroit. She left Valparaiso University after one year of study to fulfill her dream to marry and have a family. On Oct. 5, 1963, she married Richard Burkholder at Bethany, a year after meeting him on a blind date through their friends in the Walther League.

She became a loving wife and mother and enjoyed her role as a homemaker and being involved in her children's lives, school and church. She loved serving as a den mother for the Cub Scouts, leading children's Sunday School and VBS, participating in her ladies' card club, doing arts and crafts, and singing in numerous church choirs and with the Detroit Lutheran Singers for many years. One of her proudest moments was when she was selected for Lutheran Woman of the Year at Peace Lutheran Church in Warren.

As a homemaker, she took pride in making home-cooked meals and desserts for her family, hosting dinner parties for her church friends and birthday parties and bridal showers for her children. She also enjoyed going on family bike rides and outings, along with camping in Michigan's state parks and freighter watching. As a lifelong lover of Michigan, she always said she thought Michigan clouds were the most beautiful of any state. She also loved to take dozens of pictures at every family event. Spending time with her



Gail Kay Burkholder



Mason Ferry

grandchildren gave her great joy.

As a couple married almost 60 years, she and Richard enjoyed many other trips with family, some in other states and some outside the U.S. They also faithfully supported the arts and their church, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Tuesday Musicales of Detroit and Project Compassion. She faithfully and energetically devoted her time and talents at Bethany Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church, serving in many roles which she took seriously, including setting up the outside sign board of the church each week with various clever sayings she collected.

Toward the end of her life, she enjoyed writing down all the Bible verses and "words of wisdom" that were especially meaningful to her. Even with her memory challenges, she still could sing her beloved Lutheran hymns, "harmonizing" in her strong alto voice, and say the Lord's Prayer by heart.

Gail knew Jesus as her savior and had a great faith that He would be with her to the end and that as believers all will be reunited in time with family and loved ones. Her family and friends celebrate her life and the example she set, giving thanks to the Lord for the many blessings they received through her life on earth; the world was a better place with her in it and she will be greatly missed.

Gail is survived by her loving husband, Richard; beloved children, Debra Closures (the late Lawrence), Steven (Jennifer) and Daniel (Mimi); and loving grandchildren, Celeste, Nathaniel, Lucas and Jason. She also is survived by her brother, Mariano Arthur Arduin Jr. (Penny).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Gail's honor to the Good News Gang, P.O. Box 10148, Detroit, MI 48210, [goodnews-gang.org](https://goodnews-gang.org).

Visitation will be held 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at Faulmann & Walsh Golden Rule Funeral Home, 32814 Utica, Fraser, and will continue from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at St. John Lutheran Church, 16339 E. 14 Mile, Fraser, with a worship service at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at Infinity Hall, 16650 E. 14 Mile, Fraser, with interment graveside at 3 p.m. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Detroit. Share memories with

the family at [faulmannwalsh.com](https://faulmannwalsh.com).

## Mason Ferry

Mason Ferry, 84, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 1, 2023.

Mason was born Aug. 16, 1939, in Detroit, the son of Dexter and Marian Ferry. He was an alumnus of Grosse Pointe University School, Class of '57, and Princeton University, Class of '61, and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mason had a long career at National Bank of Detroit as a trust officer before pursuing philanthropic endeavors. He led the expansion of the Detroit Science Center (now the Michigan Science Center), tripling the former exhibit space. He was responsible for the design and construction of the new Grosse Pointe Historical Society History Center. He donated his time, talent and treasure to Inland Seas, St. Patrick Senior Center and other organizations.

Among his interests were historic arms and artillery. He was a member of the 1st MI Light Artillery Regiment (Loomis' Battery). He had a passion for antique arms, art and architecture, sailing and Detroit history.

Mason is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mary Kaye Ferry (nee Schrage); sisters, Marian Williams (Gray) and Julia Hale; children, Joshua Ferry (Lisa), Charles Kukawka (Theresa), Elizabeth Schneider (Kurt), Cheryl Kaye, Sara Guetzkow and Clifford Kaye; and grandchildren, Jay Gild (Joshua), Brady Kukawka, Molly Kukawka, Joseph Kukawka, Julia Kukawka, Lydia Kukawka, Harrison Kaye, Charlotte Kaye, Cecilia Kaye, Jack Schneider, Sophia Schneider, Taylor Haggarty and Dylan Haggarty.

Visitation took place at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods and a memorial service took place at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Patrick Senior Center, 58 Parsons, Detroit MI 48201, [stpatsrctr.org/donate](https://stpatsrctr.org/donate), or Hospice of Michigan, [hom.org/donate](https://hom.org/donate).

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## Maxine Lola Bybee

Maxine Lola Bybee, 89, passed away Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023. She resided in Grosse Pointe Park the last 52 years.

Maxine was the beloved wife of the late Marshall Bybee; and the loving mother of Kenneth, Lester and Melonie. She also was a cherished grandmother and soon-to-be great-grandmother.

Visitation for Maxine will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, and noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will occur at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at A.H. Peters, where she will lie in state beginning at 1:30 p.m.

## Eugenia "Gene" DiSante

Eugenia "Gene" Blum DiSante, 100, passed peacefully Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, surrounded by the love of her three children.

She was born April 12, 1923, in Barnesboro, Pa., to Vincent and Helen Blum. After her marriage to Joseph DiSante in 1954, Genie spent the next years of her life as a homemaker, caring for her husband and children. She enjoyed needlepoint, crossword puzzles and helping her husband maintain their beautiful garden.

Once grandchildren came along, she proudly accepted the title of "Gramma Gene." She was a dotting grandmother and great-grandmother. Gene always had a soft spot for the babies, toddlers and children of her many friends and many others also called her Gramma Gene.

After the passing of her husband in 1985, she was persuaded to fill some lonely hours by joining the bowling league at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Even though she had never held a bowling ball in her life, she quickly mastered the rules of the game and bowling night with great friends became the highlight of her week for years. She was an active member of the team until age 96, when the COVID pandemic shut down the alleys for a couple of years, sadly ending 33 years of bowling.



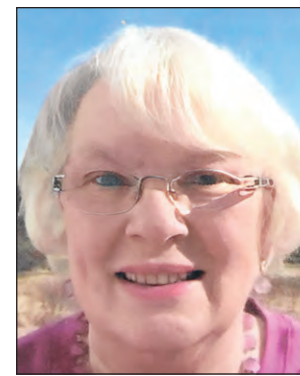
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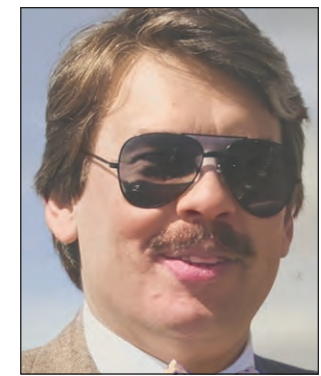
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She will be remembered for her determination to remain independent and in control of her life until she was diagnosed with lung cancer in her hundredth year.

Gene is survived by her daughters, Roberta Bradford LoCicero and Nancy Bradford Fonagy; son, Joseph Edward DiSante; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, with visitation from 9:30 to 10 a.m. St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gene's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [bit.ly/3sQBFnx](http://bit.ly/3sQBFnx), or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Frances Darroch White Fleming

Frances Darroch White Fleming, 94, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023, at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods, where she received tremendous care.

Frances was the embodiment of a "Proverbs 31" woman who lived to serve her family, including her husband of 56 years, Robert Stewart Fleming, and her children, Ann Grace Fleming Fenton (Christian A.) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Stewart White Fleming (Susan Decker) of Ann Arbor.

A child of Scottish immigrants, Martha Moore and Richard Darroch White, Frances was born July 31, 1929, in Detroit. She was baptized at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church and lived in Detroit.

Frances attended Clark Elementary School, Jackson Intermediate School, Southeastern High School and Detroit Institute of Technology. Her first job was for Awrey Bakery. She went on to work for the Budd Co., and the Grosse Pointe Public School

System.

She began to attend Knox Presbyterian Church in Detroit, in 1947, and continued to attend and serve when the church relocated to Harrison Township. In 2017, profound dementia made it impossible for her to attend any longer.

Frances was a member of the Knox Chancel Choir Soprano section from 1948 to 2001. She belonged to the Windmill Pointe Garden Club and Knox Garden Brigade. She was a member of Gowanie Golf Club along with her husband, Stewart.

She was an election worker and excellent seamstress. She made clothing for herself and her daughter. She knit complicated sweaters, even during "Ladies Day" Tiger games with her children. Her painting skills were a window to her heart. She traveled the world with her husband and enjoyed Glen Lake for 60 years. Frances was steady, creative, happy, frugal, dignified, light-hearted and the "soul of responsibility."

She was predeceased by her parents; her husband; and her only sister, Ann Graham White Farley.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Lauren Hope Fenton Hesano (David), Christian "CJ" Stewart Fenton, Ian Lathrop Fenton, Colin Alec Fenton (Susan Scholten), Emily Elizabeth Fleming Rogers, Elizabeth White Fleming Serilla (Scott) and Martha Mary Fleming Roorda (Michael), who called her "Soonie" and have never known life without her.

Frances had 14 great-grandchildren: Lily Grace Hesano, Neva Rae Rogers, Elsie Cynthia Fenton, Ella Madeline Hesano, Malina Riley Fenton, Calvin Stewart Fenton, Patrick Christian Hesano, Wallace Graham Serilla, Eira Jean Rogers, Zadie White Serilla, Jack Allan Fenton, Isla Frances Roorda, Sydney Joy Fenton and Esme Elizabeth Roorda.

A service of thanksgiving will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m. and a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial gifts should be directed to Chris and Rebecca Hirt to support Bible translation in Southeast Asia. Chris, 42, was diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma in late spring 2023 and transitioned to Grand Rapids with his family for treatment. Donations may be made at [wycliffe.org/partner/hirt5](http://wycliffe.org/partner/hirt5), or by check to Wycliffe Bible Translators P.O. Box 628200 Orlando, FL 32862. Include a note "Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Chris and Rebecca Hirt #284575." To learn more about the ministry and family, visit [hirtfamily.net/partner](http://hirtfamily.net/partner).

## Janis Emily Marchand Williams

Janis Emily Marchand Williams, 77, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 8, 2023.

She was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Frank and Godelieva (nee Baetens) Marchand. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods as the youngest of four, with her brother, Hank, and sisters, Mary Phyllis and Doris.

She was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and earned a degree in nursing, working as a certified registered nurse anesthetist until her retirement.

Janis married Jack Williams in 1968, and had two children, Jack (Leann) and Jennifer (Scott). She also was a loving grandmother to Trent, Troy, Jackson, Brendan, Claire, Isaac and Dane.

Janis was passionate about many things, especially being a female entrepreneur, owning Emily's Gifts and

Collectibles and Make-Up USA, which eventually moved online. She loved making creative social media posts and was among the first businesses to use the internet in the mid-1990s. Make-Up USA celebrated 20 years this past year.

Janis loved genealogy and was a member of the Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans and Vlamingen in de Wereld, hosting students in her home and traveling to Belgium several times in her life. She and her nephew, Keith Cunningham, have extensively shared the family history, which takes them back to the mid-1700s to the little village of Oeselgem, Belgium. Their history is on the My Heritage website under the Marchand-Baetens family tree. Not long ago, they added a few long-lost cousins, which was an absolute delight to their family.

Visitation will be held 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at Chas. Verheyden Inc. Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The service will begin at 5 p.m.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Wallace Howard Glendening

Wallace Howard Glendening, 82, died peacefully Monday, July 31, 2023, surrounded by family and friends.

Born March 13, 1941, in Detroit, he attended Cooley High School, the University of Michigan and Harvard University School of Law. After graduating from Harvard, he worked for the United States Department of Health Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C., followed by a clerkship with the Hon. George C. Edwards at the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Upon his return to Michigan, he joined the law firm of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer and Weiss, where he was a partner for more than 30 years. While his primary focus was civil litigation, he spent many

hours every year providing pro-bono work for people from all walks of life. Early in his career, he shared his love and knowledge of the law with students at Detroit College of Law, teaching civil procedure and torts. He recently retired from private practice.

Wallace's many hobbies and interests included tennis, sailing, skiing, travel and all equestrian activities. He also had many fond memories of the Lawyer's League Softball on Belle Isle. He never missed watching a Detroit Tigers game. He was a member of the Harvard Club of Boston, Detroit Athletic Club, Witenagemote Society, and a former board member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. He married his wife, Alexis, in 1981, and their son, Alex, was born in 1987. His family was always the most important center of his life.

He is survived by his wife, the Hon. Alexis Glendening; son, Alexander Glendening; brother, Brent Glendening (Vicki); and sister-in-law, Deborah Venettis. He also is survived by his beloved nieces and nephews, Lisa Glendening, Nicholas Venettis (Whitney), Elizabeth Waldman (John), Amanda Halidak (Jeffrey) and Scott Venettis. He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Samuel and Chrysanthia Glendening, and Alexander and Helen Venettis.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic, 3737 Lawton, Detroit, MI 48208, [donate.sagreatlakes.org/give/172562/#!/donation/check-out](http://donate.sagreatlakes.org/give/172562/#!/donation/check-out); or Less Cancer, 98 Alexandria Pike, Ste. 22, Warrenton, VA 20186, [lesscancer.org](http://lesscancer.org).

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## Janice Mae Rinke

Janice Mae (nee Skillman) Rinke, 92, a lifetime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully at home Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.

Fondly referred to as “Toots” by her husband, Roland, she was a force: well loved by family, friends and all others in her life. Jan and Roland married in 1952, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, when Janice was 21, then set off on a 68-year journey marked by hard work, travel, adventure and love.

An elegant woman with classic beauty and taste, she had many interests, including entertaining; traveling the world; reading murder mysteries; playing tennis, golf, gin rummy and Rummikub; dancing; boating; cooking; and design, including



Janice Mae Rinke

architecture, interiors and apparel. She loved every holiday, for which she decorated, cooked, gifted and hosted her family.

Jan also was a world-class discount shopper and infamous advice article and recipe clipper. A naturally gifted singer, she would stand by her father's or neighbor's piano as they played “Moon River” or “As Time Goes By” and enchant her family and friends with her mellifluous voice and charming smile.

Passionate about and

loyal to Michigan, Jan and Roland remained residents while dividing time between Grosse Pointe, northern Michigan and Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. They were members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for more than 50 years, The Old Club on Harson's Island, Shanty Creek Mountain Club and PGA National Golf Club.

A devout Catholic and philanthropist at heart, Jan donated time and money to Ascension St. John Hospital and many Catholic charities, including St. Paul on the Lake, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Solanus Casey Center. For St. John, she chaired the White Christmas Ball in 1972, co-chaired with Roland the Millionaire's Party in 1981, and was a Fontbonne Auxiliary board member and McQuaid Society member for many years.

Jan was the loving mother of three children, Michael, Elizabeth and

Kevin. She was predeceased by her son, Michael; and her husband, Roland. She is survived by her children, Elizabeth Eugenio (Don) and Kevin (Janine); grandchildren, Nicholas (Blair), Kristin, Morgan, Amanda (Jimmy), Grant and Katie; and great-grandchildren, Georgia and Adeline.

A memorial Mass for Janice will take place at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in spring 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael David Rinke Excellence in Nursing Fund at Ascension St. John Hospital Foundation, 19251 Mack Ave., Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; Solanus Casey Center, solanuscenter.org/ways-to-help-donations, or St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, stpaulonthelake.org/give.

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bells ring on Constitution Day,” she said. “I worked with the city to make that happen. A few years ago I took that on as my personal mission. I worked with Shane Reeside, city manager in the Farms, to rejuvenate the bells and get them going.

“People drive by this park and have no idea it's even a park or what's there,” she added. “They don't take time to reflect on the country's history or learn from our country's history. If we don't reflect on our country's history, we're bound to repeat things we should have done better.”

Newman said around 100 people — from various lineage societies, as well as veterans groups and other DAR chapters — will be on hand.

“We'd like to invite the public to join us too.”

A choral group will perform during the ceremony, which closes with the playing of taps by Denver Laabs, chief development officer of the Michigan Crossroads Council Boy Scouts of America, and the retirement of colors.

A reception at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society History Center, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, follows the ceremony. The Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, also will be open to guests.



## Last day

The last day to check out books, tools, movies, etc., at the Central Annex on The Hill was Sept. 8. The annex is now closed as library staff begins the process of moving the Annex contents to the Central branch. Jessica Keyser, Grosse Pointe Public Library director, said she hopes the newly remodeled Central branch will open in October and she is grateful to the Friends of the Library for their donation and support in helping with the lease for the time they occupied the Annex building.

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A scholarship also was presented to Tracie Wells, left, by Lynda Bachteal.

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attending Miami University in Ohio to pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a member of Tau Beta Junior, an organization that provides activities to generate funds to donate to The Children's Center. Melhem has spent time working in daycare classrooms with children ages 1 to 6, and hopes to be a teacher in Grosse Pointe.

“It was our pleasure to award Sarafina with a scholarship to help her at the beginning of her college career,” Beta Xi member Lynda Bachteal said. “We wish her much success and support in her future endeavors.”

Sunny Days Co-Op

Preschool is located in Grosse Pointe Woods and fosters a hands-on learning environment for 3- and 4-year-olds in the community. Tracey Wells is the director and a teacher at Sunny Days. She plans to put her grant toward educational materials that will support Sunny Days' STEM program.

“It is our pleasure to support young learners as they discover the joy of school,” Bachteal said.

Those who would like to learn more about the Beta Xi fraternity or join the group may email Bachteal at lynda.bachteal@gmail.com.

Those who would like to learn more about Sunny Days Co-Op Preschool may email president@sunnydaysgp.com.

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him “Michigan's undisputed Crown Prince of Pundits.”

Ballenger is the founder and former editor of Lansing-based Inside Michigan Politics newsletter for 27 years. In 2016, he created the online Ballenger Report and now produces a weekly podcast.

He previously served as a Republican member of both the Michigan

House of Representatives and Michigan Senate.

Ballenger also has served as Michigan racing commissioner and director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation.

He served as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare under Gerald Ford.

Ballenger, a Flint native, has a bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Princeton and a master's degree from the

Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. From 2003 to 2007, he served as a Robert P. & Marjorie Griffin professor in American government at Central Michigan University.

For many years Ballenger has been a panelist for “Off the Record” with Tim Skubick on Lansing's WKAR-TV.

He is a frequent commentator on Michigan politics and government for newspapers and radio and television stations

nationally and internationally, including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Roll Call, USA Today, Associated Press and WJR radio.

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

## SCOUT:

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Grace and several others, however, ended up being quarantined for two days after falling sick.

“I had a slight fever, I was coughing a lot and my ears were plugged up,” he said. “My tentmate was sick when the trip started, so I caught it from him and then it just spread.”

Grace added he did

enjoy the short time spent at the jamboree.

“There was a lot of patch and neckerchief trading going on,” he recalled. “The Swiss and Irish scouts had really intricate designs on their neckerchiefs, so those

were being traded three for one. I also traded hats with a scout from Spain.”

The scouts did, however, attend the closing ceremony at Sangam Stadium in Seoul, which was built for the 2002

World Cup. Boxed dinners included crackers, an apple, an orange, a banana and juice.

“They made us give the bananas back though,” Grace laughed. “The prime minister said it would be dangerous

because people could slip on the peels.”

Despite the hardships, this is not Grace's last international trip. He'll be going to Germany next June with North's German class.

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“You take on several jobs, like being in charge of the spelling bee or this or that. But no matter what staff there has been here, the spirit is still the same. I'm happy to be here.”

Kowalczyk said when Avery became director of religious education, her dedication extended to the families of the students.

“And she was a great companion and support for me as pastor,” he added.

During her tenure, Avery set a goal to attend at least one athletic event for every team at St. Clare. She also par-

ticipated in every parish activity, like Field Day, Turkey Trot and Project Hope events.

“I do whatever,” she added. “I don't like to leave it for someone else.”

Avery has left her mark on St. Clare in more ways than just her leadership. A handful of years ago, a scholarship in her name was introduced. It is meant to help people in emergencies, she said.

“If someone lost a job, lost their home,” she added, “if it's needed, it's here to help with tuition.”

While in 2017, Caito celebrated her 60th Jubilee — marking 60 years as a professed religious sister — Avery, 80, will celebrate her 60th

Jubilee next month. Though their late September move to Omaha is technically a retirement, Avery has no plans to stop being of service.

“I feel like I have lots of skills that can be used at the motherhouse,” she said. “There's a large Catholic school connected to the building; I can help there. I can help in the development office. I can visit the sick. I can do a lot of things. I just don't know exactly how they'll use me.”

“I don't think I'll be sitting idle,” she added. “I won't mind a little bit of free time, but I'm used to being busy all the time.”

The call to Omaha was made for a “health issue,” Avery said, noting that

Medicaid in Nebraska is better than in Michigan.

“I've had several challenges the last eight years,” she said, “the last five years for sure. This parish is phenomenal. When I couldn't drive and I needed rides to chemotherapy, someone set up a list for all 26 treatments. I was in a nursing home, The Rivers, for three and a half months and people brought me dinner, came to visit me, called me.”

Parishioners also drove Caito to medical appointments following her leukemia diagnosis, Avery said.

“They set up a meal train; we couldn't keep up with all the meals,” she added. “It's just the spirit this school's always had.”

Though she's heading out of state, Avery doesn't plan to sever ties with the St. Clare community. She intends to continue corresponding with seniors in the parish and hopes to hop on Zoom to visit with students from time to time.

“The two of them will be gone and there will be a void here,” Kowalczyk said. “We will miss them. We're happy for them. They served the Lord and people in many parts of the country. Now it's time for them to rest and transition into something different.”

St. Clare's religious education program will be transferred to and consolidated with the program at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic

School. The churches, along with St. Ambrose and St. Matthew Catholic churches, are part of a Family of Parishes.

When asked what parting words she'd like to extend to the St. Clare community, Avery said, “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.” That's from St. Paul. And that goes for all the children, the teachers, the parishioners. I can honestly say I love them dearly. They've made my life a blessing and a time of big happiness.”

She added, “Jesus is my center and it is my desire that each child, staff person or parishioner I have met will have a personal relationship with Jesus.”



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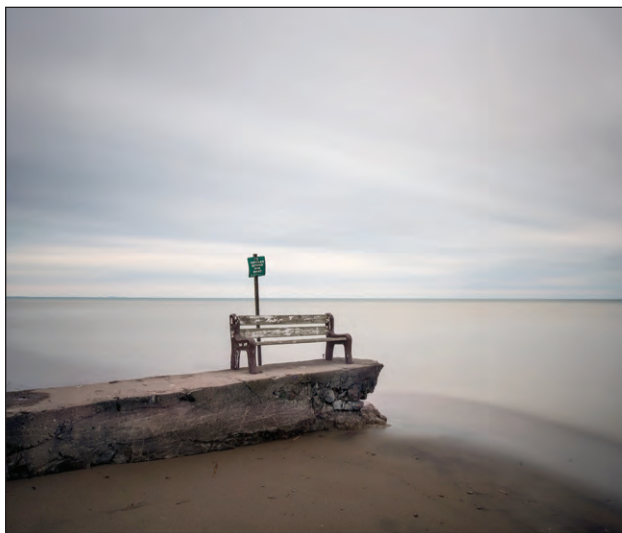
## A visual 'love fest' for rivers, lakes

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association invites the community to a "love fest" celebrating Michigan's rivers and lakes.

"Two Views | Two Shores," an exhibition in The War Memorial's Patriot Gallery through Tuesday, Nov. 14, features the work of Alex Gilford, a painter from Michigan, and Patrick Stieber, a photographer from Ontario.

Their work reminds viewers of past and present activity along the shores of local lakes and rivers, as well as the fragility of their natural beauty.

For instance, Gilford's piece "Downstream from Riverside Park" pictures the half-demolished Detroit Terminal, better known as the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Patrick Stieber's "No Vehicles."

Boblo Boat Dock, against the backdrop of the Gordie Howe International Bridge towers, now under construction.

For Gilford, art is an outdoor activity. In other words, he is a

plein air painter, taking his easel and paints onsite to capture scenes on the Detroit River as he did with "Downstream," which reminds viewers of fun-filled trips to Boblo Island and documents

progress on the new bridge connecting the U.S. and Canada.

"The main inspiration for painting this scene was to capture a disappearing icon and an in-progress feat of engineering that will become a new icon," Gilford explained.

Photographer Stieber also sees the passage of time.

"Lake Erie feels like an old place, a place out of time, stationary amidst the maelstrom of modernity," he said, noting he frets that in places along the Lake Erie coast, relentless waves and wind threaten to submerge the old fishing jetties.

However, he overcomes those worries in many of his photographs, displaying an



"Downstream from Riverside Park" by Alex Gilford.

uncanny ability to draw in viewers with the appealing promise of some quiet time to enjoy the beauty.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Stieber and Gilford will greet visitors and give a presentation on their work in The War Memorial's Patriot Gallery.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 5, Joel Stone, former senior curator at

the Detroit Historical Society and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, will recall some of the artists who preserved the stories of the Detroit River and talk about the Great Lakes Art Database project spearheaded by two Canadian nonprofits that are collecting images of freshwater ports, ships and sailors from the era before photography.

### DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

## Working a program of recovery?

**Dear Jeff and Debra,**  
My son's life fell apart a couple years ago. Then things got worse. He was "only" drinking and smoking weed, but he had terrible consequences. No matter how hard he tried, he just couldn't stop. He was coming home from treatment soon and I've been told he needs to "work a program of recovery." Honestly, I don't know what that means and I'm not sure he does either. I'm afraid he'll relapse if he doesn't get it right.  
— Mystified Mom

**Dear Mystified,**  
Treatment is great, but it's not enough. In treatment, people identify the barriers to their recovery and learn how to overcome them. They gain new tools for dealing with difficulties and alleviating stress. They also get introduced to the 12 Steps of AA and perhaps go through the first three or five steps — if they're fortunate enough to get that much time in treatment. So, treatment gets a person ready to return to the real world.

Now, let's put that readiness into action. The first thing we recommend is to go to an AA meeting the same day you come home from treatment. Don't put it off. At the start of the meeting, the leader will welcome newcomers, so be sure to identify yourself. You'll get a round of applause. Everyone has had the daunting experience of being newly sober, so their empathy is real. AA is all about helping the new person, so you'll find people are very willing to lend you a hand.

Take the help being offered. You'll be given a beginner's packet, phone numbers and so on. Take

the help being offered. Ask people what meeting they're going to the next day. Make sure you go to that meeting, too. Start putting one foot in front of the other. People will notice you're serious.

We all have a lot of time on our hands when we stop drinking. Going to a 12 Step meeting only takes an hour or so. There are meetings happening between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and on Zoom, they're available almost anytime. There are lots of resources online. Do not allow yourself to make excuses. Just go.

Once you've been to a few meetings, you'll start to recognize people. You'll notice people who are really doing well in their sobriety. They're happy, they're honest and they seem to have found something that really works. Ask one of them to be your sponsor.

A sponsor will be a tremendous help. They will guide you through the 12 Steps, help you when you're feeling down, get you involved with the group and cheer you on through your recovery milestones. They'll be available to talk all the time and they'll share their experience, strength and hope with you. Getting a sponsor takes the guesswork out of what to do next. Let them guide you. If your sponsor doesn't work out for some reason, you can get a new one.

Read the literature of recovery. There is a rich collection of wisdom in AA and other 12 Step groups. If you enjoy reading — and even if you don't — it's worth investing some time in reading the basic books of recovery. Your sponsor can make suggestions.

Reading allows you to avoid common mistakes and learn from the experience of others. It connects you to an unbroken chain of success that goes all the way back to 1935.

The AA program is laid out in detail in two books: 1) "Alcoholics Anonymous," known as the Big Book, and 2) "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." You cannot work the 12 Steps by yourself — you need a sponsor — but it's important to read the books. Many sponsors will read them with you or guide you through the most important parts. In order to work the program thoroughly, you'll need to do some in-depth writing. Ultimately, this work will help unburden you of past mistakes. We all have plenty of those.

Use the phone numbers you've been given. Many people don't pick up the phone and call other AA members because they don't want to bother anyone. But it's just the opposite. The biggest compliment you can give to someone in a 12 Step program is to call them. Ask questions, complain, laugh, cry, scream, but pick up the phone and use it.

Finally, allow yourself to believe the program will work for you. Working a program of recovery is like joining a gym. Your body doesn't care about your attitude when you work out. The important thing is that you actually do the workout. In AA, they often say, bring the body and the mind will follow. It's normal to begin with misgivings and doubts. Don't worry about it. If you do the work, you'll get the results.

Want some encouragement? The Cochrane

Collective, a worldwide group of medical researchers, recently reviewed all the best studies on AA. They found that people who worked the AA program were 20 to 60 percent more likely to beat their alcoholism than those who didn't.

Read more about it and watch the video here: [lovefirst.net/is-aa-effective/](http://lovefirst.net/is-aa-effective/)

It works if you work it!  
Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families face addiction more than 30 years. They are the

authors of "Love First: a family's guide to intervention," 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them with questions at (313) 882-6921 or [lovefirst.net](http://lovefirst.net).

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Is swanky school a family fit?

**Dear Gabby:** I am sending my children to private schools and they are happy there, but we are really struggling to afford it.

Should I keep treading water and try to make it through or just put them in public and hope for the best?

I know our public schools are good, but my private school is sort of a badge of honor in a way. I feel like people think we have made it when they see the fancy school sticker on my car.

I know it sounds childish, but if I'm being honest that's not a small part of the reason I'm keeping them there.

— Broke in the City

**Dear Broke,**

It is admirable that you are trying so hard to keep your head above water and your children in schools they like.

However, I'd be remiss without pointing out that Grosse Pointe Public Schools are some of the top in the state, if not the nation. Grosse Pointe South (which would be your high school if you are in fact from the City), just recently ranked No. 11 in the state out of all high schools.

I'd like to also point out that with a "free" public education, you

enjoy more extracurriculars, more kids in general to find your tribe, and you will have all kinds of money left over to cover tutors, clubs, sports teams and maybe even a much-needed vacation for your family.

Switching schools, dropping a fancy club, or making life changes does not signal failure to anyone who is worth trying to impress. Do what is best for you and your family.

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## Open to loving again

**DEAR ANNIE:** I read your column all the time. I was married to a wonderful woman for 27-plus wonderful years until she passed last year. We don't have any kids, but we have an adorable furry guy named Max (he is a Cavachon).

I am a very hard worker. Our life was very comfortable; we are financially stable and own a nice house. Now Max and I miss her terribly.



I work nights and don't want to leave Max alone for 14-plus hours (he has never been left alone for that long). My cousin moved in, and I feel relieved that Max is not alone while I am at work. I am in grieving therapy classes.

My question is: Is it too early for me to find someone as my life partner? My friends suggested that I join a dating site, which I did, but I haven't found any decent ladies.

On these dating apps, 95% of the ladies are just wanting physical satisfaction for money. So I ended up deleting the

profile from those sites. I don't drink, so I don't hang out in bars or clubs. Like I said, I don't know what to do.

Is it possible these days to find a decent woman to spend life with? Any suggestions will be appreciated by Max and I. — GRIEVING IN PORTLAND

**DEAR GRIEVING:** First of all, I'm very sorry for your loss. I'm glad that you have Max to help you through this difficult time.

To answer your question, no, it's not too early to search for a new life partner. But you also don't need to rush it. Grief has no timeline, and oftentimes, people meet their life partner when they're least expecting it.

My advice to you is to focus on healing and building a community for yourself. Join a local club, sports team, volunteer network or church. When you have positive relationships in your life, you will inevitably be happier — and you might even find a romantic connection while you're at it.

**DEAR ANNIE:** My wife will be retiring in the next two years or so. She doesn't like big celebrations and has made it clear that I am not to

throw a party.

Instead, I've been socking money away for a round-the-globe vacation to visit places she likes and has mentioned before that she would like to visit. It will take over a month to complete. Should I tell her beforehand or not say anything until we complete the first leg of the trip? — RETIREMENT TRIP?

**DEAR RETIREMENT:** What a fun and thoughtful way to celebrate your wife's accomplishment; I'm sure she will be thrilled by the surprise you've planned.

Considering the length and scope of travel, I'd advise telling her of the vacation beforehand. If you don't, it's possible she could make other plans that interfere with your time abroad.

Perhaps your wife would rather travel for a shorter period of time and save some of the money you've accumulated for something else.

I'm sure she will appreciate your generosity and the incredibly kind gesture in addition to being in the know ahead of such a substantial trip.

**DEAR ANNIE:** After more than 30 years, the love of my life and I have finally reunited. Only now we have adult children who sometimes make things a little more

complicated.

I have tried very hard to keep things flowing as far as his relationship with his daughters goes, providing opportunities, time, space and my own money to make sure he spends special occasions with them.

This past weekend, his daughter invited us over to see her new place and celebrate my husband's birthday. So I filled the tank in the car, which is sorely needing repairs, and we drove an hour and a half to his daughter's house and then to the restaurant.

Upon ordering, his daughter announced to the waitress that they would only be paying for their meals (her, her fiance and her dad), and my meal would be on a separate check.

My partner and I awkwardly laughed it off at



### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

the restaurant, but I was left feeling like I was punched in the stomach. I was fine to pay for my own dinner, but she and her fiance are in their mid-20s and have great jobs, so I feel like there was more at play here than them simply being cheap. I would love your opinion on this. — STUCK WITH THE CHECK

**DEAR STUCK:** Well, she certainly loses points for etiquette. Singling you out to pay for your own meal, after you made the effort to come see her new place and celebrate with the family, is undeniably rude behavior. It's great that you sup-

port your husband's relationships with his children. Despite the difficulties you're facing, it's important that you continue to do so.

Ask your husband if his daughter has any reason to be upset with you, or if he has any theories as to why she might be having a hard time accepting you into her family. Without more context, it's hard to know why she is acting this way — but it does seem to extend beyond basic table manners.

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



A wise sports mom once semi-shamed me for not being properly prepared at a baseball tournament a few years ago and ever since I've been on high alert — trying to be uber prepped for anything that could possibly go wrong while out of town.

The result is a giant tote bag I lug to all of the games and tournaments. Now I'm just itching for someone to need an extra baseball glove, hat, Advil or Gatorade. Occasionally I have been needed and I puffed up like a proud peacock.

When I saw an ad for a travel medication kit that was around \$4, I had to try it.

In the ad it looked pretty cool: a tiny travel pill case, but it had all of the name-brand labels like Advil, Excedrin, Tylenol, etc. Alas, when the kit arrived it did not come with those professional-looking labels, but it's still a pretty good way to keep yourself ready for



anything in a compact and organized fashion.

And yes, I felt sort of like a pro mom as I was printing my own labels.

The case has 10 compartments in two different sizes. I use the six small ones for medication and the four others for my mom vitamins and supplements on the go.

My top choices to fill them up are Advil, Excedrin, Tylenol, Benadryl,

Tums/Pepto, Tylenol Cold/Flu, Aleve, GasX, Claritin and a few melatonin for rough hotel sleeps.

Needless to say, I am ready to go for whatever the kids, teammates, coaches or parents can throw at me. If you have ever been on a trip, you know if you don't have it with you, you are bound to need it.

Here's to hoping now that I am fully stocked and armed with this mini pharmacy, I won't actually have to use it.

I'm giving this pill case five alligators for the convenience and organization it brings, the super low price point and the peace of mind being prepared can bring. It can be found at Amazon: [tinyurl.com/5haxb7en](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08X7B7E7N).

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5 Out Of 5

# A needed reset

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I read a funny comment about a recipe that said, "This recipe is so healthy that it will walk your steps for you." Aside from some added cream, I'm giving you a way to recharge with a hearty and healthy soup loaded with summer vegetables.

The vegetables are roasted in the oven for a smoky and charred flavor and then blended to a semi smooth consistency.

If you ever read this article, you know that I always recommend freezing your chicken bones so that you can make bone broth. You can just throw them in the slow cooker with water and cook overnight.

It's a nutrient rich way to use up a leftover roast chicken dinner. That's what I did with this soup. However, you can use chicken stock, chicken broth or vegetable broth as well.

My favorite part is the head of garlic roasts with the vegetables to creamy perfection.

It's finished with cream and if so desired, some torn basil.

My twins recently had

their tonsils out. In lieu of ice cream, I served them this. Make and enjoy.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Roasted vegetable soup

2 large tomatoes, halved

1 large zucchini, sliced

1 large yellow squash, sliced

½ red onion, sliced

1 red bell pepper, seeded and halved

1 head of garlic

4 tbsp olive oil

4-5 cups chicken stock

½ cup half and half

Fresh chopped herbs for garnish

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 400. Add all the vegetables to a large baking sheet making sure everything is in a single

layer.

Cut the head of the garlic so all the tops of the cloves are showing. Drizzle everything with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast in the oven for 40-45 minutes or until everything is browned and slightly charred.

In a blender, add the vegetables from the sheet pan making sure to squeeze out the garlic cloves from the head. Add the stock but not too much so it explodes in your face.

The contents should just come up to three-quarters of the base of the blender. Pulse until your desired consistency. If it's too thick, pour half back into your pot and add the rest of the stock.

Once everything is blended, add back to the pot and put it on simmer. Slowly stir in the half and half and cook for another five minutes. Taste and adjust for seasoning.

Serve with any fresh chopped herbs you have on hand. Any herb will work.



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## Trained wine servers earn their tips

Training young people to be great wine servers is a thankless task, restaurant owners tell me, because "the good ones leave for better jobs."

I've heard this repeatedly, in one form or another, for the last two decades. But I usually later learn that the speaker was rather naive about this almost untouchable subject. Those using this defense don't usually do much staff training.

Well-trained wine servers should be seen as a treasured commodity. They guide uncertain patrons to quality wines that go with the foods they have ordered, and a happy patron is a lot better than one who is unhappy.

I could tell at least a dozen wine-service horror stories I've encountered, either personally or from friends, that illustrate the woeful state wine service is in.

Here are a few:

- A traveling wine executive checked into a Chicago hotel, then went downstairs for a business meeting with colleagues in the hotel cafe. She ordered a glass of the house white wine, a chardonnay. When it

arrived, she asked the waitress, "Whose is this?" The waitress replied, "Yours."

- At a New Jersey hotel restaurant, I ordered a glass of the house cabernet. The waiter arrived with what most obviously was a very old, oxidized beaujolais. "What's this?" I asked. "Uh, you ordered the red, didn't you?" asked the confused waiter. The story degenerates from there.

- I ordered a chianti at a chic Beverly Hills Italian trattoria. It was \$42. The waiter departed and returned to say it was out of stock. I ordered another chianti. The waiter returned to say it too was out of stock. I asked which chianti the restaurant did have. The waiter left and returned with a bottle the place had. He said it was \$76. I said I wanted something in my price range. He left and came back with a wine (not a chianti) that normally sells for about \$10 in retail shops, and said it was \$35. In frustration, we ate our salads, paid for them, and left.

- I ordered a glass of the house red wine, a lowly Bordeaux. When the wine arrived, I could

easily tell the bottle had been open too long: the wine was oxidized. I told the waiter. Without saying a word, he sent over the manager, who proceeded to argue with me that the wine was still good. And his reasoning, he thought, was sound: He said he never gets any complaints about wines left open overnight. Oh?

- At a New York cafe, the red wine we ordered was delivered to the table at about 80 degrees Fahrenheit I asked for a wine bucket. The waiter curtly stated, "Red wine shouldn't be served chilled." I informed the waiter that I was paying for the bottle and I'd like to make the wine more drinkable than the state in which it was delivered.

- At an Australian-themed steakhouse, the wine we ordered came to the table with the cork already pulled. I asked if the wine isn't usually uncorked at the table. "Oh, that's the way they do it in Australia," said the bubble-headed blond waitress. (No, it isn't.)

- We were three-quarters through a bottle of riesling in a Los Angeles cafe when our waitress strolled by and pulled the

bottle out of the ice bucket, looked for the level of wine and, seeing none, turned it upside down in the bucket, thereby discarding the last six ounces of wine. (The rest of the story ends unhappily.)

Sure, there have been times when the service was superb, but they remain in the great minority. For the most part, people without proper training serve wine.

When we do get fine wine service, we leave a larger tip than usual. It's the least we can do. We also thank the wine steward for the extra care and knowledge that went into our dining experience. And we let the manager know as well.

Good wine service reflects positively on the restaurant, and it often leads to greater wine sales. Too bad many U.S. restaurants fail to see the value of caring, professional service for their wine programs.

I have heard from many in the business of sommelier training. They say restaurant wine service is improving. Many large wine companies now offer wine service training; so do wholesale companies.

Yet what do many restaurants do? They seek to pay as little as possible, bypassing skilled wine professionals, and leading to horror stories such as those above.

Wine lovers dislike being served by those with little knowledge and skill. And because wine collectors usually are people with the wherewithal to dine out often, well, you can finish that sentence.

### Wine of the Week

2005 Khalkhal-Pamies Minervois, 'Loriza' (\$12) — Minervois (min-er-wah) is an underrated region in the huddled south of France that makes a wide array of solid red wines, few of which are



this rich and concentrated. Made from carignane, with grenache and syrah added for complexity, this wine has a rustic aroma of plums and forest floor earthiness, and weighty fruit in the mid palate calling for grilled red meats. A bargain.

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Left, Anton Yelchin as Quentin and Billy Crudup as Sam, rehearsing on his sailboat in the 2014 movie "Rudderless," directed by William H. Macy.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "Rudderless"  
 2014 - Rated R  
 1 hr 45 min  
 ★★★★★☆

William H. Macy isn't exactly a household name. Yet, I can assure you, you've seen him more than once in movies playing supporting roles.

"Rudderless" is his directorial debut, and if it's any indication, we should see many more films from this talented actor turned director. He co-wrote the film with Casey Twenter and Jeff Robinson, to produce quite a memorable and heart warming little gem.

We first see young Josh (Miles Heizer) in his college dorm room, recording a song he penned. Then we watch his dad Sam (Billy Crudup) preparing to pitch an ad campaign he created.

When Sam's clients are bowled over by his presentation, he invites Josh to join him for a celebratory lunch. While waiting for his son to arrive, he sees a live news broadcast about a campus shooting. After learning his son had been killed in the incident, he's naturally devastated.

Jumping ahead two years, we catch up on Sam's life. He's been wallowing in pity by self-medicating with booze. His wife Emily (Felicity Huffman) has left him and moved on and he now lives on a sailboat and has a menial job house painting.

He's pretty much in denial and keeps a hardened exterior, not allowing anyone to get close to him. And he isn't exactly making any friends at the marina either. Every morning he takes a wiz into the harbor off the deck of his boat — much to the consternation of his fellow boaters, and the patrons of the nearby restaurant.

One day his ex-wife drops off several boxes of their son's belongings. At first he throws everything in a dumpster. But he reluctantly retrieves them, and while sorting through the stuff, he discovers some impressive demo CDs his son recorded. He pulls out his guitar and teaches himself a couple of the tunes.

Shortly after this, while drinking at the local watering hole, he catches an open mike night where he hears several talented performers.

Predictably, he decides to perform one of his son's songs a few nights later and the crowd is knocked out. Macy appears in a cameo role as the bar's

owner.

While leaving, he's approached by a frantic young musician Quentin (Anton Yelchin) who tries to convince him to take the music to the next step and form a band.

After much haranguing, Sam reluctantly agrees to perform as a duo. It's not long before they're joined by two talented kids and the group "Rudderless" is born.

Most of the songs were penned by Simon Steadman and Charleton Pettus, and while not exactly earworms, are

actions.

While watching "Rudderless" several questions pop into your mind. Is Sam going to admit that the songs he performs are actually his son's? Is he going to come to terms with his grief? Where is all this going?

I felt that the film could have become just another character study of a grief-stricken parent. However the exceptional performances from the two leads help raise it above the predictable story.

I especially enjoyed



Sam (Crudup) drowning his sorrows.

My rating system:

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

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

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any

other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.



★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and

**Movie Junkie Mark**  
 by Mark Domin

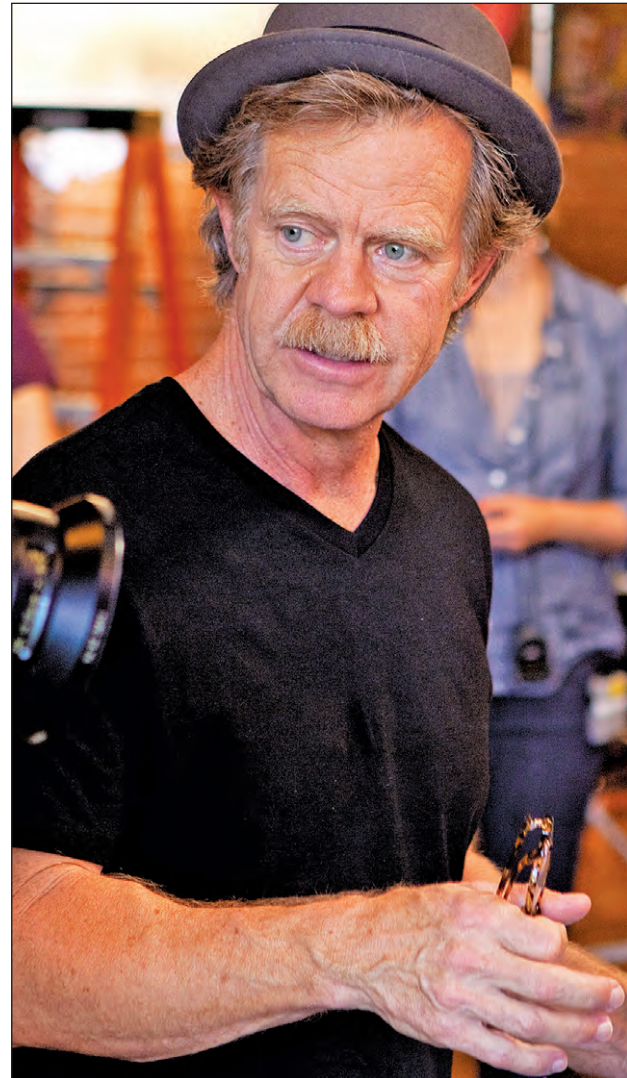
the frenzied acting of Yelchin. When I did some research on this talented young actor, I was saddened to learn of his untimely death in 2016.

Apparently he was in a freak accident in a Jeep caused by a design fault. The movie world truly lost an actor with so much potential.

Overall I really enjoyed the movie. It featured sharp writing, a memorable soundtrack, and some brilliant acting. I simply don't why I've never heard of this fine little indie gem.

Note to parents: I'm not sure why it was rated "R." There's some minor swearing in it and it deals with a campus shooting. I'd be inclined to rate it "PG-13."

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Hoopla.com. Also to rent on Prime Video.



William H. Macy plays Trill, the bar owner.



Rudderless takes the stage.

solid tunes that could loosely fall into the emo category. They definitely do their part in propelling the movie forward. I can picture them getting airplay on a real indie rock station.

It's interesting to see the dynamic between Sam and his new partner Quentin. They both play off each other nicely — Quentin is sort of a surrogate son to Sam.

And while he is not just a bandmate, he becomes somewhat of a father figure to the young man.

We don't learn much about what makes Quentin tick, but he's such a manic, compulsive character, we sense there are some unresolved family issues that are behind his erratic



Quentin (Yelchin) & Sam (Crudup) perform.

deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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# Annual dog swim

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Shores hosted its annual dog swim the day after Labor Day, which is when the city pool closes for the season. Only dogs are allowed to go in the pool — to cool off, play, swim or chase toys that float.



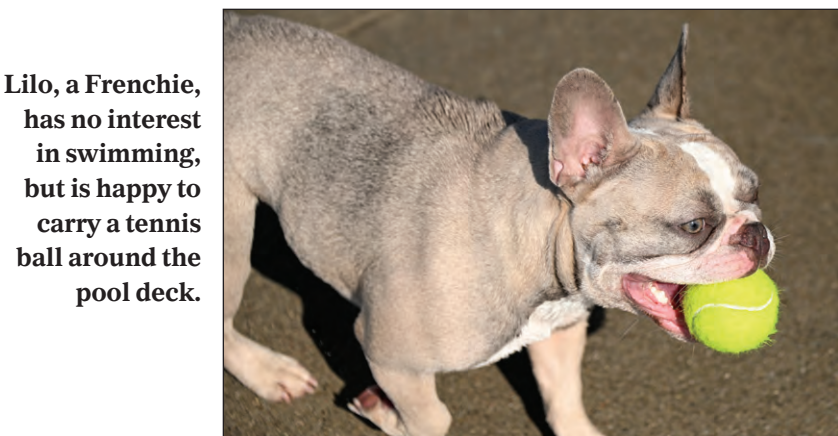
Rosie, a black Labrador, enthusiastically jumps into the pool like a superhero in flight every time her mom throws a tennis ball for her to chase.



Goldie, a Morkie, wears a life vest in the pool. Twice, her family gently put her in the water by holding the handle on her vest and twice she swam to the side so they could lift her out. Goldie was not a fan of the pool.



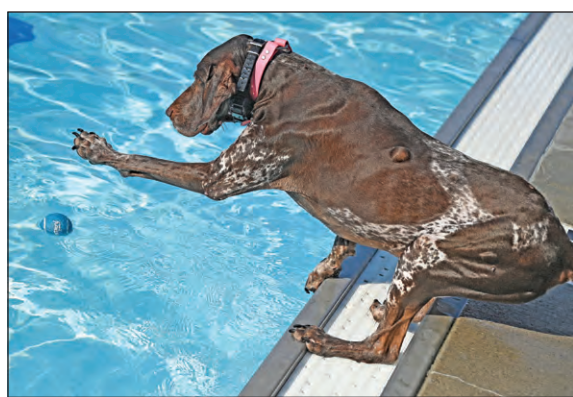
Clair, an English yellow Labrador, jumps in to get a tennis ball, but won't go off the diving board because it's too bouncy.



Lilo, a Frenchie, has no interest in swimming, but is happy to carry a tennis ball around the pool deck.



An 18-month-old golden retriever named Riley figured out a way to cool off without having to actually get in the pool by laying on the first step.



Gracie, a German Shorthaired Pointer, doesn't want to go in the water, but try as she might to paddle a tennis ball to her side of the pool.



Aiden Camaj gets ready to toss a toy into the pool as two dogs wait for the toy to fly.

## Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The New Moon in Virgo occurs at 9:40 p.m. EDT today (6:40 p.m. PDT).

Happy Birthday for Thursday, September 14, 2023:

You have a creative mind and excellent problem-solving skills. You are straightforward and tend to tell it like it is. This is a wonderful year to socialize and enjoy life. Your zest and creative desires flourish. Old friends may reappear. Explore your artistic talents.

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

Today's New Moon is the perfect time to think about how to improve your job. And likewise, how you can improve your health or buff your bod. (It's the only one you have.) Mickey Mantle said, "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would've taken better care of myself." Tonight: Guard your pets.

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

Today is the perfect day to take stock of how you balance work and play. How is this working out for you? Are you working too much? Are you playing too much? Today's New Moon poses this question. Expect a sudden invitation today. (Avoid sports injuries.) Tonight: Plans change.

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

This might be the best day of the year for you to think about what you can do to improve your relations with family members. Likewise, what can you do to improve where you live? Stock the fridge; surprise company might drop by. Tonight: Be ready.

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

You're brimming with original and resourceful ideas today! Enjoy schmoozing with others.

You feel happy and upbeat. Today's New Moon makes this an excellent time for you to observe your style of communicating to everyone. Tonight: New ideas!

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

The New Moon today is the best day all year to ponder your finances. Think about money that comes in and the money that goes out. Plus, are you taking care of what you have? Above all, don't be a slave to your belongings. You're the owner. Tonight: Check your valuables.

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

Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place. Because each New Moon is an opportunity to make resolutions, take a realistic look in the mirror to see what you can do to create a better impression on your world. Ideas? Tonight: Impulsive actions.

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

Life is busy, and the longer you live, the faster it goes by. This New Moon is the perfect time to think about your deeper values. What do you want to accomplish with the time that is left to you? (Of course, none of us knows how long that will be.) Tonight: You're restless.

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

The New Moon today is your opportunity to think about the friends you have, and also the kind of friend you are to others. How can you improve your role with

your friends and groups to which you belong? If you want to have friends, be friendly! Tonight: Someone unusual.

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

Today the only New Moon at the top of your chart all year is taking place. That makes this the perfect time to think of your life direction. What do you want for yourself in the future? And how well do you deal with authority? Tonight: Surprise instructions.

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

This is the best day of the year to think about what further education or training you could get to improve your job or your lifestyle. And likewise, what travel might you do in the immediate future to enrich your life? There's so much to learn! Tonight: Travel changes.

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

Negotiations about shared property or how to divide something might change today, but they might change in your favor because you can benefit. This is a good day to ponder how you relate to the resources of others. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

The only New Moon that is opposite your sign all year is occurring today. This makes it the perfect day to think about how you can improve your closest relationships — spouses, partners and dear friends. Obviously, there's always room for improvement. Tonight: A curveball!

### BORN TODAY

Actor, director Sam Neill (1947), actress Kimberly Williams-Paisley (1971), actor Andrew Lincoln (1973).

## Contract Bridge

### THE BACKWARD FINESSE

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠ 9 7 3			
♥ J 10 7 5			
♦ K 6 2			
♣ A Q 9			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ A K Q J 8		♠ 10 5 4	
♥ 3		♥ A 6 2	
♦ Q 7 5		♦ 10 8 4 3	
♣ 10 8 6 2		♣ 7 5 3	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ 6 2			
♥ K Q 9 8 4			
♦ A J 9			
♣ K J 4			

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Pass Pass 2 ♥  
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥  
Opening lead — king of spades.

chance of winning the finesse.

Note that declarer would make only two diamond tricks in the actual deal, and would therefore go down one, if he played the suit in the usual way. But note also that South can win three diamond tricks by first leading the jack from his hand. Leading an unsupported jack is contrary to the canons of good card play, but it is undeniably effective in the present case.

If West ducks the jack, South scores three diamond tricks. If West covers the jack, declarer takes the king, leads a diamond to the nine and again has three diamond tricks.

The backward finesse is rarely used because it requires two cards to be favorably placed, while a simple finesse requires only one. The odds against a backward finesse succeeding are ordinarily 3-1.

Nevertheless, the backward finesse is the right play in this deal. When South ruffs the third round of spades and leads a trump, East turns up with the ace. Since East passed his partner's opening bid, declarer should conclude that East does not also have the queen of diamonds.

Accordingly, after drawing trump and cashing the A-Q-K of clubs, South leads the jack of diamonds, knowing that West has the queen and hoping that East has the ten. In the actual deal, the backward finesse succeeds, and South makes the contract.

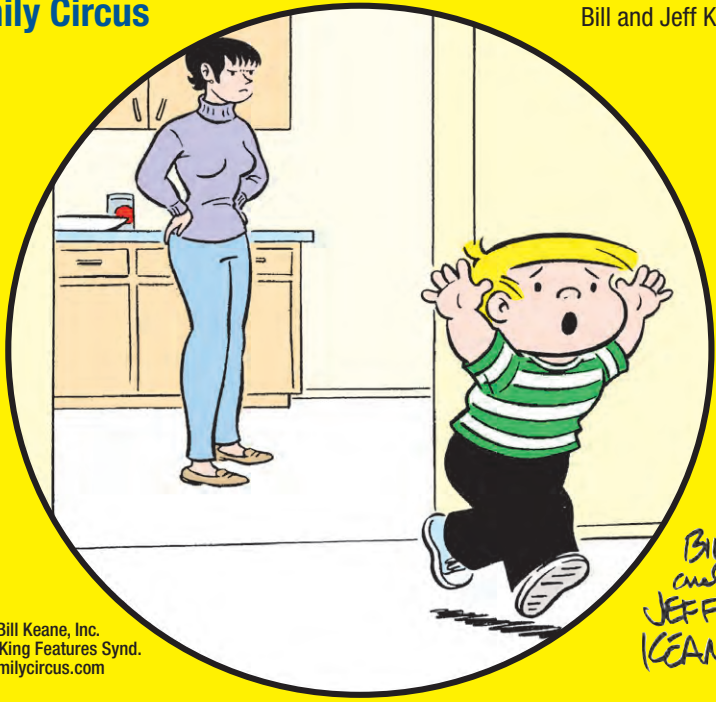
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# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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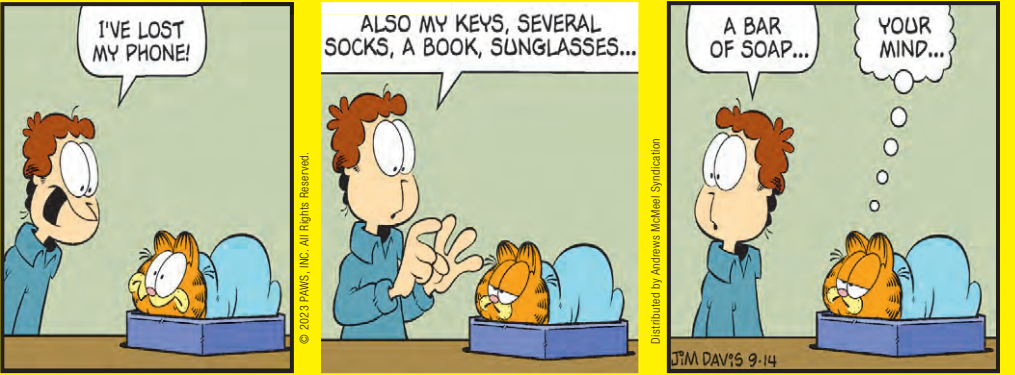


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**"I'm always 'too little to do things' and 'big enough to know better.'"**

## Garfield

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## Popeye

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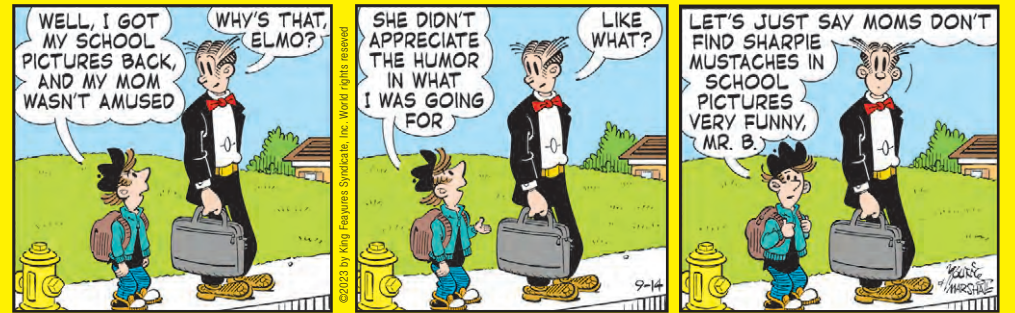
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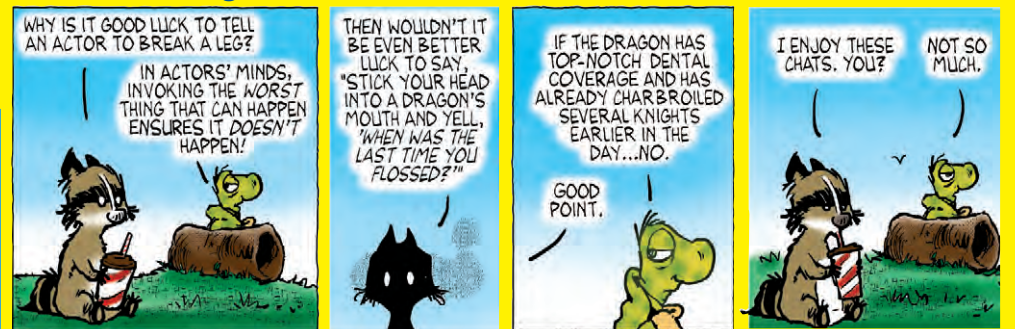
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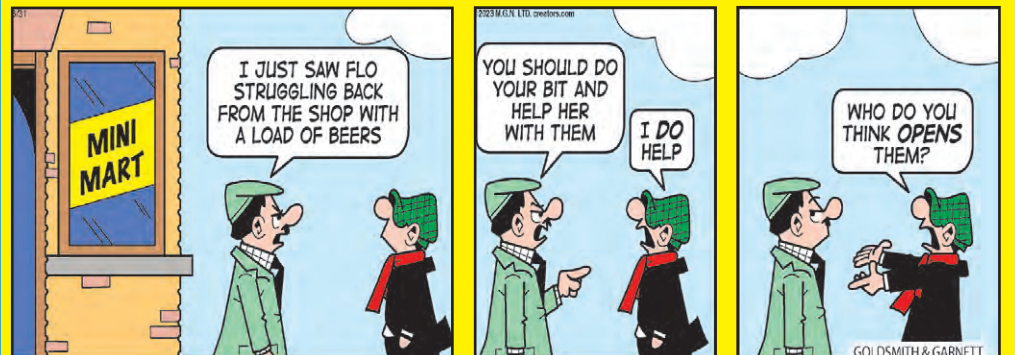
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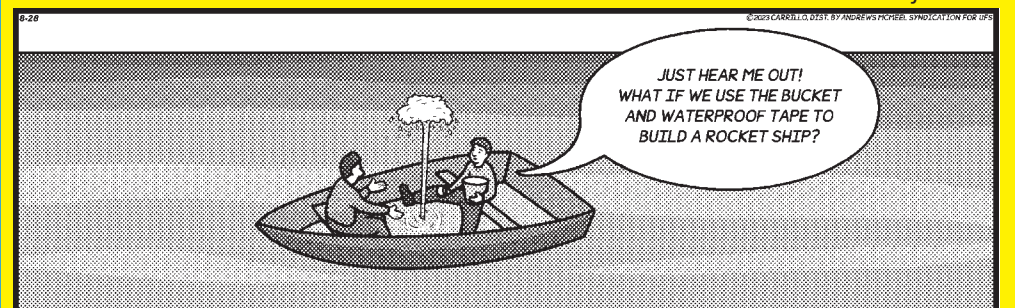
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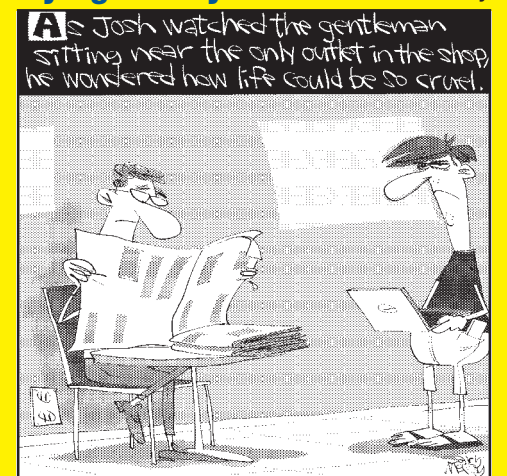


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

9	2	6	3	7	4	1	8	5
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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 14, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Group of eight
- 6 Pool triangle
- 10 South Indian crepe
- 14 Jewish circle dances
- 15 Tummy malady
- 16 "I literally can't \_\_\_!"
- 17 Opportunity for a blowout (In this answer, unscramble letters 2-5)
- 20 Nickname that drops "ing"
- 21 Tear to shreds
- 22 Lyrics
- 23 Singer featured on "Titanium"
- 25 9/, in a date: Abbr.
- 26 Greed or wrath
- 27 Metaphorical failure (... letters 3-8)
- 30 Exec focused on AI, perhaps
- 33 Carne \_\_\_
- 34 Unit for Taylor Swift fans
- 35 Got dirty on the way home?
- 36 What might get stuck in a country?
- 39 Dessert with layers of ice cream
- 41 Iams alternative
- 42 Vegan milk grain
- 44 Makes fun of

- 45 Shares again on Twitter, before Jul. 2023
- 46 Single and ready to mingle (... letters 2-7)
- 49 Beats by \_\_\_
- 50 Ambient musician Brian
- 51 Goof
- 52 Payment for a commercial
- 55 Buzzing instrument
- 57 "Easy" letters
- 59 Investor in raw materials (... letters 6-10)
- 62 Fatty tuna
- 63 Express lane unit
- 64 Upload returns
- 65 Goes down a mountain
- 66 Insignificant
- 67 Plagiarized

- 12 Ship off
- 13 Insects sometimes fried
- 18 Italian city famed for its tower
- 19 Scarlett Johansson or Rami Malek
- 24 Expand upon
- 26 Dove bar you shouldn't eat
- 27 2018 Pulitzer winner Kendrick
- 28 Sheep sound
- 29 Surgery settings: Abbr.
- 30 Nightstand sight
- 31 "Peter Pan" character represented on stage by a darting light
- 32 Praiseful poet
- 35 Camper's treat
- 37 Drippy ice cream order

- 38 Tattoo artist Von D
- 40 Actress Thurman
- 43 Where to see a musical
- 46 Cookie eaten with peanut butter in "The Parent Trap"
- 47 It breaks things down for you
- 48 Not worth debating
- 49 Trial versions
- 52 Groups of scenes
- 53 Perform decently
- 54 Psych scan
- 55 Toy that soars
- 56 Metallic rocks
- 58 Origin of "Saskatchewan"
- 60 Poorly lit
- 61 Back, at sea

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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### Change Your Tune by Ella Dershowitz

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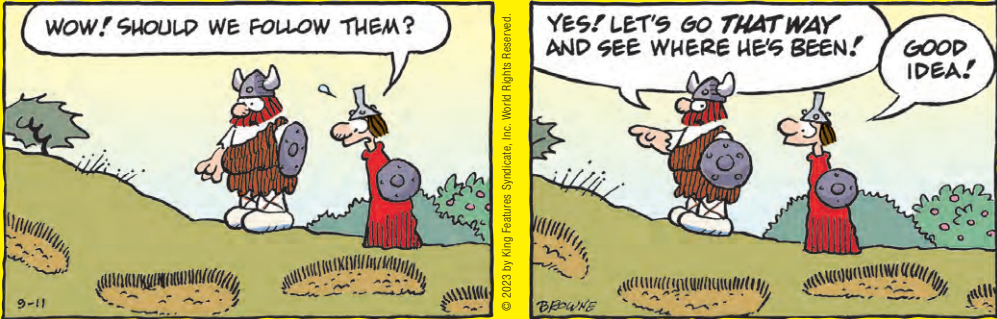
## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



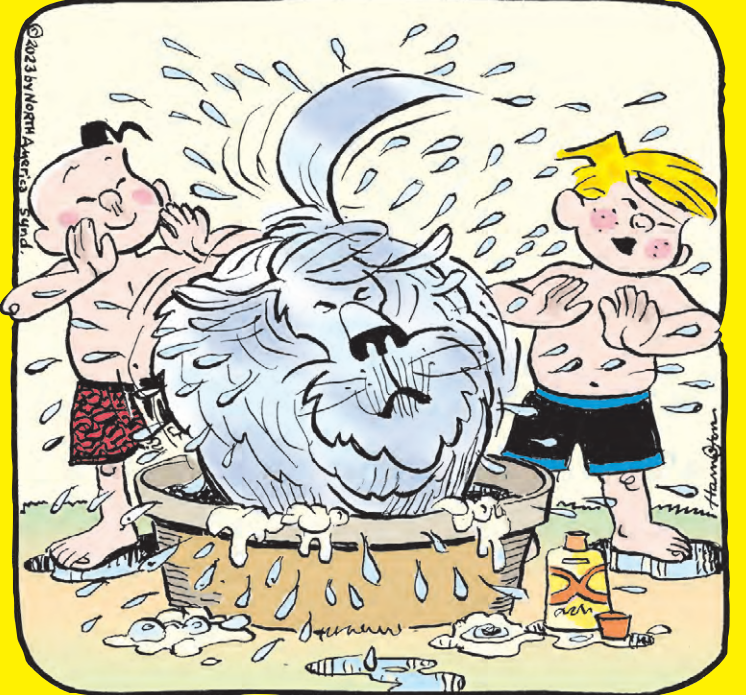
## Hagar The Horrible

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



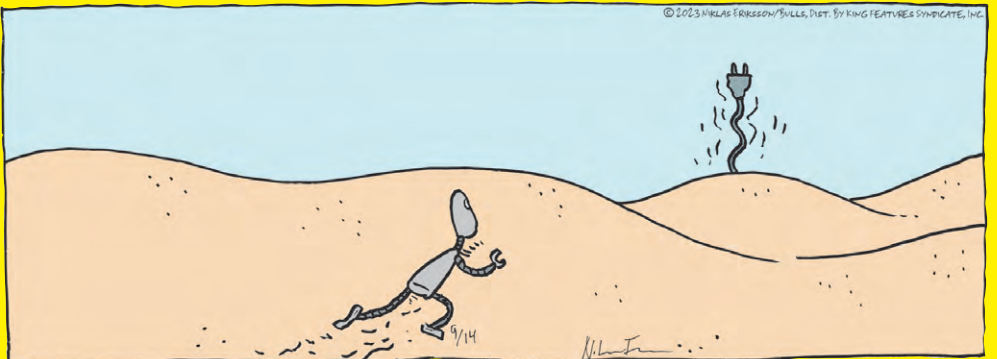
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Mike Peters



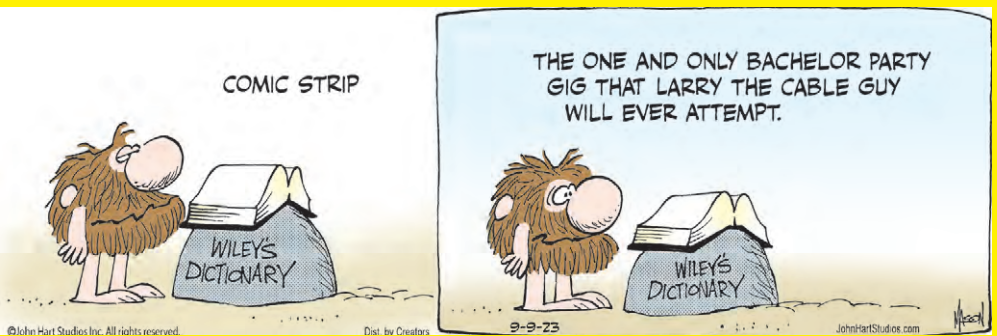
## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



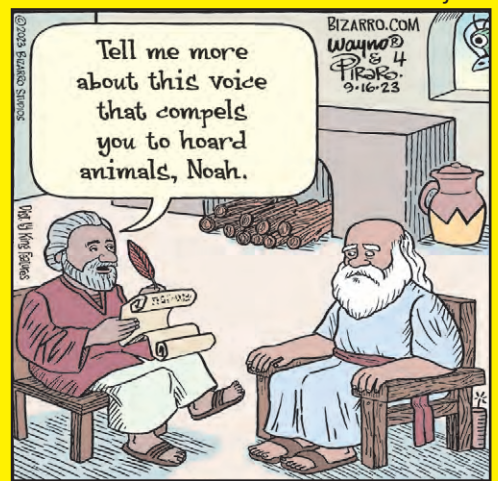
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Dave Whamond



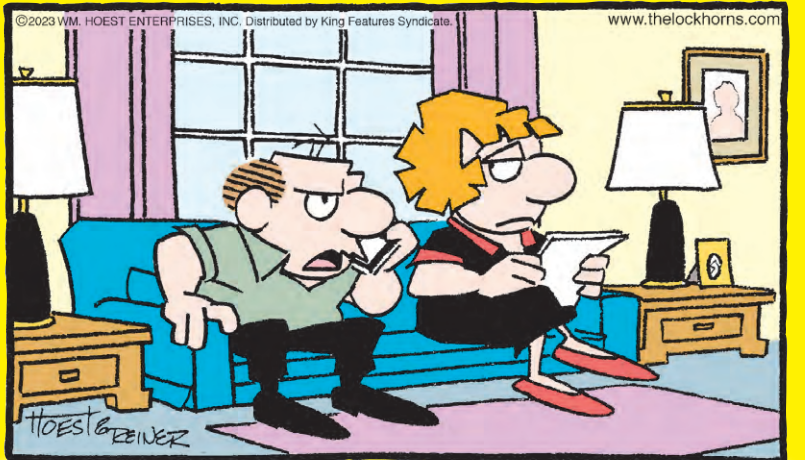
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



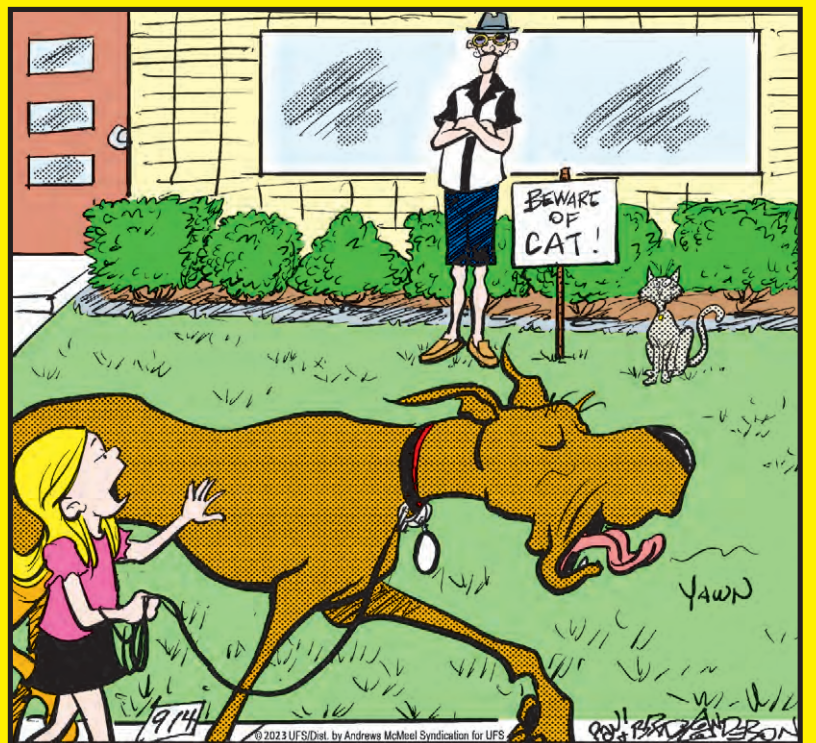
## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Marmaduke is not impressed."

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## Kid Scoop Together:

### Unscramble it!

Unscramble this list of words. **Hint:** They all have something to do with money!

VESA

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RANE

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TONADE

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ROBRWO

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**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions; Spelling: Use the conventions of spelling.

## Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WANT in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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	T		A
			N
W			T

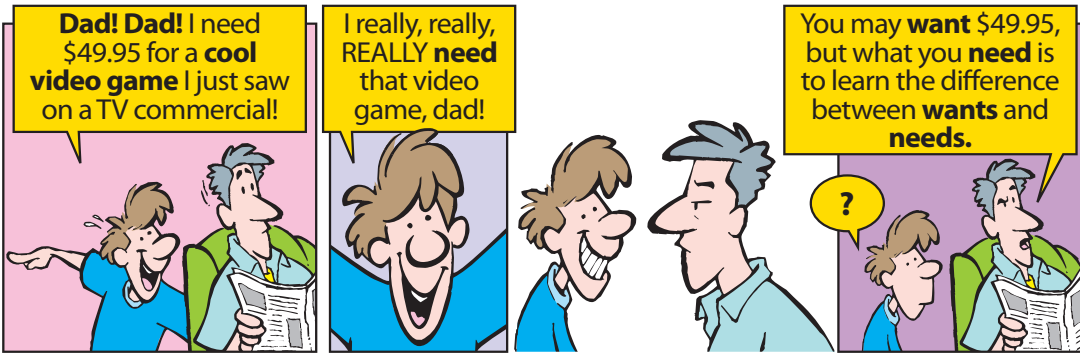
# WANTS AND NEEDS

A **need** is something you *must have* in order to survive. You need shelter, clothing, food, water and sometimes medicines.

A **want** is something you would *like to have*, but can live without. A music player, a computer, a television and a bike are wants, not needs.

Sometimes it is hard to decide if something is a need or a want. For example, cake is a food, but it is not a need. It's a want.

Which of these following foods are more wants than needs?



### What do you need?

Look at each picture. Put a green N on each picture that shows something you need each day.

Put a red W on each picture that shows something you might want, but not need.

**Standards Link:** Economics: Know that goods and services can satisfy people's needs and wants.

### What do you think?

In today's world, is education a want or a need?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Standards Link:** Economics: Differentiate between needs and wants.

## Snack Time Puzzler

The school cafeteria is making students think before they buy a snack. The prices are all written in code!

**Code:** A = 1 B = 2 C = 3 and so forth until you get to Z = 26

To figure out what each snack item costs, you must first find out what number goes with each letter in the word. Then, add the numbers that "spell" each word to get the price.

For example: **C H I P S**  
 $3¢ + 8¢ + 9¢ + 16¢ + 19¢ = 55¢$

**JUICE BAR CARROTS CRACKERS CHEESE GRANOLA**

**Standards Link:** Math: Calculate sums using money.

## Extra! Extra! WANTS and NEEDS Newspaper Search

Look through the newspaper for pictures of things that represent wants and needs. Paste them into the spaces below.

WANTS	NEEDS

**Standards Link:** Economics: Understand the difference between basic survival needs and nonessential items.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Four students were asked to list their needs. How many did each student list? Use the clues to complete the chart.

- None of the students listed more than five needs.
- No one listed the same number of needs.
- The total number listed was 13.
- Hayley listed three needs.
- Dylan listed fewer needs than Hayley.
- Kayla listed the most needs.

STUDENT	NEEDS
Hayley	
Dylan	
Kayla	
Oscar	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**Standards Link:** Algebra: Solve number problems involving addition and subtraction.

## Double Double Word Search

- WANTS  
NEEDS  
THINK  
SNACK  
SHELTER  
WATER  
SURVIVE  
MUSIC  
VIDEO  
BIKE  
FOODS  
CAKE  
PLAYER  
PRICES  
ITEM

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Strangest Careers

Find ten professions mentioned in today's newspaper that are unusual. Cut them out and paste them on a paper in order from most to least uncommon. Do you know anyone who is involved with these professions?

**Standards Link:** Economics: Students understand basic economic concepts and the role of the individual in a free-market economy in terms of the specialized work that people do.

**What's the difference between a baseball player and a tired dog?**

**ANSWER:** A baseball player wears a full uniform. A tired dog just pants.

## Write On!

### I Make a Difference

Tell about how you make a difference in someone's life in your family, at school or in your community.

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## Norsemen have record-setting performance in win over Eastpointe

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

If you are a fan of offense, then last Friday night's football showdown between Grosse Pointe North and Eastpointe was for you. Ninety-five total points between the Norsemen and Shamrocks made it one of the highest scoring games fans have seen in a long time, and also marked a record for the North program. For the first time in school history, the Norsemen scored 60 or more points as they were victorious 61-34.

"It was almost nerve-racking because we were scoring so fast and I wanted to keep the ball out of Eastpointe's hands," North football coach Joe Drouin said about last Friday's high-scoring game. "We have a ton of playmakers on the team...It's a great problem to have because no matter which skill player on the team gets the ball, there's potential for a big play."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Brady Beers holds up the ball in celebration as he returns a blocked punt to the end zone in the first quarter of the Norsemen's win over Eastpointe.

The scoring started early for North when the defense forced a safety in the opening minutes to take a 2-0 lead. They built on that later in the

first quarter when senior QB Ryan Henderson threw his first touchdown of the game to Nick Saigh, with a two-point conversion extend-

ing North's lead to 10-0. North was able to put up more points before the first quarter was over thanks to some special teams effort, with Brady

Beers picking up a blocked punt and running it into the end zone to make it a 17-0 game. Eastpointe cut that to 17-6 early in the second

quarter with its first touchdown of the game. North's only other points before halftime came with just under three minutes to go before the break, when running back Ethan Hamilton scored on a 15-yard rush. The Norsemen had the chance to add to the scoreboard even more in the final seconds of the half after an interception by Rocco Cardinale set them up on the Eastpointe 1-yard line, but the Shamrocks and the clock held them off.

With North leading 24-6 at the start of the second half, Eastpointe cut it to 24-14 with an early touchdown. Backup QB Deon Doe was called on to run the offense for the Norsemen during part of the game while Henderson was shaken up, and Doe made his mark with a 69-yard touchdown toss to Sebastian Rouse that extended North's lead to

See NORTH, page 4D

## South tennis tops Ike in battle of reigning MAC Red co-champs

By Meg Leonard  
 Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys varsity tennis played its first MAC Red division match Monday, Sept. 11, hosting Eisenhower and taking a commanding 7-1 victory, sweeping the Eagles in singles play and winning three of four doubles flights.

Last season, the Blue Devils tied Ike 4-4 in match play. The teams went on to share the 2022 conference championship.

bles Jonathan Holowinski and Matthew Bartoszewicz played tough opponents and had to change their playing style to be more aggressive at the net to

beat Eisenhower, according to South head coach Brian Kean, which successfully led them to a straight-sets victory. In No. 3 doubles, Joseph Guthat and David Sutts had the longest match of the evening, losing the first set in a tie-break 6-7, then 5-7 in the second set. "Eisenhower showed just how scrappy they could be in doubles and refused to give up on points, forcing Joseph and David to go the extra mile to win points," Kean said via email, noting the duo's two sets took longer than the three-set match at No. 4 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles, Max Prather and Oscar DeLuca showed mental toughness throughout their match. Falling behind early, they eventually took control and came back to win the first set. In the second

set, Eisenhower changed up its playing strategy and took a commanding 6-1 victory. South struggled with its usual consistency early in the third set, but found alternative ways to win points, becoming more aggressive at the net and chasing after solid shots to try to close off points and force pressure on opponents.

"As the only all-freshman doubles team and being a young team that is still learning what it means to be 'match-tough,' it was very impressive to see Max and Oscar fight back and win the third set after losing 1-6 the second set," Kean said. Overall, Kean said he was impressed with his team's toughness. "We have a very young team this year, but after spending the first couple weeks battling the toughest teams in the state, the team is showing they are ready for any challenge," he said.



PHOTO BY ANNE GRYZENIA

Mikey Kornmeier reaches for a backhand volley against Eisenhower. Kornmeier battled his way to victory in straight sets at No. 2 singles.

"Our goal at the start of the season was to win the MAC Red and move forward from there. We have already beaten the team that tied us last year and are now looking forward to playing our Grosse Pointe rivals at Grosse Pointe North Sept. 13." The archrivals faced each other at North Wednesday after press time. Come back next week to the Grosse Pointe News for more tennis action.

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BRIAN KEAN, HEAD COACH  
 GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

In Monday's matches, South's No. 1 singles Matthew Holowinski set the tone by overpowering his opponent to win decisively in straight sets, with No. 2 singles

bles Jonathan Holowinski and Matthew Bartoszewicz played tough opponents and had to change their playing style to be more aggressive at the net to



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## 2D | FOOTBALL

# Stacy's four TDs lead Knights to another big win

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After a slow start to the season in Week 1, the University Liggett football team has been rolling in its last two games. The Knights hosted Chandler Park Academy on Saturday, Sept. 9, and improved to 2-1 on the year with a blowout 41-8 win over the Eagles.

Last Saturday's win marked the second week in a row where the Knights scored 40 or more points, thanks in large part to the efforts of junior running back Gary Stacy. Stacy reached the end zone four times in the victory, including twice in the first quarter. Stacy's first two touchdown runs of the day came from six and four yards out, respectively,

and put Liggett on top 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Liggett extended its lead even further in the second quarter when Nikkos Davis found the end zone from a yard out on a QB sneak. Just a few minutes later, Chandler Park Academy got its only points of the game to make the score 20-8 in favor of the Knights going into halftime.

The Eagles' touchdown did little to shift the momentum away from Liggett as the second half started. Stacy found the end zone again on a run of over 40 yards that helped the Knights' advantage get back to 20 points. As the third quarter winded down, Stacy galloped across the goal line for his fourth and final touchdown of the day to

put Liggett ahead comfortably 34-8 going into the final frame.

In the fourth quarter, the Knights scored early once again as Davis connected with junior Santino Cicarella for a 35-yard touchdown pass. Those would be the final points of the game, as Liggett comfortably ran down the clock for much of the final minutes en route to the victory.

**Up next in Week 4:** The Knights won two of three games in non-league play to begin the season, but Week 4 marks the beginning of the team's Catholic League schedule. It is also the first road test for Liggett, as the Knights head to Our Lady of the Lakes, who is also 2-1, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15.



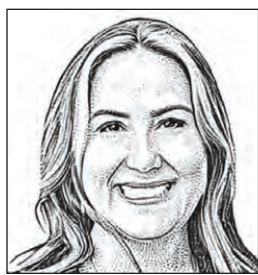
PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett junior RB Gary Stacy stiff-arms a Chandler Park Academy defender. Stacy ran for four touchdowns in the Knights' 41-8 win.



Knights sophomore Liam Kurtz sacks the Chandler Park Academy QB and helps his team get the football back by forcing a fumble.

**I SAY—SPORTS EDITION** By Meg Leonard



## Most dedicated NFL fanbase? Detroit's the no-doubter

When Detroit Lions head coach Dan Campbell declared, "We're built that (expletive) way," as he addressed his team after a gritty 21-20 win in front of a national audience last Thursday night over the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs, every Lions fan felt like they could run through a wall for this team, based on the pure, postgame adrenaline coursing through their veins.

But a new ranking has revealed which NFL team has captured the most fan interest over the last three years and guess what Lions fans? It's not us.

Cincinnati Bengals fans have been crowned "most dedicated" and "most loyal" in a recent survey conducted by Canada Sports Betting, which looked at the volume behind more than

500 keywords related to NFL teams over the last three years.

The keywords covered all aspects, including general team performance, merchandise, individual player news, upcoming games, team stadiums, tickets and more. (Somehow researchers correlated internet searches with fan loyalty and dedication, but I digress.) The Bengals keywords on average have seen an 80 percent rise in volume year-to-year.

Who Dey Nation, bolstered by a 2022 Super Bowl appearance that was led by the No. 1 pick in the 2020 NFL draft, Joe Burrow, out-ranked fans from teams like the Lions, whose 7 percent increased interest landed them 10th on the list — yes, 10th! Blasphemy, I say. Plus ... Ohio. I need not say more.

The Bengals also finished ahead of the Philadelphia Eagles, San Francisco 49ers, Buffalo Bills, Jacksonville Jaguars (say what?!), Chiefs, Minnesota Vikings and New York's Giants and Jets, in that order.

Since the pandemic, Cleveland Browns fans' investment in the team has dropped the most, by an average of 34 percent each year, but they are not alone. Other teams that have struggled to maintain their fans' loyalty include the New Orleans Saints (28 percent interest drop), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (27 percent drop) and New England Patriots, who saw a 26 percent drop. Behold, the power of Tom Brady. And Baker Mayfield, I guess?

Of course take this all with a grain of salt. The survey was conducted

by a company from Canada. Canadians make up their own rules for football, so why not make up a list about football that makes no sense, too, right?

Without a doubt, Burrow's presence and subsequent team success explains the team's meteoric rise in interest. Over the last decade, the Bengals had some great seasons, with records Lions fans would take in a heartbeat: 11-5 (2013), 12-4 (2015) and 10-7 (2021). They also finished 12-4 in 2022, the year they lost in the Super Bowl to former Detroit Lions QB Matthew Stafford and his Los Angeles Rams.

But the Bengals had some bad seasons in that time frame, too, including going 2-14 in 2019, and then 4-11-1 in 2020. Now look, I have some good friends from

Cincy. As do my two eldest kids, who graduated from Miami University, which is about 45 minutes outside of the Queen City. (Side note: Both of them did get beer poured on them at a bar in Miami during the Bengals/Rams Super Bowl. Probably had nothing to do with the Stafford jerseys they were wearing.)

Honestly, I'm happy for my Bengals friends that they have a worthy, exciting NFL team. I really am. But we are talking about the "most loyal/dedicated" fans here. What other fan base has allowed their team to ruin as many of their Thanksgiving Days as Detroiters have? That's what I thought.

I'm still not over kicker Eddie Murray's inexplicable miss against the 49ers to

ruin our chance of advancing to the Super Bowl 40 years ago. And don't get me started about the controversial calls that historically have always gone against us. For the record, Your Honor, Calvin Johnson did complete the process against Chicago in 2010. Golden Tate did win that game against the Falcons in 2017, 10-second runoff, but darned. Everyone except people who live in the greater Green Bay, Chicago, Minneapolis and Atlanta areas know I'm right.

Need more? Stephen Tulloch getting flagged for a helmet-to-helmet hit on an incomplete pass against the Tennessee Titans in 2012. Instead of a standard 15-yard penalty,

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# Blue Devils football shows Utica who's chief in 42-0 win

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Calling Grosse Pointe South's 42-0 shutout win at home last Friday over the Utica Chieftains a "complete team win," head coach Chad Hepner said he challenged his offensive line to step up this week and the results followed.

"I think this just speaks to the nature of the group," Hepner said. "We ran the ball well. That was what we needed to do."

The win puts South at 2-1 on the young season and 2-0 in the MAC White.

The Blue Devils relied heavily on its corps of running backs, including junior Matt Agnone and senior Joey Michelotti, who alternated series throughout the game and combined for 23 carries and 140 yards. Junior running back Lex Willson had five carries for 18 yards and three touchdowns on the night.

"I think we kind of dialed in our scheme this week and frankly that was a primary goal because of how poorly we ran the ball last week

(against Anchor Bay)," Hepner said. "That was something I challenged the offensive line with in particular before the game and said if we want to accomplish our goals down the road, we gotta run the ball better."

Hepner also said the staff liked what they were seeing from Agnone during practice last week.

"We wanted to give him a chance and we felt like (Agnone and Michelotti) could both be effective, so that was our plan ... to kind of give them every other series," he said. "I think it really benefited both of them because this was Joey's best game and Matt made the most of the opportunity he was given."

South's defense also shined Friday night, earning a sack and interception on Utica QB Tyler Powrozek. More importantly, the Blue Devils kept the Chieftains off the scoreboard, primarily by shutting down wide receiver Isaiah McGarry, arguably the team's top weapon.

"This was a nice goose egg and getting the shutout is a testament to the



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Junior running back Lex Willson powers his way into the endzone against a sea of Utica defenders.

guys out there and they have a lot of pride in that," Hepner said. "I think certainly running the ball and stopping the run on defense is probably a good formula to have some success."

After each team did little with their first series of the game, South found the endzone with 1:28 to go in the first quarter. With the Blue Devils driving, a late hit on junior running back Vince Vachon moved the

chains, giving South first-and-10 on the Utica 33. After a 9-yard run by Agnone moved the ball to the 22-yard line, South converted on third-and-7 to give them first-and-goal at the 8. Junior running back Lex Willson ran it into the endzone for a 4-yard touchdown. C.J. Rosati's extra point was good and South was up 7-0. Rosati would finish the night going a perfect 6-for-6 on extra points.

South threw a twist into the subsequent kickoff, recovering its own onside kick and setting themselves up on the Utica 39 with 1:19 left in the quarter. On second-and-10, South junior quarterback Jack Lupo found senior wide receiver Karter Richards, who was brought down at the 5-yard line. On the next play, Willson ran it up the middle for a 5-yard touchdown. After a successful extra point attempt, South extended its lead to 14-0 with 51 seconds left in the first quarter.

By the time halftime hit, South had a 35-0 lead. The first of three additional scores came thanks to a 7-yard touch-

down catch from Lupo to senior tight end Hunter Belanger for a 21-0 lead with 7:05 left in the second. A Willson run from the three made it 28-0 South with less than four minutes to go before halftime. Lupo finished the game's first half with a quarterback sneak from the half yard line to give South a commanding 35-0 lead as the teams headed into the locker room.

With a running clock set in motion due to its 35-point lead, South's good fortune continued in the third quarter. As South fumbled the ball near the goal line, offensive lineman Sam Adams recovered the ball in the endzone, giving the Blue Devils its final score of the night and a 42-0 lead with 2:45 to go in the quarter.

Hepner said he told his team to maintain its focus, despite this blowout win.

"There's a balance to achieve," he said. "I think my approach is whether it's play-to-play or half-to-half or game-to-game, we don't want to get too high and we don't want to get too low. And so I don't think we got too

low after last week's loss and so we will just take that same approach with the win (tonight.) Enjoy it tonight and it's back to work tomorrow."

Hepner added that he sees his players embracing their roles and emphasized the impact that can have for a team.

"It's tremendously important," he said. "We're fortunate enough to have most of the players not having to play both sides of the ball and they're fresh and they're confident that their teammates on both sides of the ball are going to execute."

"As I said to the team, this was a complete team win. Everyone contributed on both sides of the ball, the special teams, the starters, the back ups and every single person had a hand in this win."

**Up next in Week 4:** South hosts L'Anse Creuse at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15. "We haven't taken a look at them yet," Hepner said. "We're kind of living week to week. I know (they have) a new head coach this year, so we won't be able to rely on what we saw last year. We'll get to work on that (Saturday morning)."



Senior running back Joey Michelotti takes time out on the way to the locker room to sign autographs for eager young fans attending last Friday's home game against Utica.

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the referees walked off 12 extra yards, putting the Titans in field goal range. In overtime.

We have Kyle Vanden Bosch earning a phantom roughing the passer call in the 2011 Thanksgiving Day game against the Packers, instead of Greg Jennings getting called for offensive pass interference on the same play. We also suffered through an inadvertent early whistle, negating a touchdown in a 2012 playoff game in New Orleans. Who can forget 2015's "Miracle in Motown," thanks to a nonexistent face mask penalty on an Aaron Rodgers sack with no time left? The bad call gave The Loathsome One a chance to win the game on a Hail Mary (spoiler alert: He did). I can still see his smug grin in that postgame presser. Sorry about that Achilles, Aaron.

In Week 4 of that same year, Johnson's fumble near the goal line got intentionally batted out of the endzone by Seattle. That went unpenalized, so

instead of the Lions being awarded the ball on the Seahawks' half-yard line, Seattle got a touchback. We had a clear, key pass interference flag thrown on a Stafford pass to Brandon Pettigrew, only to have the refs call PICK UP THE FLAG and determine no penalty occurred in a 24-20 playoff loss against the Cowboys. Wouldn't you know that also was in 2015? Only the Lions.

Sure, we may have taken the wind once, or stepped out of bounds in the back of the endzone or stomped on a quarterback after the whistle, but as the wise Rafiki once said in "The Lion King," "It doesn't matter. It's in de past!"

The bottom line is we keep coming back for more, in droves, season after season, no matter the level of our heartbreak. That's loyalty, albeit bordering on sick delusion. We don't get to be called the "Liedowns" or "Motor City Kitties" without getting some credit for our undying dedication to this team. Sorry, Cincy, and you other eight teams. Lions pride trumps all in my book.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

In Goff we trust: Detroit Lions QB Jared Goff has helped fuel fans' continued loyalty, reaching frenzied heights after the team's opening night win last Thursday against the reigning Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs.

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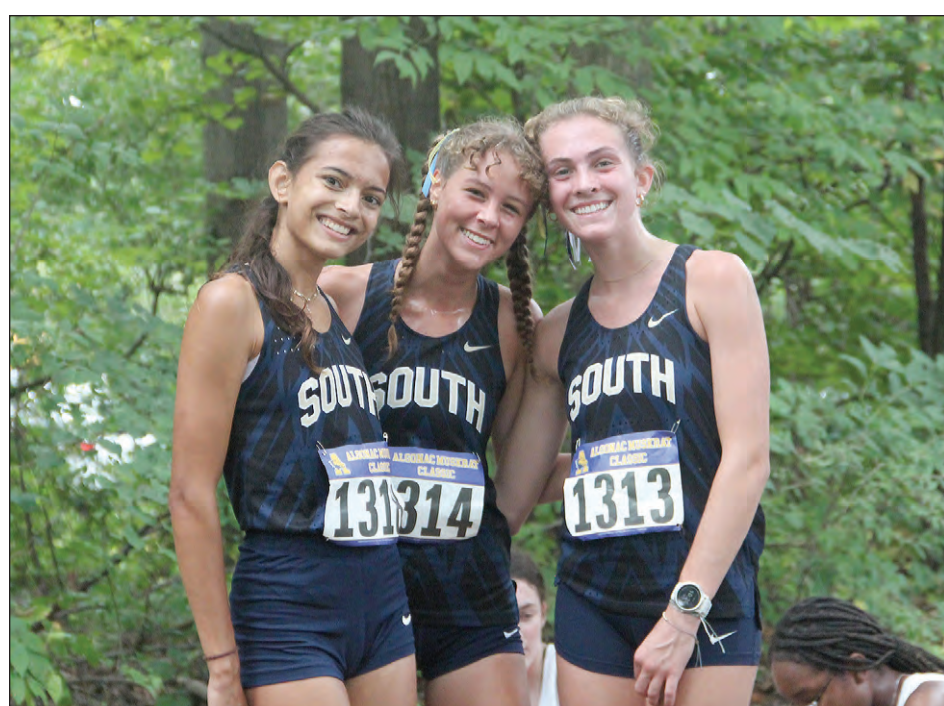


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South's top three girls varsity runners from last Saturday's Algonac Invitational. From left, Adelina Parikh, Morgan Deenik and Chloe Caulfield.



PHOTO BY ANDREW FEGAN

North's Katie Madigan, left, and Mimi Trupiano run side by side at last weekend's Algonac Invitational.

# North, South cross country teams finish in top 10 at Algonac

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Both the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys and girls cross country teams made their way to Stony Creek Metropark Saturday, Sept. 9, for the 35th annual Algonac Invitational. In fields of nearly 20 teams, the boys and girls varsity teams for both schools all achieved top 10 finishes for a successful day.

In the boys varsity race, the Blue Devils ended up third overall out of 18 teams. South had three runners finish in the top 30 and six in the top 50. Leading the pack was senior Tommy Caulfield, who ended up 17th with a time of 17:08.7. Fellow senior Jet Miller was 22nd at 17:28.4 and Kaden Boismer-Buhr also cracked the top 30, coming in 27th with a time of 17:36.6.

The Norsemen had the highest individual finisher out of any boys runner from the Pointes. Senior David Rochon's time of 16:42.2 earned him ninth place in the

standings and helped North to an eighth place team finish. Junior Caleb Kosel also cracked the top 20, finishing in 16th at 17:01.3. Sophomore Neil Orłowski's time of 17:39.0 put him at 31st. There were some equally strong performances in the girls varsity race for both schools. South finished fourth and nearly had a top 10 individual finish, as senior Morgan Deenik's time of 20:55.8 landed her in eleventh place. Deenik was one of three South runners to break the top 20. Chloe Caulfield (21:07.5) finished 15th and fellow junior Adelina Parikh (21:14.7) was right behind in 16th. Sarah Koval also earned a medal on the day for finishing in 33rd with a time of 21:50.5.

"These four worked hard to stay close to one another (in a field of 105 runners) and finished within 50 seconds of each other," South girls cross country coach Steve Zaranek said via email. "This was our varsity's finest race of the season, to date."

Just like their counterparts on the boys team, North's girls team finished eighth overall as well. Lucie Leonhard was the team's top runner, earning a medal in 21st place with a time of 21:24.3. Zofia Lutoborska (45th), Katie Madigan and Ashlei Anatolio (48th and 49th) all finished in the top 50.

"Every single runner ran their best time of the season, and this was not an easy course," said North girls cross country coach Scott Cooper in an email. "The girls have worked very hard and pushed it the last two weeks, and that work is paying off with drops in times all around."

The boys and girls teams from both schools raced together again Tuesday, Sept. 12, after press time in the MAC Red Jamboree. The Blue Devils boys and girls squads head to Willow Metropark on Saturday, Sept. 16, to compete in the Huron Invitational. On the same day, North's teams return to Stony Creek Metropark to race in the Autumn Classic.

## NORTH:

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32-14. Eastpointe struck back, however, with back-to-back touchdowns of its own to make it just a four-point game going into the final quarter.

The fact that they now led just 32-28 starting the fourth quarter did not shake the Norsemen. Hamilton started the quarter with a 50-yard

touchdown run to put North back on top by two scores, 40-28. The Norsemen then decided to onside kick, recovering it successfully and then on the next play scoring once again, this time on a touchdown pass from Henderson to Leo Perettie.

The momentum was fully rolling in favor of the Norsemen at this point. When Eastpointe got the ball back, Jaylen Hardy came up with an

interception for North that helped set up another touchdown run for Hamilton, sending the Norsemen over the 50-point mark taking the lead 54-28.

It was Andrew MacGillis who took North over 60 points for the first time ever, with his one-yard touchdown run bringing North to 61 points with just under ten minutes remaining. The Shamrocks scored one final time in the

waning minutes of the game, but North's fourth quarter fireworks had already sealed the win.

Hamilton ended the game with 158 rushing yards to go along with his three touchdowns. Perettie was North's leading receiver with five catches for 116 yards and one score. Henderson completed eight of 14 passing attempts for 130 yards and two touchdowns, while Doe completed

two of his six attempts and had a touchdown.

While North's offense certainly had a historic day, that only means that the coaching staff is looking to toughen up the team's defense in order to keep up.

"There are some holes in our defense and we need to address that," Drouin said. "We're missing that big, strong defensive leader like we had last year. We have athletic kids who know

what to do, but none of them are quite ready to step up yet, and that's just a growing pain we have to go through."

**Up next in Week 4:** The Norsemen return home for Week 4 to face another division rival from the MAC Gold. North will take on the Cousino Patriots, who are also 2-1 after defeating Fitzgerald 21-8 in their last game. Kickoff at North is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15.

## 2023 SPORTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 17 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

### 18 MONDAY

- » 1 p.m. - GPS Girls Golf @ Midland Dow
- » 3 p.m. - GPN Girls Golf @ PHN
- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis vs. Romeo
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis @ St. Clair
- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis vs. Cranbrook
- » 6 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer @ Sterling Heights
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer @ Eisenhower
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey @ Chelsea

### 19 TUESDAY

- » 2 p.m. - GPS Girls Golf @ Eisenhower
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey @ FGR
- » 5 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer vs. Cristo Rey
- » 6 p.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive @ Eisenhower
- » 6 p.m. - GPN + ULS Girls Swim & Dive @ GPN Tri - Meet

### 20 WEDNESDAY

- » 3 p.m. - GPS @ GPN Girls Golf
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis @ Eisenhower
- » 5:30 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey vs. Clarkston
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPN Volleyball vs. Stevenson
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer @ Ford II
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball @ Utica

### 21 THURSDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS boys Tennis @ Catholic Central
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey vs. Regina
- » 5:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer @ Jackson Lumen Christi
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball vs. Lutheran Westland

### 22 FRIDAY

- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey vs. Cranbrook
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Football vs. Everest
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Soccer vs. Cass Tech (On ULS LAX Field)
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Football @ Roseville
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Football vs. Warren Woods Tower (Homecoming)
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer vs. Ford II

### 23 SATURDAY

- » 8 a.m. - ULS Boys Tennis Quad, GPS Boys & Girls XC @ Linden

### 24 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

### 25 MONDAY

- » 1:30 p.m. - GPS Girls Golf @ Rochester
- » 5:30 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey vs. Regina
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Girls Swim & Dive @ Crestwood

- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball @ Sacred Heart
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer @ Utica
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey @ Clarkston
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer vs. CV



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### 26 TUESDAY

- » TBD - ULS Field Hockey (CHSL Playoffs)
- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis vs. DLS
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis vs. UDJ
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS XC @ Shrine

# HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, high school fall sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:



## NORTH GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Norsemen swimmers kicked off their season Thursday, Aug. 31, in Royal Oak, at the five-team Raven Relays, taking fourth place overall with 112 points. The team's best finish on the day was second place in the 200 free relay (1:49.10). Against Lakeview Tuesday, Sept. 5, North won its first dual meet of the season, taking first place in every event. Several freshmen placed first in the

Huskies' metered pool, including Mia Melhem in the 100 fly (1:19.54) and Elliana Orlando in the 100 breast (1:30.69). Some veteran Norsemen swimmers also won top spots in multiple events, including Avery Beal in the 200 IM (2:35.41) and 100 free (1:03.23), and Cailey Hard in the 200 free (2:23.88) and 400 free (5:01.08).



PHOTO TRICIA GROUSTRA

South starting setter Elle Davey (#10) celebrates a side out with her teammates against Henry Ford II.

## SOUTH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

South spikers hit the court Tuesday, Sept. 5, on the road against Sterling Heights Stevenson. The Blue Devils came away with a three-set win, 25-11, 25-12 and 25-23. The team hosted its first home match against Henry Ford II Thursday, Sept. 7, coming away with its second consecutive win, 25-14, 25-17 and 25-10. South is 6-8-2 overall and 2-0 in the league. In two conference games, Gabby DiVita had 37 kills with a .567 hitting percentage and four aces. Ally Edwards had 11 kills with a .526 hitting percentage and three aces. Lilah Supino had 14 kills and five digs, while Eleni Melham had four aces and 15 digs.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOUTH SWIM AND DIVE

The starting blocks at Grosse Pointe South's pool are now graced by the names of generous families who donated toward a recent project to upgrade the blocks.

## SOUTH GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

In its first dual meet of the regular season, Grosse Pointe South girls varsity swim and dive beat Fraser 139-37 at an away meet Tuesday, Sept. 9. The Blue Devils won each of the meet's 12 events. Against the Ramblers, Micha Eng made state cuts in the 200 IM (2:11.82) and 100 fly (1:00.01). Heidi Bryan earned her state cut in the 500 free (5:26.45). Just two meets into the season, including a tri-meet Aug. 31, the team has qualified for all three relays in the Division 2 state meet this November.

The Blue Devils also upgraded their diving blocks last week, thanks to generous donors from the swim community. Donations are recognized on the side of each block with a seal that includes each family's name. A dedication ceremony will take place this season.

## SOUTH VS. NORTH BOYS SOCCER

The Blue Devils and Norsemen boys soccer teams met on the pitch last Friday, Sept. 8, in their annual rivalry showdown. This time, it was a largely one-sided affair as South was victorious 9-2 over North, with junior Onction Zape leading the way with four goals for the Blue Devils.



PHOTO BY KELLY SHANLEY

South visited North for a boys soccer rivalry showdown on Friday, Sept. 8, in a game that ended in a lopsided 9-2 victory for the Blue Devils.



## DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT

South sophomore varsity golfer Lyla Hampton just missed out on a repeat visit to Augusta National Golf Club next April by finishing one point behind qualifier Nikitha Suresh, of Plain City, Ohio, at the Drive, Chip and Putt regional final Saturday, Sept. 9, at Scioto Country Club in Columbus. Hampton, who finished as second alternate, earned 134 points, just one shy of Suresh's 135. Hampton lost a tie-breaker with first alternate Abigail Caine, of Versailles, Ky., who also finished with 134 points.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAUN HAMPTON

South's Lyla Hampton just missed out on a repeat trip to Augusta National at last week's Drive, Chip and Putt regional final in Columbus, Ohio.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to [mleonard@grossepointenews.com](mailto:mleonard@grossepointenews.com).

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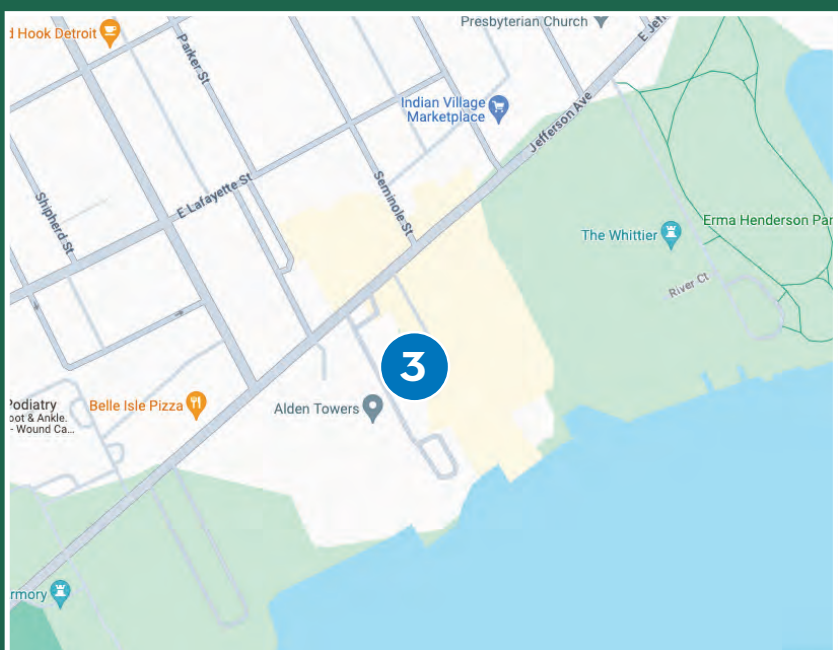
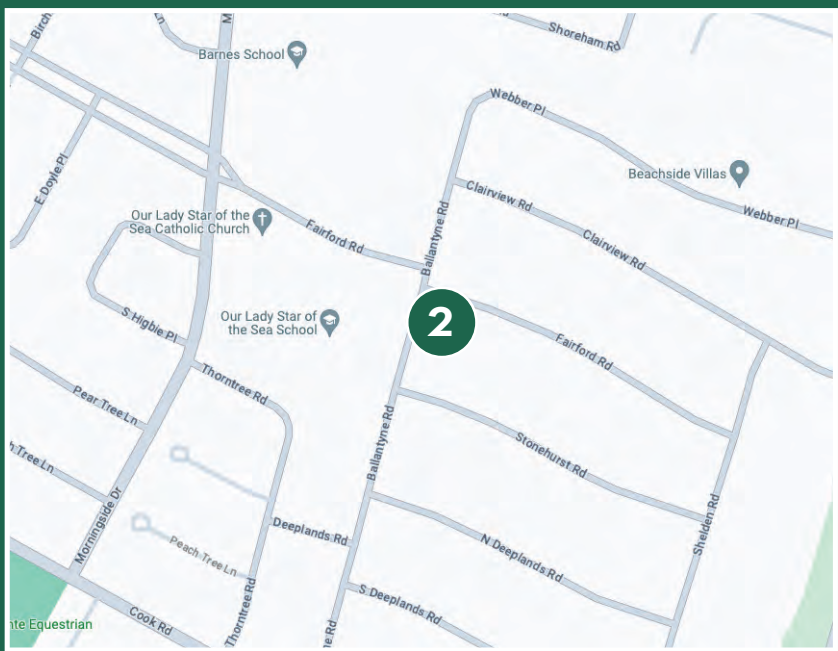
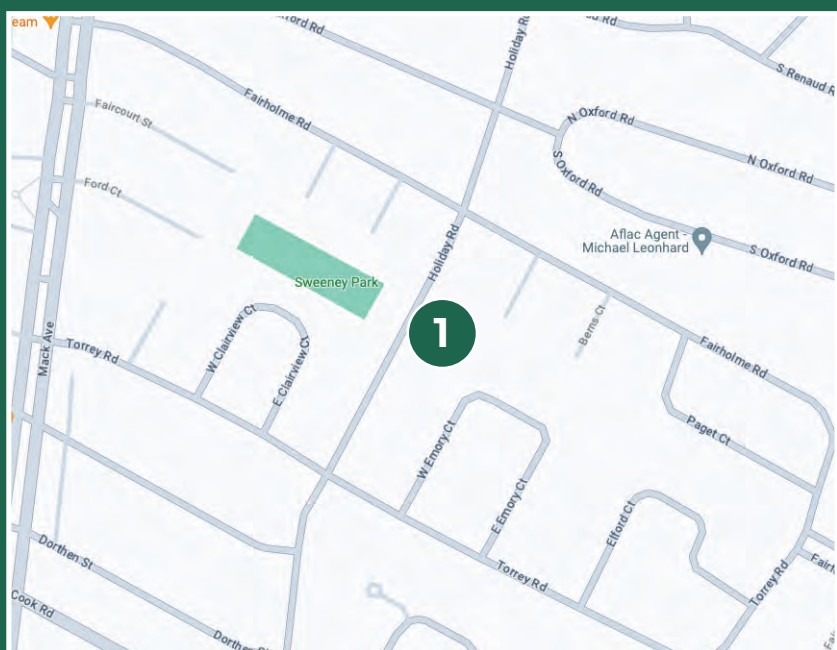
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# Fall SPORTS PREVIEW

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

### Boys Cross Country

## Teamwork makes the dream work for 2023 Norsemen cross country runners

Clare Ramsdell  
Staff Intern

Despite being a smaller group, the 2023 Grosse Pointe North boys' varsity cross country team is set to make an impact. With five out of seven top runners returning from the previous year, Diane Montgomery is eager to coach her top performers toward qualifying for the state finals this season.

"Our record in the MAC Red doesn't always represent how hard we work as a team," Montgomery said. "Our goal every year is to help each individual runner race to the best of his ability."

The team's top returners this season include senior David Rochon and junior Caleb Kosel. They also anticipate relying on senior Danny Webber, junior Wes Ramsey and sophomores Neirl Orlowski and Sam Parish, to round out the top scor-

ers. Also expected to join the varsity lineup this year is senior Michael Loporto.

Montgomery's strategy this season centers around fostering a sense of unity and cooperation among her runners, encouraging



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**North's 2023 varsity boys cross country runners include, from left, Sam Parish, Caleb Kosel, Neil Orlowski, Michael Loporto, Wes Ramsey and David Rochon.**

them to train and race together in small groups.

"It somehow makes the physical burden a little less if you are working with a teammate," she explained. "Racing together makes the team stronger too. It's a little demoralizing to get passed by two or three guys from the same team all at once. There's definitely strength in numbers."

Although cross country remains fundamentally an individual sport, there is something to be said about the team atmosphere among North runners. Montgomery has always seen their camaraderie as a strength and is excited to watch her runners push and make one another better.

"They support one another," she said. "When somebody is having a bad day of training, the other guys really rally to help him. When somebody reaches a goal, no matter if it's breaking 16 or breaking 30 minutes for a 5k, the rest of the team celebrates it. They are not just a team, they are friends. It's really nice to see."

The team competed in the MAC Red jamboree after press time. They next hit the trail at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Stoney Creek Metropark in the annual Autumn Classic.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

### Boys Cross Country

## South boys cross country team sees its strength in small numbers

Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

After two of Grosse Pointe South's best boys cross country and track runners graduated last June, head coach Mark Sonnenberg thought he would enter the 2023 season loose and with some tempered expectations.

But then he saw his team in action at its first meet on Aug. 18, and his hopes for the season changed in a flash when the Blue Devils finished second out of 32 teams from divisions 2, 3 and 4 at the Lamplighter Invitational.

"Despite losing some of the best talent south has ever enjoyed (in Logan Detweiler and Brendan Downey), our boys will continue to be a strong team despite what some might be thinking is a rebuild for us," Sonnenberg said.

"I believe a top five finish in the region is a goal we can use as a fair barometer," he said.

For a cross country program as historically successful as South's, it's easy for fans to understand an "off" year here and there, especially when several teams from around Grosse Pointe are seeing lower than normal turnout from pre-



PHOTOS BY MARK SONNENBERG

**Members of Grosse Pointe South's boys varsity cross country celebrate a third place finish out of 20 teams last Saturday in the Algonac Muskrat Classic.**

vious years. In 2019, the team had 81 runners. Today, the roster is down to 30.

But those smaller numbers actually afford an opportunity to both his runners and coaching staff, according to Sonnenberg.

"It really gives us a chance to concentrate on and really coach each runner," he said. "Often on really big teams you end up breaking it down into three or four separate teams in terms of coaching and meets."

Sonnenberg said he is already seeing signs of how this team is responding to its numbers this season.

"This team is showing when you care about the program and develop them and how you count on them to contribute, it's so interesting watching how they respond to that. It has something to do with the chemistry they develop and camaraderie. I love to see it,"

he said.

Sonnenberg said to look for the team's No. 1 runner Jack Martin, who said "has as much talent as (Detweiler).

"(Jack) Martin, Jet Miller and Tommy Caulfield are shaping up to be our best runners," he added. "Joshua Sonnenberg (the head coach's son) and Kaden Boismier-Behr look to be very intriguing runners to help us as the season progresses. They are already varsity after working hard all summer."

In another positive sign, Sonnenberg said, the team looks like they will be in every invite they compete in.

"We have such a great bunch of guys that are working so hard and are so coachable. I enjoy every day (with them)... If I look at our region right now I like the idea of no pressure, but now looking at it more closely, we think we can be in the top three."

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindel at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held August 14, 2023 and the Special City Council meeting held on August 17, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on June 16, 2023 and the Planning Commission meeting held on August 23, 2023.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128054 through 128172 in the amount of \$721,361.76 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) . to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$40,520.88 for professional services during the month of August 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Danbury Lane, #180-281; 2023 Concrete Repair, #180-283; 2023 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-318; Community Center grant, #180-323; Kelly Rd. Planning Grant, #180-322; DPW Yard Analysis, #180-307; Comcast Review, #180-321; Eastland Center, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284 and #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-282 and #180-314; Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, #180-285 and #180-317; Temporary Water Operator, #180-303 and DWSRF Loan, #180-302. (3) . approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$10,436.63 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of August and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of Watchdog Security device and renewal fees. (4) . approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of September 2023. (5) approve payment to Intrado Life and Safety Solutions Corporation in the amount of \$11,955.70 for the renewal of an extended maintenance plan for the Viper dispatch call-taking console. (6) . approve payment in the amount of \$33,250.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, replacement of stop boxes at various residential locations and repair to leaking service lines. (7) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$11,350.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (8) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$11,117.00 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 approve the request from applicant Tim Loughrin, of Renovare Robertson Harper Woods LLC to rezone Parcel #42-010-07-0066-305, R1-B, One-Family Residential District, to a PUD, Planned Unit Development District.
- 3) Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Harper Woods Fire Fighter's Association Local 1188 for the contract term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, and further authorize the Mayor and acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.
- 4) to engage in an analysis for alternative fire services to be conducted by Winbourne Consulting LLC in the amount of \$63,375.00, with American Rescue Plan funds (ARPA) being utilized.
- 5) to authorize the acting City Manager to sell tax foreclosed properties at a price of \$51,130.29 to the interested buyers as outlined, including all monies owed to the City; and further to authorize the acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the transactions.
- 6) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$80,227.19 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2023 Storm Sewer Open Cut Repairs, #180-314.
- 7) approve the contract modification in the amount of \$24,750.00 to Fontana Construction for the emergency repair of a 10" sanitary sewer pipe.
- 8) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$198,295.08 for the City's proportionate share of the SRF Project interest.
- 9) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,926.69 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

Valerie Kindel, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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**Members of Grosse Pointe South's boys cross country team run by lantern's light at the Lamplighter Invitational to kickoff the season.**

### GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT

Grosse Pointe Public School System will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. EST on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**, for Civil Engineering Design & Consulting Services. Grosse Pointe Public School System will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Pre-bid Clarifications must be sent to Gary Kent from Plate Moran at [gary.kent@plantemoran.com](mailto:gary.kent@plantemoran.com) by **September 15th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. EST**

All bids must be addressed to: Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Attention Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent for Business Operations.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Familial Disclosure Statement, Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit, and a Non-Collusive Affidavit.

**Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:**

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=277729dfd1dd408d8a4130aa9021ce2c>

Documents will be available for viewing on **September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Any questions, contact Gary Kent from Plate Moran at [gary.kent@plantemoran.com](mailto:gary.kent@plantemoran.com).

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