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Shores votes to ban pit bulls

Michigan Humane pulls Mutt March from Ford House

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council voted 4-3 to ban future ownership of pit bulls and place strict limitations on current owners at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19.

After nearly two hours of public comment, Councilmen Donn Schroder, Robert Barrette, John Dakmak and John Seago voted in favor of the ban. Mayor Ted Kedzierski and Councilwomen Sandra Cavataio and Danielle Gehlert voted against it. The same split voted down a motion to table

the matter.

An overflow crowd packed council chambers and spilled into the lobby of city hall, with 24 people speaking against the ban and three speaking in favor of it.

"This is a knee-jerk reaction after one admittedly horrific incident and it's unlikely a ban would have stopped it," Fran Bachmann, a dog behavioralist, told council. "A ban like this also has implicit racism because pit bulls are associated with African-Americans and Latinos. The Shores is already perceived as not embracing inclusivity."

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANUDYT

It's your Big Boy! This special guy greeted fans at Grosse Pointe North's homecoming game Friday, Sept. 22. Big Boy now lives permanently at North, after being donated by Dan and Ann Curis, owners of the popular Champs and Big Boy restaurants, just down the street from the school. For years, students at North and rival Grosse Pointe South would "capture" Big Boy before the schools faced off in their big rivalry game and claim him as their own. But now that Big Boy is a Norseman, he gets into the school's spirit week by dressing up for its annual toga day to celebrate with the senior class, as pictured above.



HOT FALL LOOKS DECOR STYLE — and more!

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Framework set for Brumbaugh replacement

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Although Trustee David Brumbaugh hasn't announced an official date for his impending resignation, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has started putting in place steps it will take to replace him.

The board at a special meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20, approved the desired qualifications of the appointee and the procedure it will follow on unanimous 6-0 votes.

Trustees Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John at the start of the meeting, however, questioned why the board was starting the process before Brumbaugh's resignation was official.

"David told us his intentions so this is definitely a go," President Ahmed Ismail

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Moosejaw locations to close

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Moosejaw location at 17037 Kercheval in The Village is set to close its doors by early February 2024, along with all but three of the outdoor retailer's brick-and-mortar locations.

The news follows Dick's Sporting Goods' acquisition of Moosejaw earlier this year.

"After careful review of our outdoor specialty business, we have decided to form one team that will support the

operations of Public Lands and Moosejaw," Dick's Sporting Goods released in a statement. "The team will be based at Public Lands' headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA.

"This move supports our business optimization efforts and will allow us to operate more efficiently, quickly leverage best practices across our outdoor business and drive our long-term success. We look forward to continuing to provide outdoor enthusiasts great gear and service on Moosejaw.com,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANUDYT

The Grosse Pointe Moosejaw location will close by early February.

PublicLands.com and at Moosejaw and Public Lands retail locations." Along with the three locations remaining open — Birmingham in

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Berkshire beater faces more charges

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A circuit court hearing this month about a former live-in caregiver allegedly robbing, beating and pistol-whipping an 81-year-old Park widow nearly to death was postponed to make room for additional felony charges and an additional defendant.

New charges claim the

original suspect and newly-named co-defendant began taking advantage of the woman nearly 1½ years before she was beaten at her Berkshire Road home May 5 and left for dead.

Instead, victim Jane Yamazaki, a retired academician and author of a book-length case study of Japan's post-World War II apologies for national wrongdoing, regained consciousness

and, despite numerous broken bones, rallied herself to call police.

Charged in that action is Yamazaki's former caregiver and self-professed nursing student, Essence Lafayette Cross, 33, of Detroit.

Added to the defendant's list Friday, Sept. 22, in Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court was Clete Otis Robinson, 38, a habitual offender from Detroit.

"Essence Cross worked in the Yamazaki home back in late 2021 to early 2022 as a home healthcare worker," said Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman, heading the city's investigation.

"During that time, one of the Yamazaki's debit cards went missing and over \$100,000 was charged to the card fraudulently. This case

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Pink event expands for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “October spotlights that approximately one in eight women will develop breast cancer,” said Allison Jay, M.D., with the Cancer Genetics Program at Ascension St. John Hospital and Van Elslander Cancer Center, in a press release. “Around 20 to 30 percent of women with breast cancer have a family member with the disease. The annual In the Pink event is an opportunity to learn about cancer prevention and to join one of our brief educational talks, like hereditary cancers.”

This year’s In the Pink event in The Village, which promises to be significantly expanded from previous years, takes place 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

After checking in at Pink Headquarters on St. Clair at Kercheval, where the first 100 guests will receive a goodie bag, attendees will be treated to health

talks and demonstrations every 20 minutes with Ascension St. John experts, such as a cardiologist from the Women’s Heart Clinic. Topics include vitamin D, reflexology, stress reduction, and genetics and cancer, as well as information on stroke prevention, head and neck cancer screenings, blood pressure and EKGs.

As is tradition, the mobile mammography unit will be on site for the duration of the event, offering first come, first served screenings with no appointment necessary. Test results will be sent directly to participants’ physicians.

Newly adding to the experience this year, however, will be a project called Healing Hearts with Art.

“Guests will be able to share a piece of their heart by decorating a heart that will become part of a large mosaic piece that will showcase the power of love, healing and togetherness to patients undergoing cancer



treatment,” the press release noted.

The expanded event also is set to include:

- ◆ pink-inspired refreshments at participating Village businesses, where visitors also will receive a raffle ticket just for stopping — additional tickets will be supplied with purchases — for a chance to win prize baskets courtesy of Ascension St. John;

- ◆ the announcement of the winner of the month-long Art Takeover Project in The Village;

- ◆ and an afterglow reception offering local treats, such as samples from Nothing Bundt Cakes, which is soon to be a new business in The Village.

Village businesses

participating in the raffle include Apple Blossom Baby, Chez Loulou, Dawood, Glitter & Scotch, J. McLaughlin, LOFT, Moosejaw, Newport, Pet Supplies Plus, Posterity Gallery, Ridge Crest Outfitters, Savvy Chic Boutique, Small Favors, Skye Salon and Epanoui, TCBY, Village Dental Associates and Village Palm.

“Being able to partner with Ascension St. John on such an important event is an honor,” said Cindy Willcock, Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director, “and being able to have fun while providing vital information, celebrating breast cancer survivors and building community makes it even better.”



Volunteer efforts

COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters of assisted the city of Grosse Pointe Farms with the preparation of absentee ballots for mailing Friday, Sept. 22, at Pier Park. Voters can register to vote, find their polling location and view their sample ballot at mi.gov/vote.

PIT:

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The incident Bachmann referred to occurred in early June on Lochmoor, when a pit bull ran from a backyard and attacked a couple and their dog walking by. That dog needed three surgeries and had one leg amputated, while owners Dana and Mark Owen suffered bites and scratches.

The Owens have since filed a civil lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court against the pit bull’s owners, Detroit Lions running back David Montgomery and his

girlfriend, Tatum Causey.

When asked by Kedzierski if he favored the ban, Mark Owen said he did.

“Not one of these people has been in the position I was,” he said. “No one else in this room has been on the ground, screaming for his life.”

Owen added that he has no feeling on the outside of his left hand, where he was bit. Causey was ticketed for harboring a vicious dog after the incident. Municipal Judge Charles Berschback ordered the pit bull be put down and Causey is due back before him Oct. 4 to provide proof. A status conference in the civil suit

is scheduled for Oct. 26.

The new ordinance, which amends the city’s previous dog ordinance, allows current pit bulls in the city to be grandfathered in as long as they are licensed by the time it takes effect. That will occur 30 days after the ordinance is published in the Grosse Pointe News, the paper of record for all five Pointes and Harper Woods. (See page 2D for the city’s public notice.) The new law also requires all dogs, regardless of breed, to be on a leash not longer than six feet anytime they are off their owner’s property.

Pit bull owners must provide proof of their

dog’s vaccination record and evidence of a \$100,000 insurance policy against any damage the dog might cause to other dogs or humans to obtain a license. Licensed pit bulls also must be spayed or neutered. If one were to have a litter, the puppies must be removed from the city or turned over to be euthanized.

“Only psychopaths want to kill puppies,” Rebecca Booth said, calling those on council in favor of the ban “liars and bullies.”

Passing the ordinance, however, could hinder the city’s ability to deal with what are deemed vicious dogs, no matter the breed.

The ordinance says dogs that attack other dogs or people unprovoked must be housed in a nearby shelter until a court hearing is held. The only such shelter in the area is the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

“We have been your shelter since 2013 and we’re the only one in the area,” GPAAS founder and CEO Corrine Martin told council. “The contract renews every year and either side can opt out with 30 days’ notice. If you approve this, my board will have to consider ending our agreement.”

Those speaking in favor of the ban cited safety concerns, including Claudia and John DeWald, who live on Colonial, one block south of Lochmoor.

“When we first moved here, it was mostly retirees,” said John DeWald, a former city council member. “Now there are younger families with kids. Pit bulls are very aggressive dogs and they need expert training.”

His wife added she doesn’t want to be afraid when going for daily walks.

Robert Lee, M.D., a trauma physician, said he has treated pit bull attacks and while the breed makes up a small percentage of all dogs, pit bulls “make up a disproportionate percentage of bites and deaths.”

He suggested council put the matter to a citywide referendum.

Several speaking out against the ban said the city should create an animal welfare committee to promote responsible dog ownership and strengthen the vicious dog ordinance without the ban.

“If bans work, why doesn’t every city have one?” Marlene Smith asked.

Some three dozen municipalities across the state, including Grosse

Pointe Woods, have a pit bull ban, although the Michigan Legislature has been discussing a statewide ban on such bans.

Bachmann and Smith presented council with a petition against the ban containing more than 300 signatures. Bachmann said several more people told her they wanted to sign but were afraid of repercussions from the city.

Schroder, meanwhile, said he talked to people who signed who told him they felt intimidated into doing so.

By Wednesday, Sept. 20, Michigan Humane President and CEO Matt Pepper announced his organization would not hold its annual Mutt March fundraiser at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House next year, and instead seek a new venue.

“Next year would have been our 35th year bringing thousands of visitors, vendors and commerce to Grosse Pointe Shores in celebration of the human-animal bond,” he wrote on the group’s website. “The immediate impact of the decision to ban pit bulls is that this celebration in Grosse Pointe Shores is no longer on the table. We will be immediately forced to identify a more inclusive community to host our event.”

In a social media post Friday, Sept. 22, Ford House indicated pit bulls still are welcome there.

“In response to the recent ban on pit bulls in Grosse Pointe Shores, Ford House wishes to remind visitors that, in accordance with our organizational value of inclusion for all, we welcome all breeds of dogs as we welcome all people,” the post read. “During operating hours, Ford House members are welcome to walk their dogs on leash on the property, excluding Bird Island.”

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Inside 389 St. Clair's historic preservation Demolition wraps up as ground breaks on townhomes

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Upon entering the old school administration building at 389 St. Clair, one currently is greeted by the organized chaos of a construction site.

A stack of blueprints rest on a table just inside the entrance, wires stretch in all directions across the floor and dust drifts in the air as interior bricks are removed to open up the space.

In the middle of it all, in the second floor hallway, Vincent Van Gogh-inspired drawings by a past class of Monteith Elementary School second graders remain posted along the wall.

addition connecting the two spaces was constructed in 2001 — was added to the National Register of Historic Places in April.

As such, the exterior will remain almost entirely untouched, while much of the interior, including entries from the hallways into classrooms, heavy oak doors, trimming and flooring, is simply being repurposed.

“The hallways in the 1906 building and the 1918 building remain the same, outside of a fresh coat of paint (and) refinishing any wood that needs to be done,” Novack said. “... The doors are going back, which were originally here. Any other door that’s not an entry door is going to stay as a



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANUDYT AND LAUREL KRAUS

Above, artwork by Monteith second graders remains amid the construction at 389 St. Clair. Below, Project Superintendent Eric Novack looks from the second floor of 389 St. Clair to where construction has begun on eight townhomes.



The fire alarms will remain as a historical element in the apartment hallways.

“They told me not to touch the hallways, (so) I haven’t touched the hallways,” joked Eric Novack, the project superintendent with Multifamily Commercial Construction, who is in charge of ensuring the building’s historical nature is incorporated into the 18 apartment units soon to fill the space.

The building, with two sections built in 1906 and 1918 respectively — an

faux door, or fake door, in the hallway, so it looks like you’re walking into a school.”

Completing the tribute to the building’s historic beginnings, vintage fire alarms also will remain in the hallways, along with the original 1918 glass paneling, which will be tinted for privacy, in the overhead windows above the doorways.

A chalkboard from the school will be placed in the lounge area.

“We have a lot of

historic trim to navigate around,” said Novack, who lives just a few blocks from 389 St. Clair. “We have historic walls with wainscot that we have to navigate around, so it’s pretty exciting.”

His proximity to the site provides not only the opportunity to ride his bike to work, but also the ability to be on hand for community concerns.

“(A homeowner next door) called me the other day (because) she had a little blind spot issue, so I was able to come right out,” Novack said, solving the issue simply by pulling back a portion of greenscreen from the chain link fence surrounding the site.

The Grosse Pointe connection expands to the company — Michigan Home Builders — leading the construction of eight townhomes also on the site. Its office is across from Grosse Pointe South High School.

With the building permits now approved by



city administration, the project broke ground on the townhomes Thursday, Sept. 21.

While Novack continues finishing up the interior demolition of the old school building, both projects are moving full speed ahead toward a completion date in summer 2024.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, OCT. 2

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

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

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

◆ Cook Schoolhouse open, 5 p.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Fall Fest, 5 to 8 p.m.

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was investigated back in early 2022 by our department and was submitted to the prosecutor’s office. Charges were finally issued against Cross and her co-defendant, Clete Otis Robinson, on Friday (Sept. 22).”

Cross and Robinson are listed in court documents as having the same eastside residential address in the mainly abandoned and baren 8000 block of Walbridge Street near the junction of the I-94 expressway and Van Dyke.

The location is less than a six-mile drive to the house in the 1000 block of Berkshire where Yamazaki was awakened a few hours before sunup and attacked.

Doctors admitted Yamazaki to a hospital under a fake name to shield her from what authorities feared would be her assailant’s likely follow-up attempt to finish the job by eliminating the main witness, according to police.

Yamazaki is no longer a Park resident. She moved out of state to recuperate with a relative.

This summer she sold the heavily-wooded home in which she and her late husband, Russell, who was born in a Utah

internment camp during the Second World War, and a 32-year Wayne State University pharmacology professor and 2022 cancer casualty, spent many years.

Cross already is charged with eight felonies: attempted murder, armed robbery, home invasion 1st degree, unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle and four counts of felony firearm. The maximum penalty for attempted murder is life in prison. She still faces a \$2 million cash-only bond imposed May 8 by Park Judge Carl Jarboe.

Added to the list of charges last week, and also credited to Robinson, are embezzlement from a vulnerable adult, identity theft and fraudulent use of a credit card.

“The charges are all felonies,” Pittman said. “Both defendants were issued a \$100,000 bond and are lodged at (the) Wayne County Jail.”

Robinson’s status as a habitual criminal comes from having at least three felony convictions dating to 2004 in Wayne County Circuit Court. His record features resisting and obstructing police, firearm possession and a drug charge.

Habitual status extends his potential sentence to lifetime incarceration.

Cross was originally scheduled for a pretrial

conference on the initial eight charges in Wayne County Circuit Court Sept. 22. The hearing

was preempted by the municipal court action and was rescheduled to Oct. 20.

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Retiring XC coach going the distance

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

After attending Grosse Pointe Public Schools, dedicating his life to a very full teaching career (mostly at Parcels Middle School), and more than 30 years coaching the North girls cross country team, Scott Cooper will soon be passing the baton and getting ready for his next chapter.

"I can't imagine having worked anywhere else. Parcels was MY school and GPN was MY high school and the cross country team was MY team," Cooper emphasized in an email. "I took personal ownership in the fact that these buildings and traditions were what made me.

"To have worked in the building that has my father's portrait hanging in the hall and a courtyard, Cooper's Square, named after him was intensely meaningful and made me proud to go to work every day. I hope I made him proud trying to carry on his legacy."

If you ask anyone who has spent time with Cooper, he most certainly has made his dad proud and has become a true gem in GPPSS. Aside from the personal relationships, respect and true dedication to teaching and coaching, he also received accolades and awards recognizing his accomplishments. He has been MAC Red coach of the year four times and named a Double-Goal Coach award winner, which goes to a coach who "inspires athletes to become the best versions of themselves in the game and in life."

Thinking about the



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCHAEFER

Cooper's favorite cross country picture is him yelling intense encouragement to Stephanie Schaefer, who later became one of his assistant coaches, and whose wedding he will be attending next year.

span of his time spent in Grosse Pointe schools as both a student and a coach, Cooper has two distinct memories that stand out. As a student, Cooper says his best memory was being named co-captain of the cross country state championship-winning team in 1982.

"We worked very hard for that," he recalled. "Oh, and meeting and dating my wife, Lisa. As a teacher/coach, that would have to be teaching and coaching both my son and daughter, Kevin and Amy. That was an experience most people don't get to have, spending all that time with your kids at work, allowing them to see such a personal side of you and getting to watch them develop and interact outside of the home."

As someone with such a wealth of experience combined with a passion

for teaching and coaching, Cooper offers some sage advice for those who are considering getting into teaching and coaching.

"Don't do it unless you have a passion for it," he said. "Success requires passion and dedication. Research, go to clinics, glean from other coaches, watch others and listen to your athletes/students and not just with your ears.

"A caring coach/teacher can make a huge difference, and I hope I have made at least a dent."

Cooper feels that as far as teaching and coaching, the two are very similar when it comes to making a positive connection with students and athletes.

"Let them know you care," he said. "People don't care what you know until they know that you care."

He was quick to point out that everyone matters and everyone is important.

"The person coming in last place should feel as important as the first place finisher."

And what will he miss most about coaching? "Definitely the kids," he said. "They have kept me young."

He remarked that running into kids later in life and seeing who they have become and what

successes they have achieved is something he looks forward to and holds dear.

"I will miss the excitement and joy on their faces crossing the finish line after a great race," Cooper said. "I will miss seeing the bonds they make with each other on a long, grueling run. I will miss the, 'Hey, Coach' as I walk down the school hall."

Deputy Superintendent of Student Services Roy Bishop praised Cooper's distinguished and accomplished career and offered that "Scott Cooper is an exemplary teacher and coach! Scott is outstanding at building positive relationships with his students/athletes. In the classroom, he engaged students with humor and storytelling. As a coach, he brings girls together and teaches them what it means to be a great teammate and better person.

"He has made a tremendous positive impact on our district and will be missed," Bishop added.

After leaving his long-standing coaching career after this season, one might wonder if Cooper will have enough to do, but he is confident his plate will remain very full. He has been volunteering at the Humane Society of Macomb in Utica several

days a week, walking and training dogs and jokes that the dog can be a lot like his athletes — "very hyper and also won't listen to him."

Cooper also finds the time to volunteer a full day at the Children's Hospital in Detroit helping parents and kids find their way around the hospital, and trying to make their stay a little

"Lisa has been absolutely 100 percent supportive of what I do," he said. "I am gone so much and even when I'm home, I'm working or thinking or talking about cross country. She has never complained and always has solid advice for me. I could not have been successful in this career without her."

Cooper said there's not much his team doesn't know about him after all of these years and he readily admits he loves to share his viewpoints on life whether they want to listen or not. However, if there's one thing people don't know about him, it's that his students and athletes may not know how much they have meant to him.

As a parting bit of advice, Cooper has much to offer. He suggests students work hard at everything they do.

"Keep toeing the line, because you can't finish that race you never start. Stop making excuses and just get out there. And most importantly, keep looking at yourself in the mirror and telling yourself you ARE enough. You ARE beautiful. You ARE respected."



COURTESY PHOTO

Cooper at the shelter calming a puppy. Or is it the other way around?

more pleasant. He finds much joy giving his time to these very special causes.

With all of the impressive things Cooper has done, one has to wonder what he was most proud of in work and in life. He quickly responded with his marriage.

Whether you had the pleasure of encountering Cooper as a teacher, coach, parent, colleague or community member, there seems to be this unanimous sentiment regarding his retirement — this special Grosse Pointer will leave an especially big set of

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Oakland County, Salt Lake City and Bentonville, Ark., — Moosejaw.com also will remain live for

the time being.

"Moosejaw has been a staple in The Village for a long time, and we are definitely sad to hear the news that their parent company has decided to close so many of their brick-

and-mortar locations, particularly the one in our downtown," Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said. "Locally, the team at Moosejaw have been great community

partners and have participated in so many of our events and promotions, something that isn't often common with corporate entities. We'll miss the fun and enthusiasm that they bring to The Village shopping experience.

"Retail is not an easy game to be in. With so many online shopping options, it's even more important than ever to support our local Village businesses. Although we're disappointed that Moosejaw is leaving, we look forward to working to bring another great new business into their space."

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Drunken driving

Police arrested a 37-year-old man from Byron for drunken driving at 3:20 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

An officer initially pulled him over on Jefferson at Lakepointe for operating a vehicle with fresh passenger-side damage.

Theft from car

A stolen purse was recovered close to where an opportunist took it sometime between 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, and 6:20 a.m. the following day.

The purse was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a house in the 1200 block of Maryland, according to its owner.

Crew caught

Police nabbed six male teenagers, one wanted in Lansing for auto theft, creeping through the area of Lakepointe and Vernor shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Officers converged on the area in response to numerous reports of prowling.

"Six subjects between the ages of 16 and 19 (were) located,"

according to a detective.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old member of the group on the Lansing warrant. Police released the rest.

"A second subject (had) a recent arrest for (auto theft),' police said.

Theft from truck

A lawn crew employee working in the 600 block of Pemberton returned to his parked truck at about 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, to discover someone had taken his Redmax backpack blower.

Auto thefts

Park residents continue making life easy, and the city a target, for car thieves.

Owners leaving key fobs in unlocked, parked vehicles aided two thefts last week:

Unknown thieves of an unlocked 2018 Ford Expedition sped away from police shortly before 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20.

"(They) escaped when the pursuit was terminated," according to an

investigating officer.

The theft happened in the 900 block of Barrington.

"(The) vehicle was tracked via the FordPass app (and) located, unoccupied, and recovered," said an officer.

Between 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, and the next day at 8:45 a.m., someone got away with a 2019 Ford Escape parked curbside in the 1200 block of Kensington.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Travel advisory

A 20-year-old Detroit woman was detained by Detroit Metropolitan Airport police at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, when they learned she had a warrant out of the City for passing a counterfeit \$100 bill at a Village business in April. She then was turned over to

the City department.

Dealing

While working as a pharmacy technician at a Village business in May, a 19-year-old Detroit woman sold prescription drugs belonging to another person to an acquaintance.

Last week, she turned herself in upon request. She was arrested, processed, given a court date and released.

The buyer in the case was arrested two weeks prior.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Chances are

Officers responded to a gas station in the 20700 block of Mack around 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, for a report of stolen lottery tickets.

The complainant said he bought \$9 worth of tickets and stepped away

from the counter. The clerk put the tickets on the counter and the complainant believes another customer picked them up and left. The suspect is described as "an old white dude between 50 and 60 years old."

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Fraud

Although only one cleared the bank, three fraudulent checks in the amount of \$22,500 were made out to three separate people from an 80-year-old Farms woman's bank account.

Casual crook

After walking out of a business in the 18000 block of Mack with a case of liquor she hadn't purchased, a 28-year-old Farms woman was arrested for retail fraud at 1:21 p.m. Wednesday,

Sept. 20.

Stolen car

A silver 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 was stolen from the 400 block of Madison between 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, and 7 a.m. the next morning.

Hands free

After being pulled over for speeding and holding her phone while driving on Grosse Pointe Boulevard at 2:07 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, a 22-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving while license suspended.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Trying to keep the lights on

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Where were you when the lights went out?

Odds are you were at Mary Catherine Ashley's house near the City of Grosse Pointe border. Her neighborhood is part of a section of the Park along Cadieux Road known for power outages.

"Some are 30 minutes, some are brownouts for three hours, some are without power for four days," Ashley said.

"Most outages, if not all, this year have been tree-related," said Joe Musallam, DTE Energy vice president of electric operations. "We have aging infrastructure across the whole service area. Grosse Pointe is an older community with older infrastructure. We need to be able to upgrade the infrastructure."

"I can speak for this area because two months ago I was out here 16 hours a day," said Jamila Chambliss-Foley, the utility's regional customer operations manager in the southeast region. "I had over 50 people out here working around the clock trying to

restore service. Everything was due to trees. This area has a lot of aged trees. They're beautiful, but when they fall..."

About a dozen DTE representatives attended a two-hour community engagement session Wednesday evening, Sept. 13, arranged by Park municipal officials at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

"We're here to answer questions and try to resolve issues that may come from customers in this area and to bring more awareness to improvements we're making," Chambliss-Foley said.

Technically, the city has no role in private contracts between DTE and its customers. It's customary, however, for city officials to use their influence to help resolve their constituents' power outages.

"With DTE, we've been very strategic and intentional about creating accountability, so we can ensure we get the result we need, which is correcting the problem of outages," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "Going forward, the community needs to stay strong in its advocacy because we're not taking our foot off

the gas."

Musallam said improvements are focused on three main categories: storm damage, automatic circuits and hardening the company's infrastructure.

"The ice storm (last winter) had lasting effects," he said. "Even post-storm, we're seeing more tree strikes. We believe the ice storm weakened the infrastructure."

Musallam's experience is borne out by research.

"Tree species differ in their capacity to compartmentalize decay in tissues behind wound," according to "Trees and ice storms: the development of ice

storm-resistant urban tree populations," a 2006 publication of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The article continues, "The coalescing of many small wounds over the entire tree can compound the decline in structural integrity and increase the probability of future failures."

The second major source of power interruptions is the distribution system.

"The system is only as good as its weakest link," Musallam said. "Today, if a tree comes down and hits a wire, it can take out the whole circuit."

Maintenance crews are combatting that by

installing automatic cir-

cuits. "Let's say you're on the front half of a circuit and a tree falls," Musallam said. "Automatic circuits isolate that fall and

back-feed power from a different circuit. It does it in about one minute."

He anticipates automation to make widespread service

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OUR VIEW

Saving a life as simple as rolling up a sleeve

Since early August, the nation's blood supply has fallen by approximately 25 percent. According to the American Red Cross, blood donations are not keeping pace with the demand at our nation's hospitals.

In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs life-saving blood.

So how can you help? We encourage all community members in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods over the age of 18 to schedule a blood, plasma or platelet donation today.

Once you are registered to give, the donation process takes about 10 minutes. A single whole blood donation has the potential to help multiple people.

You also can sign up to be a plasma or platelet donor. These do take longer, about two hours, as a special machine must take the blood and separate the components needed. However, sacrificing more of your time to donate plasma or platelets has tremendous benefits because they are highly impactful to those battling chronic disease, cancer or traumatic injuries.

Here's who else you are helping when you donate:

- ◆ Heart surgery and organ transplant patients
- ◆ Cancer patients
- ◆ Sickle cell patients
- ◆ Accident and burn victims

Nearly every week in Section B in the Grosse Pointe News, we run a list of local blood drives, including the days, times and locations. But we want to make as easy for you as possible, so here is this week's current list, sponsored by the American Red Cross:

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, St. Basil Church, 22851 Lexington, Eastpointe.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

You can find more drives and schedule an appointment to donate by going to the Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. Another great resource is through the Red Cross app, which you can download to track your donation history and health vitals, schedule and manage appointments, keep a digital card on file and earn achievement badges.

In less than 60 minutes, you can help save up to three lives by donating just one pint of blood. It's as simple as rolling up your sleeves and being willing to help someone in need.



SCAN ME



PHOTO BY LAWRENCE GRAESSLE

Fit for a king and queen: Grosse Pointe North seniors Ryan Henderson and De'Ja Hill wore the crowns well last Friday, Sept. 22, after they were named homecoming king and queen by their fellow Norsemen during halftime of North's varsity football game against Warren Woods Tower. As starting quarterback, Henderson had to make short order of his coronation and head back onto the field to lead his team to a big 27-20 win (see game story on page 3D).

GUEST VIEW By Kelly Boll

NOT a grassroots effort in the Park — just 'grass'

Contrary to appearances, residents of Grosse Pointe Park are not clamoring for marijuana dispensaries in their fair city. The real story is that the Park is just the next community in Michigan to be targeted by an outside entity that has determined it is ripe for their initiative.

This group (Hydra Real Estate Development) and others like it (CREC, or Cannabis Real Estate Consultants) are as diligent as they are devious. In Michigan last year, there were 32 local marijuana ballot proposals. This year, the Governor's Office received so many petitions it didn't have time to adequately review them before their self-imposed November ballot deadline.

Don't be smug in thinking pot could never pass in Grosse Pointe Park. The chance is quite high that the Park pot proposals could pass unless we wake up, get out and soundly vote these measures down. Of those 32 proposals last year, 15 passed and 17 failed. This is an alarming success rate.

The person who registered Open Stores in Grosse Pointe Park Committee also registered political committees in Plymouth and Northville. That same person is listed on forms filed for marijuana efforts in Rochester, Brighton, Troy and Keego Harbor, and perhaps

other cities I haven't researched.

The playbook is the same. Paid employees are brought into the community who collect signatures to get the question on the ballot. Do you recall cannabis petition volunteers hovering outside Ewald Library this summer seeking signatures? A friend of mine spent some time talking to one of the guys circulating the petitions. The circulator was from Florida. He said he and his buddies were flown up here, put up in a hotel and paid for each signature they got. Don't you wonder who is footing the bill? And why?

The next step in the playbook includes mailing a deceptive survey to residents in the targeted community. The survey includes misleading statements promising lucrative tax revenues, reduction of blight and money for the school-aid fund. These are the incredible benefits of locating their dispensaries near you! The survey may have looked like it had a local return address, but don't be fooled. It was a paid mailbox at your local UPS store address.

If this group continues to operate how they have in other communities, next will be door cards, mailers and insistent automatic texts urging you to vote yes. You will receive a survey "results" letter showing that your



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Pit bull ban

To the Editor:

This past June, a couple were walking their leashed small dog on Lochmoor Blvd. As they were walking past one of the homes, an unsecured pit bull raced across the lawn towards the couple and their dog. The couple and their dog suffered horrendous bite injuries from this unprovoked attack. The husband suffered most likely permanent nerve damage to his hand even after surgical intervention. The wife suffered scarring on her arms. Their dog almost died and had to have her front leg amputated. The owners of the pit bull had no idea the dog was loose. This attack is what got the attention of the Shores City Council.

There is no reason to believe that the owners of this pit bull believed their dog was a danger to anyone. In fact, the pit bull

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Another long summer in Detroit, but hope is on the horizon



Detroit sports fans like me have grown used to long summers for nearly a decade now and are finally wrapping up yet another. What I'm referring to, of course, is the Detroit Tigers being left on the outside looking in on the MLB postseason for yet another year.

The Tigers last made it to the playoffs in 2014, which puts them in a tie along with the Los Angeles Angels for the longest active postseason drought in baseball. Despite some exciting moments this summer

when we looked like we could give the Twins a run for their money in the division race, the Tigers pretty much were never really going to contend for anything. Fans, myself included, have been saying for years that this team is on the cusp of success and we should "just wait until next summer," but this time, I am starting to actually believe.

What has me believing the Tigers could finally get back into the playoffs in 2024 is what the young players on the team did this summer. In particular, I was surprised and pleased to see what a lot of these young players could do at the plate.

This summer, the Tigers had three players hit for 20 or more home runs — Spencer Torkelson, Jake Rogers and Kerry Carpenter (Riley Greene likely would have reached the 20 mark, too, if his season hadn't been

hampered by some injuries). In 2022, the Tigers did not have a single player hit for 20 home runs. Torkelson, Rogers, Carpenter and Greene are all likely to finish the season with an OPS (on base + slugging percentages) over the league average of around .735. The only downside is while those few guys are doing well, the Tigers' team OPS is still one of the worst in baseball.

The pieces we hoped would make an impact for the Tigers this year and for the future are coming along though. Just a few years ago, Torkelson was the No. 1 overall pick in the MLB draft and, while his career in the big leagues did get off to a bit of a slow and disappointing start, he finally started playing like a top pick this year. Riley Greene is a tremendously talented defensive outfielder with plenty of hitting ability as well, but for now we still

have to worry about him staying healthy.

Those guys were the top prospects we had to wait a few years to see and are becoming the big league players fans always believed they could be. The next wave of top prospects for the Tigers hopefully could offer a similar level of excitement.

The prospect everyone should have their eyes on is Colt Keith. He was a fifth-round draft pick by the Tigers in 2020, and flashed big potential this summer by hitting .310 with over 100 RBI and nearly 30 home runs in the minor leagues. I would not be surprised if he impresses in spring training and finds himself on the major league opening day roster for Detroit next year. Along with Keith, guys like Jace Jung, Justyn-Henry Mallow and Dillon Dingler have shown potential that they can come to the big leagues

and provide exciting bats for the lineup.

Pitching also is an area in which I feel confident the Tigers are starting to get things figured out. Eduardo Rodriguez had a stretch this summer where he was one of the hottest starters in baseball, but who knows if he will be here in 2024, since he does have the option to opt out of his contract this offseason.

Tarik Skubal returned from injury midway through the season and has continued to show he can fit toward the top of a starting rotation. Casey Mize should be back in 2024, and hopefully continue turning into the ace Tigers fans have wanted to see him be. Reese Olson came out of nowhere really this summer and showed he can be a reliable starter. Matt Manning also is showing he can be a strong starter for the middle of a rotation, but

that depends on his health.

I don't want to get too ahead of myself like owner Chris Ilitch at the beginning of 2022, declaring the Tigers' rebuild "100 percent over" as the team then proceeded to finish the season 30 games below .500. However, after watching this season, I am the most optimistic about the Tigers moving forward that I have been in years.

I believe something is coming together in Detroit that could finally end the drought and hopefully give us something to cheer for into October next year. All the years of following prospects through the minor leagues and hoping they could turn into big league stars might finally pay off. Who knows, though, as I could see myself writing this exact same thing again at the end of next September.

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n e i g h b o r s overwhelmingly agree with the outside entity and that it is a really good idea to locate an all-cash business next door to your home, or just down the street from your school. Who are you to be fearful of increased crime? Take a breath and consider this: Do you think your decreased property values will offset the "estimated" \$120,000 per year revenue to the city of GPP?

The outsiders spent over \$46,000 to force the cannabis issue onto the ballot just in Brighton last year. Mercifully, voters defeated the effort once they became aware of the total outside influence promoting their pot proposals.

Park voters are being asked whether to allow for at least two adult-use retail marijuana establishments within city limits. The ballot language does not include any stipulation regarding school vicinity. Brighton's ballot specified that the pot shops would not be allowed within 800 feet of a public or private grade school or parks larger than one acre. You realize, the corner of Lakepointe and Kercheval is about 800 feet from

Defer and Pierce schools.

The other proposal concerns local licensing. Which license will be issued for the shops in the Park? Do we know if the pot businesses will be allowed to offer delivery? Will there be drive-thru or exterior walk-up windows? As a cautionary note, Brighton's proposal would have allowed these features.

I think most of us agree that Pointers have all the pot shops they need along Mack Avenue already. Allowing pot shops in Grosse Pointe Park will invite lower property values and increased crime, and amplify the strains on our public safety officers. Likewise, having children pass marijuana shops on their daily walk to school is a terrible idea. These risks are not worth the questionable, paltry revenue Open Stores claims the city will gain.

Finally, it must be underscored that if these proposals pass, it becomes very important who is selected in the Park's city council and mayoral elections, because these individuals will be responsible for locating and making the rules that govern the pot businesses.

Who stands to lose if Open Stores wins?

Not just the Park. We all do. If the proposals pass

here in the Park, this outside group might just aim for your city next. So, get out and vote no. If you

live in the Woods or the Shores, get your friends in the Park to vote no. If you live in the Farms or the

City, urge your friends to vote no. It is very important to vote no on the two pot shop initiatives

on the Grosse Pointe Park ballot.

Kelly Boll is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.



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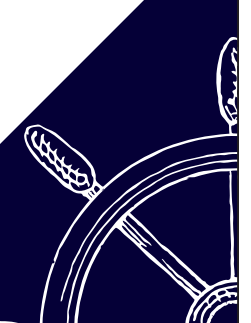
PRIMARY VOTE BREAKS RECORD: The light primary vote that was predicted in the September primaries this year did not materialize. In its stead was an unusually heavy one, particularly here in Grosse Pointe. The total vote cast in the four villages constituting the township was 5,916. This is the largest primary vote ever cast in Grosse Pointe township. The City vote of 1,327, while reasonably heavy, has been exceeded once or twice before with a vote approximating 1,500.

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ABSENCE OF RAIN LESSENS DANGER OF MORE FLOODS: Pointers may have to reckon with the rising waters of Lake St. Clair once again this fall, but according to the National Weather Service, the lake's swelling trend is reaching its peak and should begin to reverse itself. The amount of rainfall in the Pointe area so far this month is one indication of the probably reversal. For the month of September, the Farms Pumping Station has measured only 0.62, little more than half an inch.

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Treat Dreams now open on Mack

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — One of metro Detroit's popular ice cream stores is now more accessible for Pointers.

Treat Dreams held its grand opening Friday, Sept. 8, at 21012 Mack, located between Hampton and Roslyn.

"It's legendary what an ice cream market Grosse Pointe is," owner Scott Moloney said. "We get a lot of Pointers at our Midtown and Ferndale locations, so I thought it was the perfect place to expand."

This isn't Moloney's first time selling in Grosse Pointe.

"We've done Kercheval After 6 and some school events with our food trucks," he said. "Plus, I live above the store. It's fun to be a part of the community."

Moloney also said he

did a lot of the renovation on the building himself. That includes a raised platform in the front window where he personally glued 9,000 nickels and sealed them.

Moloney created a new flavor — Grosse Pointe Dreams — for the grand opening.

"I wanted to make something to evoke the spirit of Grosse Pointe and what's more iconic than green and pink?" he laughed. "It's pistachio with cherry swirl and chunks of brownie."

"I also love collaborations and by sheer luck I met Melissa Schridde," he added. "She's selling her brownies here."

The name probably rings a bell, as Schridde owned Mimi's Bistro in the Park.

Since opening his first store in Ferndale 13 years ago, Moloney has

created more than 1,200 flavors. Treat Dreams' social media includes pictures of menus touting interesting flavors such as ketchup, jalapeno and lemon poppyseed.

"The more unique flavors are small runs, since I know people won't be buying a lot of it," he said. "But something like a lobster bisque, people are going to try it just to tell their friends about it."

"When we first opened, the menu was pretty plain and vanilla, except for kooky monster, which is our flagship flavor," Moloney said. "But then we started to branch out."

More traditional flavors include double chocolate chip, salted butterscotch and cotton candy. There also are seasonal flavors, like the construction barrel, which features a scoop



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Treat Dreams owner Scott Moloney stands in front of the store's menu. His fourth location is at 21012 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

of vanilla between two scoops of orange creamsicle.

Before getting involved in the ice cream business, Moloney spent 16 years in corporate banking.

"I'd had enough of that world, nothing against banking," he said. "Plus, I've always had an entrepreneurial spirit and banking is the last place you want to be for that."

Moloney got the idea due to an ice cream shop he used to take his family to in Birmingham.

"There were always at least six people in line at 5 p.m. and there'd still be six people in line at 9 p.m.," he said. "I sat in the parking lot of my bank and just started adding up the number of customers."

Moloney, who bought the building in April 2022, said he also wants

to create an event space for things like birthday parties and ice cream-making parties.

"I did a lot of the work myself and there were a lot of hoops to jump through," he said. "I'm still building out the staff."

Hours for now will be 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. weekdays, 2 to 9 p.m. weekends. See treat-dreams.com for more information.

LETTERS:

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shared the home with the owners' toddler child. Yet, this pit bull attacked without any provocation.

I am one of four council members who voted to prohibit the new ownership of pit bulls within the Shores. After reviewing a large amount of data, it is clear to me that there is something inherent with pit bulls — a strong sense of aggression and an ability to violently act out on that aggression.

My vote in support of the new ordinance is a

vote to improve safety for Shores residents and visitors alike. No one should be fearful of going for a walk in our city.

JOHN D. DAKMAK
Councilman, Grosse Pointe Shores

Challenge

To the Editor:

The Our View editorial in the Aug. 31 Grosse Pointe News expressed the hope that we can be models for our children on how to build bridges that recognize our common beliefs and interests. It encouraged us "to authentically look for ways to soften deep

divisions." I strongly agree with those sentiments.

I was concerned, therefore, to read subsequent pieces that used charged words and phrases to dismiss the concerns being expressed by a meaningful number of people in our community, and that were likely to deepen rather than diminish divisions. Anne Gryzenia in her Sept. 13 "Look for the good apples" opinion piece characterized interactions at the School Board meetings as "insane shouting and rants." I've attended virtually every meeting. Almost

uniformly, speakers have been respectful in their comments. Ms. Gryzenia also referred to "bonkers Facebook pages" and online discussion pages as "real clown show(s)." In the Sept. 21 Our View editorial, the Grosse Pointe News characterized concerns over the third law firm engaged by the School Board as "reckless" and "disinformation and cacophony."

We all benefit when the different parties in our community listen respectfully to each other and discuss their disagreements in non-confrontational ways. The Aug. 31 editorial concluded with a challenge: "Will you work to create productive pathways for a brighter, more hopeful future for this district? The answer rests with each of us."

I hope the Grosse Pointe News will, itself, accept that challenge.

JOHN ARNOLD
Grosse Pointe Farms

Community service with smiles

To the Editor:

On Sunday, Sept. 24, at about 11:15 am, we were driving by Grosse Pointe South High School when we encountered one of the best sales efforts ever for a community service project. Approximately 12 Grosse Pointe South girls were waving placards, jumping up and down and asking us to get a car wash benefiting St. Jude. We could not possibly say no. We proceeded to the South parking lot where our car received a thorough wash and dry. The wash-team, rinse-team and dry-team all did their jobs efficiently and with smiles. All of these South girls were effective in their assignments, delightful and represent the best of

our community.
DOUG AND THERESA FIEDLER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thank you

To the Editor:

This past week I had some work done by Madison Maintenance, a local business, and a member of the crew, David, alerted me that the cable from the bottom of the DTE Meter Box was smoking.

He said to call DTE, who told me to call the Fire Department.

I appreciate the care, concern and follow-up by Lt. Martindale, City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, Pete Randazzo, City of Grosse Pointe Public Works, and of course David. What was truly alarming is DTE never showed up to check it out as they promised.

REGINA GERSCH
Grosse Pointe City

Claims are exaggerated

To the Editor:

On Nov. 7, Grosse Pointe Park residents will be voting to effectively allow two recreational marijuana businesses in our city. Many, if not all of us have received blatantly biased surveys sent to our homes funded by outside money. I hope all residents will consider the seriousness of this vote and the impact it will have on our City. This is not a city administration or city council proposal. In fact a majority of our city council and potential future candidates strongly oppose this proposal. The reasons why this proposal is detrimental include, among others, lower property values, public safety issues and most importantly, the negative impact on our youth. Many of the claimed benefits including jobs, tax revenue and improving bight are exaggerated and misrepresented. I urge our residents to look into the details behind this proposal and conclude NO!

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS
Grosse Pointe Park

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 06, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on August 14, 2023.
- 2) To approve the 2024 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular meetings on October 2 and October 16 and, only if necessary, to hold special meetings on October 9 and October 30 and further to hold a public hearing on the 2024 Budget on November 6, 2023.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128173 through 128264 in the amount of \$748,659.34 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 \$47,570.49 for professional services during the month of September for the following projects: Eastland Center, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-317; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; User Charge, #180-296; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-288; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283 and #180-315; Community Center Grant, #180-323; Recreation Center Concept, #180-319; Miss Dig, #180-255 and Harper/ Van Antwerp Dev. #180-313. (3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of October 2023. (4) . approve the payment to Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$5,120.00 for the repairs to the Balfour and Vernier pump stations. (5) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$38,690.04 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2023. (6) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,492.50 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (7) to approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles in the amount of \$103,517.04 to be paid in three (3) annual payments of \$34,505.68 through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Agreement, and further to approve the payments to the various vendors required to outfit each of these vehicles in the amount of \$88,366.00 and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived. (8) to approve the purchase of seven (7) Axon 3 Dash Cameras, from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$67,485.60, with five (5) annual payments of \$13,497.12. (9) to approve the annual renewal of the agreement between the City of Harper Woods and CitizenLab in the amount of \$6,000.00, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement. (10) to approve the purchase of ten (10) Dell Latitude laptops with docking stations and one (1) MacBook Pro laptop with docking stations in the amount of \$20,000.00 with funding being provided by the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant (CESF) Grant. (11) accept the proposal submitted by Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the development of a website using the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant (CESF) funds and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy. (12) to support the Mayor's Alliance with the City's participation in the Health, Hunger and Nutrition Task Force and by creating a local task force to develop a mission, goal and rules that align with the organization's national strategy.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to hear the appeal of Nicholas and Alanna Avouris, 707 N. Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who are appealing the denial of the Building Official to issue a building permit for 707 N. Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, due to noncompliance with Section 50-3.1.A of the Zoning Ordinance regarding Maximum Percentage of Lot Coverage.

The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at www.gpwmi.us. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 9/28/2023

ULS students save woman's life in Paris

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's one thing to be trained in CPR and have a chance to use it to help someone. To know CPR and help someone on your first full day in a foreign country is next level.

That's exactly what happened to University Liggett School seniors Mia Pyenta and Gerrit Vreeken in June during a European trip for foreign language students.

"We were standing around and someone pointed to a big commotion going on," Vreeken said. "We ran over and I started talking to the woman's daughter in Spanish to figure out what was going on. Mia and I got the woman on her back to check her out and started doing chest compressions."

The incident occurred

by a carousel located near the Eiffel Tower, which the ULS students had just visited.

"We found out she had just gotten off the merry-go-round and started feeling dizzy," Vreeken added. "She passed out and was white as a ghost."

Pyenta said she assessed the woman and found a pulse, then did a basic stroke test. The first aid acronym for such a test is FAST. It stands for Face, ask the person to smile; Arms, ask the person to raise both arms; Speech, as the person to repeat a basic phrase; and Time, seek help right away if the person fails the first three.

"From our perspective, it was just a lot of people standing around doing nothing," Vreeken said. "We didn't even have to think about it. The instinct was there just to help."

Both relied on their training learned at

Liggett and elsewhere. Vreeken was certified in CPR last spring as part of Nancy Muller's sports medicine class, while Pyenta gets certified each summer for her life guard job.

"I had just learned CPR, so it was pretty good timing," Vreeken said.

Muller said she started the semester-long sports medicine class three years ago — now a year-long overall kinesiology class — as more students expressed an interest in the field as a career.

Students study first aid, CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) use, then get certified by Erin Raymond, the school's athletic trainer.

"The way I look at it, why not have dozens of newly certified students to help in an emergency," Muller said in an email. "Gerrit and Mia proved that point!"

The trip included 41 French, Spanish and



Mia Pyenta



Gerrit Vreeken

Latin students who spent 10 days in France and Spain starting June 13. The incident at the Eiffel Tower occurred the evening of June 14. The trip was coordinated by Kriste Karolak, chair of modern and classical languages at ULS.

"It was quite a moment," Karolak said. "I've been traveling with students for 25 years and never saw anything like it. 'Every trip is an adventure, but this was certainly a new one.'"

Karolak said the incident came at the end of a long day after the group had already visited the Louvre and Eiffel Tower.

"We were waiting at our meeting spot when we heard the woman's daughter screaming," she recalled. "Gerrit and Mia ran over and we started calling for an ambulance."

Karolak said after CPR, the woman sat up and drank some water but refused to go to the

hospital.

"For them to do that in another country, another culture, we were really impressed," she added. "They stepped out of their comfort zone and were completely calm, cool and collected."

By the time everything calmed down, the group had missed its train back to the hotel.

"It was about 1 a.m. and we ended up walking about 45 minutes," Karolak said. "My watch showed we did 30,000 steps that day. I was amazed the kids had it in their tank with the jet lag and all."

Pyenta said it was the third time she's put her first aid skills to use.

"I'm grateful for the training that helped me stay calm in these types of situations," she said. "Everyone should receive some basic first aid training in order to prevent more harm in these types of situations."

Candlelight vigil for Honor Elizabeth Wallace Thursday, Sept. 28

Honor Elizabeth Wallace, 19, a 2022 University Liggett graduate who also attended Richard Elementary School and Brownell Middle School, was hit and killed by a drunk driver near her college campus at Southern Methodist University in Dallas Sunday, Sept. 24.

Wallace, a sophomore and honors scholar at SMU, was studying pre-law.

The Wallace family is inviting the community to attend a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 28, at University Liggett School Auditorium, located at 1045 Cook Road, in Grosse Pointe Woods. The family wishes to gather "to remember, support and share stories about this wonderful, bright shining star."



Honor Elizabeth Wallace

DTE:

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improvements.

"We're working on installing 10,000 devices across our infrastructure and hundreds in this general area," Musallam said.

The third goal is hardening the infrastructure.

"We're replacing old crossarms with fiberglass ones and old porcelain insulators with polymer," Musallam said. "All of this is going to decrease the odds of something going wrong."

Ashley has been mad at DTE so long she remained that way regardless of her circuit being upgraded.

DTE crews on Tuesday, Sept. 12, installed new equipment in her neighborhood to keep the power flowing.

"Three of the largest DT&E trucks you're ever seen pulled up on Jefferson at Cadieux and they created that little switch mechanism, which means when our power goes out, they'll be able to draw from another transformer," Ashley said. "Wasn't it convenient that they did it right

before the town hall?"

"People pay us to receive quality, reliable electricity," Musallam said. "Residents of Grosse Pointe have had lower service quality levels than we'd expect. From my standpoint, a sincere apology from DTE."

If he could wave a magic wand, all the company's overhead distribution system would be buried underground, safe and protected from wind, at least.

"We've been undergrounding things since the 1960s and '70s," he said.

"More than one-third of DTE's system is currently underground and customers who have underground services experience more than 30 percent better reliability than overhead, according to data from 2019 to Sept. 2021," according to the Sept. 6 post, "Gas, electric infrastructure upgrades provide safer, more reliable power to Detroit neighborhoods," on the DTE website, empoweringmichigan.com.

It costs six to seven times more to bury power lines than replace those strung pole to pole.

"It would become a rate-payer expense," Musallam said.

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said. "When we have a final date, we only have 30 days to name a replacement and if we wait until then, it would cut out a lot of opportunity for public involvement."

Brumbaugh told the board earlier this month he and his family would be moving to the Washington, D.C., area due to his wife's job with the federal government. Brumbaugh, who works for the IRS, also will be relocated there. He said at the time his resignation would occur in "60 to 90 days."

Brumbaugh was absent from the special meeting, Ismail said, as he and his wife were looking at houses in the D.C. area. An online real estate website indicates there is a pending offer on their house in the Park.

Treasurer Sean Cotton said the board wanted to get a jump start on the process because the district also is going through a superintendent search.

"This sets up the process, but we won't push the button until he's gone," he said.

The board has determined the main qualifications for applicants seeking the seat will require being a registered voter in the district and a resident in the district for at least 10 months.

A list of preferred qualifications include being a graduate of either high school; a retired staff member; a former board member; or the parent, grandparent or foster parent of a district graduate or currently enrolled student.

"Not meeting one of those criteria won't stop anyone from applying. That's just a starting point for the type of involvement we're looking for," Ismail said. "People in those categories would be given priority and move to the review process."

Applications will be available on the district website the day after Brumbaugh's official resignation date and will be open for seven calendar days. Applicants will fill out a questionnaire — which

the board planned to finalize at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26, after press time — detailing district and community involvement, education, work experience and motivation for applying.

Applicants at that time will be numbered, with names of the final eight the board chooses to interview being made public. Interviews will be held at one or more public meetings, with each applicant given one minute to introduce themselves. Each interview will last 60

minutes, with each board member getting 10 minutes to ask questions. Worden suggested each board member be given specific questions to ask to avoid duplication.

Following public comment, board members will rank their top choices, with two points given to each first

place and one point to each second place. Ismail would then recommend for appointment the applicant with the most votes, followed by a board vote.

The appointee will serve the unexpired portion of Brumbaugh's four-year term through Dec. 31, 2024.




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North's band sported their new uniforms along the parade route and during their halftime performance.

Norsemen take a trip through time during 2023 homecoming week

Students, faculty and staff got into the school spirit at Grosse Pointe North last week to celebrate homecoming festivities. They found creative ways to express this year's theme of "Through the Decades," on class spirit days and at last Friday's pep rally, parade and football game.

— Meg Leonard



Celebrating the '50s, the freshman float honors the happy days decade with a diner, vinyl record albums and a tray with a food order attached to the car door.



Studio 54 energy electrified this '70s-inspired sophomore float, which features a disco ball, a light up dance floor, pet rocks and a happy face.



It's groovy, baby! The junior class float features a VW Bus, flower power accessories and peace signs, reminiscent of the '60s.



With a decade sure to delight droves of parents, the senior class float went back in time to capture '80s greatness with a Delorean car (complete with flames shooting out the back), the MTV logo, Rubik's Cube and Doc Brown from Back to the Future.



Grosse Pointe North's color guard leads the parade.

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Top, a lineup of last year's T-Rex relay teams. Right, a team of T-Rexes hams it up post-race.



Finn-Tober-Fest returns Oct. 7

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Runners, walkers and dinosaurs alike are invited to Patterson Park Saturday, Oct. 7, for the fourth annual Finn it Forward Fun Run/Walk and Finn-Tober-Fest, presented by Finn it Forward.

The nonprofit, which exists to support and reward kindness, leadership, courage and creativity, is named for Finn Huston, a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore who lost his life October 2019, in an accident while riding his bicycle home from work.

"It seemed, when everything had happened, the way the community came together to provide us with a soft landing, it seemed like we needed to give back in honor of him and as a way of remembering," said Jamie Baker, Finn's mother and founder of Finn it Forward.

"... It could be very hard to continue to live in an area with that constant reminder," she added. "But we're doing something with it and having people who believe in your mission — to make something good out of something

bad — the people around here have been amazing."

Something good will come in the form of honoring Finn while promoting kindness, love and equality at the family-friendly event.

Packet pick-up begins at 9 a.m., followed by the run/walk at 10 a.m. Things get a little crazy at noon when the 4x4 T-Rex relay begins.

"It is a lot of fun, seeing all those dinosaurs," Baker said regarding the multiple teams of four that will participate. "We made an obstacle course for them — we make them go over things, under things, throw Frisbees. It's all on the hill at Patterson, so you can see them from anywhere you are at Patterson."

She got the idea after her daughter, Andee, asked for a T-Rex suit. Though the family didn't understand why, they made the purchase and soon realized the fun that could be had.

"She'd come down to dinner in it, pogo in the driveway wearing it, skateboard," Baker said. "We all got a kick out of it. We thought it would be fun and lighthearted, something different so it wasn't just a sad time."

After the T-Rex relay,

guests are invited to stick around for a picnic until 2 p.m., featuring games and a raffle.

"We'll put together gift baskets, prizes for winners," Baker said. "There will be after-race refreshments and snacks."

Additionally, Finn it Forward merchandise will be available for purchase.

"We'll have our original black hoodies with the logo, gray hoodies with the logo, sweatpants, beanies, baseball hats and a different style of sweatshirt that goes with the theme," Baker said.

The Finn it Forward logo was created by Finn, who painted it on his sister's skateboard. The image was posted to Instagram and, after the accident, "someone asked if they could put it on stickers and sweatshirts, to raise money for our family," Baker said. "It was huge for us then and continues to be. Adam (Steiner) at The Campus Shop did that. He's working on things right now and has merchandise at his store. It's fun and zany — a local brand. If it does well, it might be something he just has."

Local sponsors help support the event, as do

participation fees, which vary. The \$40 to participate in four-mile run/walk, \$30 for the two-mile run/walk and \$50 per four-person T-Rex relay team.

For those who want to show support but aren't able to attend, a virtual participant option is available online at finitforward.org.

Finn it Forward's primary focus includes advancement in education, fine arts and music, as well as supporting the LGBTQ community. The event raised nearly \$17,000 its inaugural year and brought in nearly \$27,000 the following year.

"We raised \$34,000 last year and were able to provide scholarships for North and South," Baker said. "Last year was the first year we were able to include North scholarships."

Scholarships hit areas in which Finn was interested.

"He was interested and excited about school, Science Olympiad, German Club," she said. "... We couldn't reach all of his interests, but we could touch most."

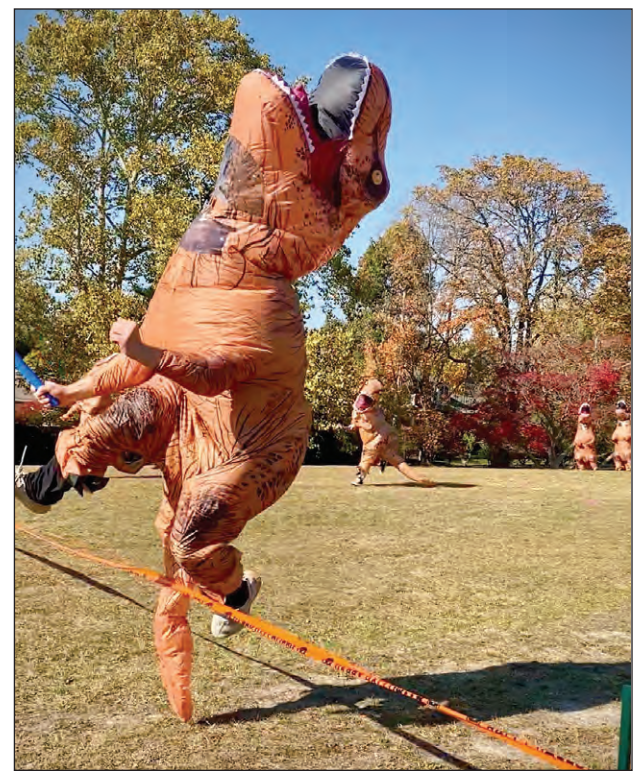
Funds also benefit youth programming at Affirmations, an

LGBTQ+ community center in Ferndale. Baker sits on its board.

"We're doing scholarships for their summer camp," she said. "... Last year we gave \$6,500 for camp scholarships. We also do holiday giving and wish

typically has been planned later in the month.

"We thought a walk to get everybody together would be good around this time of year," Baker said. "Everyone is welcome."



A relay participant attempts a jump during the obstacle course.

Registration is open until the day of the Ruth Ellis Center (in Highland Park)."

For more information or to register, visit finitforward.org.

Chamber invites young pros to networking event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is hosting its first Young Professional Network event, "Wellness in Your Wallet & Workplace," from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We wanted to give something to our members that's different,

not a traditional networking event," said Abigail Turnbull, membership and events coordinator. "We get a great turnout for those events, but this is catered just to young people who live and work in Grosse Pointe. They'll learn something and it gives an opportunity for people who are not necessarily owners of businesses to come out and talk comfortably about what they do."

Young professionals between ages 18 and 40 are invited to the event, which features two speakers. Melissa Fradenberg with Pearl Planning will talk finance, sharing financial advice for people just getting into the workforce. Cass Ghiorse, founder of MIDLINE and a well-being educator, will talk about mental wellness in the workplace.

"She'll give tips and

tricks of what you can do in the middle of the work day — like getting up and walking around or practicing mindfulness to relieve stress," Turnbull said.

Additionally, Rod Arroyo of Portraits by Rod Photography will provide complimentary headshots for attendees.

"He's a great resource for some of our folks," Turnbull said.

Amid the speakers and photography, attendees

will have the opportunity to network, "all over a lovely, light breakfast at The War Memorial," she added.

The chamber expects 30 to 50 attendees. Chamber members and nonmembers are invited; several members and nonmembers alike already have registered.

"I'm excited we're reaching outside our general membership and reaching new people," Turnbull said.

Tickets cost \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Oct. 4. Tickets may be purchased online at grossepointechamber.com or by calling (313) 881-4722.

This event marks the start of regular programming for the Young Professionals Network, said Jennifer

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Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents 'Legends of Fall 2023'

Event includes exhibit, storytelling, Halloween party

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents its upcoming signature event, "Legends of Fall 2023."

The month-long celebration of history includes its "Legends of the Fall" exhibit, a storytelling event and a Halloween party, all of which promise a journey into the history and traditions of the Grosse Pointe community, bringing together history enthusiasts, families and Halloween revelers for a memorable experience.

'Legends of Fall' exhibit

The panel exhibit, running throughout October at the Grosse Pointe History Center, features the supernatural tales of old Grosse Pointe and custom artwork about the legends by a local artist. "Discoveries," from the recently reinstalled Moran Resource Center collections and archives, also will be on display. The exhibit will showcase the society's

dedication to preserving and sharing the stories that have shaped the community.

Storytelling event: 'Legends of the Fall'

From 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, Grosse Pointe Theatre will bring history alive by sharing several short plays and original songs by Jef Fisk. Esteemed local historians and Grosse Pointe Theatre actors will take the stage to share intriguing tales of Grosse Pointe's early settlers, notable landmarks and pivotal moments that have defined its character. This event promises to transport attendees of all ages back in time, offering a renewed appreciation for the community's heritage. The event is free. Guests are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments to 375 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tours of the History Center will be available, as well as cider and doughnuts. The event will be held

inside in case of bad weather.

Halloween Party: 'A Night at the Museum'

As the moon rises Saturday, Oct. 28, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's 1823 Provençal-Weir House, a living-history museum, will transform into an enchanting setting for a Halloween party that blends historical charm with spooky fun. Partygoers are encouraged to don their favorite historical character costumes and enjoy music, dancing, adult refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and a showcase of themed decorations that pay homage to the past and the spookier side of the season.

Hosts for the party are Suzy and Chip Berschback, Leslie and Alan Wagner, and Erin and Robert Dindoffer.

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$45 for couples, and available at gphistorical.org or by calling (313) 884-7010. This event is for ages 21

and older. Limited tickets are available. GPHS members' early ticket privileges began Sept. 6; general sales begin Sunday, Oct. 1.

"We are thrilled to invite everyone to the 'Legends of the Fall' series of events," said Stuart Grigg, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. "These celebrations reflect our commitment to preserving Grosse Pointe's history while providing an interactive and enjoyable experience for the entire community. Whether you're captivated by history, excited about Halloween or simply looking for a memorable time, our events have something for everyone."

Event sponsors are Ford House and Flagstar Bank.

More sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Patti Timmins at development@gphistorical.org or (313) 884-7010.



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Valor America Super PAC President Joe Arlinghaus, left, and Oakland County GOP Chairman R. Vance Patrick.

Strategy is focus of Republican dinner Thursday

Richard T. Shetler Jr., chairman of the Eastside Republican Club-Political Action Committee, has announced the group's annual fundraiser takes place 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

"As we see the crescendo of political news building, this is an important opportunity to hear firsthand from two strategic thinkers," Shetler said in advance of the dinner.

The fundraiser will feature an election victory strategy discussion led by Valor America Super PAC President Joe Arlinghaus and Oakland County GOP Chairman R. Vance Patrick.

"Valor America Super PAC is a conservative election effort that has developed revolutionary methods," Shetler explained. Formally known as the Thomas R. McCleary Jr. Eastside Republican Club-Political Action Committee, the group is named in memory of one of the club's original members, Tom McCleary, who also served as a director of the local political action committee.

The local group operates independently from the Eastside Republican Club. Tickets for the buffet dinner are \$70 per person, but Shetler said, "Ask us about special rates for students."

For reservations or more information, visit bitly.ws/SKCa. Further questions may be directed to Shetler at (313) 407-8774.

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Boettcher, president and executive director of the chamber.

"We plan to do this quarterly, with different speakers and at different venues," she said. "And we'll plan to have activities away from this group — social

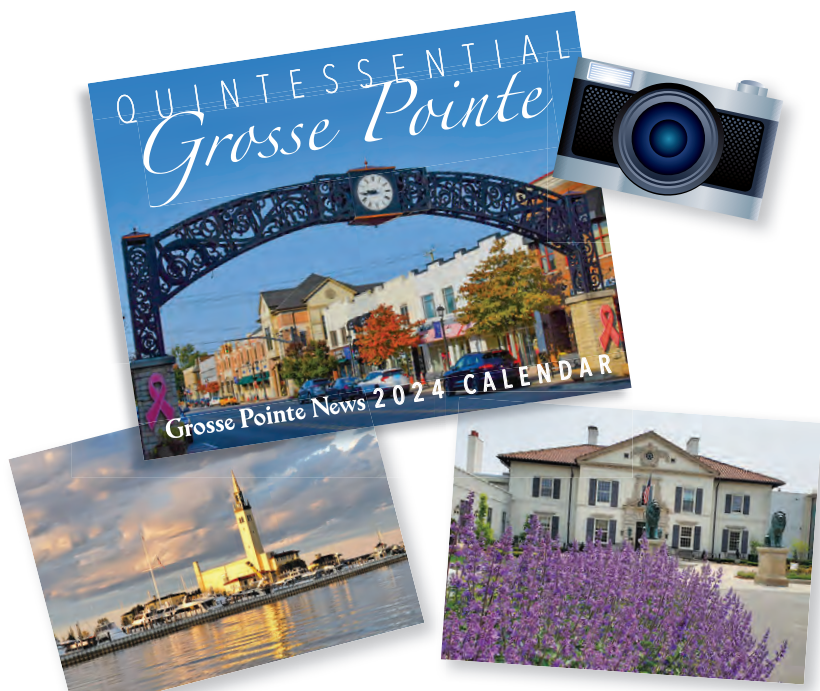
opportunities as well as networking. ... We're excited about it and hope everybody comes to try it out — and give us suggestions of what they want to do in the

area. We're open to that."

Added Turnbull, "If anybody wants to host, we're always looking for new spaces and new ideas."

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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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, during business hours; and at the Pier Park gatehouse. A flag retirement ceremony takes place 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16. All are welcome. Email Patti Theros at therospr@gmail.com or call the Farms at (313) 885-6600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Sunrise on Vernier

Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Trunk or Treat from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, for residents, family, team members and their children. Cost is \$10 per participating car; proceeds benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. Cider and doughnuts are included. Candy donations are appreciated and may be dropped off by Monday, Sept. 25.

GPAA

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

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

◆ "Imitating the Masters of Landscape," a workshop with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. select Thursdays. Oct. 5 and 12, the class examines the portraits of Gari Melchers.

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 m_a_r_y_j_o@familycenterhelps.org.

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

◆ Free Bikes 4 Kids Bike Drop-Off Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The Family Center is collecting used bikes, which then are refurbished and given to

underserved children. Collection sites are St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms; and Lakeview Public Schools Administration Building, 27575 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

◆ A Family First Approach to Prevention, Addiction and Treatment, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. An expert panel will discuss ways families can be more informed and talk openly about drug and alcohol abuse, as well as available resources and pathways to recovery.

◆ Free Community Yoga, Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Breathe, stretch and destress during these free classes. Space is limited.

Library

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

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Reader Dog @ Woods, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Story Time, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Story Time, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Appy Hour, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Story Time, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ "Ferne: A Detroit Story," book discussion

WEDDINGS



Nora Maya Kachaturoff, M.D., and Frederick Richard Zosel

Kachaturoff—Zosel

Nora Maya Kachaturoff, M.D., and Frederick Richard Zosel were married Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, in a ceremony officiated by the Hon. Charles Berschback.

The bride's friend, Ellen Frankel, M.D., of Naples, Fla., served as maid of honor. The groom's brother, K. Paul Zosel, of Grosse Pointe Park, served as best man.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from the University of California-Irvine. She earned her medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y., and completed her dermatology residency at Henry Ford Hospital. She is a retired dermatologist who cared for patients for more than 30 years in her office on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and an MBA in marketing from Wayne State University. He is a retired public relations executive.

Nora and Fred divide their time between homes in Grosse Pointe Farms and New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

and author meet and greet, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ "Gales of November: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald," 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ford House

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

◆ Autumn Landscape Tours are offered through Oct. 31.

◆ Fall Garden and Grounds Tours are offered through Nov. 22. Tickets prices vary.

◆ Storytime: "Walter's Wonderful Web," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 3 to 31.

◆ Game Night: Trivia Night, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6. Cost is \$10 for

members, \$12 for non-members.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The Helm

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

◆ Sign Language, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, through Dec. 5, with instructor April Stotts.

◆ Crocheting for Beginners, 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Oct. 4 to Nov. 29.

◆ Men's Conversation Group, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays.

◆ Texas Hold 'Em



Meredith Haver Bury and Ryan Patrick Tarpey

Bury—Tarpey

Meredith Haver Bury and Ryan Patrick Tarpey were married Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church, in a ceremony officiated by Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny. A reception followed at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann and Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Melissa and Patrick Tarpey of Glenview, Ill.

The bride's friend, Rose DeCataldo, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Jamie Tarpey; and the bride's friends, Harriet Steinke, Jessi Aboukasm, Lauren Chibucos and Kasie Wilson.

The groom's longtime childhood friend, Kyle Redden, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom's friends, Charlie DeCataldo, Alex Wozniak and Tom Wilson.

The bride is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. She is the Manager of Strategic Initiatives with the Baltimore Banner.

The groom earned a Doctor of Pharmacology degree from the University of Michigan School of Pharmacy and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. He is the Manager of Pharmacy Operations at Johns Hopkins.

The couple honeymooned in France and reside in Baltimore, Md.

lessons and tournament, with instructor Jonathan 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Itchon. Cost is \$7 for Tuesdays. Free for members, \$10 for members, \$6 for nonmembers.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, See AREA, page 10B

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GIFTS TO LOVE FOREVER

A custom-made home portrait graces a classic bottle to serve as an ideal and memorable housewarming gift.

At top: A blue resin and wood charcuterie board and spreader gift set matches pretty resin wrapping paper to make a showstopping presentation.

Gorgeous blue and gold resin coasters, above, are the useful artwork that would be a welcome addition to any home.

Artist offers unique keepsake occasion gifts



PAINTINGS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

The ivory and taupe charcuterie board, above, is the ideal gift for a wedding or shower. The boards are made by pouring resins on the wood and creating a marble-like look by moving the board to allow the liquid to form a one-of-a-kind effect for each unique piece.

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Helen Tullio has been painting her whole life. Taking after her late grandmother, who was an artist herself Tullio said it was her grandma who first encouraged her to take art lessons. That put her in touch with Sr. Mary Francis Becker, who became Tullio's art teacher and mentor for many years.

After starting college at Florida's Miami University to study studio art, Tullio then transferred to Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania and graduated with a degree in marketing. Discovering an interest in business, Tullio took a quick break from painting to focus on studying, then shortly before graduating, picked up her paint brushes and began creating once again.

Utilizing some of her newly-acquired business skills, Tullio developed a website and quickly started receiving orders for commissioned artwork. Though she continued to look for marketing-related jobs after graduation, the orders for original artwork took off, eventually leading to painting becoming her full-time occupation.

Though Tullio never planned to be a full-time freelance artist, creating beautiful wall art, wedding treasures and gorgeous resin trays soon became her business. "Now, I wouldn't want to do anything else," she said.

Tullio works in watercolor, acrylics, oils and epoxy resin, mainly creating custom commissioned paintings for clients.

"I have done a lot of custom paintings for weddings and parties, including the signage for signature cocktail stations and welcome signs. I also offer

serving trays and charcuterie boards." The trays and boards are made by pouring colorful epoxy resins to create marble-like designs. Gifts like these are as useful as they are attractive, so they make for stunning wedding, shower or housewarming presents.

Tullio also specializes in hand-painted custom bottles. The customer chooses the bottle as well as the artwork they would like featured.

"I've used champagne, bourbon, vodka and wine bottles, and customize the design," Tullio explained. The keepsake bottles have become very popular gifts for weddings, graduations, birthdays and more.



Above, circular resin artwork by Helen Tullio.



PAINTINGS THAT TOUCH THE HEART

The lovely oil painting, above, depicts a close-up of a beautiful white peony flower painted by Helen Tullio. Above right, a custom oil painting of a bride and groom will grace their home for years to come. Below left and right, commissioned watercolor paintings of private homes honor a longtime residence or a couple's first love nest. Each home painting is a custom-made work of art that makes Tullio feel a part of a family's future memories.



A recent housewarming commission of a couple's new proposed marital home painted onto a keepsake Crown Royal bottle delighted the givers as well as the receivers of the gift. The group of friends that discovered Tullio's talent were excited to be able to present their friends with a gift that would become a family heirloom.

Tullio's work has expanded to connect her with places, businesses and people she never would have imagined. When asked about her favorite subject, her thoughts first go to florals.

"I love being able to use bright, bold and fun colors to create a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Whether it's a commissioned piece of someone's favorite flowers or one I've been picturing in my mind, I have the most fun creating them. I get to think outside the box, get creative and use multiple layers of acrylic paint," Tullio said.

She is one of the lucky few who have the kind of job that is not only fulfilling — but can also be a blast. "I can crank the music up in my studio and have fun with it," she said, regarding her floral masterpieces.

"I also enjoy when I am commissioned to paint someone's home. These pieces always have the most sentimental meaning behind them. Painting someone's home, old or new, and seeing the customer cry when they receive it will never get old to me."

She is busiest with home portraits during the Christmas season. Knowing a painting of a beloved home will be given as a gift to a loved one is what makes creating them so special to her.

"There is a calming sense to the home paintings. Unlike the floral abstract pieces, with the home paintings I use watercolors, tiny brushes, fine lines and soothing music," Tullio said.

A recent piece she particularly enjoyed creating is a five-panel bayfront skyline of Erie. Her largest painting to date, totalling 180"x 60", it will be displayed at the Great Lakes Insurance headquarters in Erie.

"Working on a scale this large was challenging and that is part of what makes this one of my favorite pieces. It was like a puzzle, going back and forth from each canvas adding layer after layer until it was finally complete," Tullio said.

To contact the artist for your own commissioned piece, or see what she has for sale, visit helentulliostudio.com. Follow her on Instagram @helentulliostudio.



MEET THE ARTIST

Helen Tullio

About: "For me, starting was the hardest part. You have to start somewhere. My first piece was commissioned for a family member. I thought to myself, they are my family, they have to appreciate my art, but will others? Ever since that first piece, I have been hooked." Tullio, of Erie, PA, was recently included in the Erie Reader's 2022 "40 Under 40", highlighting upcoming movers in the community.

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ALL AROUND THE HOUSE

Helen Tullio's knack for capturing warmth and beauty is apparent in each piece she creates.

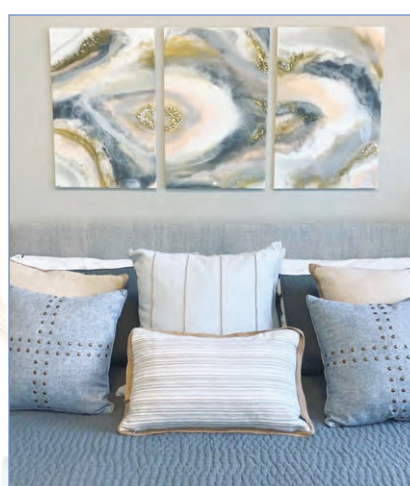
At right: A wood charcuterie board in lovely yellow tones, engraved for a special couple.

Below, a resin painting triptych in grays is the focal point of a beautiful bedroom's decor.

Bottom left: A home portrait in watercolor on a custom-chosen bottle of fine liquor.

Below right: A hand-painted champagne bottle in charming florals.

Bottom right: A pretty resin serving tray in marine colors will get lots of use.



Planting seeds of knowledge, hope

Tom's Soul Garden at Detroit Abloom adds signage

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Sanctuary garden. Pollinator garden. Urban oasis.

Detroit Abloom has been classified as many things, but “wellness garden” seems to perfectly fit the bill, director Tom Milano said.

“It’s become a must-see destination in the city,” he added of the 19-lot project, which measures nearly two acres and was established in 2015, as a cut-flower farm.

Over the years, Detroit Abloom has grown to offer classes and workshops from May to November, as well as opportunities to adopt a plot and volunteer in other capacities.

In June, Detroit Abloom hosted the grand opening of its community wood-fired bread oven, and Tom’s Soul Garden, a 4,000-square-foot fenced-in oasis.

“Last fall, after volunteers from Henry Ford Health Care System helped us weed one of the most neglected areas of the Detroit Abloom property, I had a revelation to turn that space into something very special,” Milano said. “Because I love to plant seeds of spiritual knowledge and hope in people’s minds, seeds that can be life-transforming, I thought the soul garden would be a great way to consolidate this knowledge in five signs.

“My wife and others told me that people don’t like to read and that my signs are too wordy,” he added, “but how can people learn if they don’t read?”

Milano added the signs to the soul garden this summer, hoping to enlighten guests to learn more about soul identity

in repurposing the blighted soul of humanity.”

Milano, who said he has an “overarching interest in people becoming enlightened,” has a spiritual background and, through years of research and study, has found, “there’s only a spiritual solution to problems.”

It’s this message he hopes to get across in the soul garden signs.

“We’re not these material bodies; there’s much more to life,” Milano said. “In our culture it’s about the body and the mind, but there’s the



These direction signs recently were added to the Detroit Abloom project.

spirit too. ... The more and more you act on the soul level, you have compassion for all life.

... Eating animals is what throws us off course. Not eating animals helps us establish humanity and



Left, this sign rests at the entrance of Tom’s Soul Garden. Right, Detroit Abloom director Tom Milano welcomes guests to the garden.

than separation and fear,” he said. “... My deepest wish is that more and more of us join in a vision of how

ple to catch a little wind, a little knowledge, things I wish I would have heard when I was younger. ... I’m so glad I did it. I’m glad it’s in writing.

“... One of the reasons I did this is for young people to come and realize there’s a lot more to life,” he said. “Deep down a lot of kids are confused about life and don’t know their soul identity. They don’t know who they are. How can you be depressed if you don’t really know who you are? Knowledge is refreshing.

“It breaks my heart that most people suffer in one way or another because they are unaware of their eternal soul identity and purpose,” he added. “Everything we deeply aspire for individually and collectively is only found on the soul level. There, we discover that we’re eternal, full of spiritual knowledge and full of ecstatic love for our creator and all living beings. Moreover, only on the soul level can we realize to what extent we are all intimately connected as one family — God’s family — and that we are all absolute equals. That’s good news. And if put into practice, it will give us hope for a bright future.”

The future of Detroit Abloom looks bright as well. Milano has more in store, including adding a patio pergola next to the Kids Abloom Discovery Garden, which will be half deck and half sand

pit. He also plans to add a nature hut on the far end of the property. “Blue Cross Blue Shield came out three times to help with that,” Milano said. “The hut is immersed in a dense thicket. We’ll have it so a young person can be immersed in the hut, surrounded by nature, so you don’t see anything but nature.

“There will be a few other embellishments as we go along,” he added. “Maybe a building. We have a house that’s used as storage. I’d like to possibly tear it down,

remove it and build a structure in its place. I would love to have a vegetarian cooking school there and office space, a classroom.”

Milano said the project as a whole regularly sees a beehive of activity. “When I’m out there, people come and go nearly all day long, from all over,” he said. “There’s a lot of activity out there. ... The pavilions are booked all season long with healing modalities.”

Among classes offered at Detroit Abloom are yoga, meditation, Tai Chi, spiritual philosophy, Food is Medicine and art therapy classes, among others.

For more information, visit detroitabloom.com.



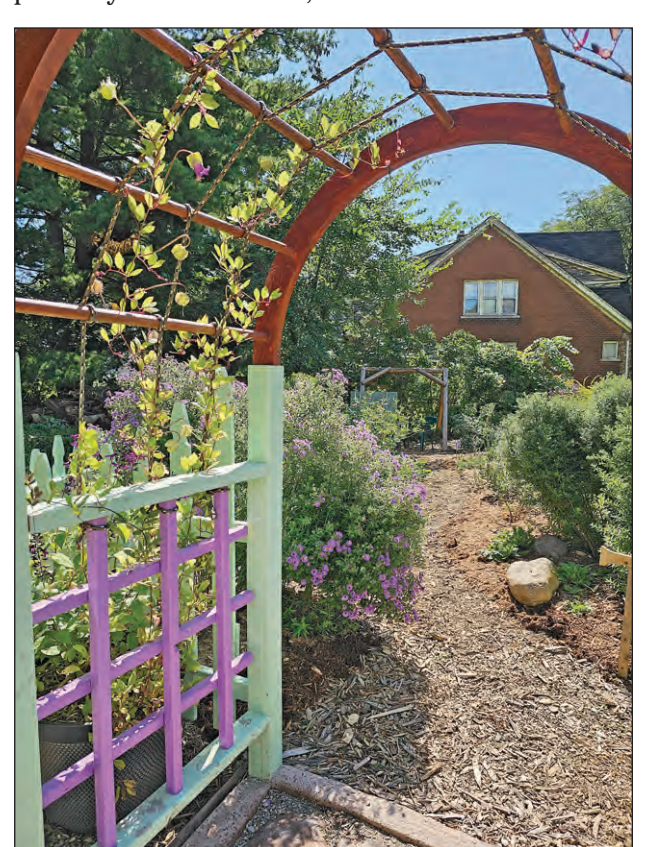
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A monarch butterfly fuels up for migration.

and purpose, as well as the benefits — physical, mental and spiritual — of eating a vegetarian diet.

“The core mission of Detroit Abloom is community revitalization and to demonstrate how cut-flower farming can be a vital way to repurpose blighted vacant land,” he said. “Our main focus is on improving the spiritual, mental and physical health of the community. Personally, I’m especially interested

being humane.” Milano said the points he makes may be considered controversial, because they challenge the status quo, but he invites discussion on the subject.

“I’d love to see the religious heads of our communities come together to debate this most important topic with me so we could establish a whole new direction for our community based on unity and love rather

we can become the people we need to be so God can work through us to heal this world.”

Seating has been added to the soul garden so guests can relax while reading the signs. Three benches were created by students from two homeschooled families in the Pointes. Two swing pergolas will soon be added as well.

Milano said he’s received positive feedback from guests of this latest addition.

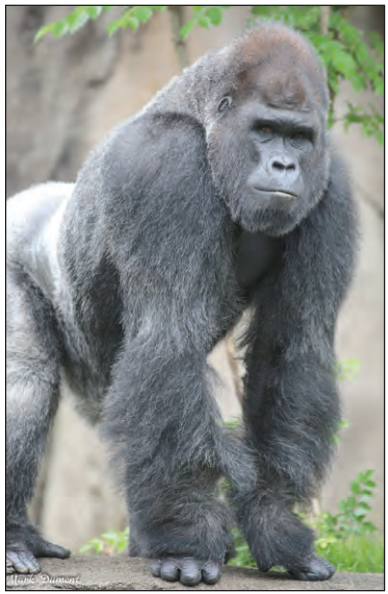
“People have called it paradise, the Garden of Eden, heaven on Earth and most of all, amazing,” he said. “It’s a special space. A couple times people took off their shoes before walking in the soul garden. There’s been good energy with this project to begin with.” What’s more, he noted, people are reading the signs. Many guests have complimented him on them, noting the messages resonated with them.

“People say I’ve given them something to think about, something philosophical, spiritual, that goes beyond religion,” he said. “I’m not espousing any kind of religion. I want peo-

Detroit Zoo welcomes new gorilla troop

The Detroit Zoological Society announced last week that four gorillas — one male and three females — have moved to the Detroit Zoo's Great Apes of Harambee habitat.

Three of the gorillas — Mshindi, Tulivu and Bandia — arrived from the Cincinnati Zoo,



Left, Mshindi.



Below, Nayembi.

where they lived together in a troop since 2019. The fourth, Nayembi, moved from Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. All four of these transfers were recommended by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Gorilla Species Survival Plan. This cooperative management program ensures the sustainability of healthy, genetically diverse and demographically varied populations of animals in human care.

Mshindi is the group's male. This silverback, whose name means "winner" in Swahili, was born Oct. 17, 1987. He is joined by females Tulivu,

meaning "quiet" in Swahili, born May 2, 2004; Bandia, meaning "homemade doll or image" in Swahili, born Sept. 13, 1997; and Nayembi, meaning "to sing" in the Lingala language, born Nov. 16, 2012.

"The four new gorillas are already making themselves at home and they are wonderful additions to the Detroit Zoo," said Tami Brightrall, associate curator of mammals for the Detroit Zoological Society. "They each have unique personalities and we can't wait for our members and guests to get to know them."

The gorillas live in the zoo's Great Apes of Harambee habitat, a four-acre space also home to 13 chimpanzees. The gorilla portion of this habitat had been unoccupied since July, when the zoo said goodbye to Chipua, Kongo-Mbeli and Pendeka, three half-brother gorillas who called the Detroit Zoo home for two decades.

The brothers moved to the Cincinnati Zoo this summer on an Species Survival Plan recommendation. After the previous gorillas left the Detroit Zoo, the habitat underwent a series of improvements

Race for the Cure is Oct. 8 on Belle Isle

Susan G. Komen, the world's leading breast cancer organization, will host 32nd annual the Komen Michigan Race for the Cure from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Oct. 8, at Belle Isle Park in Detroit.

Proceeds from the race will advance Komen's mission, fund groundbreaking research and provide direct support to people facing breast cancer now.

The annual fundraising event includes a 5K run and walk along Belle Isle's scenic landscape. Chip timing available for the 5K-certified course. A one-mile family fun walk will also be available. Visit komen.org/michiganrace to sign up and begin fundraising.

"For 32 years, Komen has served the Michigan breast cancer community, from Detroit to Marquette," said Jaye Sciuillo, executive director. "The Detroit Race for the Cure has become an annual

tradition for thousands of Michiganders to honor patients and survivors while raising funds that provide education and resources throughout the state. Changing the name to the Michigan Race for the Cure better reflects our statewide commitment to the breast cancer community."

Some highlights of the event include:

- ◆ John D. Dingell Survivor Cafe in Hope Village — a gathering place for breast cancer survivors and those living with metastatic breast cancer.

- ◆ Survivor Trolley — transporting breast cancer patients, survivors and those living with metastatic breast cancer through the race course.

- ◆ Komen Kidz Zone — featuring crafts and activities for kids and families, sponsored by Kelly Services.

- ◆ We Remember Tent — offering a quiet place of reflection to honor those who lost their battles with

breast cancer. Memorial photos and messages may be hung to honor loved ones, supported by Gabby's Grief Center.

Maureen Meldrum Volunteer of the Year Award — honoring a Race for the Cure volunteer who exemplifies commitment to Komen's mission and service to the community.

"Participating in the race as a survivor made me grateful to be alive and signified perseverance and strength for me," said Matt King, Race for the Cure participant and a one-year breast cancer survivor. "Having my family join me that day reminded me of how blessed I am to have the support system I do."

The local presenting sponsor is Ford Warriors in Pink. The event's executive leadership committee chair is Florine Mark.

For more information or to register, visit komen.org/michiganrace.

in anticipation of the new group's arrival. These enhancements create a safe and enriching environment, contributing to the gorillas' overall well-being and supporting the zoo's mission of creating meaningful connections between people, animals and the

natural world so all can thrive.

To celebrate the arrival of Mshindi, Tulivu, Bandia and Nayembi, the Detroit Zoo hosted a welcome party Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3. Guests who visited the zoo those days learned more about the

new arrivals from the animal care team that works with them every day. Habitat chats and special animal enrichments were scheduled at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. each day of the celebration.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit detroitzoo.org.

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.

Peter Groschner

Peter Groschner, 85, passed away at home Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family and in the arms of his wife, Kathleen.

Born in Detroit May 23, 1938, to Robert and Margaret Groschner (nee Eckhardt), Peter attended Richard Elementary School and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1956. He attended Hillsdale College, graduating in 1960 with a B.A. in Sociology. Peter followed his call to ministry at the Episcopal Philadelphia Divinity School, earning a Master's of Sacred Theology in 1964. He was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

As an associate priest at St. Michael's, Peter began a ministry to provide teenagers with a safe, fun place to gather on Friday evenings. With the donation of decorations from the Grosse Pointe Theatre, he instituted "The Sewer" in the church parish hall. This provided live music, dancing, a place to socialize and was always filled to capacity.

Peter's ministry was supporting parishes without full-time clergy until 1976 when he became the rector of St.

Timothy's Episcopal Church in Detroit. He served there until 1980 when he began a second career as a Development Officer focused on raising funds for various non-profit entities, including Friends School in Detroit, the University of Detroit, the Detroit Medical Center and Beaumont Hospital. He continued to also provide part-time support to parishes until his health began to fail.

Throughout his life, Peter's kind and generous spirit bore witness to his faith and gave him the ability to be of great comfort to many who sought him out in times of crisis. He was passionate in his love of golf and often laughed that though God gave him many gifts, skill at golf was not one of them; yet he loved to play and instilled that passion in one of his grandchildren.

He often would say that it was his family that brought him his greatest joy. Peter leaves behind Kathleen, his loving wife of 43 years; his daughter, Sarah Arbulu, whom he adored; and his three grandchildren, who truly were the light of his life, Jacob Peter, Lillian Kathleen and Joseph David Hinkle. He also leaves his brother, Chris; sister-in-law, Holly; niece, Kate Groschner; brother and sister-in-law, David and Susie Ware; niece, Katie Krick; and nephew, Chris Ware.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A memorial service for Peter will also be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Michael's Episcopal Church Good Samaritan Fund, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods MI 48236.

Ramon Diez Zarobe

Ramon Diez Zarobe, 93, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023. He was a beloved father and grandfather.

Born in Bilbao, Spain, Ramon attended business school there and later Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. He also served in the Spanish military in the Canary Islands. He emigrated from Spain to Toronto, where he met and married Ingrid and where his children were born. Ramon worked in advertising and sales for multinational companies before the family settled in Grosse Pointe Woods and he started his own business.

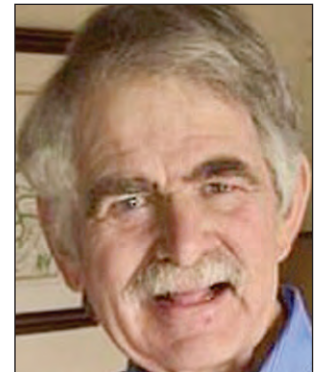
Ramon was happiest while hunting and fishing up north, walking around



Peter Groschner



Ramon Diez Zarobe



James Earl Fraser

his Grosse Pointe Shores neighborhood by Lake St. Clair, reading and traveling, collecting art and antiques and spending time in his workshop. He and Ingrid also liked to entertain friends and family in their elegant home. He enjoyed being actively involved with the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. Ramon remained close to family and friends in his homeland, the Basque region of northern Spain, where he vacationed often.

Ramon was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and moved to Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods, where he was lovingly cared for in his final years. InHouse Hospice provided thoughtful and gentle guidance in his final months.

Ramon was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Ingrid Zarobe. He is survived by his son, Michael Zarobe of Evanston, Ill.; daughter, Christina Zarobe; grandchildren, Gabriel and Grace Zarobe Hurdle; and son-in-law, Gene Hurdle of Shrewsbury, Mass.

A memorial gathering will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods. In lieu of flowers,

memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, parkinsonfoundation.org/donate-mail-phone-online-2, 3570 Olney Laytonsville Rd #490, Olney, MD 20830; RAICES Texas, bit.ly/3PlgKAK; or the Detroit Institute of Arts, dia.org/support/donate.

James Earl Fraser

James Earl Fraser Jr., 77, passed away Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023.

Jim was born May 10, 1946, in Detroit to J. Earl and Alma Fraser. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Shores and was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. After attending Northwood Institute, he worked for his father at the J. Earl Fraser Company.

Jim's greatest achievement in his life was being one of two founding members of the Early Birds AA meeting in 1986 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. His success was the beginning of hundreds of other successes.

He enjoyed 35 years with his loving wife, Nancy Fraser (nee Nicoloff), going to every Detroit Lions games, many Red Wings and nephew Shawn's minor

professional-league hockey games, chasing the United Hydroplane boat circuit, going to and watching WWE wrestling, following F1 and drag racing and relaxing and entertaining those he loved at his cottage in Glennie, Mich. He was extremely fortunate to have developed many close and lasting friendships during these adventures and AA meetings.

He is also survived by his loving sisters, Joanne Dennis (Bill) and Mary Weathers (Bob); and his chosen brother, Steve Szydlowski (Denise). He will always be remembered as "Mr. Mustache," "Uncle Fundie" and the cool and funny uncle by his nieces and nephews, Rob and Andrew Weathers, Katie Gritti, Stephanie Sheppard, Becky Dennis-Hulway and Shawn and Miguel Szydlowski.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 at Kaatz Funeral Directors, 226 Crocker Blvd., Mt. Clemens. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Ronald Kurt Kilbride

Ronald Kurt Kilbride, 75, passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023. He was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ronald was born Feb. 3, 1948, to the late Bernard L. Kilbride Jr. and Letty (nee Hanson) Kilbride.

Ronald was the beloved husband to Catherine J. (nee Hayes) Kilbride. Together they had three children through separate marriages: Heather Currie, Christina McAlinden and Jeffrey Mitchell. They also have eight loving grandchildren. Ronald is also survived by siblings, Cathy Hach (Bob) and Jeff Kilbride.

Ronald attended Notre Dame High School and graduated in 1966. He attended Kent State University in Ohio and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Psychology Degrees in 1970. He also attended Central Michigan University, receiving a Master's Degree in Industrial Management.

Ronald taught English for three years in the Detroit Public School system. Mr. Kilbride left teaching and went on to work as a senior material handling engineer for the Ford Motor Company. He worked at several different plants, including Utica Trim, Chassis Engineering, Michigan Assembly, Kentucky Truck and Michigan Assembly. He retired in 2007 and formed Material Planning and Logistics, LLC. He worked independently for several years and was rehired by Ford Motor Company at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Dearborn. He assisted the Launch Team at the Kentucky Truck Plant and the Michigan Assembly Plant in Dearborn.

Mr. Kilbride volunteered his time at Junior Achievement. He assisted young men and women in entrepreneurial activities. He was also an altar boy at St. Joan of Arc Parish. In his senior year of high school, he received a varsity letter for being on the swim team. He was a brother at the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity (Ohio Lambda) while attending Kent State University.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mr. Kilbride's favorite charities, Boys Town, bit.ly/451eDrf, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, bit.ly/46fVgMi.

Mr. Kilbride was preceded by his brothers, Bernard III (Margaret), Thomas and Fredrick; and his sisters, Christine Kilbride and Cynthia Lowery (William).

A graveside service for Mr. Kilbride will occur at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48033.

Nancy Eggleston Huckins

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Eggleston Huckins, 94, died early Sunday morning, Sept. 10, 2023.

Nancy was a soft-spoken, intelligent woman with a sly sense of humor that she shared on special occasions. She had many cherished lifelong friends and enjoyed reading, playing bridge, spending winters

in Florida and going up North to the family cottage all year long.

Like many women of her generation, Nancy did not define her life by personal accomplishments. She preferred instead to focus on her family and help them to accomplish their dreams and goals.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1929, Nancy and her family moved several times during her childhood before finally settling in St. Clair Shores. She attended Lake Shore High School where she excelled academically, becoming valedictorian of her graduating class. It was also during her teenage years that she discovered volunteering. She was a candy stripper during the 1940s polio epidemic — contracting the disease while on duty — and was on a local girl's rifle team during World War II that was dedicated to being "the front lines" of her small town's defense.

Nancy went on to college at Wayne State University before transferring to the University of Michigan in 1948. There, she joined the Sorosis sorority and studied liberal arts while earning a degree in education. It was also in Ann Arbor where Nancy met the love of her life, Jack Huckins.

After graduation from college, Nancy became a kindergarten teacher in what was then called East Detroit (Eastpointe). In 1951, Nancy and Jack married, and a few years later, they started their family of three spirited daughters.

In 1965, the young Huckins family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods. There, Nancy became active in the PTA, her daughters' swim teams and their local church. Nancy also enjoyed hosting parties for their many friends. The core of Nancy's life, however, was her marriage. Nancy and Jack were devoted to each other to the end and were married for more than 71 years.

Nancy is survived by her three daughters, Cheryl, Holly and Jacqueline "Jackie"; four grandchildren, Kyle, Erica, Kelsey and Hilary; seven great-grandchildren; and her brother, Ralph Eggleston of Danbury, Conn. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack, and her brother, Bill, both of whom died earlier this year.

The family will hold a celebration of Nancy's life in summer 2024 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in her memory to St. Michael's Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods MI 48236, or the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org/?form=alz_donate.

Caroline Marie May Kowalski

Caroline Marie May Kowalski, 89, known more affectionately as Carol, passed away Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. Caroline was a longtime resident of the Detroit metro area, calling Hamtramck, East Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park and Ann Arbor home.

Caroline was born Oct. 26, 1933, in Hamtramck, the second child of John and Mary (nee Glowacz)

May. She attended Saint Florian's grammar school and Girl's Catholic Central High School, graduating from Catholic Central in 1951. Her first real job after high school was at the Phoenix Insurance Company, where she worked for four years before accepting an administrative position at Chrysler Corporation in 1956. At Chrysler, she met Gerald Kowalski, whom she married in the winter of 1957. Gerald "Jerry" Junior was born the following winter in 1958. In the summer of 1959, Caroline, Gerald Sr. and Jerry moved to Taranto, Italy, to manage the construction of NATO Military bases in Europe. Caroline gave birth to Keith in the summer of 1960. The family moved to Izmir, Turkey in 1961.

Caroline made great friends while working and living with the U.S. and Foreign Military Officers and their wives. The family traveled throughout Europe and the near east, inspiring a love of travel and adventure in their young family. In 1962, Caroline returned home to be reunited with her family and friends. In the spring of 1964, the family was blessed with a third son, Kevin. Caroline resided in East Detroit from 1962 to 1989. In 1989, she moved to a grand home on Berkshire Road in Grosse Pointe Park where she became an active member of Saint Clare of Montefalco Parish. In 2018, she relocated to Ann Arbor.

Caroline was a take charge office professional. She expertly managed complex office environments at Chrysler, General Motors, Wolverine Metal and All State Insurance. A tough but kind supervisor, Caroline was a lionhearted leader, superior motivator, expert negotiator and supremely successful administrator. People loved working with and for her.

While she enjoyed rearing three young men, Caroline loved being Nana to six wonderful women. She especially enjoyed traveling, touring and shopping with her granddaughters while inspiring them to be anything they wanted to be, because "they can accomplish anything!" Those who were lucky enough to have Carol in their life treasured the strong-willed and passionate woman that they called aunt, godmother and friend.

Caroline was predeceased by her parents; one older brother, John May; her one younger brother, Theodore May; and one younger sister, Shirley May Kozlowski. The death of her oldest son, Jerry Kowalski, in 2018 was a devastating blow that she never fully recovered from. Caroline is survived by Jerry's wife, Ivanka, and their daughters, Katya and Lili; her son, Keith (Gerald) and their three daughters, Katie, Caroline and Kennedy; and son, Kevin (Sara), and his daughter, Sofie, and son, Jamie.

Family and friends will gather at A.H. Peters Funeral Home on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods Monday, Oct. 2, from 2 to 8 p.m. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass of Life Celebration will be held

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at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Saint Florian Roman Catholic Church, 2626 Poland Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Caroline's favorite charities, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, bit.ly/3LAoFJ8.

John Treadwell Huntington Jr.

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident John T. Huntington Jr., 82, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, surrounded by loved ones.

John was born Oct. 19, 1940, to the late John Treadwell Huntington Sr., and Anita Pierce Huntington. He grew up in Grosse Pointe where he developed a strong work ethic, a deep sense of community and an enthusiasm for Detroit sports. John attended Austin High School and later graduated from Williams College. After college, John served his country in the U.S. Army. From there, he worked for Ford Motor Company, which led to the start of his dealership career at Stark Hickey Royal Oak. This gave him the skills and motivation needed to build and run his own successful dealership, Huntington Ford in Rochester Hills, for 21 years.

Throughout his life, John was a dedicated and compassionate individual who touched the lives of many. His commitment to excellence and integrity earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues and peers. John was very active in the community volunteering and serving on many boards and committees, including the Rotary Club, St. Paul's Educational Trust, Ford Dealers Advertising Fund, Ford Dealer Association and several community association boards.

John's greatest joy in life was his family. He married the love of his life, Judy Schoenherr, and together they shared 60 wonderful years of marriage. John and Judy were inseparable, facing life's challenges and triumphs hand in hand. They raised four children, the late Tread Huntington (Charlyn), Christie Scoggin (the late Pat), Holly Brady (Ed) and Shana Erber (Karl), instilling in them the values of love, respect and perseverance. He showed them how to balance hard work and fun times and how to create lasting memories through travel and athletics.

John was also a proud grandfather to 10 grandchildren, Samantha, Alissa, Tyler, Casey (Scoggin), Alex, Henry, Franny (Brady), Mallory, John (Erber) and Lauren Butson, who brought immeasurable

**Nancy Eggleston Huckins****John Treadwell Huntington Jr.**

joy into his life. He cherished every moment spent with them, passing on his wisdom and creating lasting bonds. He is also survived by his only sibling, Bill Huntington (Mary Jo), as well as brother-in-law, John Schoenherr (Shelley) and many adoring nieces and nephews.

John will be remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for his warm heart, quick-witted dad jokes and puns and unwavering love for his family and friends. In honoring John's memory, his family will remember a man who lived life fully, loved fiercely and laughed often. He set an enduring example of strength, resilience and virtue that will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him.

A memorial service to celebrate John's life will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at St. Paul on the Lake, with a 10 a.m. Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Paul's Education Trust in Grosse Pointe, stpauleducationaltrust.org/donate, or Loyola High School in Detroit in honor of John's passion for education, 15325 Pinehurst St Room 120, Detroit, MI 48238.

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com.

Audrey Beirne Mac Mechan

Audrey Beirne Mac Mechan, 73, loving wife, companion and best friend of Michael "Sandy" David Mac Mechan, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023.

Audrey was born June 19, 1950. To her friends, family, peer groups and business associates, Audrey was "recognized as one of the most organized people, creating, planning and developing business and social events, meetings and parties." She parlayed this singularly unique ability into a 30-plus career as an administrative executive to the president/CEO of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association (MVMA), the president/CEO of Mi-Con and the corporate financial officer and corporate secretary of DTE.

Audrey's life always

**Caroline Marie May Kowalski****Audrey Beirne Mac Mechan**

included positive, purpose-filled thoughts and ideas in her everyday endeavors. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and businesses. She also included time for top-of-the-line handcrafted needlepoint, as well as knitting sweaters and blankets. She enjoyed a daily crossword puzzle.

Her thoughts and ideas were always welcomed in both the "good and troubled" times. Her genuine warmth in the consideration and sincerest concern for all will be positively remembered by the close and loving family she cherished.

Audrey will be greeted by God's loving hands and her loving dogs, Sparky and her Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Professor Higgins and Sir Bentley of Lincolnshire.

Audrey is survived by and was the beloved sister of Margaret Beirne Breitenbecher (Ronald) and Carolyn Beirne Riley; godmother of Kathryn Riley St. Cyr (Joel); nephew, John Riley (Robert Reynolds); dear lifetime friends, Meredith Anne Mac Mechan Eliot (Darren); and Meredith's children, Avery Anne Eliot, Mitchell Dene Eliot and Gillian April Eliot. She also is survived by Sandy's son, Michael Dene Mac Mechan (Samantha); Michael's children, Charlotte Monroe Mac Mechan and Jack Dene Monroe Mac Mechan; nieces, Shannon Breitenbecher Bruce (Graeme), Kathleen Fox and Erin and Caitlin Breitenbecher; and nephews, Michael Breitenbecher (Kelly), Thomas Fox and John Fox (Elaine). She was predeceased by her niece, Bridget Mary Breitenbecher Joire; sisters, Mary Bridget Beirne and Kathleen Theresa Beirne Fox (Thomas); brother, Joseph Francis Beirne; and parents, John and Mary Beirne.

A Celebration of Life date is to be determined.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Ascension St. John Hospital MICU, 4th Fl., Room #9, 22101 Moross, Ste. 455, Detroit, MI 48236; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/more-than-about-food/.

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John Patrick Jacobs

John Patrick Jacobs, 77, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 22, 2023. A longtime pillar of Detroit's legal community, John was widely regarded as the state's finest appellate attorney, trying and arguing countless cases in front of Michigan's Court of Appeals and Supreme Court and the federal appellate court. Above all else, he was a devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather, as well as a mentor and friend to many.

John's personality was as big as his heart. He was always the most gregarious, forthright, funny and commanding person in any room. People who met him never forgot him. His wit was unmatched. He was a fierce advocate for his family, his friends, his clients and the less fortunate. John was everyone's advice giver, fatherly figure, legal advisor and friend.

Much to his daughter's chagrin, he was always right and never, ever wrong about anything.

John's entry into the world was a difficult one and showcased his fighting spirit right from the start: He was born prematurely in a hotel room in Chicago, Ill., in 1945. He spent the first few months of his life in a newly opened, state-of-the-art infant center at Northwestern University Hospital. Once strong enough, John's parents took him home to the metro Detroit area, where he lived the rest of his life.

John was a lifelong Detroit booster and purposefully centered his legal practices in the city where he was near the courts, the restaurants and urban vibrancy he loved. He always considered himself a city boy. He grew up on Detroit's east side in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood where he attended St. Martin of Tours for elementary and high school. John always credited the Catholic nuns who ran the school for his later success and devotion to the Catholic faith.

John attended the University of Detroit for undergraduate and law school, graduating first in his class with his Juris Doctor degree. It was in law school that John's lifelong passion and dedication to progressive

causes and pro bono legal work took root. After law school, he worked as a clerk for the Chief Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, and then, in 1971, he was named to a Reginald Heber Smith Civil Rights Project fellowship, during which he worked on civil rights cases.

When he returned to Detroit, he was hired by Plunkett Cooney where he led the firm's appellate practice division, the very first department of its kind in Michigan. He worked at Plunkett Cooney for more than 20 years, eventually leaving to establish and lead several independent law firms. He was most recently the founding partner of Jacobs and Diemer, an appellate specialty law firm that has reversed more than \$3 billion in judgments.

His professional accolades are many, but include: A Life Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers; Lawyer of the Year and Honoree by Michigan Lawyers Weekly; Lawyer of the Year and Honoree and Excellence in Defense Award by the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC); and the Monsignor Molloy Award by the Archdiocese of Detroit and Catholic Lawyers Society for exceptional ethics. In 2017, MDTC established the John P. Jacobs Appellate Advocacy Award to honor the very best civil appellate attorneys in the state; he was the first awardee. He also was retained to be appellate counsel for the State Bar of Michigan.

Over the decades, he served in different leadership capacities for MDTC, the Catholic Lawyers Society of the Archdiocese of Detroit, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the American Constitution Society, the Michigan Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association, the Michigan Bar Association, Michigan Lawyers Weekly, the Michigan State Bar Foundation, the Supreme Court of the United States Historical Society, the Arab American Bar Association, the Irish American Bar Association and the Michigan State Bar Standing Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics.

John was a lifelong Catholic and Democratic party member who was active in both the church and party throughout his

**John Patrick Jacobs**

life as a donor and activist at the national and state levels. He was also a longtime member of the Detroit Athletic Club and an unrivaled fan of the rock band The Who.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda (nee Grams); daughter, Christine (Neil); granddaughter, Frances; brother, James (Joyce); nephews, David (Laura), Brian (Angie) and Paul (Amy); nieces, Carolyn (Joseph) and Leslie; sister-in-law, Christine (Allan); and countless friends and colleagues in the legal community.

A funeral Mass will take place at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church at noon Thursday, Sept. 28. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Capuchins at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, thecapuchins.org/donate, Doctors Without Borders, bit.ly/46jldt8, or Forgotten Harvest, forgottenharvest.org/donate/.

Mildred Kathleen Murray

Mildred Kathleen Murray, 96, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023. She was a loving wife and dedicated mother.

Mrs. Murray was born in Channel, Newfoundland, Canada, and was the daughter of William J. Keeping and Dolena E. (nee Billard) Keeping. She is survived by her sons, G. Bradford Murray (Jeanette) of DeWitt, Mich. and W. Ross Murray of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter, Elisabeth A. Murray of Grosse Pointe; grandsons, Joshua Murray (Stephanie) of Lansing and Adam Murray (Jessi) of Houston, Texas; great-grandsons, Kelvin A. Murray and Isaac B. Murray; as well as several nieces and nephews in Canada. Mrs. Murray was predeceased by her beloved husband, Dr. Gordon M. Murray; her parents; brothers, Maxwell, Willard, Victor,

**Mildred Kathleen Murray**

Douglas and William; and sister, Gladys.

Following high school, secretarial and nursing schools, Mrs. Murray had a rewarding career before her marriage to Dr. Murray. She was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and had been an active committee member of the Women's Auxiliary to Wayne County Medical Association, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Women's Association, Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital, Grosse Pointe Symphony Preludes and the Windsor Castle chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. She was also very active in her children's schools and scouting activities. She enjoyed knitting and needlework, gardening, travel, her family and friends and classical music and opera.

A funeral and celebration of life service will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials to be made to the charity of your choice.

Samira Howard

Samira Howard (nee Sfeir), 88, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 22, 2023.

Born in Reyfoun, Lebanon, Samira was one of eight children to Nader and Tamam. Samira met her late husband, Thomas A. Monsour, while he was vacationing in Lebanon. The couple moved to Detroit, where Thomas lived. Samira was a dedicated mother of three and parishioner to St. Maron Maronite Church in Detroit. Samira never missed a weekly Mass or gathering.

Samira was married to her loving second husband, Donald P. Howard, for 26 years. Samira adored her three grandchildren, Christopher, Nina and

**Samira Howard**

Matthew. She frequently enjoyed the four G's: gardening, golfing at Lochmoor, gym and grandchildren.

Samira was a wonderful cook and homemaker, raising three children while heavily involved with friends and within the community. No one ever left Samira's home with an empty stomach and without a great experience. She loved creating Lebanese cuisine, tending to her garden, feeding the birds and crafting knits and embroidery for all to enjoy.

Those who knew Samira well enjoyed her energy and positivity for life. She loved to go for long walks, host and attend dinners and spend quality time with her family.

Samira is survived by her three children, Carol Monsour, Thomas Monsour and Christopher Monsour (Riva); her grandchildren, Christopher Monsour Jr., Nina Randazzo (Joseph) and Matthew Monsour; as well as her three siblings, Nouhad Sfeir, Fouad Sfeir and Farid Sfeir.

Samira was predeceased by her parents, Nader and Tamam; her first late husband, Thomas Monsour; second late husband, Donald P. Howard; and four siblings.

Services to celebrate Samira's life were held at Verheyden Funeral Home. A funeral Mass took place at St. Maron Maronite Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Samira's life may be made to St. Maron Maronite Church, 11466 Kercheval Ave, Detroit, MI 48214.

Share a memory at Verheyden.org.

Richard "Dick" Lightbody

Richard "Dick" Lightbody, 82, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed

**Richard "Dick" Lightbody**

away Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.

Dick was a man for all seasons. He was a true gentleman who showed decency and generosity toward everyone he encountered. Throughout his life and in challenging times, he possessed uncomplicated common sense with an abiding sense of humor and fair play.

His humble and gentle nature belied the fact he was a natural and gifted athlete. In short, he excelled in many sports, from tennis to golf — with a 10 handicap — and participated in more than 20 marathons, four ultramarathons and two 24-hour running relays. His competitive nature was focused within himself and not against others.

In addition to being a very active person, Dick relished the quieter elements of life. He enjoyed the arts, including music, plays, film and books. He was too modest to admit he was a poet at heart. Dick was a lifelong nature lover who revered all of earth's wonders. He also was a strong advocate for the environment.

Throughout his life, Dick succeeded in enriching the lives of many people. He was a loyal and dedicated friend who unselfishly gave of himself to others.

Dick was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who cherished his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Elizabeth Becker (Tommy); granddaughter, Daisy Katherine; and other loving relatives.

A celebration of life will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the Grosse Pointe Park Tompkins Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Detroit Public TV at donate.dptv.org/dptv/donate?cmpgn=menu.

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Rachel-Lynn Marie Benigni

Rachel-Lynn Marie Benigni, 44, passed away at Karmanos Cancer Institute Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023.

Rachel was born Feb. 10, 1979, to Michael Layou and the late Denise Kennedy. She graduated from Hazel Park High School in 1997 and attended Oakland Community College. She worked part time at her family business, but dedicated most of her time to her boys. Rachel was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and enjoyed boating, being by the water, spending time with friends, and most of all, being a mom.

Rachel is survived by her husband, Bradley Benigni; father, Michael Layou (Leah); sons, Alexander and Colin; brothers, Michael Layou II (Angeline), Tommy Davis (Chantel), Jason Dickson (Corey), and Darron Dickson (Katherine); sister, Cara Schram; brothers-in-law, Todd Benigni (Mariana) and Scott Benigni (Carla); parents-in-law, Thomas and Rosemarie Benigni; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Denise; and her brother, Aaron Dickson.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday Sept. 28, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state Friday, Sept. 29, from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions can be made to the St. Paul Educational Trust, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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Joan A. Stewart

Joan A. Stewart (nee Reno), 91, died peacefully Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, surrounded by her loving daughter Pam Yanis Stewart, husband, John Stewart, and son-in-law, Matthew Yanis.

She is survived by Pam, John and Matthew; and her beloved grandsons, Michael Yanis and Mark Yanis. She passed away at Angels Senior Living in Sarasota, Fla., while in hospice. She enjoyed her last six years living in Sarasota near her daughter and son-in-law. While she suffered from late-life dementia and a broken hip, her penchant for joy and caring for others carried her easily into death and onward in her journey.

Joan grew up in Hazleton, Pa., and met her husband of 63 years, John, while working in New York City at Madison Square Garden. She gave up her career and moved with John several times, following and supporting his career. Her only child, Pam, was the love of her life.

Had Joan been born in a different time, she would likely have been the CEO of a Fortune 500 Corporation and one of the most beloved corporate leaders. She was capable, competent, organized and a hard worker. She was fiercely funny and joyous in all of her endeavors. She did not have an easy life herself, yet she created a stable and loving

foundation for Pam and, later, for her grandsons as a model grandmother. She never missed a significant life event for those she loved and was one of the most vociferous fans at her grandsons' sporting events. She had a seemingly endless supply of energy for those she loved and that dedication persisted until her death. She was also known for her booming fan voice that never wavered as she cheered for her adopted home team, the Detroit Tigers.

As was the norm for her time, Joan was a housewife and committed mother. But she was also so much more. She was an active lay leader in her church, Our Lady Star of the Sea, organizing many of the church's activities to serve those in need. She was committed to her Catholic life and to serving God. She was also a fierce competitor on the golf course and at playing mahjong, cards and bingo. She was constantly surrounded by friends. She learned just about every craft there was, filling their Grosse Pointe Woods basement with projects.

She was beyond compare as a mother. Her trials and tribulations with childbirth gave her just one child, and Pam was everything to her. She supported Pam's early career in New York as a child model, and Pam's talent and interest in sports and academics alike. She was an incredible friend to all of Pam's friends. Summers were never complete without Joan setting up the lawn chairs and making BLTs, peach pies or au gratin potatoes for Pam and her other adopted daughters, who considered her just as much a mother as their



Rachel-Lynn Marie Benigni



Joan A. Stewart



Derek Arthur Francis

own. She knew everyone's homecoming and prom dates. She could fix the dresses if needed, while also tending to the adolescent worries of the day. She shared in everyone's disappointments and fully experienced their excitement, their nervousness and their successes as a supportive friend, while also providing gentle and nonjudgmental guidance. Joan was intensely funny, with an infectious laugh and smile that put others immediately at ease. She saw people for who they were and loved them for it, and for that she was always surrounded by people of all ages who loved her. Joan will be deeply missed.

Her life will be celebrated at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Sarasota, Fla., Friday, Sept. 29.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org/?form=alz_donate.

Derek Arthur Francis

Derek Arthur Francis, 95, passed away at home Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, surrounded by his

children and two of his wonderful caregivers.

Derek was born May 7, 1928, in London, England, to a musical family. He was raised in Billerica, Essex, England. He is survived by his son, Mark; daughter, Susanna (Walter); granddaughter, Emma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He began his life in music at the age of 5 in the church choir. As a boy, he pedaled his bicycle across fields, started to learn violin from his grandfather at the age of 10, watched WWII aerial dogfights and went to Brentwood School.

After National Service, he attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, the Royal Conservatory of Music of Brussels and then played in particular with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Opera at Covent Garden.

He married Nora (nee Richards) from Winnipeg, Canada and their son Mark was born in London. They moved to Jamaica where Derek taught music at the University in Kingston and where their daughter Susanna was born. After a single season with the Dallas Symphony, Derek moved the family to Detroit and began his long career with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He obtained

his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Performance from the University of Michigan.

He also played with several community orchestras, his favourite being the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra. He taught hundreds of violin and viola students at Schoolcraft College, Ypsilanti College, Oakland University and privately in his home. He was respected by his colleagues, many of whom became close friends. His students so appreciated that he expected the best from them, as he demanded of himself.

With his second adored wife Pam, a nurse and violinist, they shared more than 20 happy years before she predeceased him. He loved swimming, supporting wildlife (especially elephants), playing bridge, making fine wooden furniture and tending to his koi pond.

His family wishes to thank his numerous caregivers, especially Ian Aubert, Veronica and Jessie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, bit.ly/3Pqy1l8, or the African Wildlife Foundation, wildaid.org/about/ways-to-give/. A recital in his honor will be held at a later date.

AREA:

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9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

- ◆ Mah Jongg Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Free blood pressure screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month.

- ◆ Bingo and treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes one card and snacks.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Judy Florian, VP of Voter Services, Michigan League of Women Voters, speaks on the new voting rights under Prop 2. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Chamber


The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce sponsors the following networking events:

- ◆ 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at

Village Palm, 17131 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Tau Beta

The Tau Beta Fall Market public shopping days take place 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. A preview party takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. A variety of vendors will be on hand; funds benefit the Children's Center of Detroit and other charitable project. Visit taubeta.org for details.



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'An Evening for Fair Lane' supports restoration of Henry Ford estate

On Aug. 31, nearly 300 people attended a late-summer event at Fair Lane, the historic home of Clara and Henry Ford in Dearborn.

Edsel B. Ford II, chairman of Fair Lane, and Jim Farley served as honorary co-chairs.

Guests had the opportunity to experience the restored and reimagined longtime home of the Fords, now a National Historic Landmark and nonprofit organization.

Funds raised at the event allow a team of artisans and conservators to continue their work at Fair Lane, which currently is under restoration, to ensure its part in American history, as well as the legacy of the Fords and their many contributions, are preserved in perpetuity.

The evening began in the music room and terrace where Edsel B. Ford II and his wife, Cynthia, welcomed guests to the home of his great-grandparents, while Ford CEO Jim Farley provided brief remarks.

A stroll through Clara's gardens led to Henry's powerhouse and garage, where the evening con-

tinued with a strolling buffet and cocktails.

Guests also were invited to enter a sweepstakes to win a 2023 Bronco Raptor.

Tickets are available online at henryfordfairlane.org with the winning ticket to be drawn Saturday, Dec. 30.

Fair Lane, an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, is the final home of Clara and Henry Ford. Since 2013, a team of artisans, conservators, historians and craftspeople have worked diligently to restore and reimagine the estate.

That work continues today and the home and other structures remain closed to the public.

Fair Lane's gardens and grounds are open free of charge from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information visit henryfordfairlane.org.



Left, Sandy Baruah, Lisa Baruah and John James.



Mary Ann Bury and Bob Bury, President of Fair Lane.



Loron James and Cynthia Ford.



Left, Mary Ryan, Ted Ryan and Henry Ford III.

Ford Piquette Museum hosts Oct. 1 party

The first of 15 million Model Ts rolled off the production line in 1908, at Henry Ford's original Detroit factory at 461 Piquette Ave.

An unprecedented and revolutionary machine, the Model T helped make Detroit the Silicon Valley of its era and influenced automotive trends into the current century.

The community is invited to celebrate the car that put the world on wheels during the annual Model T birthday party Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Ford Piquette Plant Museum. The event, which takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes free Model T rides, a vintage vehicle show, live music by Lac La Belle, food and shopping.

Admission to the museum's event space on the first floor is free and birthday cake will be served at noon, while supplies last.

Lending extra pizzazz to this year's vintage vehicle show are Ford Edsels on display, encompassing all three of the car's model years — 1958, 1959 and 1960.

Local Edsel owners are



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Nick Schillace and Jennie Knaggs, aka Lac La Belle, will perform at the event.

invited to attend as guests of the museum to show off their cars.

Birthday party attendees also will be treated to live music from Lac La Belle beginning at 11:30 a.m. The acoustic duo from Detroit includes multi-instrumentalists Jennie Knaggs and Nick Schillace, who are influenced by early Americana to blend history with the present to create stories that capture the human experience. They will perform traditional and western swing tunes with banjo, steel guitar, mandolin, ukulele and accordion.

Through photographs, film, exhibits, original

artifacts and more than 60 rare vehicles, the Ford Piquette Plant Museum brings to life the industrial, cultural and social history of Detroit just after the turn of the century.

Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission includes optional guided tours at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$17.

For a complete event schedule or to purchase tickets, visit fordpiquetteplant.org. For information, email piquetteplant@gmail.com or call (313) 872-8759.



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A 1959 Ford Edsel will be on display during the birthday party.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Hair loss marriage crisis

Dear Gabby: How do I tell my partner that he is balding in the back? I think it looks so bad and I think it's so unsexy — I am no longer attracted to him.

I feel like this is more a me problem for being so petty. Help! — Gressed out in Grosse Pointe

Dear Gressed Out,

Gabby: I agree this is more of a “you” issue, so lets start there.

As a relationship therapist, I have to ask the question, is it really just the hair or lack thereof?

The reason I ask that is that in an otherwise healthy relationship it

would take much more to have a global effect such as overall attraction to the person.

My guess would be there are deeper issues that exist that should be addressed, in which case you will probably find the fallouts of the aging process that happen to all of us matter less to you.

To the direct question of how you might approach it with him, the best way would be as gently as possible if at all. You might ask him if he's noticed it himself, and if yes, ask him how he feels about it.

If he seems largely

unbothered by it, let it go. If it does bother him and he wants to explore options you can be there for support.

Ultimately, your time may be best spent trying to understand better what other areas of the relationship feel lacking to you, and focus on relationship care and feeding either on your own or with the help of a competent therapist who's trained to help navigate some of these waters.

— All the best, Lynn Walsh

Lynn Walsh is an LLP Clinical Psychologist who



has been in practice for over 15 years and sees patients at her office in Grosse Pointe at 377 Fisher Rd. suite C3 through telehealth and the Family Center. She

can be contacted at 313-779-3089 or lynnwalshllp@gmail.com. She specializes in Emotionally Focused Therapy for couples, adolescents and teens, adult psychother-

apy and LGBTQ issues.

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Pulling that sweet tooth

DEAR ANNIE: I've had a HUGE sweet tooth all my life. I have also always been very active, and I eat healthy foods. However, I'm nervous that this is not enough to balance my intake of sugary goodies.



Now that I'm older, I realize that I can't keep eating so many sweets. Diabetes is common in my family, and my grandfather passed away from it when he was 46.

Other members of my family have early stages of diabetes, and I am nervous that I will have it when I'm older, too, even though I eat healthy and exercise.

What are the best alternatives to eating sweets? You rock! — SWEET TOOTH

DEAR SWEET TOOTH: I'm sorry about your grandfather.

You are very wise to

begin to think of ways to curb your sweet tooth. Too much sugar not only can lead to diabetes but a whole host of other health problems. The good news is that you are not alone.

Craving sweets is an evolutionary behavior

that kept our ancestors safe from eating poisonous plants. Some healthier alternatives to sugar are maple syrup, dark chocolate, honey and fruit.

After eating these natural alternatives, my guess is that if you tried to go back to processed sugar, you would think it tasted too sweet.

While you're weaning yourself off of sugary treats, consider trying sugar-free candies. They can help satisfy your use for sweets without all the sugar. Best of luck, and congratulations on putting your health first. We only get one body; taking care of it is one of

the most important things we can do.

DEAR ANNIE: I am writing in response to “Big City Drinker” and wanted to share that they are not alone in wondering if they've become an alcoholic through being in and around a bar scene so often.

During my graduate college years, I worked at a bar and found myself struggling with the same situation. I was lucky to have friends who noticed I was going downhill and would call me out on it. It's still something I have to keep a close eye on, even though I don't work in a bar anymore.

I found that, for me, the bar was a familiar place where I felt all my friends were. I wanted to stay with these friends and co-workers and blow off steam after being treated poorly by patrons on many occasions.

After some time, it was hard to separate in my mind my friends from the bar. Eventually, however, I found that the true friends stuck by me as I gradually chose to be “boring” and go home instead of hanging out until 1 or 2 in the morning.

Best of luck to “Big City Drinker.” Many of us out here have felt something similar to what you feel. — FELLOW BAR

FRIEND

DEAR FELLOW BAR FRIEND: Great work in recognizing that the bar lifestyle was not working for you. Your letter brings up a very important point; namely, that your true friends stuck by you when you went home early. Who wants fake friends?

By recognizing that late-night drinking isn't working for you anymore, you will feel better both in your body and in your soul.

DEAR ANNIE: We have this wonderfully helpful neighbor who is always willing to help folks in the neighborhood when needed and quite often does.

The only problem is he masks his sarcasm and insults as jokes and everyone laughs. This is directed at everyone EVERY TIME we talk with him.

Honestly, I'm tired of his insults and don't quite know how to handle him anymore. Any suggestions would be very much appreciated. — TIRED OF BEING INSULTED

DEAR TIRED: If one person says it, 10 think it. I would imagine that your fellow friends and neighbors are also fed up and uncomfortable by these comments.

The next time this man says something rude or off-color, call



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

him out on it. It's possible he doesn't realize how what he thinks are jokes impact those around him.

If he continues even after you've confronted him, limit your interactions with him. Perhaps a bit of distance will make him realize the seriousness of his words.

DEAR ANNIE: I was fortunate to have found a wonderful quiet condo in a very expensive tourist town. Although I'm renting, I have done repairs and spent money on my new “home,” as I was planning to make this my last move. I am 70.

Everything was great, including the semi-retired neighbors and the office and maintenance staff. Then the elderly next-door neighbor moved and a young working lady moved in. The problem is that she is obese. Her footsteps can be heard and felt in my unit. She wakes between 4 and 5 a.m.

Because of the floor plan, our bedrooms and bathrooms are adjoining, and I am woken up when she gets up. I've left felt pads for her bathroom cabinets hoping that may be a hint,

but it seems to have made it worse.

How do I tactfully tell her that I hear everything, including her bathroom use (even the vomiting... bulimia?) It's not like a noisy neighbor with loud music.

I don't want to move again, but I'm very stressed about this. — HEARING TOO MUCH

DEAR HEARING TOO MUCH: It is understandable that you are stressed out about this. Hearing someone going to the bathroom, no matter how much they weigh, is disgusting. And that's not something your new neighbor can help.

It sounds like it could be a building issue and that the building is not properly sound-proofed. For the time being, invest in some good earplugs along with a sound machine. After that, speak with management and tell them what is going on. Here's hoping they will have a solution. If not, it might be time to pack up and move.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Once again, I go down the rabbit hole on Instagram and get sucked into the most unusual products. A few weeks back, I kept seeing these sort of cute socks with separated toes. The gist of it is that, based on not real science, spacing out your toes will magically erase foot pain, plantar fasciitis, bunions and other ailments.

I opted for the Happy Feet multicolor socks. They look ridiculous. They also feel somewhat uncomfortable at first. One of my children commented that I looked “sort of like a sloth.” No matter, I perse-

vered and wore them for a few days while at home.

After I got used to the somewhat uncomfortable feeling, they started to feel normal. I have the beginnings of plantar fasciitis so I am particularly interested in fixing my feet. After several days of wearing them, I did not notice much of an improvement in any area of my problematic feet.

I did get the feeling of being more stable on my feet. I'm guessing because of the fact that with my crazy toes sticking out wide I was covering more surface area. I guess that's a plus? According to a post



by the Cleveland Clinic, “the thing to remember is that most toe spacers aren't going to reverse any damage that's been done.” So I guess they could provide relief and give your toes some breathing room should you have bunion or hammer toe issues.

I was not willing to endure the familial harassment and lack of benefits to continue my foot experiment. I am choosing to go the traditional route of wearing shoes at all times and investing in some good socks and supportive shoes.

Happy Feet is a great

gimmick, but I am giving them 1 alligator. There's no possible way you could even fit them in your shoes to make them useful outside of the home. And they don't seem to do much.

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



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Sweater weather sweet

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Even though last weekend was gloriously warm, sweater weather is in our future and pumpkin everything has been released. Pumpkin bread, muffins, lattes and even pumpkin pasta and pumpkin butter are all the rage this time of year. Just head to Trader Joe's.

So, I had to bend and try out pumpkin mousse. It's an eight-ingredient no-bake dessert that tastes like a healthy pumpkin pie.

Some kids in my family have a lactose issue so this is a great alternative because I used coconut milk.

You can use coconut cream or full fat coconut milk. But make sure you chill the cans in the fridge prior to making. Coconut milk separates when chilled and you want the solid part.

This will make sure the mousse sets up nicely in the fridge. It's easy and a crowd pleaser. My favorite part is the crunchy cookie topping.

Cheers, Mombeau

Pumpkin Mousse

- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 2 cans coconut cream, solids only
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ¼ tsp allspice
- 8 tbsp sugar

Pepperidge Farm Bordeaux cookies, crumbled

Place the pumpkin puree, coconut cream solids (or full fat coconut milk), vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, and sugar into a blender and blend until smooth and a bit frothy.

Once combined, divide between four glass jars and refrigerate until firm, about two hours.

I couldn't wait that long but did last 30 minutes. Top with crushed Pepperidge Farm Bordeaux cookies for a nice crunch.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

What is WINO?

Sonoma County, often called "the other wine country," is larger and more diverse than its better-known neighbor, Napa.

It has more wine-tasting facilities, hosts dozens of hospitality events (weddings, concerts, charity wine auctions) and has faced complaints from numerous residents upset over traffic, noise, litter and more.

Ancillary events bring tourist dollars, so after decades of discussion, the county now plans to codify rules that will define what a winery can and cannot do — a dilemma that has faced many tourist-oriented areas over the decades.

For instance, can wineries host weddings?

Decades ago, I visited a winery (not in the United States) that was designed in a long, narrow shape. Its sole purpose was to have large lawns on each side of the building's two separate entrances.

The hospitality director said the idea was to design a facility that could host two weddings on the same day, even at the same hour, with neither party aware the other was there.

Getting married at a winery can be elegant.

Wineries can be gorgeous and can provide wine for guests (for a fee, of course), catering (fee), music (fee) and other services (fees).

Weddings can be complicated. This, said the hospitality director, was a one-stop wedding shop.

In this case, the winery produced ordinary wines that were outrageously expensive, I concluded. Then it hit me: This wasn't a winery; it was a WINO — a winery in name only. Wine was an afterthought. It was a "wedding place" calling itself a winery.

This sort of business might not be allowed in the Napa Valley, which struggled for years trying to define just what a winery was.

After a simmering-then-boiling debate that pitted residents against the wine industry, compromises were reached that dealt with lots more than just "can a winery do weddings?"

Questions could be knotty. Some early-founded wineries in Napa had always done things properly and shouldn't be penalized, they argued. Many demanded to be grandfathered in.

The original debate

also included questions of whether a winery could have a cafe on site. The fear was that restaurants might become more popular than the winery.

There's also questions of permits for hotels; dealing with commercial zones; parking and traffic issues (I once proposed a toll road); snacks ("palate cleansers") at tasting rooms; concerts; art displays and more.

That debate arose about the time Robert Mondavi proposed his "Mondavi Mission": a museumlike facility dedicated to wine, food and the arts. He proposed placing the building adjacent to his winery in Oakville.

Residents threw such a fit that Mondavi almost lost his right to host concerts on site, so he abandoned the Oakville site and acquired land in Napa, where he built Copia: a great idea that never took root.

The "what is a winery" debate never really ended in Napa, and now Sonoma County faces its own set of dilemmas. With about 325 tasting rooms, Sonoma will debate various issues over several months, and the Planning Commission will eventu-

ally define what a winery can and cannot do.

Whatever it decides, many will be displeased.

Wine of the Week:

2020 Babich sauvignon blanc, Marlborough (\$13): This fine producer of excellent red and white wines is located in Hawkes Bay on New Zealand's North Island. When New Zealand sauvignon blanc was becoming very popular in the United States at about \$15, the family made a stellar lower-priced wine to sell for about \$10 from acreage it bought in Marlborough on the South Island.

The wines were so good that they ramped up production and cut costs by shipping cases to itself (a "direct import" that cut out a major layer of distribution costs). That allowed Babich to sell this wine at a lower price than it normally would have.

The aroma is classic Marlborough (lime, tropical fruit, grapefruit, gooseberry), and it's drier than most. It's occasionally seen at less than \$10!



by Dan Berger

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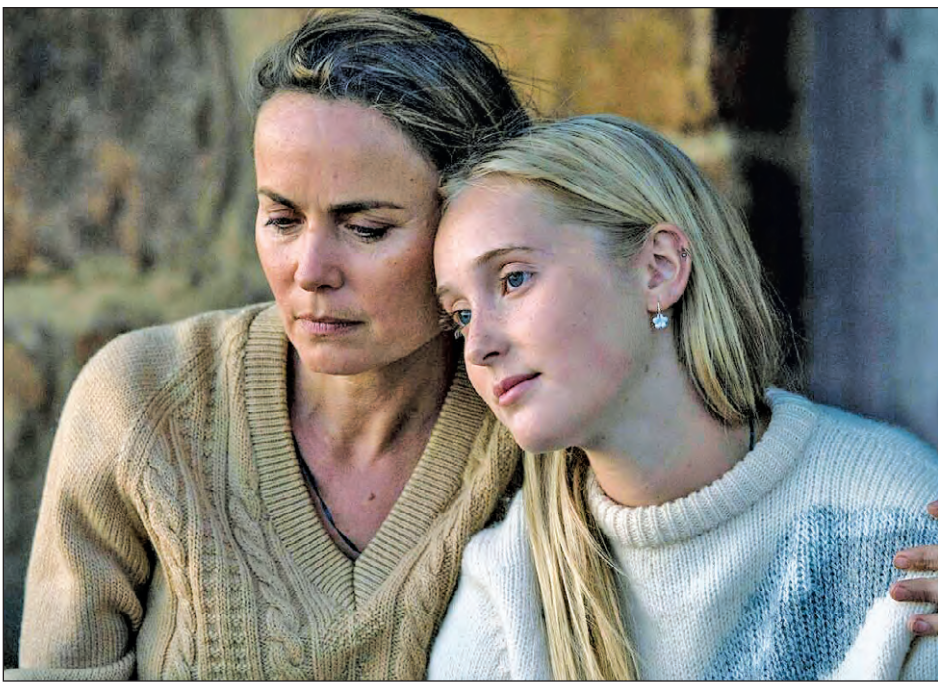
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PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCREEN AUSTRALIA SCREENWEST
 Left, Radha Mitchell as Dora and Ilsa Fogg as Teenage Abby, in the 2022 Australian drama film “Blueback,” directed by Robert Connolly.

MOVIE REVIEW
 “Blueback”
 2022 - Rated PG
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 ★★★★★☆

The title “Blueback” piqued my interest. When I read it was about a young girl who befriends a giant grouper, I was intrigued.

After I saw it was filmed in Australia, I was all in. And what a pleasant surprise it turned out to be. It’s a family-friendly new film that has something for everyone. It’s about family, mother-daughter relationships, environmental activism, and yes, cross-species friendships.

“Blueback” is based on a novella by popular Australian author Tim Winton. He co-wrote the screenplay with director Robert Connolly, who brought us 2020’s “The Dry.” I found the dialogue a bit on the cheesy side at times, but that’s OK. The story is compelling enough to pull you the viewer right in, and it

never let you go. We first encounter Abby (Mia Wasikowska), an experienced diver and marine biologist, out at sea. She’s engaged in research studying the health of the ocean floor, when she receives a call informing her that her mother Dora (Elizabeth Alexander) has suffered a serious stroke.

She returns to western Australia to take her mother home from the hospital. There she hopes the familiar surroundings will help her mom heal and begin speaking again.

Then we jump back in time to Abby’s 8th birthday. She’s a little fearful of snorkeling, but under her mother’s tutelage, does a deep dive with her. She’s introduced to the magical world of undersea life.

Young Abby is played by Ariel Donoghue and her mother is Radha Mitchell, who you may have seen in countless other films.

It’s on this inaugural

dive where Abby encounters a giant blue grouper. He’s a goofy looking fish with bug eyes and a gaping mouth. The fish grabs an abalone out of the startled girl’s hand. The two stare at each other and you can sense an instant bonding between them. Abby dubs the fish “Blueback” and is later told that groupers can live up to 70 years. She’s informed that the only way to keep her new friend safe is to keep his existence a secret.

Once Abby gets a taste of the beauties of the ocean, she’s hooked. She devours books on the subject and takes up painting marine life.

A good deal of the film takes place during Abby’s teen years. The talented teen Ilsa Fogg plays her character. After seeing her fine performance here, I know she’s got a brilliant future ahead of her.

As the story continues, Abby befriends a gnarly, hard-drinking fisherman Macka (Eric Bana), who

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



sort of becomes a surrogate father to her — her real dad died when she was young. She’s also close to a fellow classmate Briggs (Pedrea Jackson as a teen and Clarence Ryan as an adult) and it soon becomes apparent they’re more than just friends.

As in most relationships between teen girls and their mothers, there’s plenty of bottled up angst. In the case here, it’s brought on largely by Dora’s environmental activism. She not only fights to protect the coastal waters from over fishing, but also opposes real estate developers who want to build on and spoil the gorgeous oceanfront property. But she’s also responsible for Abby’s love of the ocean and ultimately her career path.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention the gorgeous soundtrack. The score was penned by Nigel Westlake and is performed by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Benjamin Northey.

Like most effective and well-crafted soundtracks, it adds so much to the film. One minute it evokes shimmering, undulating waves and the next it depicts the majestic power of the

ocean. I found several tracks including the “Blueback Suite” on YouTube.

If you’re looking for an entertaining, beautiful, and rewarding film the whole family will enjoy, you can’t go wrong with “Blueback.” Not only is it a heart-warming story, the scenery is nothing short of spectacular — especially the underwater scenes.

The darting schools of tropical fish, the sumptuous coral reefs, and even the touching encounters between Abby and Blueback make for some memorable movie viewing.

Streaming for free with you library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

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

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your

queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](https://www.moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



Young Abby (Ariel Donoghue) meets Blueback.



Dora (Mitchell) and Abby (Donoghue) after a dive.



Eric Bana as Macka.



Left, Abby (Fogg) with Briggs (Pedrea Jackson).



Abby (Mia Wasikowskz) gazes out at the bay.

Foundation fundraiser

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation hosted its fundraising event Sept. 9, at the home of John Francis and Kim VanElslander. More than 200 people attended the event, which raised approximately \$240,000. Over the years, many generous people have opened their homes to host the fundraiser, which is a social gathering that celebrates donors, sponsors and all who helped contribute to the foundation's projects throughout the Park. The foundation provides grants to the business district and supports a wide range of projects, along with practical and aesthetic enhancements to the city of Grosse Pointe Park.



Co-chairs Barb Detweiler, Shery Cotton and Anna Pitera thank donors and sponsors for helping raise funds for upcoming projects.



From left, Michelle Koehler, Paul Lavins, Shpresa Mamushlari and Nerita Veliu have fun taking a selfie.



The backyard was a perfect setting for the event.



John Francis and Kim VanElslander, the event hosts.

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 4:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT today (1:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, September 28, 2023:

You are charismatic, magnetic and seductive. You are also sensitive and have a strong appreciation of beauty. This is a wonderful year for you because you're reaping the rewards of past activities. Expect a promotion, award, or accolades.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

You are the artisan of the zodiac. You can do practically anything with your hands in an inventive way. Today, especially this afternoon, is a very creative time for you. You're in touch with your muse and that mystic, inner world that you know exists within you. Tonight: You win!

♉ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Because your ideals are aroused today, feelings of sympathy or empathy for someone will prompt you to help a friend if you can do so. You also might lend your energy, time or help (or financial support) to a charitable organization that helps those in need. Tonight: Solitude.

♊ GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Tread carefully today, because a good part of this day is a Moon Alert, which means it's a bad day for important decisions, as well as spending money except for gas and food. But in particular, you might be confused when dealing with authority figures. Tonight: Friendships.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Your appreciation of beauty as well as your feelings of idealism are aroused today, which might make you susceptible to some kind of religious or political propaganda. Don't take the bait. Don't fall for anything if it sounds like it's a pitch. Think for yourself. Tonight: Look sharp.

♌ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a poor day to make important financial decisions, especially about inheritances, taxes, debt, wills or estates. You can't really trust your judgment today. Get your facts and your data, but wait until tomorrow to agree to anything. Tonight: Explore!

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There could be an element of confusion or disappointment with your closest relationships today — your dealings with close friends, partners and spouses. Remember: Unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment. Today things are unclear. Just accept this. Tonight: Check your finances.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Things might be a bit confusing at work today. Don't fall for a sob story if you are suspicious that someone is pulling your chain. On the other hand, a co-worker might genuinely need your help or your understanding. If so, don't hesitate to be kind. Check the Moon Alert. Tonight: Cooperate.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Parents should be extra vigilant with children today because there's an element of confusion, especially related to poisons, bad food or danger-

ous chemicals, gas and oil. Keep your eyes open. Meanwhile, romance is tender, sensitive and disappointing. Tonight: Work.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Family discussions can be easily misunderstood today, which is why this is a poor day to agree to anything important. It's also a poor day to volunteer or agree to do a job. Just coast, but remember to be sympathetic with family members who might be hurt or upset about something. Tonight: Play!

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Many conversations today, especially with siblings, relatives or neighbors, are subject to confusion. Therefore, make no assumptions. And definitely, if you think something fishy is going on, it probably is. It's an excellent day to utilize your imagination and ability to visualize. Tonight: Relax.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Confused energy surrounds your financial situation today. This relates to your earnings, how you earn your money, how you spend your money and how you share your money. Be smart and check things out. Tonight: Conversations!

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with your ruler Neptune, which can create a strange mood. You will be very sensitive emotionally. However, you might have misunderstandings with others. Be careful about drugs and alcohol. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

BORN TODAY

Actress, singer Hilary Duff (1987), actress Naomi Watts (1968), actress Brigitte Bardot (1934).

Contract Bridge

REWARD FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 6 3
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ 10 5 2

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

EAST
♠ A Q 9 5
♥ 10 5
♦ J 5 4
♣ 9 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ J 2
♥ A K Q 6 4
♦ K 6 3
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♥
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Luck plays a substantial role in the outcome of many deals, but some poor results attributed to bad luck could be more accurately ascribed to bad management.

Take this deal where West leads a diamond against four hearts, taken by dummy's queen. South cashes the K-A of trump and A-K of diamonds, then leads a low spade to the king. East wins with the ace and returns the nine of clubs, won by West with the jack. Back comes a spade to East's queen, and when East returns another club, South finesses again and goes

down one. Of course, declarer is unlucky to find the ace of spades and K-J of clubs all badly placed. Furthermore, it would not have helped him to attack clubs first. He would have run into the same dead end and gone down one against best defense.

While there is no way to assure the contract against every possible lie of the cards, South can increase his chances considerably by playing the spades differently. After drawing trump and cashing the top diamonds, he should lead a low spade from dummy toward his J-2.

This approach pays handsome dividends. East goes up with the queen of spades and returns a club. South plays low and is now certain to make the contract. West takes his jack of clubs but cannot return a club or a diamond without handing declarer a trick. And if he leads a spade, East takes the ace, but dummy's king then provides a parking place for the queen of clubs.

The advantage of the low spade lead from dummy is that it guarantees the contract if East has the queen. Even if West has the queen, South still gets home safely if West has the ace of spades or East the king of clubs. The recommended play thus gives declarer an extra chance to make the contract by making use of the potential positional value of the jack of spades instead of treating it as a worthless card.

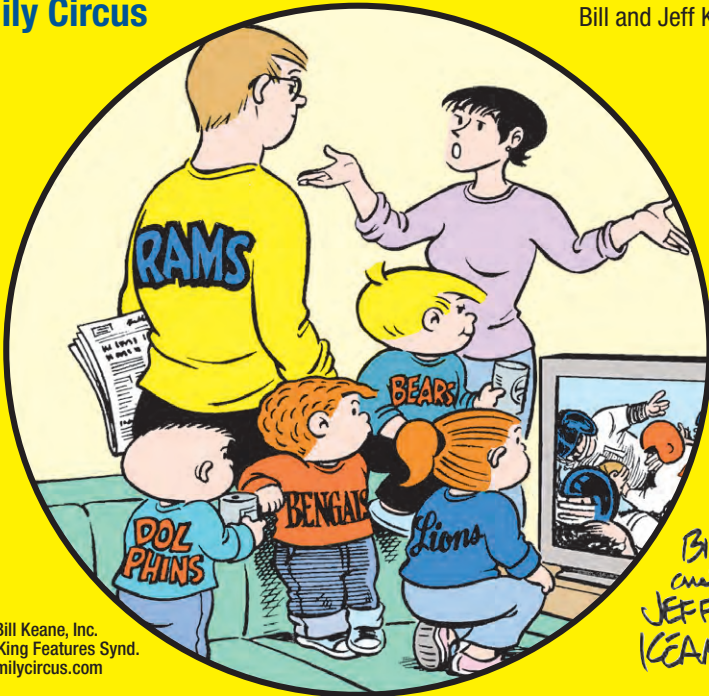
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"Somehow I feel like a zookeeper."

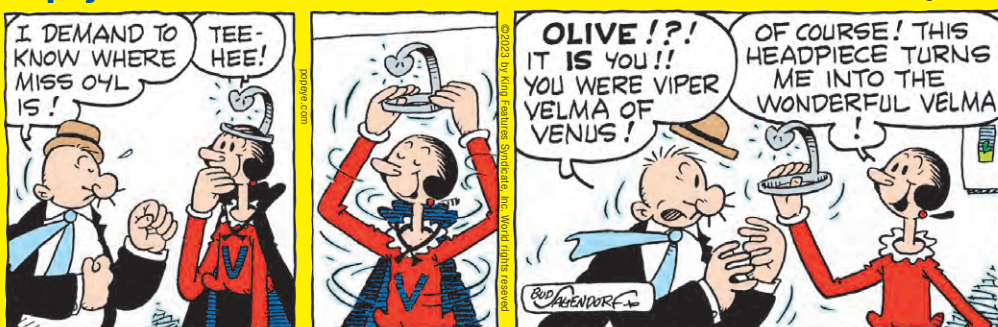
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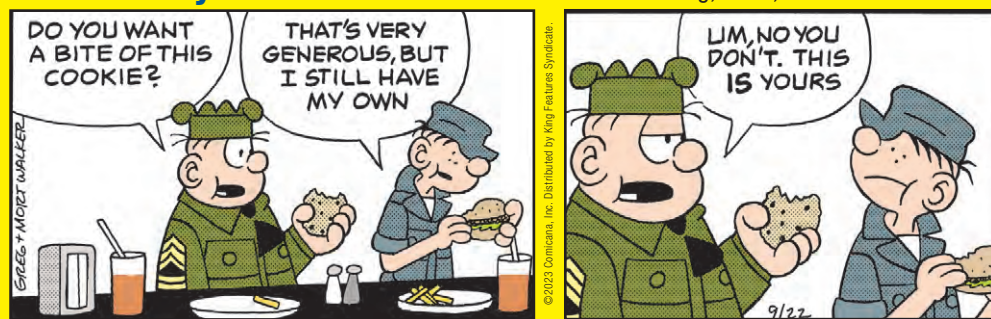
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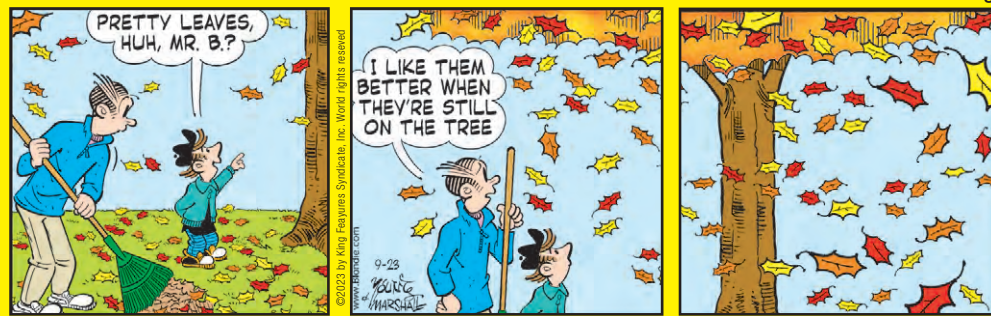
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Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



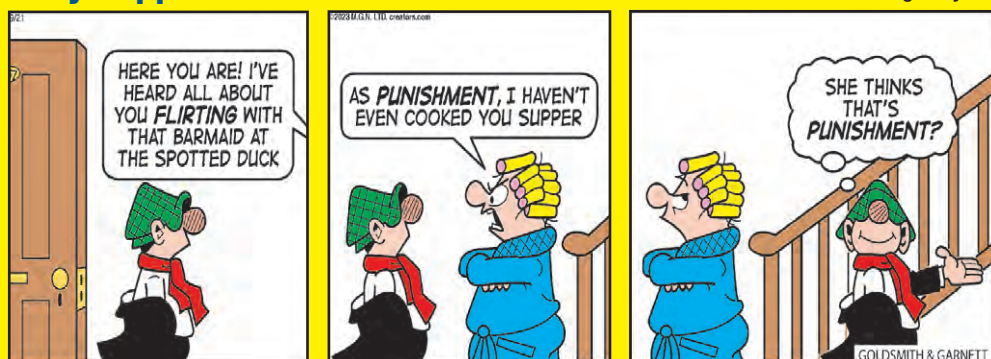
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Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

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



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

3	4	2	1	9	5	7	8	6	
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9	8	1	2	7	3	5	6	4	
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9/28 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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9/21 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 28, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Insects that farm aphids
- 5 Subtle attention-getter
- 9 Island greeting meaning "peace"
- 14 What less is, in a saying
- 15 Unit of popularity on social media
- 16 Rise up (against)
- 17 "Queen or king, but not jack or ace"
- 19 Native New Zealander
- 20 Medium's "skill"
- 21 From the start
- 22 Most rational
- 23 All-inclusive getaways
- 25 Author
- 26 Opposition vote
- 27 "Some challenging exams for students"
- 32 Archipelago part
- 35 Large gulp
- 36 Tribe for which a lake and canal are named
- 37 Like some headphones, and a hint to making sense of the answers to the starred clues
- 40 Sleeveless undergarment, for short

- 41 Follow, as orders
- 42 Japanese port city
- 43 "Did an impression of 'Quit yanking my udder!'"
- 46 Neither here nor there
- 47 "I didn't do it!"
- 51 Consideration
- 55 Irked
- 56 Largest Chinese ethnic group
- 57 How a book is read during story time
- 58 "Tube used in some operations"
- 60 Steakhouse choice
- 61 Make, as money
- 62 Yen
- 63 Sushi bar drinks
- 64 New Age Irish singer
- 65 Get closer to

- 11 Double-reefed woodwind
- 12 That girl's
- 13 Landed
- 18 Martial art whose name means "empty hand"
- 22 Marsh plant
- 24 First birthday suit, perhaps
- 25 Expensive: Var.
- 27 Possessed
- 28 "The Simpsons" bully with a distinctive laugh
- 29 Opera solo
- 30 Protagonist of The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild
- 31 Nintendo competitor
- 32 Native
- 33 Peruvian
- 34 Daytime TV show
- 35 "Bizkit"

- 36 Dueler's sword
- 38 Crayola's macaroni and cheese, e.g.
- 39 Make less tight
- 44 Battery terminals
- 45 A lot of boats?
- 47 "Don't about it"
- 48 When repeated, calming words
- 49 Japanese comics style
- 50 Input, as data
- 51 Part of the food pyramid
- 52 Actress Jessica
- 53 Prepare a meal
- 54 Melody
- 55 Big fan, informally
- 58 "Told ya!"
- 59 Rev, as an engine

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	R	B	Y	S	W	W	I	B	L	A	B					
M	U	R	A	L	I	A	N	D	I	O	D					
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9/21 Solution

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The Sound of Silence by Sam Brady

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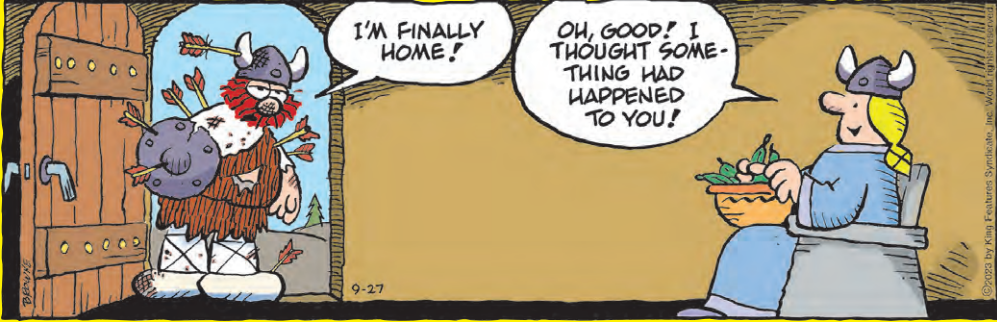
Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



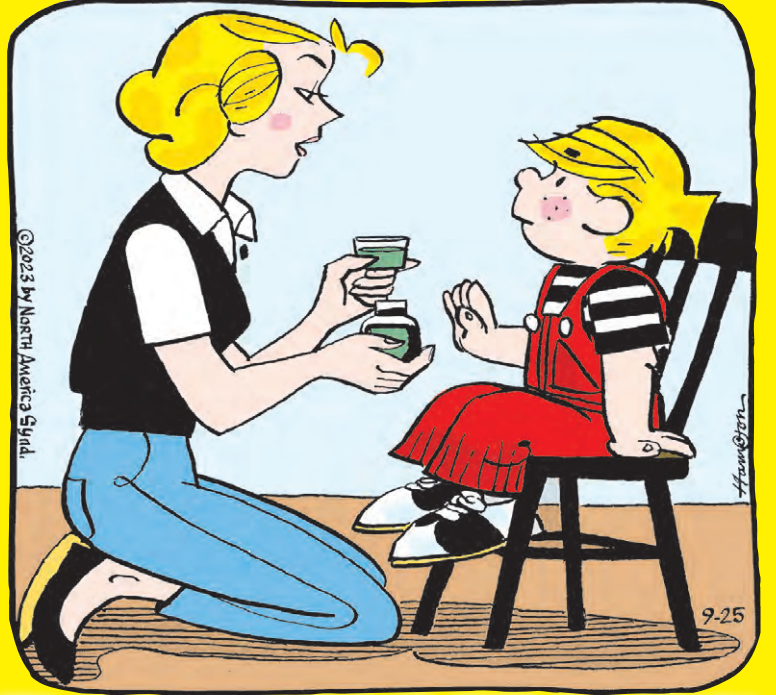
Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

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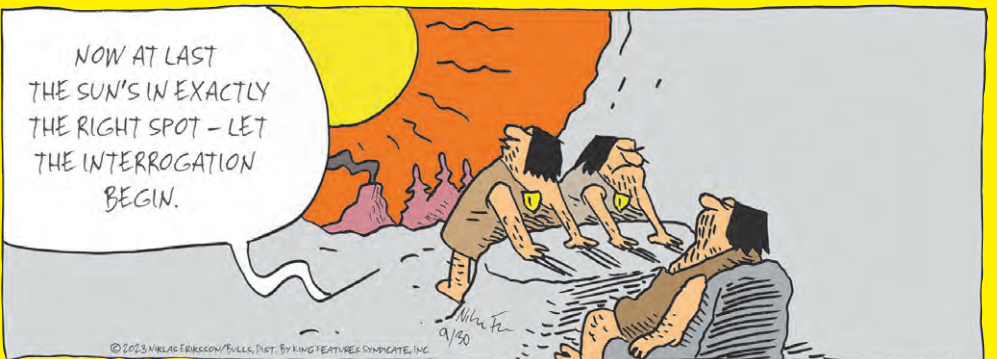
Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



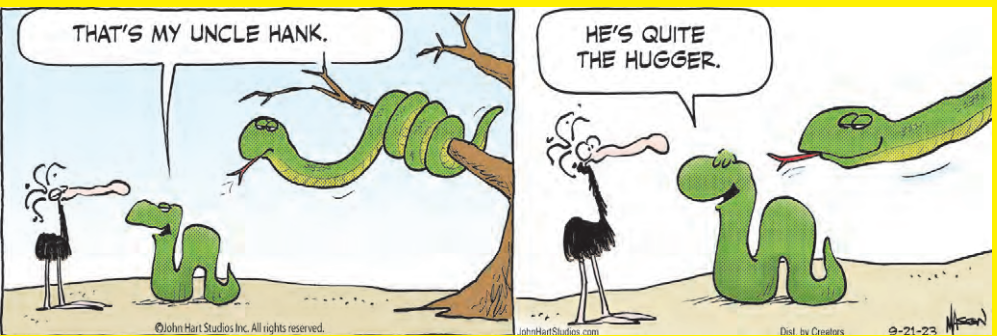
Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Wumbo

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Reality Check

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Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



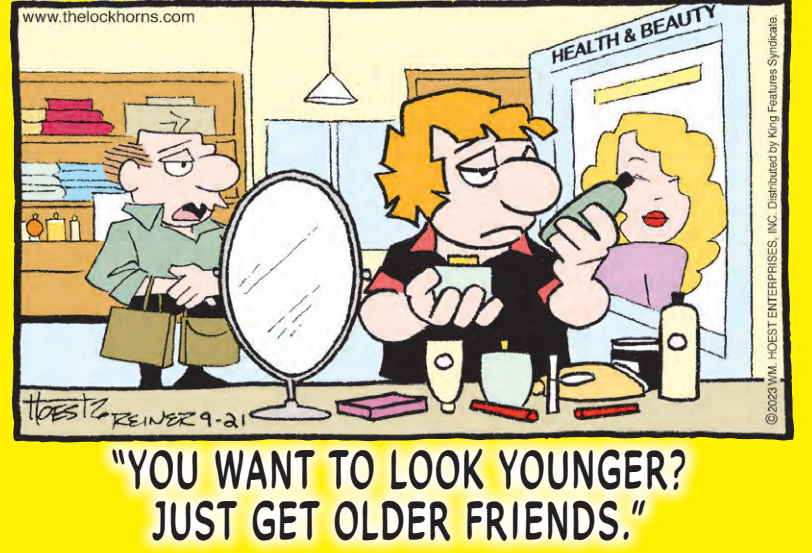
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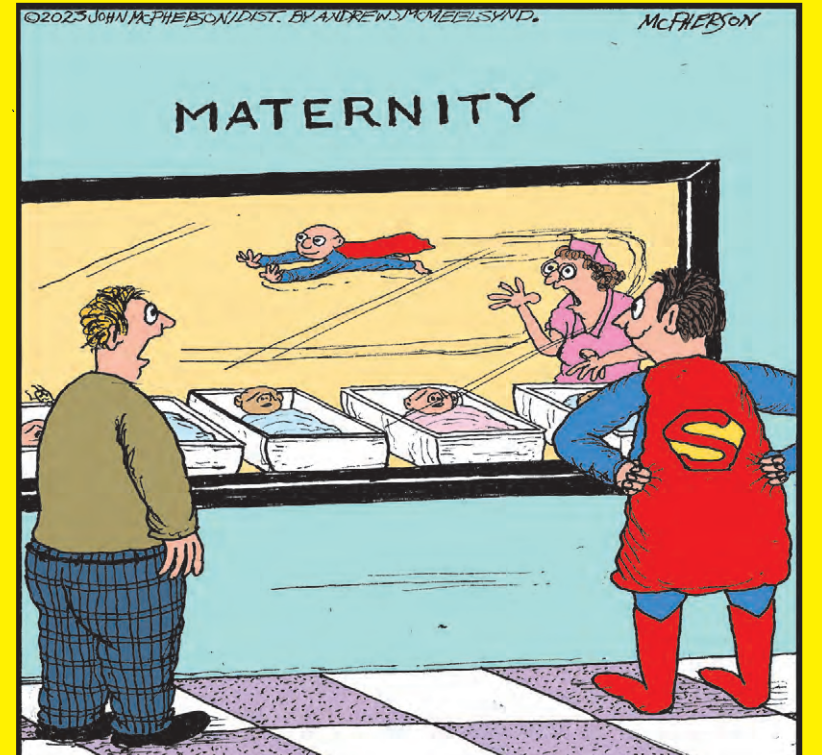
The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Close To Home

John McPherson



The pictures below tell a silly story, but they're out of order. Can you number them to show the correct order? On another sheet of paper, write the story in words.

BE A REPORTER!

Are you curious? Do you like to ask questions? Then you might want to be a reporter!

Below is a silly news story written by an imaginary reporter named I.B. Curious. It's a news report that could have happened in this fairy tale:

Use the code!

- = A
- = C
- = D
- = E
- = I
- = L
- = N
- = R

What's a Reporter?

Reporters, also called journalists, gather facts to tell people what is happening.

Some reporters work for newspapers. Some work for online news. Some work for television news or radio news. There are many ways to be a reporter.

PAGE 2A

Fairyland Morning Post

SHOE FOUND: PRINCE SEARCHES FOR OWNER

By I.B. Curious
STAFF WRITER

FAIRYLAND PALACE – Just after midnight last night, the Prince of Fairyland found a glass slipper on the grand stairway outside the palace entrance, according to Captain Turret of the Palace Guard.



His majesty Prince Kevin III.

“Prince Kevin III met a young woman last evening at the Royal Ball,” said Captain Turret. “His majesty wished to ask her out on a date. But the young woman suddenly ran off, just as the clock struck midnight.”

Several guests reported seeing the mysterious woman speeding off in a beautiful, golden coach pulled by a team of white horses. Dozens of witnesses said that she appeared to be wearing only one sparkling shoe.

Captain Turret revealed that Prince Kevin III discovered a single glass slipper on the staircase moments later.

“His majesty has declared that he will lead the search to find the young woman, visiting every house in the kingdom to find the woman whose foot fits this tiny shoe,” said Turret.

An official announcement from the Prince’s assistant requested that anyone with any information about the identity or location of the unknown woman contact the nearest Palace guard immediately.

Your News Report

Follow the steps below to write a news report about an event in your classroom, at your school, or in your neighborhood.

STEP 1

Pick something to report about. It should be about an upcoming event. Answer each of the following questions about the event.

1. What is happening?

2. When will it happen?

3. Where will it happen?

4. Why will it happen?

5. Who is involved?

6. Add additional facts or details.

STEP 2

Ask people about this event. Write down what they say. You might find a way to include a quote from one or more in your news report.

STEP 3

Use your notes to write a report about the event. Fill in the blanks or write it on another piece of paper.

_____ announced that _____
WHO WHAT

will be happening at the _____
WHERE

on _____ said, “_____
WHEN (DAY OR DATE) WHO

QUOTE SHOULD BE ABOUT WHY THE EVENT IS HAPPENING

STEP 4

Draw a picture or take a picture.

Below the picture, write a caption telling who or what is in the picture.



Extra! Extra! Fact Check

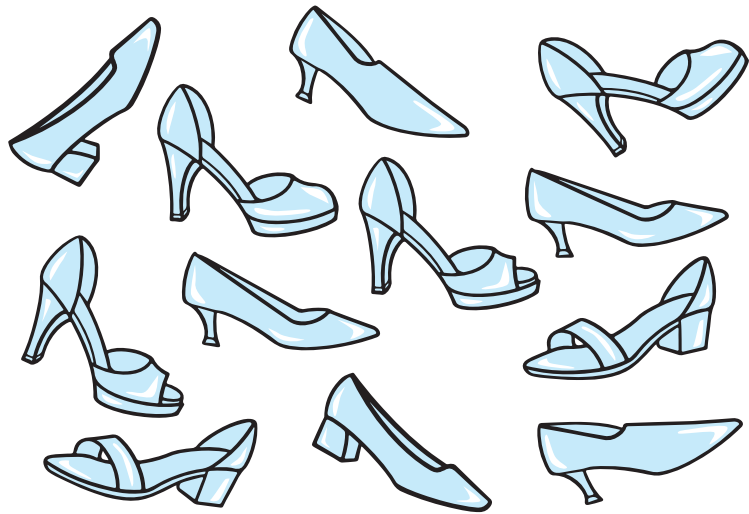
Real news articles report on facts. Look through a page of a newspaper. Underline facts in green. Circle opinions in red.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Matching Glass Slippers

Can you match each pair of glass slippers in under two minutes?



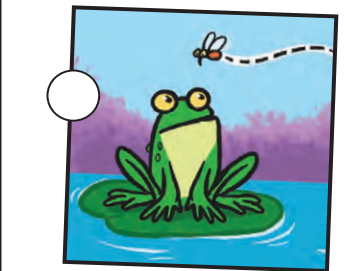
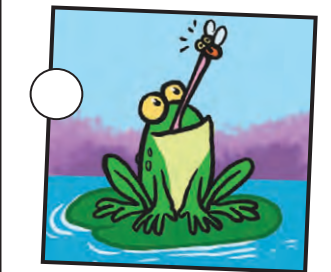
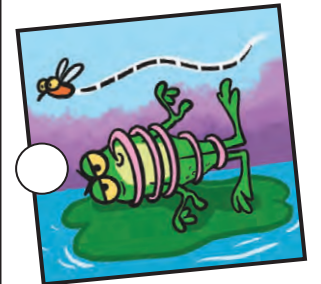
Double Double Word Search

- CLOCK
- DETAILS
- EVENT
- FACT
- GATHER
- MIDNIGHT
- NEWS
- PRINCE
- QUOTE
- RAN
- REPORT
- SHOE
- TINY
- WORK
- WRITE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CURIOS**

The adjective **curious** means eager to learn or know.

Daphne was **curious** about the history of her school.

Try to use the word **curious** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

Find the Question

Read an article in the newspaper. What questions did the reporter ask to get the information in the article? What questions would you ask?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand and interpret quotations in expository text.

Why was it so difficult for Cinderella to improve her soccer skills?

ANSWER: Her coach was a pumpkin!

Write On! Report On It!

Write a report about some news in your life. Be sure to include facts about **who**, **what**, **where**, and **when**.

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South football uses grit, toughness in big win over No. 7 Roseville

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South football team had its work cut out for it last Friday, Sept. 22, going on the road to face Roseville. The Panthers entered the game ranked as the No. 7 team in Division 2 according to the Associated Press, but South did not let any kind of ranking get in their way. The Blue Devils combined strong defense, some luck on special teams and gritty, hard-nosed football to pull out the win 16-7.

“We knew this team was going to have athletes and size and they were playing for all the same things we are,” South head football coach Chad Hepner said after the win. “I told the team that we earned this win tonight but I think we earned this game in all of our preparation.”

The low final score reflects just how tight things were for much of the game, and how both teams played stout defense. South’s defense made the first big play



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South QB Jack Lupo stiff-arms a Roseville defender away to avoid a sack in the Blue Devils' 16-7 win over the Panthers.

with an early interception by Alexander Rothis. However, the Blue Devils would end up turning the ball over themselves on the ensuing drive.

The first points of the game did not come until there were around three

minutes left to go in the second quarter when South’s C.J. Rosati made a field goal to put the Blue Devils up 3-0. Before halftime, Roseville was able to strike and take the lead on a touchdown catch by

junior Desmond Straughton that required some impressive moves for him to get into the end zone.

With South trailing 7-3 entering the second half, the Blue Devils needed a big play of their own to

get the lead and momentum back. They got just that about midway through the third quarter with a game-changing play on special teams. Junior Conrad Squitieri burst through the line to help block a Roseville

punt, which he then scooped up and took to the house to put South back in front 9-7.

“Going into the half it was a little tough because (Roseville) had the big play right before and they had a bit of momentum,” Hepner said. “I told the guys at half they need to put that behind them, then a play like that (punt block), it energizes the whole sideline.”

South’s defense continued to give the Panthers fits throughout the second half. The blocked punt resulted in the only points of the third quarter, and nothing else was added to the scoreboard until there were five minutes left in the game.

That just happened to be more points in favor of the Blue Devils. South spent much of the fourth quarter running the ball right at Roseville, and the Panthers had no answers to stop it. A long Blue Devils’ drive was capped off with a touchdown run by quarterback Jack Lupo on a

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Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Fans at Liggett football games this season probably would never guess that the Knights’ emerging star running back had never played high school football before. Gary Stacy is in his junior year at Liggett and playing his first season of varsity football, and so far his decision to get out on the gridiron has paid off.

“Growing up I was really mostly a hockey and baseball player,” Stacy said. “I played football up until about fifth grade then stopped because my hockey journey really accelerated and I started playing Triple-A for Little Caesars...I started playing high school hockey and then last year I thought about playing football...This year I

finally felt like I missed football a lot and my friends were pushing me to come play. I figured I have two years left in high school so I have to try everything.”

While seeing the way Stacy runs might make fans think he is a seasoned veteran on the football field, this is really his first time playing organized football since playing for a bit in elementary school at St. Isaac Jogues in St. Clair Shores.

In just five games this season, Stacy has rushed for 770 yards and

reached the end zone 14 times. With numbers like these, it might seem as though Stacy has had no trouble adjusting to high school football. However, getting himself mentally and physically prepared to put the pads on and get back out on the field was still a process.

“I had a lot to learn and I spent a lot of free time studying trying to catch up,” Stacy said. “My athleticism was there, but there’s little aspects of football I didn’t know about because I haven’t been playing for long, but that really helped me this year.”

Stacy’s coaches helped a lot with getting the running back caught up on the game and into varsity football shape. To them, based on what they saw from Stacy during the offseason, it is no surprise that he has had so

much success on the field lately.

“He worked a lot over the summer to get himself in shape and do the things that he’s been doing,” Liggett football head coach Kevin Glenn said. “He’s a very coachable kid too. That’s one thing that individuals sometimes miss in high school is being a coachable player and taking everything a coach tells you and making sure you translate it into the game. He does a wonderful job of doing that.”

One of the things that has made Stacy’s transition into high school a success, he believes, is the work of his offensive line. Any good running back knows that having strong chemistry with the offensive line on and off the field is crucial. For Stacy, he makes sure that he and his offensive linemen are always on the same page.

“We’ve been starting to gel and you can really see it off the field in school,” Stacy said. “We’re always talking about having a big game coming up and what we’re going to do and look for in certain situations. I know where



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett junior RB Gary Stacy takes off with the ball in a game against Lutheran Westland on Aug. 31. Stacy rushed for four touchdowns in that game.

they’re going to be and they know where I’m trying to be so it really helps the run game go smoothly.”

With the combination of the offensive line and Stacy’s athleticism, Liggett’s running game has looked like a well oiled machine. He also credits his coaches with being able to unlock his abilities and call the right plays at the right time to

set up Stacy and the rest of the offense for success.

Liggett had a major overhaul of its football coaching staff this off-season, and Stacy has enjoyed the mentorship that the new coaches provide. Head coach Kevin Glenn has nearly two decades of professional playing experi-

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Go Gary Go!

- 770 Rushing yds. & 14 TDs in 5 games
- Scored 5 TDs against Our Lady of the Lakes on Sept. 15
- Currently playing first ever season of varsity football

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ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK

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2D | FOOTBALL

Knights valiant comeback effort falls short

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Despite facing a 25-0 deficit at halftime against Everest Collegiate Friday, Sept. 22, University Liggett's varsity football team shook off its slow start and nearly reached the summit in an epic second-half comeback, only to fall short to the Mountaineers in the game's final moments, 31-29.

"It was just one of those things where mentally we were not in it," Liggett head coach Kevin Glenn said of his team's first half. "(Everest) had a lot of things bounce their way...the momentum shifts where you go up and then go down."

Glenn said the Knights needed to regain their focus and execute against a tough opponent like Everest.

"They are a big rival in the league, and are one of the top teams picked to win it," he said. "When you have those types of games you want the least amount of mistakes. But that first half was more like anything that could go wrong, was going wrong for us."

In the first half, Everest scored fast and with frequency, frustrating the Knights on both sides of the ball. By the six-minute mark of the second, Everest scored three touchdowns, the second one of which saw the Mountaineers connect on a two-point conversion.

With just 14 left in the second quarter, they added a field goal, ending the half with a 25-0 lead and holding the keys to a potential blowout.

"I challenged our guys at halftime," Glenn said. "Defensively, (our) guys were lining up in the wrong gaps the first half. In the second half, guys were in the right gaps and the right areas where they needed to be."

The key for Liggett's offense for the final 30 minutes whittled down to execution, according to Glenn.

"We need our offensive line to block to allow our quarterback to get the ball to one of our talented receivers," he said. "That's what gave us the momentum."

The Knights began their comeback climb by pulling together a second half that included 29 unanswered points, giving it all the thrills and action their first half of football lacked.

"We began to minimize our mistakes," Glenn said of his team's second half. "But that's the part about sports that I enjoy. You're gonna hit some bumps but it's really just about how you rebound and respond."

Liggett answered by striking first in the second half. With 7:09 left in the quarter, sophomore quarterback Nikkos Davis connected a 37-yard pass to Santino Cicarella to get the Knights on the board.

Down 25-7, the ensuing kickoff involved some



PHOTOS BY MEG LEONARD

A wide open Santino Cicarella pulls in his second touchdown of the game for Liggett last Friday.

team for a touchdown on a kickoff.

"I might have to go back and check the rules," Glenn quipped.

Ultimately, the Knights took over at the 10-yard line, and took advantage quickly.

After a false start

'This was a great opportunity for us to grow as a program and for the players as young men...this is just another step along the way for the type of program we are trying to create. I'm very proud of them and it showed a lot of character.'

KEVIN GLENN,
HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH
UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

intrigue when the Mountaineers fumbled the ball near the 10-yard line. Liggett scooped up the ball and took it into the endzone on what looked like a live ball and a touchdown.

Though ruled a fumble, officials determined the ball could not be advanced by the kicking

backed them up to the 15, Davis threw to a wide open Cicarella for a touchdown that closed the gap to 25-14 with 5:03 left in the third.

Bouncing back and scoring a touchdown was a key moment in the game, according to Glenn.

"It's very important you show some resilience when you get points taken off the board. You want to get them right back," he said. "You don't want to settle for three or not get the touchdown."

The excitement kept building from there, when Davis scored on a keeper, and then ran in the two-point conversion to make it a 25-22 game.

With seven minutes

left, running back Gary Stacy ran it into the endzone to put Liggett up 29-25 after kicking the extra point.

Being part of a comeback like this shows just how much the Knights believe in themselves, Glenn said.

"When you go down like that, it can really send a team spiraling," he said. "But to come back and respond...I told our team at halftime, you might as well go out and shoot your shot. Don't hold anything back."

The Knights held the Mountaineers scoreless for most of the half, but that ended with just a few minutes left in the game when junior running back Kevin Cronin

intercepted a pass to secure the Mountaineers win.

Though his team fell short, Glenn said this is the type of game that holds value for everyone on the field.

"This was a great opportunity for us to grow as a program and for the players as young men," he said. "...this is just another step along the way for the type of program we are trying to create."

"I'm very proud of them and it showed a lot of character."

The loss moves the Knights to 3-2 on the season.

Up Next in Week 6: The Knights host Cabrini at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29,

along with senior night.

"The thing I want to improve right away is our attention to detail and consistency. We watch film, and I know they can do it, because they do it more often than not. It's a coach's nightmare when the coach has to keep saying the same thing to them."

"For us, it's techniques and skills, and we want consistency in their effort."

Glenn said he will caution his team that their opponent will be ready for the Knights.

"Cabrini is gonna play hard," he said. "It's probably personal for them being scheduled on a homecoming — as a football player, you don't



Liggett quarterback Nikkos Davis scrambles for gain in the first quarter.

took in what turned out to be a game-winning touchdown for Everest from the five-yard line.

Moments later, defensive back Oliver Neiman

for Liggett's annual homecoming game. For Glenn, he will demand focus from his players in a game that will celebrate homecoming festivities,

ever want to be scheduled for someone else's homecoming game. We just have to make sure we don't duplicate that first half (like last week.)"

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two-yard QB sneak that helped cap off the 16-7 win for South.

Lupo completed seven of 15 passing attempts for just 56 yards, but had 22 rushing yards to go along with his touchdown on the ground. South's leading rusher was Lex Wilson, who amassed 36 yards on nine carries. Wilson also led the Blue Devils in

tackles on defense with ten, while Andrew Pazuchowski ended the night with two sacks.

The win moves South to 4-1 on the season and 3-0 in MAC White Division play. The Blue Devils sit atop the division in a tie with Lakeview, who they will meet in two weeks on Oct. 6.

Up Next In Week 6:

Before the showdown with Lakeview, South returns home for the week to celebrate Homecoming. The Blue Devils welcome Henry Ford II as their Homecoming opponent. The Falcons are 1-4 after a 49-9 loss to Lakeview last Friday. Kickoff for South's Homecoming game is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's defense held Roseville to just seven points last Friday night. The Panthers' offense entered the night averaging over 40 points per game.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES,
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
OF ORDINANCE NO. 279

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting held on September 19, 2023, the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council passed Ordinance No. 279.

Ordinance No. 279 amends Section 4-1 of Chapter 4 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding Dangerous Dogs and Pit Bulls.

A copy of Ordinance No. 279 is available for public inspection at the City Offices.

Bruce R. Nichols
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Grosse Pointe News

Norsemen trump Titans 27-20, QB leads team to homecoming win

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Before the homecoming floats even had the chance to line the track, or excited fans could settle into the stands, Grosse Pointe North's varsity football team found themselves down 7-0 on the second play from scrimmage against Warren Woods Tower Friday, Sept. 22.

But that early deficit poised Norsemen senior quarterback Ryan Henderson with a chance to earn the nickname of "Joe Cool" from his head coach, thanks to Henderson leading his team throughout a 27-20 nail-biting win, on a night he was also crowned North's homecoming king.

"He wears No. 16," Drouin said of his starting quarterback. "He reminds me a lot of Joe Montana. He's Joe Cool. He's got ice in his veins."

Exhibit A: North's first score of the game, which came on a 66-yard drive led by Henderson, who punched into the endzone on a keeper from the one-yard line with 1:02 in the first quarter. A successful two-point conversion from Henderson to junior wide receiver Sebastien Rouse gave North an 8-7 lead.

"(Ryan) showed it last week, he showed it this week. He will make plays," Drouin said. "A year ago, I would have compared him to Joe Flacco, where he is just gonna play through a game. This year, he's one who can win it for us."

The score remained as each team's defenses stood tall, with North taking over on downs as the quarter drew to a close.

North's offense started cooking again in the second quarter. Starting with great field position thanks to a fourth down stop by the defense at



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee: Senior quarterback Ryan Henderson takes it into the endzone in the first quarter against Warren Woods Tower.

the Titans' 35-yard-line, Henderson scrambled to the 19. Junior wide receiver Leo Perettie caught a short pass and took it to the three-yard line, giving North first and goal. After no gain on second down and a time out called by North, Perettie scored to give the Norsemen a 14-7 lead with 9:30 left in the second quarter.

North stopped Woods Tower on its next series and took advantage of a bad snap on the punt to set up on their own 45.

After a Perettie catch brought North to the Woods Tower 22-yard line, junior running back Ethan Hamilton got North into the red zone. On first and goal, Hamilton took the handoff, swept right and evaded the defense on his way to an 8-yard touchdown run.

A missed PAT gave North a 21-7 lead with 5:24 to go before halftime.

Drouin said he liked

how his team responded after falling behind early.

"I told them we got a lot of game left," he said. "We have a fast-track offense and we know we can keep up."

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JOE DROUIN, HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH GROSSE POINTE NORTH ON HIS QUARTERBACK RYAN HENDERSON

Woods Tower closed out the half with an interception on Henderson with a minute left.

Receiving the ball in the second half, North found itself driving, but fumbled the ball on the Titans' 20-yard line. Woods Tower powered its way down to the Norsemen 10-yard line. After a defensive stuff at the goal line, Titans junior running back Dominic Gumtow ran it in untouched for the

score.

On the failed point after, North's senior defensive end Brady Beers tipped and intercepted the ball to keep it a 21-13 game with 2:22 left in the third quarter.

Things got more interesting from there. North swung right back with 15.9 seconds

left in the third on a 44-yard Henderson pass to Rouse for a 27-13 lead.

Then it was Woods Tower's turn, scoring from the two-yard line with just over six minutes left in the game. A successful two-point conversion made it a 27-20 game, putting the Titans just one touchdown away from a tie game.

North failed to score on its next drive, giving the Titans the ball back with 2:10 left. The Norsemen defense held its ground, breaking up passes and capitalizing on penalties against

Woods Tower.

On third-and-10 from the 50-yard line, Titans quarterback Johnny Pondo threw a pass that was nearly intercepted by Beers. With one last shot to tie the game on fourth down and 37 seconds on the clock, Beers rushed Pondo, causing an off-balance throw that went incomplete.

Drouin praised Beers' performance.

"Brady has grown up a lot as a leader. He's been here for three years on varsity, he has really bought into the system," he said. "He is one of those kids that is the foundation, he's a rock right there."

"He plays both ways, he had the interception on the PAT, he had a big bat down there. He finds a way to make plays. He's 6'5, a big frame, he's been doing things right."

With just seconds left, North took over on downs and ran out the clock, holding on for the 27-20 win.

"We thought for a minute it was going to be video game numbers

and it ended up being one where we were able to use the clock," Drouin said. "If you look at what we have done in the past, we're only averaging 4.2 plays a drive. So we did have some long drives and we were able to use the clock to our advantage (tonight)."

Drouin said his team faced a lot of distractions and some players missed practices due to illnesses during homecoming week, but that he is proud of how his team worked past it.

"This game showed us who we have...I mean (the grind of the season) wears on you," he said. "We had the extended halftime, you sit and sit and sit, you've got momentum going, you know, everyone has to do their part."

"We asked everybody to keep their focus. It's just one of those things you've got to do. They dealt with it and they overcame it."

Henderson was 15-for-22 with 237 yards passing yards and one interception, one rushing touchdown and one touchdown pass on 11 drives. Perettie had eight catches for 105 yards, while Rouse had three catches for 70 yards. Beers had an interception, two pass break-ups, two quarterback hurries and 1.5 tackles for loss.

Up next in Week 6: North plays away at Lake Shore at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. Drouin said his focus will be on getting his team healthy and well-prepared for this week, starting with giving the team a small break last Saturday for North's homecoming dance.

"We normally do film and lift in the morning, but we are taking it off so they can rest and get themselves ready. But we will prepare like we do every week. We run a fast, quick-paced practice and we try to get in and out and we kind of showed (tonight) who we are with that (type of preparation)."

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ence, the offensive coordinator, Andre Rison, has a Super Bowl ring on his finger and the running backs coach Pierre Walker is a former Division I college standout, and all that experi-

ence is helping put Stacy and the program on the right track.

"All of our coaches have so much experience," Stacy said. "My running back coach Pierre (Walker) helps so much. He sends me film all the time of little things that can help elevate my game and in practice and after

practice he'll run through stuff from the week that really helps me prepare."

Stacy and the Knights are back in action on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. for Liggett's homecoming game against Cabrini.

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Stacy, a junior, is currently playing his first season of varsity high school football after spending many years focused on playing hockey.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY AND HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY AND HARPER WOODS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. That any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 23, 2023

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at their local clerk's office (see locations below) at the following times: Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm; Saturday, October 30th from 8:00am to 4:00pm; and Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that registered voters will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

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Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote.

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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 HOMECOMING GAME

A parade, marching bands and a student section full of Norsemen Tide spirit team members made the atmosphere electric at North's annual homecoming game Friday, Sept. 22.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



BOYS TENNIS

University Liggett

The University Liggett boys tennis team played in a quad match on Saturday, Sept. 23, earning one victory in matches against three schools. That win came over Romeo by a score of 7-1. Sebastian Courtright, Charlie Cooksey and Tise Courtright all got singles wins for the Knights against the Bulldogs. Tommy Ugval and Luca Marciano, Niko Cooksey and Landen Maltby and the pair of Peter Laethem and Griffin Marchal were all victorious in doubles matches.

Grosse Pointe North

North's tennis squad defeated Eisenhower in a MAC Red Division matchup last Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6-2. The Norsemen came up with big wins in the singles matches, including victories from Xavier Sarnaik, Troy Lipscomb and Luis Macres.

BOYS SOCCER

Grosse Pointe South

The Blue Devils had two MAC Red showdowns last week and played host in both games. Both matches, however, ended in losses for South. The first was on Wednesday, Sept. 20, when South fell to Stevenson 4-1. Two days later on Friday, Sept. 22, South was once again on the wrong side of a 2-0 result against Ford II.

University Liggett

The Liggett boys soccer team continued its undefeated season with two wins last week. The Knights traveled on the road last Thursday, Sept. 21, to face Jackson Lumen Christi and came away with a 3-0 victory. Liggett returned home the next day, Sept. 22, and earned another 3-0 win this time over Cass Tech.

GIRLS GOLF

Grosse Pointe North

North golfers lost 201-243 to Dakota Tuesday, Sept. 19, in a MAC Red match at Lochmoor Club. Lea Paluzzi had the best round of golf among all Norsemen, shooting 57 and coming in sixth place. Teammate Scarlett Flynn came in seventh, shooting 60, just three strokes behind Paluzzi. North wrapped up regular season play against Eisenhower Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Lochmoor after press time.

Grosse Pointe South

South beat Eisenhower on the links 175-202 Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Utica. The Blue Devils swept the top three spots, led by Lyla Hampton in first place (40), followed by Tenley Stiery and Cate Hampton, who each shot 43. South completed match play in the regular season play against Dakota Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Lochmoor after press time.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANERK

Adelina Parikh from South finished in eighth place overall at the Linden Classic.

SOUTH GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The South girls cross country team put on a show at the Linden Classic last Saturday, Sept. 23, finishing in third place overall. The Blue Devils had four runners finish inside the top 20, including junior Adelina Parikh in eighth place overall. Fellow junior Chloe Caulfield captured 13th place, freshman Calisse Budek finished 16th and junior Sarah Koval was right behind in 17th place.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Charlotte Julien, far left, Shailee Simon and Lauren Lefebvre get in position to return a Stevenson serve.

VOLLEYBALL

The Norsemen kept rolling through the volleyball season picking up their eighth win of the year last Wednesday, Sept. 20, against Stevenson. North took the match in straight sets, winning 25-12, 25-22 and 22-16 to close things out.

South volleyball also won last Wednesday with a three-set win on the road at Utica. The Blue Devils won 25-20, 25-15 and 25-12 to maintain their slim lead in the MAC White Division. South's lead in the division is just one game over Grosse Pointe North, and the two teams faced off on Tuesday, Sept. 26, after press time. Come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week for full coverage of the rivalry match between the Norsemen and Blue Devils.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to mleonard@grossepointenews.com.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on **OCTOBER 11, 2023** at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

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Harbaugh, Blue Devils' Johnson return

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Saturday, Sept. 23, was homecoming day in Ann Arbor for the University of Michigan, and homecoming was the perfect occasion for the theme of the day where the Wolverines saw several key returns. The biggest return, of course, was the return of head coach Jim Harbaugh to the sideline after serving a three-game suspension to begin the season. One of the other big returns of the day was the return of former Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil Will Johnson, who made his first start of the season returning from injury.

"Maybe you thought that me, Rod (Moore) and Will (Johnson) were on a milk carton somewhere, but we're back," Harbaugh joked in his postgame press conference after a 31-7 victory over Rutgers.

Johnson, along with his teammate in the Wolverines' defensive secondary Rod Moore, returned to full action in the win on Saturday and was on the field for Michigan's first play of the game on defense. There were a few plays in Michigan's Sept. 10 game against UNLV in which Johnson saw action in a backup role, but the win over Rutgers seemed to make a statement that the former Blue Devil is back and ready to go for the rest of

the season.

In his return, Johnson's reputation for being a shutdown corner must have preceded him when it came to Rutgers' play calling. The Scarlet Knights rarely challenged Johnson's side of the field. While he did not finish the game with any interceptions or pass break-ups on the stat sheet, Johnson was credited with two tackles in the win including one tackle for loss.

There was one instance where Rutgers did attempt to challenge Johnson through the air, which led to the sophomore's most notable moment of the day. Rutgers' pass attempt was incomplete with Johnson covering Scarlet Knights' receiver Isaiah Washington. Johnson and Washington went up in the air and on their way down, Johnson gave Washington a slight push and then celebrated the defensive stop. Referees initially threw a flag but then picked it up and did not call a penalty on Johnson for unsportsmanlike conduct, a call that initially stumped coach Harbaugh.

"(It was) terrific sportsmanship and a very smart play and for some reason they throw a flag. That boggles the mind," he said.

While Johnson did not have the most outstanding day in the box score, his return along with the likes of Moore and



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Fans pack Michigan Stadium before kickoff of Michigan football's homecoming game against Rutgers on Sept. 23. The game marked the return of head coach Jim Harbaugh from suspension and was the first start of the season for former Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil Will Johnson.

Coach Harbaugh signals Michigan returning to its true form. It was no real surprise that impact players like Johnson, who were not completely healthy, did not see much action during Michigan's non-conference games during the

first three weeks, but the beginning of Big Ten conference play meant that it was time for the Wolverines to really get back to full strength.

Rutgers was a step up in competition for Michigan, after the non-conference schedule

made it seem as though the Wolverines were sleepwalking through games. However, Michigan still took care of business relatively easily after a slow start. The main takeaway is that the return of Harbaugh and an impact

player like Johnson seemed to help breathe new life into the Michigan football team last Saturday. It seems like Michigan fans can expect big things going forward from Johnson and the full-strength Wolverines.

2023 SPORTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



28 THURSDAY

- » 9 a.m. - GPN + GPS Girls Golf MAC Red Tournament (@Lochmoor)
- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis vs. Country Day
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis vs. TBD
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball @ Greenhills
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPN Volleyball @ Ford II
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball vs. Stevenson

29 FRIDAY

- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey vs. Country Day
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Soccer vs. Cabrini
- » 7 p.m. - ULS Football vs. Cabrini
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Football @ Lake Shore
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Football vs. Ford II (Homecoming) Anchor Bay

30 SATURDAY

- » TBD- ULS Field Hockey (CHSL Championship)
- » 8 a.m. - ULS Boys Tennis CHSL Finals (@TBD)
- » 8:30 a.m. - GPN Volleyball @ Port Huron Invitational
- » 9 a.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive Wayne Co. Meet (@GPS)
- » 9:30 a.m. - GPN Boys & Girls XC @ Hanson's Invitational

1 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

2 MONDAY

- » 12 p.m. - GPS Girls Golf @ Hanzen Tournament
- » 4:15 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey @ Marian
- » 4:15 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey @ Greenhills
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer vs. Plymouth Christian
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer @ Anchor Bay
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer @ Romeo
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey @ PCEP

3 TUESDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis vs. Troy Athens
- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis vs. Romeo
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis vs. Seaholm
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball @ Frankel Jewish Academy

- » 6 p.m. - GPN @ GPS Girls Swim & Dive
- » 6 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey vs. Marian
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPS @ GPN Volleyball

4 WEDNESDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Tennis vs. ND Prep
- » 4 p.m. - GPN Boys Tennis @ Greenhills
- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis @ Livonia Churchill
- » 4:15 p.m. - GPN @ ULS Field Hockey
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball @ Clawson
- » 6 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer vs. Sterling Heights
- » 7:30 p.m. - GPS Boys Soccer vs. Eisenhower

5 THURSDAY

- » 4:15 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey @ Mercy
- » 5 p.m. - GPS Boys + Girls XC @ Marysville
- » 6:30 p.m. - ULS Volleyball @ Sacred Heart
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPN Volleyball vs. Fraser
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball @ Ford II

6 FRIDAY

- » 4 p.m. - GPS Boys Tennis @ N. Farmington
- » 5:30 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey vs. Cranbrook
- » 5:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer @ Ann Arbor FGR
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Football @ Lakeview
- » 7 p.m. - ULS Football @ Shrine Catholic

7 SATURDAY

- » TBD - GPS Boys + Girls XC Run the Pointe
- » 9 a.m. - GPN Volleyball @ Lakeview
- » 10 a.m. - GPN Boys + Girls XC @ Wayne County Meet
- » 1 p.m. - GPN Football @ Fitzgerald

8 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

9 MONDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS Tennis vs. Grosse Ile
- » 4:30 p.m. - GPS Field Hockey @ Sacred Heart

- » 6 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer @ Lutheran Northwest
- » 7 p.m. - GPN Boys Soccer vs. Ford II
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10 TUESDAY

- » 4:30 p.m. - GPS Boys + Girls XC vs. Warren Mott
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer vs. OLSM
- » 6 p.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive vs. LCN
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball vs. Fraser

11 WEDNESDAY

- » 8 a.m. - GPS + GPN Boys Tennis MHSAA Regionals @ GPN
- » 8 a.m. - ULS Boys Tennis MHSAA Regionals @ ULS
- » 9 p.m. - GPS + GPN Girls Golf Regionals @ Farmington Hills GC
- » 4:30 p.m. - GPN Field Hockey @ Edsel Ford
- » 6:30 p.m. - GPN Volleyball vs. Utica

12 THURSDAY

- » 4:15 p.m. - ULS Field Hockey vs. Sacred Heart
- » 4:30 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer vs. Oakland Christian
- » 5 p.m. - GPS Volleyball @ Walled Lake Western

13 FRIDAY

- » 7 p.m. - GPN Football vs. Sterling Heights
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Football @ Romeo

14 SATURDAY

- » TBD- GPN Volleyball @ Chippewa Valley Tournament
- » 12:30 p.m. - GPS + GPN Boys & Girls XC @ Gabriel Richard Invite
- » 1 p.m. - ULS Football @ Cardinal Mooney

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2023, 7:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that the Grosse Pointe Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing as noticed above at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing considering the following item(s), in brief:

1. Consideration of the request of Brickworks Property Restoration on behalf of Adam Wright, regarding the property located at 251 Lincoln Avenue (Parcel No. 35-005-08-0012-004) for a variance from Section 90-405(1) of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinances, which stipulates that residential front yard fences shall be between 24 and 36 inches in height and shall be ornamental in nature. The applicant is proposing a 96-inch-high fence, including 14 brick pillars set on 42-inch footings and a security gate.

The property is located in the R-1A, Single Family Residential District Zoning Classification. Standards for variance consideration are contained in Section 90-101 of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinances.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on October 16, 2023. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall or sent via email to city@grossepointecity.org. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

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Norsemen rule the pool over Knights, Crusaders

Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

A fierce battle ensued Tuesday, Sept. 19, when Norsemen, Knights and Crusaders squared off at a girls varsity swim meet hosted by Grosse Pointe North, which swept teams from University Liggett and L'Anse Creuse North, leaving no spectator disappointed with the action.

Scored head-to-head between each team as a tri-meet, North beat Liggett 119-48 and

L'Anse Creuse North 102-77. The Crusaders topped the Knights 112-52.

"The girls have been swimming fast," said head coach Chris Trepanowski. "They swim well when they need to swim fast. A lot of girls are meeting their goal times and they are shaving time off every time we're out here."

Trepanowski noted his team's improvement overall compared to this point last year. Last season, North had three

swimmers qualify for the Wayne County meet. This year, 14 swimmers have qualified.

The head coach said with the third of the season over, he now works on his team's focus.

"We are also getting to the time in the season where it's practice after practice, and meet after meet, where it's sometimes tough to stay focused," he said. "But we are doing whatever we can to remain focused."

North appeared to be laser-focused last Tuesday, winning eight of the meet's 12 events, including the 200 medley relay of Kennedy Hasting, Cailey Hard, Avery Beal and Addie Wakefield in 1:59.49.

The Norsemen also swept the top three spots in the 200 IM, won by Beal in 2:15.60. Hard followed Beal in second place in 2:21.86, while Elliana Orlando clocked a third-place time of 2:27.43.

Wakefield took the 50 free in a speedy time of

26.24. North also took first in the 500 free (Ayla Grazioli), 200 free relay, 100 back (Lizzie Olson), 100 breast (Niya Kendall) and 400 free relay (Hard, Rylee Nugent, Wakefield and Beal).

North diver Penny Roustemis earned a score of 151.05, nearly a five-point improvement from her last competition.

Liggett took first in the 200 free, won by Liliana Haladjian in 2:18:58.

After the Norsemen's most recent win, sophomore Lauren Loper said she is encouraged by her team's continued improvement.

"I would say we are pretty good this year," she said. "I think we are doing a lot better with the incoming freshmen and I think we have a lot of talent. We are all in different places with (our skills), which is helping us to have some variety."

Loper has qualified in two events for the upcoming county meet, including the 100 fly and 100 free.



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From left, Liggett's Addie Ancona and Allie Roth are key members of Liggett's 2023 girls varsity swim team.

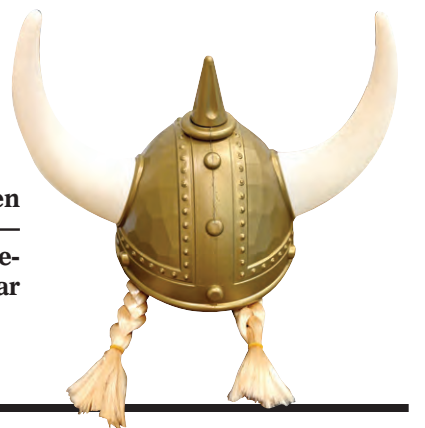
"I think I am almost there with my goals," she said "Everyday at practice I'm figuring out what are my weak points, and what are stronger points and what I can work on."

North faced Dakota away Tuesday, Sept. 26, after press

time. The Wayne County meet will take place at Grosse Pointe South beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.



Liggett's Allie Roth competes in the 100 breast.



Not all Norsemen wear capes — sometimes it's thematic head gear

Blue Devils glide past Eagles

Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Gliding to another regular season win, Grosse Pointe South's girls varsity swim team outpaced MAC Red division foe Eisenhower 128-37 in a meet hosted by the Blue Devils Tuesday, Sept 19.

South won all but one of 12 events, coming in second to Ike in the 100 back. The Blue Devils also competed against a small contingent of four swimmers from South Lake, who did not impact the overall score.

The Blue Devils took first place in the following events:

- ◆ 200 medley relay (Mischa Eng, Keira Collins, Hannah DiDio and Whitney Handwork in 1:56.97)
- ◆ 200 free (Heidi Bryan in 2:03.62)
- ◆ 200 IM (Eng in 2:12.31)
- ◆ 50 free (Handwork in

25.77)

◆ 1 meter diving (Alayna Okonoski with 218.50 points)

◆ 100 fly (Charlotte Bedsworth in 1:02.99)

◆ 100 free (Eng in 56.47)

◆ 500 free (Bryan in 5:27.97)

◆ 200 free relay (Lorelei Carr, Sloane Rosati, Ella Biter and Betty Engel in 1:54.68)

◆ 100 breast (Collins in 1:13.45)

◆ 400 free relay (Handwork, DiDio, Bryan and Eng in 3:52.43.)

South faces one of its biggest tests of the season this weekend, hosting the Wayne County meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. More than two dozen teams will compete in the event among the county's best swimmers who qualified in the first half of the season with specific time cuts in each event.



Lydia Johnson kicks it into high gear in the 100 breast last week against MAC Red foe Eisenhower.

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South's Charlotte Bedsworth outpaces Eisenhower's Grace Schutter in the 100 fly, taking first place with a time of 1:02.99.