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## Community discusses qualities of new superintendent

By Ted O'Neil  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The first community input session in the search for the next superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System brought no surprises.

"It's nothing I haven't heard before," said Jay Bennett, assistant director of executive search services for the Michigan Association of School Boards. "Pretty much every community has the same expectations when looking at the qualities they want in a superintendent."

The GPPSS Board of Education hired MASB

last month to help find a replacement for Jon Dean, who retired in August. Bennett so far has conducted two listening sessions with community members and has been meeting with district staff, including teachers and administrators, as well as student groups.

Upcoming stakeholder meetings are noon and 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Brownell Middle School and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in Cleminson Hall at Grosse Pointe South High School.

MASB also is offering residents a chance to

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## Rock on

Three seniors from Grosse Pointe South High School's varsity tennis team, from left, No. 2 doubles Jonathan Holowinski, No. 2 singles Michael Kornmeier and No. 1 doubles Shawn Coyle, paint the rock into a tennis ball at Grosse Pointe South after winning the MAC Red division championship last week. Varsity football teams from South and Grosse Pointe North also won their respective MAC division championships last weekend. Read more about it on page 1D and 2D.

**Halloween charcuterie**  
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## City homes recognized for landscaping efforts

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — "We were living in California for a number of years prior to moving back to Michigan to be closer to Candice's family and we were living in a small apartment building the time we were there," said Jarad Hutchinson, who — along with his wife, Candice — received a 2023 beautification award last week

for their home at 582 Lincoln. "So definitely coming to a home that had a yard that I could spend a little bit of time tending to, it's become a bit of a passion and pride of mine, so it's great to be recognized in this way."

Eight homes and one business were recognized for their aesthetic outer appearance during the City of Grosse Pointe 2023 Beautification Award Ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Homes are rated based on structure, landscaping, lawn and the overall attractiveness of the property.

This year's winners are:

- ◆ John Vicari for 545 Fisher,
- ◆ James and Patricia Fitzgerald for 379 Lakeland,
- ◆ Jarad and Candice Hutchinson for 582 Lincoln,

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## Suspect arraigned in Woods fatal shooting

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A 29-year-old man has been arraigned in the fatal shooting of his younger brother at a house on Brys Street last week.

According to a press release from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Edmond Doheny is charged with open murder, which carries a sentence of life in prison. He also is charged with using a firearm in the commission of a felony. He was arraigned in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court Monday, Oct. 9, and given a \$1 million cash/surety bond.

First responders were called to the house in the 1800 block of Brys, between Mack and Goethe, around 12:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6. They found Dennis Doheny, 19, in the kitchen with a gunshot wound to his



Edmond Doheny

head, Worthy's office said. The weapon police believe was used was found on the second floor of the house. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The defendant faces a probable cause conference Wednesday, Oct. 18, and a preliminary examination Wednesday, Oct. 25.

—Ted O'Neil

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From left, winners Keith Jackowski for 801 Lincoln, Jarad and Candice Hutchinson for 582 Lincoln, Sue and Donald Armbruster for 556 Rivard, and Patricia and James Fitzgerald for 379 Lakeland.

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### Danny DeKeyser

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 Former Red Wing reflects on a decade in the NHL and what lies ahead



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# Local counselor charged with CSC

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A local marriage counselor was brought before Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Judge Charles Berschback early this week, after allegedly taking advantage of the vulnerable mental state of a woman in her 30s to initiate inappropriate physical contact.

Jonathan Motschall, who operates a private practice out of his home and whose license has been active since 1990, is charged with two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct by a mental health professional.

He was referred to the woman's husband by the Catholic Church in early July, because the couple was considering divorce, but after two couples sessions, suggested individual sessions with the woman.

She alleges Motschall early on set the precedent of being "a hugger," as well as taking her hand to lead her from her car through his house and holding her hand during sessions, before beginning to push physical boundaries.

"He created an environment where someone is extremely vulnerable, extremely emotional and then used that vulnerability against the complainant," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Sonja Movisisyan argued before Berschback Monday, Oct. 9.

Although Motschall sat in a chair across from her and her husband during the two couples sessions, the woman testified to a number of incidents that allegedly took place during the individual sessions that followed.

During the first, she said he sat next to her on a loveseat with his arm around her and would

pull her in for hugs. The next session took place during a power outage, so he led her to his sunroom — where he said it was cooler — and again sat next to her, rubbing her shoulder, as well as "petting" her ear and the back of her neck.

She also alleged he would turn her away from him and pull her in, so her back would rest on his chest. When she pulled away, he allegedly said, "Come here, kid," and pulled her back in.

"I really was almost compartmentalizing the physical aspect of what was happening to me, so I could get through the mental challenge that was happening," the woman said. "... It was that confidant-type of relationship, so I did feel as though I couldn't really do the next step (in my divorce) without confiding in him or checking in with him."

The first charge of

criminal sexual conduct relates to an incident when Motschall allegedly, while sitting next to the woman and holding her hand, placed their hands in her lap and began stroking her inner thigh with his thumb. Because she was wearing a sundress, it was skin-to-skin contact.

According to the police report, obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request, Motschall during an interview with Farms Detective Derek Lazarski, asked if the officer had video of the incident, "Because I would like to know how bad of a therapist I was if this is occurring."

The woman testified that when she placed her scarf over her lap by means of preventing the physical contact, Motschall said the wicker loveseat was hurting his back and he wanted to move to the sectional couch in his family room.

Leading her by the hand, he allegedly laid down on the couch and attempted to pull her in to lay on his chest, again saying, "Come here, kid."

The second charge of criminal sexual conduct relates to the claim that while telling the woman, "You have a good heart," Motschall touched her breast near her cleavage.

The woman said she knew she could no longer see him when she wore a sweater to the last session and he put his hand under it to rub her back.

Defense attorney Shannon Smith, who specializes in criminal sexual conduct defense cases, chose to save much of her argument for the coming circuit court hearings, but briefly questioned why the woman never vocalized her discomfort and began to lay the groundwork for an argument that physical contact initiated by Motschall was out of concern for the wom-

an's health, because she has Type 1 diabetes.

In the police report, Motschall told the detective he was never really comfortable sitting next to the woman, but was so worried about her feeling ill that he would do it. He further said he would embrace her so she wouldn't fall down when her blood sugar was low and that the woman's claims that he would kiss the top of her head were actually instances when he would put his head on top of hers to "stabilize" it.

"What I can tell this court is there are a lot of reliability and credibility issues and obviously that's not for this court to decide," Smith said during Monday's preliminary exam.

Motschall was bound over to Wayne County Third Circuit Court on both counts, with an arraignment on information scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

## Drunk isn't disorderly

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Prohibitions of public drunkenness in a revised ordinance are fashioned to accommodate inevitable public tipsiness provided by the city's social districts.

Members of the city council amended what was intended to be a final draft of the disorderly conduct ordinance to comport with to-go cocktail sales and outdoor drinking allowed in certain parts of town since Grosse Pointe Park social districts were established late summer 2020.

Municipal officials amended an updated disorderly conduct ordinance that defined offenders as "any person who shall be drunk or intoxicated in any public place, or any person who shall imbibe any intoxi-

ating liquor, including beer and wine, in any public place not licensed to sell such liquor for consumption on the premises."

"Does that mean walking home from a bar, because you're in a public place, when you're drunk you're a disorderly person at that point?" Councilman Vikas Relan asked.

"I would say if you're just drunk in public and not disorderly, then you're not guilty of disorderly," City Attorney Dan Kelly answered.

Relan's question also exposed the proposed restriction's inconsistency with liberties promised in the city's three social districts.

Trying to make the city's business districts more popular, the council of three years ago began allowing proprietors in certain areas to

serve to-go alcoholic beverages. Customers may consume the drinks outside within the following areas:

- ◆ the 3 1/2-block section of Kercheval between Wayburn approaching Nottingham,

- ◆ the north side of Charlevoix from the Detroit-Park border to Beaconsfield and

- ◆ the south side of Charlevoix from Lakepointe to Beaconsfield.

"Any to-go alcoholic drinks have to be consumed within the common areas," according to municipal documents.

Common areas are open 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday excluding certain major holidays.

An ordinance flat-out against public intoxica-

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## Rounding the corner to fall

As temperatures begin to drop, the roundabout at Wayburn and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park is in full fall celebration mode.

## Disorder permits protests

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The right to protest peacefully is conserved in newly passed restrictions on public department.

New rules defining disorderly conduct prohibit obstructing public thoroughfares, transportation and access to various properties, but are worded to align with freedoms of speech guaranteed in the Constitution, according to municipal representa-

tives involved with writing the measures.

City Attorney Dan Kelly said the ordinance's restrictions and prohibitions are standard.

"They have been upheld by state courts for many, many years," he said. "They all come down to the definition of being disorderly, which is a disruption of the peace."

Restrictions are contained in revamped Ordinance 240 regarding disorderly persons and retail fraud.

"In an effort to streamline our (city) code, a more generic 'disorderly person' section has been drafted which would replace several short sections," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager.

The revised code, which is effective with unanimous support of the city council, reads:

"No person shall remain at a public place

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# Urban forestry commission earns state awards

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — “When kids draw a picture of a tree, they have that little flare at the bottom of the tree,” said Alaine Bush with the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission. “If you don’t see that, you’ve planted your tree too deep. So kids are smarter.”

The nugget of wisdom was among a number of tree-planting tips which won Brian Colter — city forester for the City, Farms and Park — the Ann Lyon Crammond Horticulture Award at the Garden Club of Michigan’s Bi-Annual Flower Show Friday, Sept. 29, at the Grosse Pointe Club.

For the other half of their shared exhibit, which focused on conservation, Bush took home the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Conservation Award.

“Much to our surprise, Brian and I won the highest awards for the education division of the show,”



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Above, the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission’s winning booth focused on horticulture and conservation. Right, Alaine Bush, with the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission, and Brian Colter, city forester for the City, Farms and Park, earned the highest awards for the education division of the Garden Club of Michigan’s Bi-Annual Flower Show.



she said, noting it was the commission’s first time attending the state-wide show.

The display educated attendees on avoiding tree and utility conflicts, the importance of tree diversity, the dangers facing trees and how to

properly plant a tree.

“Not doing mulch volcanoes,” Bush explained as an example. “Do a mulch doughnut with the tree in the middle with bare earth. Not volcanoes right up against the bark, because that’s a death sentence for the

tree.”

Their booth also gave away Michigan white pine seedlings to attendees, while Colter gave a presentation titled, “Right Tree, Right Place.” “It was a big success,” Colter said. “People flocked around our booth

and the presentation was well attended. People asked a lot of good questions that led to further conversation and a lot of people brought up the topic of the recent storms we had which took down so many trees.”

The Urban Forestry Commission has planted 189 trees in the City since it was established in 2017, including 300 trees planted in the Park, City and Farms since last November.

“We, the Urban Forestry Commission, aren’t planting trees for us,” Bush said. “We will never walk under their shade. Their canopies will not likely be large enough to purify the air we breathe. We plant trees for the next generations, our kids and grand-

kids. “... The UFC’s motto is: The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”

## Park marina wall needs painting

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — All kinds of environmental regulations kick in when painting a marina, especially when preparations include sand- or water-blasting to remove existing layers of paint containing poisonous lead.

“The presence of paint chips containing hazardous metallic and organometallic biocides makes abrasive blasting wastes potentially hazardous,” according to an Environmental Protection Agency report, “Guides to Pollution Preventions, the Marine Maintenance and Repair Industry.” “Blast waste water gen-

erally constitutes the largest single waste stream from many repair yards.”

Environmental laws hit home with plans to

*‘We’re still receiving quotes. It’s possible the work could be done over winter, but spring might be when it actually happens.’*

CHAD CRAIG  
Park and Recreation director

repaint the Windmill Pointe Park municipal marina breakwall. Chips and debris from layers of old paint must be collected, contained and hauled away rather than allowed to spew into the atmosphere or

Lake St. Clair. “There’s lead paint on those walls,” said Tom Fraser, harbor master. “There’s several different systems we’re look-

ing at as far as repainting them. We’ll address, soon, financially, how much that’s going to cost.” He’s contacted contractors about painting both sides of the entire length of Pier 1, the

main pier serving as breakwall and supporting a walkway.

“I’ve gotten in touch with three contractors as far as painting the inside of Pier 1,” Fraser said. “I also have two contractors that will also give us estimates this week to paint the outside walls. They need to be sandblasted and painted.”

“We’re still receiving quotes,” Chad Craig, recreation director, said this week. “It’s possible the work could be done over winter, but spring might be when it actually happens.”

“Also on Pier 1, we will be replacing the top rail,” Fraser said. “Now,

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## The Week Ahead

**MONDAY, OCT. 16**

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

**TUESDAY, OCT. 17**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18**

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Boo Fest, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 21**

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Hazardous Waste Day, residents only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DPW yard, 1200 Parkway.
- ◆ Chene-Trombley Park renovation and rededication, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the park, on Ridgemont near Mack.

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◆ Keith and Susan Jackowski for 801 Lincoln,

◆ Donald and Sue Armbruster for 556 Rivard,

◆ Michael and Brigid French for 606 Rivard,

◆ Christine Kaiser for 544 St. Clair,

◆ Colin and Kathryn Murray for 530 Washington

◆ and Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, as the business winner, for its corner garden at Notre Dame and Maumee.

“If you’ve been on the block, you may have noticed a very large house on the east side,” said James Fitzgerald, who won for 379 Lakeland. “That was the original house on the property. It faced the lake and back in the early 1900s it was picked up and moved to where it is now. The two little houses — one on the corner of Maumee and one in between Maumee — were the garage and servants quarters. And our house was built for the daughter and son-in-law in about 1926.”

Pointers who have been around long enough may better recognize the historic property for its past nickname as the pumpkin tree house.

“We had the apple tree in the front courtyard and we put plastic pumpkins on it, 100 or some, that I risked my life on a ladder many years (to hang) until I poisoned the apple tree and we have a much smaller tree now,” Fitzgerald said.

Fellow winning home, 556 Rivard, has earned its own pet name by owners Donald and Sue Armbruster.

“We’re the parade-setter,” said Donald Armbruster, noting the home sits at the corner of Rivard and Kercheval.

“Every parade that comes by, come to our driveway,” Sue Armbruster said to those attending the awards ceremony last week. “You’re all welcome.”

Each winning home is marked by a “Blooming Beautiful” yard sign.

“My wife spends her whole weekend out in the front taking care of the flowers,” said Keith Jackowski, who won for 801 Lincoln. “so it’s definitely a labor of love.”

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# Former Red Wing settles into life after hockey

By Mike Adzima  
Staff Writer

For nearly a decade, Danny DeKeyser was a fixture on the blue line for the Detroit Red Wings. With his NHL career behind him, DeKeyser is facing what all athletes eventually must: adjusting to life after sports. For him, it has been all about focusing on family, fun and new opportunities.

"It's one of those things that every athlete runs into eventually and Father Time catches up to you at some point," DeKeyser said. "You've got to have a new path forward and over the last year, that's what I've been trying to navigate through. ... I'd be lying if I said at first it was tough not having a schedule and going to the rink every morning and practicing. ... For me it was all about finding a balance and with that balance is a lot of family time."

DeKeyser played his last game in the NHL for the Red Wings in April of last year. Now, at 33 years old, it is time for new adventures for the former defenseman. One of those adventures is a career in real estate. DeKeyser had been interested in the world of real estate for years while playing with the Wings. After playing his



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Danny DeKeyser spent nearly a decade in the NHL with the Detroit Red Wings and played his last game in April of 2022.

last games in the NHL, he got his real estate license and now works with Saros Real Estate Services in Grosse Pointe.

Years of playing hockey at the highest level of course filled DeKeyser with plenty of experience and wisdom surrounding the game. Another activity he now enjoys is imparting that wisdom and experience on this generation of youth hockey players. DeKeyser is an assistant

varsity hockey coach at De La Salle Collegiate High School and hosted his own youth hockey camp at University Liggett School this summer.

"For me it's been an easy way to stay in the game and pass things down that I've learned over the course of the years to these kids who are trying to accomplish the same thing I did," he said. "It's a while ago now, but it doesn't seem like long ago when I was

in their shoes. Growing up around here playing youth hockey, your dream is to play in the NHL and I was able to do that, so anything I can do to try and help the youth in our area to achieve their goals is rewarding and fun."

DeKeyser is a prime example of what many young hockey players dream of. Born and raised in Michigan, DeKeyser not only played in the NHL, but did it for his hometown

team.

Only a few years of DeKeyser's life in hockey were spent playing outside of Michigan and that was when he was playing in junior leagues. He played three years of college hockey at Western Michigan University and then in 2013, signed his first NHL contract with Detroit.

"The Wings were going through some changes because Lidstrom had just retired and Rafalski had retired," DeKeyser said. "... They were kind of in a changing of the guard with how the team was. It was an easy decision for me, but at the same time walking into that locker room on day one was so cool. Some of those guys who I grew up watching for so many years and saw win Stanley Cups were now my teammates."

Some could even say DeKeyser was one of the first players to help start the Red Wings' movement to build a championship team with as many players from the state of Michigan as possible. This season, the team's roster includes six players from the Mitten State, including DeKeyser's former teammate and captain Dylan Larkin.

"Every year there's always good players

coming out of the state of Michigan," DeKeyser said. "There's a big talent pool around here and it's good to see a lot of guys from the home state putting on the winged wheel, because you put that on and it epitomizes a lot of what you grew up watching and cheering on."

While no longer on the ice with the team, DeKeyser has now joined the fraternity of former Red Wings. Having time to focus on family and new opportunities like real estate, coaching and being an ambassador for the Red Wings franchise has set DeKeyser up well in his life after hockey.

His family and fans have always cheered him on, recognizing his years of hard work and dedication to the team and the city of Detroit. Even off the ice, DeKeyser feels that love and support is always there.

"The fans in this city are extremely passionate and growing up around here you find that out very quick," he said. "... It's evident for me when I do fan engagement because they're excited for their teams and are hungry for the team to win, but they also support the players a lot and it's fun for me to get out and interact with them because they are so passionate."

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it gets damaged (in) spring when the ice breaks out. The boards overlap the outside (of the breakwall). Ice pushes them up and breaks them."

Replacement options include a metal product or recycled plastic material that can be fashioned or molded flush to the outer edge of the breakwall so ice can't get underneath.

"That will be replaced at the same time paint-

ing is done," Fraser said. "The harbor itself is in really, really good shape structurally. It just needs a lot of maintenance (and) updating."

Another problem to be solved is weed growth between the walkway and breakwall.

"Roots get under the asphalt," Fraser said. "We have to do something as far as killing those weeds so they don't come back. We've been diligent about cutting all summer, but in the long run, it takes a

product that's going to kill the weeds."

Also, time has run out on temporary, plastic water lines strung along all docks.

"Those lines were supposed to last one to two years," Fraser said. "We're at the end of the third season. Now, we have a lot of algae growing in those lines. That's a project we're talking about doing this fall as soon as the marina closes."

A complete rebuilding of the harbor is ruled out due to the millions of dollars it would cost.

## DRUNK:

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tion seemed sufficiently problematic to the present council that it's members unanimously changed the salient provision to read:

"... any person who shall be drunk or intoxicated to the extent of causing a disruption of the peace and/or being disorderly in any public

place."

"When you're adding 'to the extent of causing a disruption of the peace or being disorderly in any public place,' I don't have a problem with that," Kelly said.

Not everything in the new ordinance was watered down.

Offenders remain guilty of being disorderly if they, among other things,

- ◆ act in a violent or

tumultuous manner toward another whereby any person is placed in fear of safety or of property being damaged,

- ◆ commit angry threats or acts abusively,
- ◆ jostle, crowd or push other persons in any public place,
- ◆ disturb the peace of others by shouting or making loud noises,
- ◆ make loud noises or shouts and
- ◆ peep in windows.



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## ULS HoF

University Liggett School hosted an Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony Thursday, Sept. 28. Pictured from left are Mags Dillon, Class of '02; Kevin Espy, Class of '98; Abby Tompkins Johannson, Class of '97; Bruce Barit, Class of '68 Grosse Pointe University School and Tom Gage, Class of '66 GPUS. ULS's Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame was created to honor and celebrate the many wonderful athletes and rich athletic history at the school. Grosse Pointe University School is one of University Liggett School's predecessor schools.

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in such a manner as to obstruct any public street, highway, side-

walk or any other public place by hindering or impeding the free and uninterrupted passage of vehicles, traffic or pedestrians, or ingress or egress from any busi-

ness or property."

"The (ordinance) committee reviewed these code changes," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, committee chairman.

What about infringing on the right to protest, Councilman Vikas Relan asked.

"How does that fall into this?" he said.

"We talked at the (ordinance) meeting about this a lot," Rothe said. "It was more of a public safety thing. This doesn't infringe on First Amendment rights or anything like that. It's not intentionally designed for that. If there were a situation that became disorderly and the public was in danger, there's a statute for that."




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## Hacked

An unknown suspect hacked into a Grosse Pointe man's Facebook account, which is linked to eBay, and fraudulently purchased a watch and iPhone Monday, Oct. 2.

## Drunken speeder

After speeding 50 mph on Jefferson at 1:35 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, a 77-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

## Housekeeping

Officers aided a local hospital twice last week when people refused to leave.

The first, a 57-year-old Detroit man causing a disturbance, left upon officers' arrival at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Later in the week, officers gave an intoxicated person a ride to a different hospital when security told him to leave at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

## Unlocked

A loaded 9 mm, eight-round gun magazine was stolen out of an unlocked car in the 1800 block of St. Clair between 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

## Second thought

Two black women left a business in the 17000 block of Mack with approximately \$5 worth of items after their card was declined at 11:20 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Hit &amp; run

After fleeing an accident at Notre Dame and Maumee at 12:50 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, a 67-year-old Detroit man was located and cited at Mack and Woodhall.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Theft

While landscapers worked in the 1000 block of Three Mile Drive early afternoon Wednesday, Oct. 4, someone stole a \$400 Stihl backpack blower from their truck parked roadside.

## Attempted auto thefts

◆ Police upgraded the break-in of a 2022 Honda HR-V to attempted auto theft upon discovering its damaged steering column. Entry was made by breaking a window.

The crime happened overnight Sunday, Oct. 1, in the 1100 block of Devonshire. The victim also reported an iPhone 13 missing from the SUV.

◆ A week later in the 1200 block of Wayburn, a man reported the broken window and damaged steering column of

his 2014 Kia Forte parked at the curb overnight, Saturday, Oct. 7.

## Larcenies from autos

Recent larcenies from parked autos are reported chronologically. All thefts were from unlocked vehicles.

◆ During a 25-hour period starting 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, someone entered a vehicle parked roadside in the 1200 block of Maryland and took the registration certificate.

◆ Between 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, and 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, a woman's purse containing the usual valuables was taken from a vehicle parked overnight in the driveway of a house in the 900 block of Bedford.

◆ During roughly the same timeframe in the 16000 block of Jefferson, another vehicle was entered while parked in a driveway. The victim reported losing \$5 in change and a boat key.

◆ Around 4 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, surveillance video recorded an approximately 50-year-old white male dressed in black, riding a bicycle in the 900 block of Westchester and entering "several unlocked vehicles" to steal miscellaneous items, according to police.

"(He) appears to be a suspect known to police," a detective said.

◆ Overnight Friday

Oct. 6, in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield, a thief or thieves removed the license plate from a vehicle parked in the road.

◆ Around sunup Saturday, Oct. 7, a man living in the 1300 block of Three Mile Drive discovered someone had rifled through his vehicle while parked in the street.

◆ At roughly the same time in the 1300 block of Harvard, a man reported the same thing happening to his car parked in the driveway.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Caught up

Because he fled when an officer attempted to pull him over for speeding on Moross at 3:22 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, a 22-year-old Woods man was arrested for the felony when officers tracked his license plate to his house.

His excuse for ignoring the lights and sirens was that he was scared.

## Pride flag

The pride flag was again ripped from its post at Christ Church Grosse Pointe overnight

into Wednesday, Oct. 4. A camera has been installed at the site, but was not yet connected to the internet.

## Misdirect

Upon trying to walk into the Pier Park exit gate at 10:05 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, a 40-year-old Detroit man told an officer he was on his way to his brother's apartment and pointed to the back of the park.

He was arrested for a felony warrant out of Wayne County.

## Dog attack

While a 26-year-old Grand Rapids woman was walking her husky along an alley near Cloverly at 12:41 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, a tan labrador retriever broke through its fence and attacked her dog, biting it on the leg and nose. The owner also sustained a bite wound on her hand while trying to break up the altercation.

## Liquor theft

A black man in his 60s

and wearing a gray kangaroo-style jean jacket stole several bottles of liquor from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 3:12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

He then entered a tan, metallic Chevrolet crossover driven by a black man in his 40s and wearing a red sweatshirt.

— *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.*

## Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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



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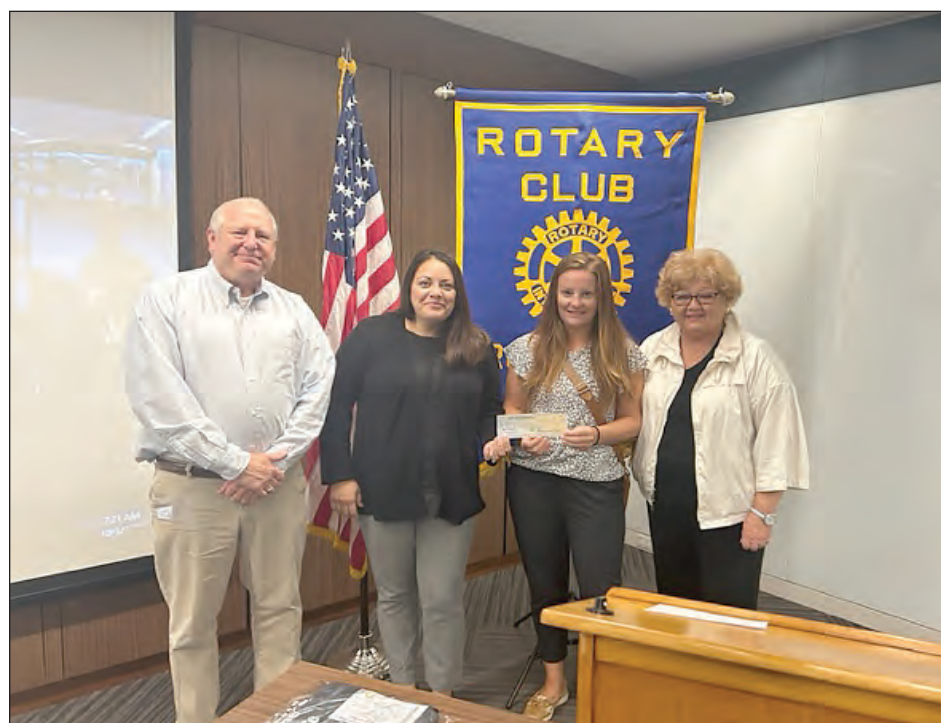


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## Donation

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Past President Paul Lechner, left, and current President Sherrie Jones, far right, present a check for \$2,000 to Amanda York and Katrina Brennan of the Mason Elementary School PTO for the school's playground renovation.

## Shoplifting law beefed up

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Of all provisions in the city code, there lacked a specific rule outlawing shoplifting.

The ordinance committee and city council changed that recently at the urging of the city prosecutor and a public safety detective.

"We (did) not have retail fraud as an offense and have been prosecuting these kinds of violations as larceny," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager and member of the ordinance com-

mittee.

By differentiating retail fraud from larceny, offenders of the former now are described as stealing up to \$200 worth of property, misrepresenting prices by altering price tags and fraudulently exchanging property to obtain a refund. All are misdemeanors punishable by up to 93 days in jail, a \$500 fine or both.

"It's another complete revision of a chapter of our code," Rothe said.

"Retail fraud is a more specific ordinance than larceny," Detective Sgt.

Jeremy Pittman said during an ordinance meeting this summer. "Retail fraud is for something specific that is offered for sale. If somebody goes into (a store) and steals a flashlight, that's retail fraud. That is not larceny."

He added, "Retail fraud has an enhanced penalty for prior convictions, like domestic violence. If you have a prior domestic violence (conviction), your second one is a one-year misdemeanor. Your third one is a felony."

— *Brad Lindberg*



## We are updating the 2006 Master Plan and want to hear from you!

The Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission has identified goals related to housing, Mack Avenue, transportation, community character, and resiliency that will guide our City's planning for the next 10-15 years.

## We encourage you to attend this event to see what they are planning and provide your input.

Bring the entire family - including kids - to this interactive Open House and mingle between eight stations to share your thoughts on: the best community you've lived in and why you love it; housing choices for all ages, abilities, and incomes; ideas for safe, convenient, and accessible transportation; ways to promote a more equitable and inclusive community; and much more.

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### OUR VIEW

## Get involved in superintendent search process

The search is on. The Grosse Pointe Public School System officially began seeking community input the final week of September as part of its search process to tap a new district leader, who will replace retired superintendent Jon Dean.

The Board of Education is working with the Michigan Association of School Boards to help collect feedback from a variety of community groups, which they will consider when tapping the final candidates.

Make no mistake of this hire's import. Our schools' future depends on what is the most pivotal decision that has faced our BoE to date.

District stakeholders — including students, parents, alumni, teachers, staff, community group members and taxpayers — have two important avenues to give input on the qualities they are seeking from our new superintendent.

The first method to feedback can be submitted via anonymous survey. The survey includes several questions about what qualities stakeholders hope for in a new leader, including leadership style, professional strengths and skills, previous positions/background and personal characteristics.

Anonymous individual responses will be combined with those from other stakeholders and will go to the BoE so they can use the aggregated responses as they search for the best candidate for the position.

The consolidated results from all returned surveys will be reported publicly. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be found here: [tinyurl.com/4m9dw8m9](http://tinyurl.com/4m9dw8m9)

The second method for providing feedback is an in-person meeting, where stakeholders can share their perspectives and opinions on what the district should be looking for in the district's next leader.

The first two of these sessions took place Thursday, Oct. 5, and Wednesday, Oct. 11. The remaining meetings' dates, times and locations are:

- ◆ **Monday, Oct. 16**
  - Noon in the Brownell multipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.
  - 6:30 p.m. in the Brownell multipurpose room.
- ◆ **Thursday, Oct. 26**
  - 6:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South's Cleminson Hall, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The state and health of our school district affects everyone in this community, whether you send your children to our public schools, are a district alum, send your kids to private school or have no kids but pay taxes here. Want to have a say in this? Then fill out the survey and attend a meeting.

Selecting the next leader of this treasured institution is as key as it gets for Grosse Pointe. The opportunity to actively engage in this process and make your voice heard regarding our next superintendent is essential in guiding our public school system along the right path, well into the future.



PHOTO BY KARA JUDD

## Pure Grosse Pointe

On her way to work last week, Grosse Pointe News reader Kara Judd captured this beautiful scene along Lakeshore, one of the first sunrises of the new fall season.

### GUEST VIEW By Melissa Fradenburg, CDFA, AIF

## Understanding 2024-25 FAFSA changes

As a financial advisor and a mother of two teenagers, the ever-changing landscape of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been on my radar for quite some time. With my oldest now a freshman at Grosse Pointe South, the process feels more personal than ever.

The Department of Education recently unveiled a draft for the 2024-25 FAFSA, which includes several significant changes. One of the most significant changes is the renaming of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the Student Aid Index (SAI). The updated FAFSA will continue to gauge financial aid eligibility based on four key elements: Parent Income, Parent Assets, Student Income, and Student Assets. Many of these categories have been modified as part of the FAFSA Simplification efforts.

**Parent Income:** One of the biggest changes coming from simplification is that the FAFSA will only use tax return data for income — not W-2 data. This shift means that pre-tax salary deferrals to employer retirement plans, like 401ks, 403bs, 457 accounts or HSAs no longer need to be added back. Other pre-tax contributions, like those to traditional IRAs or self-employed retirement plans such as SEP IRAs, still factor into the calculations. While there is still time to increase salary deferrals for 2023, the FAFSA uses prior-prior year income, so you'll be using your 2022 tax return when filing the FAFSA for the 2024-25 school year.

**Adjustments to Parent Assets:** Parent assets encompass bank accounts such as checking, savings, money market, and CDs, as well as investments like all parent-owned 529 accounts (not just those benefiting the student on the application), non-retirement investment accounts, bonds (including I Bonds), investment real estate, vacation homes and trusts where the parent is the beneficiary. The sum of parent assets is calculated, and from this, a modest asset protection allowance is

deducted. This allowance is determined by the age of the eldest parent and the number of parents in the household. Business owners will now be required to report their "adjusted net worth," regardless of business size — ending the previous exemption for smaller entities.

**Impacts on Total Parent Contribution:** A noteworthy change in the revised

FAFSA is the absence of division in parent contribution based on the number of college students in the household. This modification may affect aid eligibility for families with more than one child in college.

**Student Income and Assets:** For most families, changes to the student income section will be favorable. For instance, students are given an Income Protection Allowance of \$9,410.

Students will also be exempt from reporting income distributions from non-parent-owned 529 plans. However, student assets will continue to be assessed at 20 percent of their total value, with no asset protection allowance.

**Key Takeaways and Recommendations:** The upcoming FAFSA release is postponed to December from its usual October

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## LETTERS

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

### A depressing narrative

**To the Editor:**

There is a depressing narrative being peddled in our school system that somehow investing in our community should not matter when it comes to measuring the commitment of those that wish to lead us. That if you or your children went through our school system, or have been living in the Pointes for a long time, to measure that could be construed as racist. Specifically, the policy director of the new-to-town organization, The Alliance for GP Public Schools, stated in a public school board meeting that we should not look to years lived in the Pointes to pick a new board member, with a reference to what must be redlining, something that occurred generations past in the middle of the last century. Thus by their logic, any attempt to measure commitment to the community by years living here must be racist. The policy

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# The other side of the pond, give or take 4,000 years



**C**harged with treason in 1747, Scottish Clan Chief Simon Fraser went down in history as the last person to be publicly beheaded in Britain.

Watching executions was a popular source of entertainment at the time, so when a scaffold collapsed, a number of people who gathered to watch his death were killed on the spot.

Fraser reportedly found the irony so incredible that he burst out in laughter. He is said to have continued laughing as the executioner led him onto the platform, as his head was placed on a block and even as the blade came down.

And this is where we



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

This circular cairn with no apparent way in was built around 4,000 years ago, possibly for use in a spiritual practice.

got the phrase, “laughing your head off.” Or so legend says.

In September, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Scotland for two weeks and learn a great deal about the country’s history while visiting a number of breathtaking

sites.

I knew I would adore experiences such as taking a cruise on Loch Ness — I didn’t spot Nessy, but that doesn’t mean she’s not down there! — and swimming in the Fairy Pools at the end of a mountain hike on the Isle

of Skye, but one stop in particular took me by surprise.

The Clava Cairns — recognizable to Outlander fans as the inspiration behind the series — are located just outside Inverness and consist of four Bronze Age circular stone structures, three of which are surrounded by an outer ring of standing stones.

Walking up to the site, which is guarded only by an unlocked, chain-link

gate reminiscent of a dog park, didn’t seem all that impressive at first.

But once inside, I was struck with a sense of serene awe upon the realization I was standing among structures built 4,000 years ago.

That’s 2,000 years before Jesus walked the earth!

Archaeologists have deduced two of the cairns were used as burial places, likely for important individuals, while a third does not have an entrance, leading to speculation it instead was used for a spiritual practice.

But without any written records left behind, most of the cairns’ history remains a mystery.

Whoever it was that built them, they were in historic Scotland doing their thing right around the time of Abraham.

The fact that something from so long ago still exists is striking in and of itself.

And, remarkably, instances of vandalism have been few and far between.

In 2017, a number of small stones were dislodged and graffiti was discovered written on a single rock.

Even farther back, in 2000, BBC News reported

a Belgian tourist had stolen a two-pound stone from the cairns, but it only was realized when he shipped it back to the Inverness Tourist Information Centre with a note claiming it was cursed.

He wrote that since he had returned home with the stone, his daughter had broken her leg, his wife had become very ill and he had lost his job and broken his arm.

“He said in the letter, ‘I know you will probably be laughing at me, but while you are laughing could you please take this stone back to Clava Cairns?’” said the visitor services assistant interviewed by BBC at the time.

For what it’s worth, I touched some of the stones and life has remained just dandy. In fact, we traveled with a 1-year-old who took the eight-and-a-half-hour flight home like a champ.

For anyone who may see a trip to Scotland in their future, below are my tips on places not to be missed.

◆ Best castle: Dunnottar Castle in Stonehaven

◆ Best hike: The Quiraing on Isle of Skye

◆ Best glimpse into the past: Clava Cairns

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

#### ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN AT LAKEFRONT PARKS DURING SEASON:

More persons patronized the Pointe’s municipal waterfront beaches this past season than ever before. This can be attributed to several factors. There was unusually fine swimming weather during most of the summer, with no interruption because of health board edicts prompted by deterioration of the water below safety conditions. The other factor is the normal growth of population as evidenced by the many new homes built and occupied during the season. More children have advanced into the swimming age and hundreds of young men have permanently returned home from war service.

#### MOTOR BALKS AT SUGAR RATION:

An automobile driver showed up at the Grosse Pointe Garage at 2:38 a.m. Oct. 3, and said he had been having trouble with his car all the way out to Grosse Pointe from West Jefferson Avenue. The helpful garage attendant took a quick looksee. “Here’s your trouble; no car will run on syrup,” he said, and pointed to grains of sugar scattered significantly around the gas cap. The troubled car owner opined that some friends he had left in a West Jefferson beer garden had played a joke on him.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

#### TEACHERS FILE GRIEVANCE:

In a surprise announcement, the attorney for the school board stated Monday night that the Grosse Pointe Education Association had filed an

unfair labor practice charge with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission in September. Even though the board and the GPEA have been meeting at least once a week since August, it is claimed that the board did not receive notice of the unfair labor charge. The basis of the complaint is that the teachers did not receive their annual salary increment or the salary increase returning teachers get each year.

#### ABSOLUTE DISASTER CREATED BY GPT ACTORS IN MOCK EMERGENCY DRILL:

Bon Secours Hospital’s seventh major disaster drill reached new heights of realism Oct. 3, due to the fine performances of mock victims drawn from the Grosse Pointe Theatre. The theater people temporarily abandoned the world of entertainment and devoted their skill and effort to the serious job of community safety. Brought to the hospital by Grosse Pointe City Fire and Police units, their realistic portrayal of disaster victims inspired employees and physicians to “forget” it was a training drill and react as though lives depended on their team action.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

#### FARMS DENIES PINE WOODS SPLIT:

It was a matter of a missing 10 feet; no more, no less. Trees, pheasants, greenspace and something called “green-views” had nothing to do with it: The Pine Woods area of Grosse Pointe Farms will remain untouched, for now. Despite pleas by neighbors that a local developer be denied a variance that could wipe out one of the city’s last tracts of undeveloped land, the Farms city council has denied unanimously a lot split

at 232 Lothrop because it would have left a 90-foot wide strip of land in an area zoned for lots to have a minimum width of 100 feet.

#### SOUTH, CHRIST CHURCH TEAM UP ON WALKWAY:

A possible byproduct of the construction taking place at Christ Church Grosse Pointe could make off-street parking more attractive to fans attending outdoor athletic events at Grosse Pointe South High School. If an easement is approved to allow construction of a lighted, 6-foot-wide concrete pathway connecting South’s parking lot on Grosse Pointe Boulevard to the athletic field, 210 parking spots will be more accessible to fans who would otherwise park on side streets while attending football, baseball and track events.

#### BIG LEAGUERS TO BE AT WOODS BASEBALL CLINIC:

Just in time for the World Series, the Grosse Pointe Woods parks and recreation department is sponsoring a special baseball clinic open to youths from all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods at Ghesquiere Park. Among those

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release, making it crucial to keep tabs on school-specific deadlines.

Filing a tax return can smooth out the FAFSA process and minimize the likelihood of undergoing verification.

Since the FAFSA will now use the most recent tax data, strategic asset management and timing of significant purchases are advisable.

While many families may see a reduced SAI, it’s crucial to understand that a low index doesn’t automatically equate to increased financial aid. Select colleges that align with your financial needs.

I recommend you fill out the FAFSA even if you think you won’t qualify for need-based aid. You may miss out on benefits like unsubsidized federal student loans or merit-based scholarships linked to the FAFSA.

Along with the new school year comes fresh routines and a host of “firsts” and “lasts” for parents of seniors. Between these milestones and the college application process, it is easy for parents to feel overwhelmed. I wish all students and parents a fantastic, fulfilling school year. May your FAFSA forms be ever in your favor!

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teaching at the clinic will be former Chicago Cubs manager Jim Essian and former Texas Rangers pitching coach Tom House.

2013

10 years ago this week

**ADAMS PART OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN:** They're called the Guardians of the Flame and they lit up

hundreds of miles of Michigan roadways last month raising money for Special Olympics. Joseph Adams, of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, raised \$4,000 during the run, in which he and fellow law enforcement officers ran from Copper Harbor, at the tip of the

Keweenaw Peninsula, to an FOP hall in Sterling Heights. **PIERCE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS:** Nearly 75 years ago, John D. Pierce Junior High opened its doors, the district's first junior high or middle school to do so. There's a photo from that first day, taken during the inaugural assembly

honoring the school's opening, of superintendent of schools Samuel Brownell, school board president Charles A. Parcels and about 25 others on stage at the school auditorium. The photo, as well as others from Pierce's vault, hints at the rich history of the school and its auditorium.

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director, LaKeytria Felder, then at another public meeting of the school board stated that additionally it would be inappropriate to ask whether you graduated from our public school system. Our community is proud of our graduates. To deny that as a mark of pride is to deny the worth of our public school system. Trustee Valarie St. John agreed with her. We are a town that loves that our kids come and move back to town and have their kids here. We love that those kids attend the schools here. The hope is that they come back and lead our community.

KRISTY ELLIS  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Keep an eye on dogs

To the Editor:

The article regarding the pit bull attack resulting in dog bites to the couple and their dog's leg being amputated is horrific, indeed.

Coincidentally traumatic for my Yorkie and myself yesterday when she was attacked by two large German shepherds while on a walk around our block. I screamed for help, my tiny dog in its mouth, unable to separate them, terrified. The owner came out and shouted at his dog, who returned home. The attack was so vigorous my dog's harness was in my hand with the leash, minus my dog. This was not on the scale of the Shores attack, but we are both traumatized. I doubt I will ever feel completely safe on my own block again. Dogs running loose on school fields, owners walking their dogs off-leash. It needs to stop.

Many people are afraid of unknown dogs, pit bulls in particular. "Implicit racism" toward pit bulls because their owners are sometimes people of color is one of the more insensitive, ignorant comments I've read. One year ago, a white Memphis family's

two pit bulls, family pets for five years, attacked and mauled their children, ages 5 months and 2 years, to death. The mother threw her body on top of her children in an attempt to save them, left in critical condition. There are dozens of these incidents from all social/economic spheres.

Don't tell me "all dogs can bite" or "a dog gets along fine with three legs." A Yorkie bite is never fatal. A pit bull too often mauls to death.

KAROLE STEEN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Rescind the ban

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) is a non-euthanasia, animal welfare organization serving our community since 1992, placing nearly 10,000 indoor, family companion pets.

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society understands the danger of vicious, aggressive dogs of any breed and the risk to the public. Any dog or cat that is identified and deemed to be a danger to a person or another animal should be humanely euthanized. GPAAS encourages every municipality to have a vicious dog ordinance with enforcement. GPAAS is vehemently opposed to any city prohibiting any breed of dog.

This pit bull ban prohibits GPAAS from placing our adoptable dogs that may be perceived as having pit bull terrier into the Shores. This handicaps our efforts to adopt and continue our non-euthanasia policy.

As a result of city council's decision, GPAAS immediately terminated our Animal Services Agreement with the Shores, in place since 2012. This means law enforcement no longer has a shelter for lost, stray or injured animals when encountered, including a dog-bite incident that requires a 10-day quarantine. This is an unacceptable consequence to the decision made by city council, which directly impacts their law enforcement

officers and their residents.

It is our hope that Grosse Pointe Shores will immediately rescind the pit bull ban and restore the current vicious dog ordinance for all breeds. Should this happen, GPAAS will re-consider providing Animal Services for Grosse Pointe Shores.

CORINNE MARTIN,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Grosse Pointe Animal  
Adoption Society

## Disservice

To the Editor:

I reside on a Grosse Pointe Park street, zoned for single and duplex residences. In my block alone there are four operating AirBnB businesses. My frustration with the coming and going of transients only grows, as I've contacted the city on many occasions and have yet to receive any response.

The city ordinances are in place to prevent these operations, by our building officials. Yet no effort is undertaken to respond or to simply send a letter and refer the matter to the city attorney if our building officials do not achieve compliance with the current rules.

This year my city property taxes have increased significantly and service levels are clearly not going in the same direction. If the Park wishes to permit businesses like AirBnBs, then such operations should be located within our commercial districts — where they belong. I am disappointed with the general indifference and lack of enforcement on this issue when it can be readily addressed.

KEN SANBORN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Get rid of ban

To the Editor:

The 2023 ASPCA Dog of the Year is a deaf pit bull named Cole. He's a rescue from the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter. He's a therapy dog that works with children with disabilities and special needs. Because pit bulls like Cole are often prejudged, and in

his case also has a disability, his visits have become a way to talk about tough topics and issues of acceptance, bias and discrimination.

One of Michael Vick's dogs was named ASPCA Dog of the Year for 2014. The 2017 American Humane Hero Dog of the Year was a rescued pit named Abigale. There are countless positive stories and situations about pits no one hears about. You only hear about the traumatic encounters.

Grosse Pointe Shores City Councilmen Dakmak, Schroder, Barrette and Seago ignored these stories. They have been presented signatures on a petition, heard expert testimony, been given statements from animal and health organizations including the American Bar Association. Why wouldn't they heed this guidance but instead act on their own? They have brought statewide negative attention to all the Pointes, not just the Shores. They've made it harder for rescue shelters and people who have a pit as their family dog.

Michigan Humane President/CEO Matt Pepper said, "a municipality which wants to protect its citizens, and safety is important to all of us, should focus on the enforcement of existing laws and the actual behavior of owners and their dogs."

These councilmen can easily fix this wrong decision by revoting and getting rid of this ban.

KEN WELCH  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Stop pretending

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe Park is re-enacting the children's fable, "Emperor's New Clothes." Along the Patterson Park seawall, instead of pristine lake views, visitors see a debris field of intentionally placed rusty wires, cans, bricks, glass shards and discolored plastic.

There's no shortage of trash in Detroit's sadly abandoned lots with low housing values. But one GPP employee felt empowered to display lit-

ter prominently instead of cleaning the park. Worse yet, local cognoscenti and the GP News declared it "art" last November. Translation? An employee does what's an ordinance violation when taxpayers do it, while receiving a taxpayer-funded salary. How can the city now enforce ordinances against litter with that excuse in play? Another example of spreading-but-approved dysfunction?

Even worse, when I asked about his mess, the employee said Mayor Hodges thought it was wonderful and that I was the only complainer. This rationalization not only indicts the taste of ranting people; it raises to the level of adult reasoning the embarrassing logical fallacy argumentum ad populum — appealing to the mob. News flash: Counting heads doesn't determine fact. Moreover, officials are charged to keep streets clean, sewers draining, spending within budget and ordinances enforced. Beyond that, silence is golden. It's not their job to give participation awards, soothe or make "inclusive" statements just because it's the current thing.

While the crowd of onlookers in "Emperor's New Clothes" unanimously praised the monarch's imaginary wardrobe as he paraded naked down the street, only one voice spoke the obvious truth. Let's stop pretending.

LAWRENCE LUDLOW  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Contributions sought

To the Editor:

The annual Crossroads Soup Kitchen pre-Thanksgiving dinner will take place Sunday, Nov. 19 — the weekend before the holiday. As usual, we are expecting a large crowd of hungry men, women and children to visit the soup kitchen for their holiday meal. This year, as in the past, scores of our friends and relatives will donate and roast turkeys to be served at this dinner. However, we are always in need of

additional turkeys and hope that our neighbors in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities will look into their hearts and make this very important, but relatively inexpensive, contribution. We will need the turkeys by Friday, Nov. 17, or Saturday, Nov. 18.

Despite the strong economy, many challenges exist for those who have very few resources. We have been associated with Crossroads for more than 25 years. The number of clients who do not have life's basics — enough food, adequate shelter and warm clothing — is very sad. And, the sight of a hungry child in a soup kitchen line is heart-breaking to all who witness it. Those of us with countless blessings must reach out to help those who have so little.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this very worthwhile effort by donating a cooked turkey may contact us by email at [carlycassleman@gmail.com](mailto:carlycassleman@gmail.com) or by phone or text at (313) 378-5150. Thank you.

SEAN AND CARLY  
CASSLEMAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Use the positivity

To the Editor:

After reading Meg Leonard's I Say column, "Don't lose sight of what we have here in GP," I want to thank her for sharing her personal experience and describing what makes Grosse Pointe and our public schools so special.

Generations of families have been lucky enough to call North or South home. It's time for our community to come together and stop looking for angles of blame and division.

Let's use the positivity from Ms. Leonard's message and get involved in ways that best support our students. We should embrace our schools' wonderful history as we move toward an equally bright future.

JEANNE LIZZA  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## QUALITIES:

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provide feedback through an online survey, which can be found at [survey.monkey.com/r/gpsearch](http://survey.monkey.com/r/gpsearch). Bennett said the survey received more than 500 responses in its first week.

The first stakeholder meeting Thursday, Oct. 5, started with Bennett asking what people thought were the strengths and challenges of the district.

Strengths included strong academics, quality teachers and involved parents. People said challenges ranged from a lack of academic rigor to the need for more skilled trades training.

Post-pandemic, attendees said they didn't want to see the district rely too much on "digital instruction," with one person calling for less emphasis on the "gamification" of education.

Qualities people prefer in the next superintendent ran the gamut, including attributes like humility, visionary, uniter, stern, efficient and fiscally responsible. Experience should include someone who has been a

building principal, has experience with contract negotiations and knows how to apply student discipline evenly.

Bennett said the online feedback mirrors what was discussed in face-to-face meetings.

"We'll continue to gather information that the board can use to put together interview questions and pick finalists to bring in," he added.

Some concern was raised as to how much weight the board will give to community feedback.

"As a former school board member myself, I tell them that if they ignore feedback, they do so at their own peril," Bennett said. "That is a common concern in most communities."

Applications for the position are being accepted through Nov. 21. The board plans to interview candidates Dec. 6 and 7, with the top two finalists back for second interviews Dec. 12.

The base salary has been listed at between \$275,000 and \$350,000, with a start date and other monetary considerations — such as cell phone, car and retirement allowances — to be negotiated.

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# BoE could reconsider athletics admission policy

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A policy restricting which students can attend athletic events at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools is under review in light of the district's attempt to boost enrollment.

"We're trying to bring more students here but yet we're turning our own kids away," Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education President Ahmed Ismail said during a Community Engagement Committee meeting Wednesday, Oct. 4. "If we want to bring these kids back in, why not expose them to cool things?"

The policy, implemented last fall, requires GPPSS high school students to present a school ID when not accompanied by an adult and bans students younger than high school from entering athletic events unless accompanied by a parent for the duration of the event.

That means parents of

middle school students, for example, can't bring their children's friends with them to games. The policy also stipulates private school students cannot attend games without a parent.

The policy was tested at Grosse Pointe South during the 2021-22 school year

and expanded to North starting with the 2022-23 school year. Administrators at the time said the change was made for safety reasons.

"When you think about a mass amount of students and you think about a group of students who have the opportunity to run around or do certain things, there are going to be some situations where unsafe things take place," Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent of educational services, said at the time. "We just want to make sure that when we have students at the game and we have adults there who can properly sup-

port them if anything happens."

Juli Rybicki, a South parent who serves on the committee, said the policy has had unin-

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AHMED ISMAIL,  
Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education president

tended consequences.

"Three boys from Brother Rice and three boys from DeLaSalle tried to come watch my son's football game at South and they were turned away," she said. "They all live in Grosse Pointe and grew up playing together for the Red Barons. It's like they were accused of bad behavior before they could enter. It was a very unwelcoming experience."

Ismail said changing the policy could bring students back to GPPSS who are attending a local private or parochial school.

"We can spend all the money in the world on

marketing, but when we turn away our own people, you have to ask what we're doing," he said. "We can't buy that kind of advertising. We

have to say, 'Come visit us. These are your schools.'"

Bishop said administration would revisit the issue and talk with the high school athletic directors.

"It started off as a safety issue, but we also want to make sure we're being inclusive," he said.

## Food for thought

The committee also discussed the performance of the district's new cafeteria management company.

The board in August approved a one-year contract with Milwaukee-based Taher Food Service for

\$1.3 million after Chartwells chose not to renew its contract.

"We're five weeks into the school year and it looks like all the kinks have been worked out," Bishop said. "We knew going in it would take some time to adjust to having a new provider."

Bishop said early in the school year there were complaints about long cafeteria lines and students not having enough time to eat.

"Part of that is because they offer a number of options and students were taking time to order," Bishop said. "Ordering also involves punching in your student ID, which

is new, and some of our younger students were nervous about that."

Taher offers two scratch-made daily entrees, a made-to-order deli bar, a fruit and vegetable bar and a pizza and panini station.

Bishop said more students also are opting for hot lunches, rather than a grab-and-go option, now that the state has approved taxpayer-funded meals for all students, regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Bishop added that Taher also has increased staffing.

"They don't have a lot of school districts in Michigan, so they're giving us the royal treatment," he said. "They're using us as their flagship. We hope it continues."

## GPPSS discusses enrollment, A/C

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — School officials should have an exact number regarding student enrollment for the 2023-24 academic year — and what that means budget-wise — by the end of the month.

Michigan's annual fall student count day occurred Wednesday, Oct. 4, and accounts for 90 percent of each district's per-pupil funding. In what is known as a blended count, the other 10 percent comes from a count day held in February the previous school year.

"We'll be looking at it closely and should have final numbers in a few weeks," Interim Superintendent Chris Fenton told the Finance and Facilities Committee, one of four standing committees of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of

Education, at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 3. "I think we'll be pretty close to what we predicted."

In putting together its 2023-24 budget, the district estimated enrollment of 6,344 students. That is down from the 6,485 students enrolled during the 2022-23 school year.

The district also estimated total per-pupil funding of \$10,837 from all sources, including \$9,608 per student in state aid. Plante Moran, which has been providing GPPSS enrollment projections for several years, predicts enrollment will be just over 6,200 next year and slightly above 6,000 by 2027.

Fenton said count day numbers have to be thoroughly reviewed and then audited by Wayne RESA, the county's intermediate school district.

"It really gets down to counting one-tenth or two-tenths of a full-time

equivalent," Fenton said, referring to the ability of homeschooled students to register for specialized elective classes. "We also have students who might spend part of the day at one high school and part at the other, so we have to make sure both buildings don't count them as full-time."

Fenton also updated the committee on various options for adding more air conditioning to classrooms and buildings across the district.

An analysis by Plante Moran, which has done two facilities assessments for the district in the last six years and oversaw multiple projects under the voter-approved improvement millage, said cost to add air conditioning to all areas of the district's 13 buildings would be between \$15 and \$35 per square foot.

"That adds up to \$35 million to \$40 million for equipment and labor," Fenton said. "When you

add all that up, we don't have it."

One alternative is to install mini-split systems, which are ductless condensers that can provide cooling and heating to individual rooms, rather than large spaces. They primarily are used in media centers and offices across the district, though no specific cost was mentioned.

Fenton said money for such a project could come from a future maintenance enhancement bond or if the next sinking fund millage is approved. The sinking fund millage, currently approved at 1 mill, brings in \$3 million per year. State law limits districts from asking for voters to approve more than 2 mills for sinking fund projects.

Plante Moran, however, has identified \$250 million in critical infrastructure needs the district needs to address over the next decade.

## GPN Drama Club closet sale

Just in time for Halloween, the Grosse Pointe North High School Drama Club is selling costumes and accessories it no longer

needs.

The "closet cleanout" takes place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the lobby of the Christian A. Fenton

Performing Arts Center at the high school, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Costumes and vintage items include

clothing, hats, shoes, props and jewelry of various styles and sizes.

Money raised from the sale is used to fund future drama club productions, as well as local charities.

## ULS receives grant for Liggett Shakespeare Project

University Liggett School has been awarded a grant of nearly \$12,000 from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. The grant was awarded through the MACC peer review process and was one of 639 applications competing for 2024 funding. ULS will use the grant to fund the Liggett Shakespeare Project, which will launch January 2024, in partnership with Detroit Public Theatre.

"This grant lets us go big in the first year of the program," said Matthew Van Meter, director of the Liggett Shakespeare Project. "We'll be able to produce an ambitious version of 'Romeo and Juliet,' entirely conceived and designed by students, at Detroit

Public Theatre, a professional theater in Detroit."

With the grant, ULS students also will create a gallery exhibition in the lobby of Detroit Public Theatre, work with professional artists and technicians during the process, and engage with the theater community in metro Detroit through performances and workshops.

"Those were all long-term goals of the Liggett Shakespeare Project, but they are now within reach in our first year," Van Meter said.

The Liggett Shakespeare Project comprises three main elements: a course in dramaturgy, a course in stagecraft and a produc-

tion of a full Shakespeare play in June. This year's production will be "Romeo and Juliet." Students may choose to participate in as many or as few of these elements as they wish. Seniors with an interest in theater may choose to turn their participation in the Liggett Shakespeare Project into their academic research project and take ownership of a major role or aspect of design and production. Three seniors will take that route this year — one in acting, one in sound design and one in dramaturgy.

Organizations receiving MACC grant awards are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars.

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# Juice shop celebrating anniversary

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Beyond Juicery + Eatery, 21110 Mack, is celebrating its fifth anniversary Saturday, Oct. 14, with freebies, merchandise and coupons.

Guests who stop by between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. will receive a free 20-ounce smoothie. The first 150 attendees have a

chance to receive complimentary tumblers, beanies and coupons for free smoothies, wraps and salads.

“It’s been an honor to serve the Grosse Pointe Woods community for five years,” said owner Joe Bonanni. “This community has embraced us with open arms

and we are looking forward to showing our appreciation. Since opening, our Grosse Pointe Woods location has become a hub of activity. From local students to esteemed community members, all are invited to enjoy our diverse menu and inviting atmosphere. We’re here to

stay, and can’t wait to celebrate with this community.” Bonanni also owns three other stores in the area.

“We’re incredibly thankful for Joe’s commitment to spreading our brand’s mission within the Grosse Pointe area and applaud this milestone as Grosse Pointe Woods

celebrates an exceptional five years in business,” said Mijo Alanis, co-founder of Beyond Juicery + Eatery. “Joe consistently delivers an outstanding customer service experience and I’m assured that Grosse Pointe Woods continues to be in good hands as it looks to the future.”



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## New business

Anchor & Olive, 15005 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, is a coastal, colorful home decor and gift shop that recently joined the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit [anchorandolivegp.com](http://anchorandolivegp.com). The chamber hosted a ribbon-cutting event Oct. 5, to welcome Anchor & Olive to the community. Pictured from left are family members Jan Allard, Devon Allard and Ainsely Allard, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Anchor & Olive owner April Allard and Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.



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## Someday is here

With a focus on small-batch, hand-crafted, quality-made mead and beer, Someday Brewing, 20746 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, specializes in IPAs, stouts, lagers, melomels and traditional meads. With more than a decade of experience and a passion for the craft, Someday’s owners are excited to be the first meadery and microbrewery in the Woods. For more information, visit [somedaybrewing.com](http://somedaybrewing.com).

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony, welcoming Someday to the neighborhood. Pictured, from left, are Chamber Membership & Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, Someday owner Anthony Kilimas, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Someday owners Tony Derosa and Janell O’Keefe, and Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.

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## New member

For 16 years, Haunted Garage Productions, 19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, has entertained families while raising tens of thousands of dollars for local schools and charities during the month of October. Operated by Glen Williams, a retired Grosse Pointe educator, Haunted Garage Productions opened for the season Oct. 6, and runs every weekend through Oct. 29. For more information, visit [hauntedgarageproductions.org](http://hauntedgarageproductions.org) or call (313) 407-7979.

To welcome Haunted Garage to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the chamber hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured are Chamber Director of Finance Lisa Frasier; Williams, flanked by several HGP staff and volunteers; Chamber Board Vice Chairman Alan Lowenthal; Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher and Chamber Membership & Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.



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## Property management

Goosen Realty, 15324 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, offers property management for rentals, real estate and real estate investments. For more information, visit [goosenrealty@aol.com](mailto:goosenrealty@aol.com) or call (586) 899-3659.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the firm Aug. 29. Pictured, from left, are Chamber Membership & Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull, Goosen Realty President Eric Goosen, Goosen Realty Partner Jayme Smolarz and Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.

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Vernier descendant Jim Verney speaks during the dedication of the new gravestones of his ancestors, John Baptiste and Catharine Vernier.

## Keeping history alive



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Historian Katie Doelle shares a brief history of the Vernier family during the dedication ceremony.

## Old gravestones placed, new gravestones dedicated

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

One dreary late-September morning, a handful of black-clad guests, hands folded, huddled under a small tent in St. Paul Cemetery, silently watched and listened as the Rev. Andrew Smith of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church read from the Book of Revelation, recited a prayer and blessed two gravestones with holy water.

This was no ordinary graveside ceremony, rather a culmination of more than two years of work, as the new slate tombstones of John Baptiste and Catharine Vernier were dedicated

Sept. 28. The new slabs replaced what were believed to be two of the oldest gravestones in Grosse Pointe in a project spearheaded by Vernier descendent, Jim Verney.

“This is a celebration of our two relatives, though not long lost,” he said. “We see them, their stones are there, their remains are there.”

The ceremony came the morning after Verney and historian Katie Doelle presented their Vernier family research to a captivated crowd at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

“Fifty people were supposed to be there and 75 showed up,” Verney said. “That reinforces our

excitement for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, the Grosse Pointe library and the Provencal-Weir building and all that we have going on here. It’s so wonderful to dig into the history of the area.”

Dig is just what Verney did when he discovered the condition of his ancestors’ gravestones. He commissioned the new gravestones while finding a new home for the old ones. They’ve been placed in a newly designed memorial garden at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s Provencal-Weir House, the oldest building in Grosse Pointe.

During his morning address, Verney stressed the importance of preserving history.

“This cemetery is not just about those who have passed away,” he said, noting nearly 40 Verniers are buried there. “... It’s about our history, the rich history of the area we should never forget.”

### A fresh look

The new gravestones were created by stonecutter David Gillespie of Pumpkintown Primitives in South Carolina.

“He is one of the most gifted craftsmen in the country, maybe in the world, because he did this all by hand,” Verney said, noting each stone took approximately one month to create. “It’s very laborious work.”

Gillespie, who attended the dedication, said he’s been carving gravestones by hand, with a chisel and mallet, more than 20 years.

“It’s the same way man has been carving stone since the days of the Romans,” he added.

Verney made rubbings of the original stones and

delivered them to Gillespie, who used them to recreate the lettering in the exact height, width and thickness of the originals.

“I replicated what (the original carver) did to match the exact proportions of when the stones were carved in the 1830s,” he said.

“... I suggested we use slate or limestone, because it’s a large investment of our resources and time to do these things; we want them to last,” Gillespie noted. “These should last 400 years and if they don’t, you just bring them back.”

Also present at the dedication was Doelle, who relayed her findings of the Vernier family history. She, too, was instrumental in the project from the start.

“It’s been an absolute privilege to research the history of the Vernier family and get to know Jim,” she said. “The first time I met Jim, we spent over an hour walking the cemetery, piecing together their story, a story which began with

the history of John Baptiste and Catharine Vernier and their pivotal role in the Vernier family.

“... We are here today to not only honor, remember and celebrate their lives, but preserve the history of the Vernier family for generations,” she added.

### A new home

Leslie Wagner, immediate past president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, also spoke during the dedication, disclosing that Verney and his wife, Karen, donated \$15,000 to the society to further restoration efforts at the Provencal-Weir House.

The old gravestones, she noted, have been placed in a memorial garden at the historic house and a potager garden will be added next spring.

“We needed to care for the stones right now,” she said, describing the new back patio and garden space, which was designed by landscaper Candy Sweeny. “It’s a contemplative space, but it will also allow guests at

the house to spill outside into the yard.

“A potager garden is planned,” she continued. “We want the experience to be of the home, but also what the kitchen garden will look like.”

A potager garden is an ornamental garden planted for culinary purposes. It will feature herbs and vegetables, Wagner said.

She also hopes to receive funding from the French Heritage Society to complete other projects, including window restoration at the Provencal-Weir House and painting at the Cadieux-Wagner Farmhouse — the second-oldest house in Grosse Pointe and where Wagner resides.

“One of my last acts as president was to write and submit a large comprehensive grant for the restoration and preservation of the Provencal-Weir House and gardens to the French Heritage Society,” she said. “We are waiting to hear from them. They have a match-

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Right, stonecutter David Gillespie of Pumpkintown Primitives in South Carolina discusses his method of carving gravestones by hand, using a chisel and mallet. Below, the Rev. Andrew Smith blesses the newly installed gravestones.



From left, historian Katie Doelle, Jim Verney and Grosse Pointe Historical Society Immediate Past President Leslie Wagner pose near the old Vernier gravestones in their new home — a garden at the Provencal-Weir House.

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# 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.

## Daniel Scobie Follis

Daniel Scobie Follis of Grosse Pointe — beloved husband, father and grandfather; loyal friend, mentor, businessman, golfer, sailor, music lover, squash champion and pool shark — passed away peacefully Sunday, Oct. 1, at age 86.

Born in 1937, in Detroit, to Grace Scobie and Dr. Wesley Follis, Dan attended Grosse Pointe High School — then referred to as “The High” — and was a proud member of the 1954 state championship football team. Dan accepted a basketball scholarship to the University of Colorado, though after playing one season returned home to care for his parents. Back in Michigan, he played three seasons for Duffy Daugherty on Michigan State University’s football team. After earning a degree from MSU, the Philadelphia Eagles invited him to camp to play in the NFL, but Dan chose the stock brokerage business, beginning a long career in investing, radio station sales and ownerships, and managing the Buick Open PGA golf tournament. His favorite gig, however, was as color commentator for MSU football in the 1980s, especially calling the 1988 Rose Bowl, which the Spartans won.

Dan loved MSU and was a proud member of Sigma Chi; however, he reluctantly sent all three of his children to the University of Michigan, often stating his kids couldn’t get in to State. In 1964, Dan married Mary Patricia “Pat” Hoker, who had three wonderful children from a previous marriage — Shelley, Martin and Tamara. In 1966, Dan and Pat gave birth to their only child, Daniel Scobie Follis Jr. After a long illness, Pat died in 1977.

In 1979, Dan found the next love of his life, Mary Elizabeth “Libby” Stein and the two started a long and loving life together. They brought two beautiful children into the world — Annie and Michael. Dan’s family meant everything to him. He always expressed how grateful he was to have such a loving wife, healthy and happy children and a wonderful extended family.

Dan was well read, as long as the subject was World War II or Winston Churchill, and he loved his little red MG. He had a magnetic personality; his laughter filled the room and he had a huge heart.

He was a member of the Detroit Golf Club and Country Club of Detroit, and a member of the Detroit Athletic Club for 55 years.

Dan is survived by his wife of 44 years, Libby; their children, Daniel (Maureen), Anne Follis Durkin (Matthew) and Michael (Hillary); seven well-loved grandsons, Daniel III, Bailey, Jack, Wesley, Benjamin, Thomas and Charlie; and sister, Margot Klein. He was predeceased by his

parents and brother, Tom.

A memorial Mass in Dan’s honor will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Bon Secours Chapel of Corewell Health (formerly Beaumont Hospital), 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Memorial donations may be sent to the Beaumont Grosse Pointe Chapel Fund at the same address. This fund provides for the needs of the chapel; supports nursing, chaplain training and certification; and has created hospice suites for those at the end of life.

## Shirley E. Rizzo

Shirley E. Rizzo (formerly Thomson, Chapman and Corbit), 102, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at home.

Shirley was born Feb. 10, 1921, in Detroit, to Thomas and M. Harriet Swingle. She attended kindergarten through 12th grade in the same building in small-town Linden, then briefly attended Michigan State University before going to secretarial school in Ypsilanti.

She married Arthur Thomson. The newlyweds lived in Hollywood, Calif., until 1942, when Arthur was recruited as a civilian military flight instructor in Mississippi for the duration of World War II. Following the war, they returned to Flint, where Arthur continued flight instruction until he lost his life in a plane crash with a student in 1947.

Shirley moved to Detroit and worked downtown at Hudson’s in the cosmetics department. She married Charles Chapman and had her only child, Thomas. With true grit and determination, she raised her son alone while working at U.S. Customs as a secretary.

She then married Ross Corbit, president of Hiram Walker, and settled in Grosse Pointe Woods. They shared world travel adventures together until his passing. She continued world traveling for many years with her friends and sister, Marjorie Kimble. She married Sam Rizzo, a WWII Navy veteran, in 1982, and enjoyed a long and happy marriage until his death in 2006.

Shirley was very generous to family, friends, strangers in need and charities. She loved her family fiercely and made time frequently to nurture her grandchildren while they were growing up, whether on the floor playing cars and trucks, dinosaurs, dolls, tea party or restaurant. She would read and write stories together with them and play endless card and board games. When they were old enough, she took them on many travel adventures.

Shirley was a champion baby snuggler. She leaves behind numerous fun and fabulous memories for all who were privileged to know and spend time with her. She lived independently until age

101, and spent her last year in the loving and supportive home of her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Mary Chapman.

She will be deeply missed by her grandchildren, Christopher Chapman (Melissa) and Ann Marie Jones (Drew); great-grandchildren, Laura and William Chapman, and Sofia, Drew, Brady and Ryan Jones; her extended family and many dear friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Tributes may be shared at sharpfuneralhomes.com.

The family will gather privately to celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, angelahospice.org/donate/.

## Theodore Reynolds Colborn Jr.

Theodore “Ted” Reynolds Colborn Jr., 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, in Detroit, following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. It was his birthday.

Ted was born Sept. 30, 1940, in Cleveland, to Theodore Reynolds Colborn and Constance Parry Colborn, joining his older sister, Deborah, and later joined by his younger sister, Ann, and brother, Paul. Ted and his siblings enjoyed tennis, board games and snowball fights. He served as senior class president at Western Reserve Academy, where he also ran track and was the punter on the football team. Ted went on to attend Brown University and Wayne State University, as well as served in the U.S. Army Language School where he excelled at Russian.

An avid tennis player and runner who proudly completed the Detroit Free Press Marathon in the early 1980s, Ted met Margaret Fabinski while starting his career at General Electric. They married in 1968, and their two children, Emily Estelle Colborn and Constance Monique Colborn, were born in 1975 and 1979, respectively. Ted was a devoted father to both girls, nurturing them in both athletic and artistic pursuits. He loved to travel and took them each summer to visit Chautauqua Lake in Upstate New York, continuing a family tradition at his parents’ home there.

Following their divorce, Ted married Catherine “Kate” Renouf in 1990, and their two children, Hannah Elizabeth Colborn and Will Paget Colborn, were born in 1992 and 1997, respectively. His family loved to play soccer and attend Detroit Tigers baseball games together, alongside frequent trips to the local bookstore. They are active members of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church. In recent years, Ted and Kate enjoyed long walks with their dogs and watching local



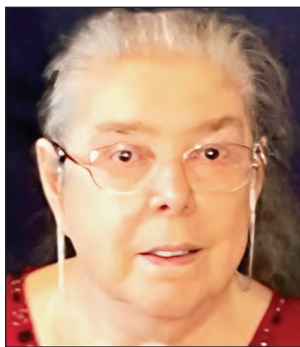
Daniel Scobie Follis



Shirley E. Rizzo



Theodore R. Colborn Jr.



Thelma Jean Marshall



Alfred Addison Large



William Henry Parsons

## Thelma Jean Marshall

plays and musicals, particularly at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit.

While Ted’s career included positions at the Detroit Port Authority and Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, in his later years he was a beloved fixture in his community, working at Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Mack Avenue, as a crossing guard for the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety for nearby Mason Elementary School, Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School, and as a gate guard at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park. He also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission. He took on leadership positions and was a member of several fellowship groups at St. Michael’s Church, including serving as the junior warden of the St. Michael’s Vestry.

Ted’s siblings teasingly called him by the dreaded nickname “Renny,” short for his middle name, “Reynolds.” With his witty intelligence and appreciation for literature and history, Ted helped family and friends with sage, practical and calming advice. He was always a kind presence as he walked about his neighborhood and made new friends wherever he went.

Ted was predeceased by his parents and nephew and godson, Robert Herrick. He is survived by his wife, Kate Colborn, and ex-wife, Margaret Colborn; his four children, Emily Roxworthy (Dennis Kim), Connie Longman, Hannah Colborn and Will Colborn; and six grandchildren, ages 12 to 19, Julien Longman, Chloe Roxworthy, Ashton Longman, Hope Roxworthy, Mack Roxworthy and Lucy Roxworthy. Ted also is survived by his siblings, Deborah Colborn, Ann Herrick and Paul Colborn (Amy Young); and many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial service and Requiem Eucharist will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund at St. Michael’s, stmichaelsgpw.org; Covenant House Michigan, covenanthouse.org; or Detroit City Football Club, detcityfc.com.

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thelma Jean Marshall of Lewisville, Texas, died at home Thursday, June 15, 2023. She was 93. Younger than her only sibling, Cyril, she was born June 22, 1929, to William and Kathleen (nee Cock) Marshall.

Thelma is survived by two loving nephews, James Marshall (Lisa) and Robert Marshall (Mary Frances Greene), and their seven children. Thelma was predeceased by her parents and brother.

But for the final three years of her life, Thelma was a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident and attended Grosse Pointe High School. She became a nurse aide and worked her entire career at Deaconess Hospital (now closed) in Detroit’s East Jefferson corridor and Harper University Hospital.

Per her wishes, Thelma’s body was donated to science and, when returned, her cremated remains will be interred at Christ Church Grosse Pointe with her parents.

## Alfred Addison Large

Alfred “Al” Addison Large, 65, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023.

Al was born to Alfred and America Large in Grosse Pointe. He was the fifth of their six children. After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School, he went on to study culinary arts and attended The Culinary Institute of America in New York City.

He was married to Sheila (nee Hankins) for 46 years. They had two sons, Alfred McKee “Mac” Large II and Michael Large (Jillian Parotti). His two grandsons, Max and A.J. Large, were the light of his life.

Al worked hard and played hard. He was the chef at numerous restaurants and clubs in the metro Detroit area. Most recently he was the sous chef at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

In addition to cooking, his two passions were baseball and hunting. He coached the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team many years. He also coached men’s softball, including the 7 Mile team. He participated in numerous professional archery tournaments for the Archery Shooters Association and International Bowhunting Organization across the U.S. and Canada.

Al was predeceased by his parents and his son, Mac.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Bon Secours Chapel of Corewell Health (formerly Beaumont Hospital), 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Private interment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

## William Henry Parsons

William “Bill” Henry Parsons, 79, passed away peacefully Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born Dec. 12, 1943, the son of Henry and Anna Parsons, both now deceased. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. Bill honorably served his country in the United States Air Force.

He married the love of his life, Virginia, in 1968, and together they had three children and 11 grandchildren.

Bill was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather and a true friend to many. He loved boating, fishing, motorcycles, fast cars and University of Michigan football.

Bill is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia; daughter, Karen Shehadeh (Sam); son, Gregory (Jodi); 11 grandchildren, Gene, Annie, Sarah (Jesse), Hadi, Sammy, Billy, Hannah, Josh, Noah, Evelyn and Karen; siblings, Judith Heil (the late William), Edith Vrooman (the late Scott) Barbara Bendure (Donald), James Parsons (Kathy); and many nieces, nephews and loving family members.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Elizabeth Mee (John).

For service details, visit ahpeters.com.

## Memorial

### Edward Tisdale Gushée Jr.

A Celebration of Life for Edward T. “Ted” Gushée Jr., takes place at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. A reception immediately follows for family and friends at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. Mr. Gushée passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021. His full obituary was printed in the Grosse Pointe News April 22, 2021.

# Foster reaches 40-year milestone 'on the bench' at First English Reception this Sunday

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Robert Foster almost didn't make it to the interview that landed him the job he's had the last 40 years.

"I was interviewed in 1983," he recalled. "They had closed I-94, so I was 40 minutes late for my interview. I thought, 'I don't have a chance in a million years of getting this job.'"

Not only was Foster hired, but he has spent the last four decades as the director of music at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. The church will recognize the milestone during a 10 a.m. worship service, followed by a celebratory luncheon.

"Pastor (Sean Motley) wanted to give me the day off," Foster said, "but ... if people are coming to hear me play and I'm not here do to it, that doesn't make sense."

In addition to parishioners, the people to whom Foster referred are alumni of University Liggett School, where he taught music theory and directed choirs for 20 years, and Grosse Pointe North High School, where he served as accompanist from 1985 to 1996 and 2017 to this past June.

"Those were full days," he laughed. "I'm lucky everything is so close by."

His role within the schools ran concurrently with his duties at the church, which have varied from year to year, he said. Currently, he directs an adult bell choir, a bell choir for Catechism students, the Good News Singers adult choir and a praise band, the latter

with which he plays the keyboard. Foster also directs brass musicians during twice-a-year special church performances and accompanies the Motor City Chorale, to which his wife and son belong.

"Other than that, I just play piano and organ," he added.

Which is quite a feat these days, considering "our organ has been out of commission eight years," he said. "In 2015, we put out three bids for work on our 1957 Moller pipe organ. We accepted the bid we liked the best, a builder came in and took the instrument out and took quite a bit of our money."

Then, said builder disappeared.

After several years and with help from law enforcement, "we got some of the components back," Foster said. "And we have a new builder (Fowler Herbert Organ Co.) who is now finishing phase one. At the end of the month, we should have our first service on the new organ."

Up until April — when the builder needed the balcony space to begin installing the new console — Foster played during worship services an organ his wife bought him for his 40th birthday.

Since April, he's been playing an organ typically used in the lower-level choir room. It, too, is new.

Flooding from a 2021 storm caused extensive damage when the roof over the gymnasium collapsed. The choir room, located beneath the gym, also sustained damage.

"But insurance covered it all," Foster said. "So I got a brand new Allen organ for the choir,



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

**Robert Foster is celebrating 40 years as director of music at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. A reception honoring his years of service takes place after the 10 a.m. worship Sunday, Oct. 15.**

which now is in front of the church."

It's the best seat in the house and one that brings Foster tremendous joy.

"Soli Deo gloria," he said. "To God be the glory." That's how Bach ended all of his compositions.

"I never let my ego get in the way," he continued. "It's all about the wonderful composers and delivering their thoughts as best I can."

Foster said the best part of his job is the people with whom he gets to interact, as well as having the ability to do something he loves.

"From the time I was 10 years old, I knew what I wanted to do," he said. "To do what I love and make a living has been wonderful."

A native of West Virginia, Foster discovered his calling at a young age.

"My piano teacher when I was 8 was just wonderful, very supportive," he said. "She was paid \$1 a lesson. She was a member of a Lutheran church and she said,

'Bobby, you should think about playing the organ.' I was a member of a Methodist church. Her organist from St. Mark Lutheran said he'd give me lessons, which I did for a year or 18 months. He decided I should go to the college in the area to study privately.

"I fell in love with it," he continued. "I would practice nonstop. My mom would kick me out of the house just to get me to stop playing."

Foster landed his first job at age 11 playing in a "scary, old church that was built in 1849," he said, noting when he practiced in the evening, it was dark and the building creaked. Thankfully, it wasn't long before he moved on.

"At 12, I got a job at the largest ELCA church in West Virginia, as an assistant organist," he said. "They had a nice pipe organ, a good congregation. That was fun."

Foster also found a good congregation at First English, which he first visited while studying for his master's

degree in pipe organ performance at the University of Michigan.

"My friend, Robin Dinda, was the organist here," he said. "He was leaving and he told me to come check it out. I thought it was a nice organ. And a nice congregation."

Flourishing in a career he loves has not been without its challenges, pilfered organ aside. Around five years ago, Foster was accompanying members of Grosse Pointe Theatre for their production of "Sister Act," when "all of a sudden, I couldn't see the music," he said.

"I have two macular holes," he explained, noting he was taken quickly into surgery. "I've had 11 surgeries since. I'm lucky. I have 20/20 vision in my left eye, so I can still see music. I can still drive. It's amazing how blessed I am. My eye doctor, at 10, told me to give up music now because I was not going to be able to see anything, but I didn't listen to him."

By his side throughout

## The details

**What:** A celebration of Robert Foster's 40 years as director of music

**Where:** First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods

**When:** Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, followed by a luncheon

**Info:** Visit [feelc.org](http://feelc.org) or call (313) 884-5040

his journey has been his wife, Patty.

"My wife and I are high school sweethearts, so she followed me through all this nonsense," he said.

The Grosse Pointe Park residents have two children, Daniel and Jessica.

"I'm very thankful for everything that's happened to me," Foster said. "Without my family, without my wife, without the congregation, without my faith, I wouldn't have made it these last five years."

The pandemic took its toll, he said, as did his many eye surgeries, after each of which he had to lie on his stomach for three weeks.

"I couldn't have done it without God," he said. "It's been a blessing."

Foster said he'll continue his work at First English, "as long as I can see the music."

He prays every day for God to help him see clearly and, "If I can't, I'll give up the bench," he said.

He added that he'll consider retirement eventually, but not until the new organ is complete.

"Phase one is at the end of October," he said. "Phase two is who knows when. I would love to be here a year or so after it's complete, just to enjoy it."

## 'The Majesty of Mozart' presented by DCC

Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Michael A. Mitchell, presents "The Majesty of Mozart," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

This award-winning choir will perform a collection of choral music,

including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's celebratory "Coronation Mass," as well as selections by Ola Gjeilo, Thomas Tallis and Moses Hogan.

In its 37th season and with a vision to "inspire and enrich lives through exceptional music," the

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## CHURCH EVENTS

### St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn session at noon Thursday, Oct. 19. Kelly Tallon Franklin, executive director of Courage for Freedom, speaks. Courage for Freedom is a survivor-led, community-based charity with a mission to eradicate human trafficking and sexual exploitation. The public is

welcome. There is no charge, though a freewill offering will be collected. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Oct. 17. Call (313) 884-4820.

### St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its first Trunk or Treat event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, featuring a minimum 20 vehicles decked out for the occasion

and packed full of treats.

Children from preschool through middle school are invited to fill up their goodie bags with a variety of treats while showing off their costumes. From superheroes and princesses to ghosts and dinosaurs, creative costumes are encouraged.

Youngsters also will have a chance to commemorate the event with a photo taken in front of a special backdrop.

There's no charge to attend, but for a freewill offering, hot dogs, chips and water will be available.

For more information, call (313) 881-6670.

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# Library Foundation hosts 'Books & Bubbles' Oct. 26

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Supporters of the Grosse Pointe Public Library are invited to attend the freshened up fundraiser, "Books & Bubbles: A Sparkling Celebration for the Grosse Pointe Public Library," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bubble-themed party is a reboot of the previous benefit, "Masquerade for the Stacks."

"Masquerade" was a beautiful, fun, exciting event we had for quite a few years," said Paige Domzalski, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation. "We decided we needed to change it up a little and try something new."

The refresh included lowering ticket prices and relaxing the event from a formal gala to a



WDIV-TV Channel 4 sports anchor Jamie Edmonds serves as emcee.

casual night out.

"It's a strolling dinner," Domzalski said. "There won't be a big live auction. ... You don't need to get all gowned up and get a babysitter and pay a higher ticket price."

"Books & Bubbles" invites guests to a lively, active event that features a live music from Thrift Shop Three, hors d'oeuvres, sparkling beverages and competitive bidding on silent auction items.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Thrift Store Three entertain at the event.

"There will be lots of different things during the evening you can participate in or not participate in," Domzalski said. "It's at the Ford House and the balcony will be open, so you can get a glass of champagne or a drink and go outside on the balcony. Or you can participate in the silent auction. We'll have a wine and bubbles wall where you pay one price and get a surprise bottle."

The silent auction will follow the evening's literary theme. Items include

a child's bicycle with a bicycle book; a pasta class lunch and learn with a copy of the cookbook, "Pasta Grannies"; a night at the Frederick Stearns house with a signed copy of "Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity," as well as two tickets for Detroit History Tour and dinner for two at La Lanterna; and plenty more.

"Nothing is going

to be crazy expensive," Domzalski said, "but it will be more accessible for people."

The evening will be emceed by Jamie Edmonds, sports anchor for WDIV-TV Channel 4.

"Though there's no real program, she'll be welcoming people and reminding people to bid in the silent auction."

A limited number of tickets are available online at [gplf.org](http://gplf.org), where sponsorship opportunities also are available.

Funds will be used to pay for projects recently

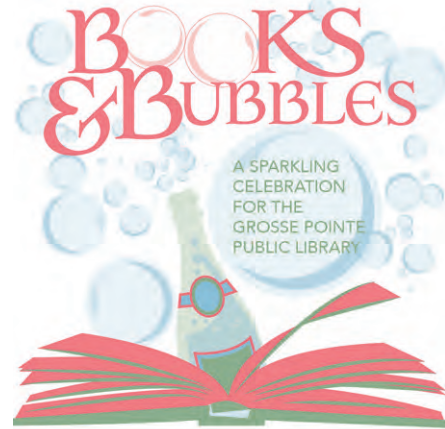
## Event Committee

Co-chairs: Nancy Gandelot Spearman and Carly Russell  
Committee members: Lana Augspurger, Greg Bowens, Annette Cataldi, Paige Domzalski, Lynette Goulet, Erica Lewandowski, Sandy MacMechan, Andy Spearman and Gina Tecos

completed at the Ewald Library, including new lighting, pavers, walkway, patio and landscaping.

"We're hoping to attract library lovers, like we always do, but it's more themed toward the love of the library," Domzalski said. "We're really excited to try something new and can't wait to see everybody."

For more information, tickets or sponsorships, visit [gplf.org](http://gplf.org) or email [info@gplf.org](mailto:info@gplf.org).



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## Legends of the Fall

Grosse Pointe Theatre and the Grosse Pointe Historical Society collaborated to bring history alive Friday, Oct. 6. The storytelling event, Legends of the Fall, included several short plays and original songs by Jef Fisk. Local historians and GPT actors shared tales of Grosse Pointe's early settlers, notable landmarks and pivotal moments.

The Legends of the Fall exhibit runs through October in the Grosse Pointe History Center and features supernatural tales of old Grosse Pointe, custom artwork about its legends and more. The historical society also hosts its Night at the Museum Halloween party for ages 21 and older Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Provencal-Weir House. For tickets, visit [gphistorical.org](http://gphistorical.org) or call (313) 884-7010.

## The Helm hosts flu clinic Oct. 13

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a flu clinic Friday, Oct. 13. Appointments are required, but the clinic is free to members and nonmembers alike. Administered by Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, the

clinic includes high-dose shots recommended for seniors. Seniors should bring their Medicare card, supplemental health insurance card and driver's license or Michigan ID. There is a charge for those who do not have insurance.



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From left, Lynn Detwiler, president of the Fox Creek Questers, and Bonnie Medura, treasurer of the Fox Creek Questers, shake hands with Jim Verney, a descendant of the Vernier family.

## ALIVE:

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ing grant program and Mr. Verney was the first to step forward.

"With his donation, we are adding a French pear tree to the front yard and a tuneup and cleanup of the boxwood beds out front. ... We are hoping other donors will step forward too."

Both the Provencal-

Weir House and Cadieux-Wagner Farmhouse will be part of the French Heritage Corridor initiative, which comprises seven states in the Midwest and is joined by waterways connecting the Mississippi River and Great Lakes.

"We're looking for other French Heritage houses to be part of tour," Wagner said. "We know there are others out there. We'd like to get

them before they get knocked down.

"If you know of a home that is French Heritage, reach out to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, so we don't lose it like we lost the Vernier homestead just in the last couple of years."

For more information, to arrange a visit or donation, or to share details about a French Heritage house, call (313) 884-7010.

## Eastside Republican Club to hear National Popular Vote implications

Addressing the Eastside Republican Club Tuesday, Oct. 17, will be James David Dickson, managing editor of Michigan Capitol Confidential, a daily news site of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Dickson will help clarify issues surrounding a growing movement to circumvent the Electoral College, officially the "National Popular Vote Interstate Compact."

Tuesday's presentation takes place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Forum doors open for coffee and networking at 7 p.m.

"As more states, including Michigan, debate whether or not to dump the Electoral College without an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, we wonder how doing so might reduce the influence of states like Michigan and others in the Midwest," ERC chairman Mike Vethacke said in a statement in advance of the meeting.



James David Dickson

measure may appear on Michigan's Nov. 5, 2024, ballot.

Dickson grew up in Inkster and now hails from Ferndale. After starting his career in 2007-08 with a one-year fellowship at The American Spectator, Dickson then had stops at The Detroit News and two newspapers in Ann Arbor.

In 2012, he returned to The Detroit News, where he served for a decade.

While attending the University of Michigan, Dickson was editor-in-chief of The Michigan Review, a columnist for the Michigan Daily and a James B. Angell Scholar.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month from September through May at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is always welcome. Stay up to date at [eastsiderepublican.club](http://eastsiderepublican.club) and "follow" the ERC on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).



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Detroit Concert Choir rehearses weekly at Grosse Pointe North High School.

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## Dueling pianos concert is Oct. 14

### Proceeds benefit GP Unitarian Church

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Pianists Anne Roberts and Joseph Palazzolo will take to their benches at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, for Dueling Pianos VII, "Let It Be a Dance."

The hour-long concert takes place at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Featuring a selection of a dozen dances from the 1800s to more modern times, the concert promises to be a merry affair.

Almost a fun as Roberts and Palazzolo have had rehearsing for it.

"They're all fun songs, but some are harder than others," Roberts said. "I've especially had a lot of pleasure practicing this year because they're so much fun. They span from pretty early to right up to date."

Selections range from Tchaikovsky's "Waltz" from "The Sleeping Beauty" ballet and Strauss' "Tales From the Vienna Woods" to Youmans' "Tea for Two" and Gershwin's "Shall We Dance?"

"We'll talk to the audience about the composer, what the music

means to us," Palazzolo said. "It's a laidback experience."

"It's not like going to the DSO," Roberts noted. "It's casual, fun."

The duo has been rehearsing separately, but getting together at least weekly, since May.

"We've had a lot of fun and Joseph and I have become good friends," Roberts said, regarding their years-long collaboration. "You really couldn't do two-piano music with someone you don't get along with."

Added Palazzolo, "It's a partnership." When it came down to who plays what parts, the pair rely on experience and mutual respect.

"Joseph makes some decisions, without demeaning my skills," Roberts said. "If it's a harder part, he'll take it." Added Palazzolo, "She has smaller hands, so if the octaves demand a

bigger reach, I'll take it. If it's a lot of octaves, I take staccato, which is second, and she gets superno, which is first and where the melody lies. "Sometimes it's a nego-



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Joseph Palazzolo and Anne Roberts rehearse for their dueling pianos performance in Roberts' Grosse Pointe Farms home.

of playing two-piano compositions. If she already knows a part, she'll take it. Her repertoire of two-piano music is larger because she's been doing it longer."

Roberts has been playing nearly as long as she's been married to her husband, John. When they bought their Grosse Pointe Farms home together 41 years ago, they both brought pianos with them.

"That allowed me to get into this repertoire of two-person piano, which is huge," she said.

"... I spent my life doing a lot of other things," she added, "while Joseph spent a lifetime at the piano. As we rehearse together, he has never been critical. He'll make suggestions in a tactful way."

Their passion for two-piano music is evident in the joy with which they play. They've

continually drawn large crowds to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, not only a venue known for its acoustics, but also one dear to them.

"This is our seventh performance," Roberts said. "This is the first year we made it a fundraiser. Our minister (the Rev. Dr. Alex Riegel) resigned at the end of June. As with any organization or church, it was rough. ... Now we have a fabulous interim. Mitra Rahnema is our new minister. She was our interim before and we are thrilled to have her back.

"Churches always need money, so we're selling tickets in two tiers, \$25 for general admission and \$50 for VIP."

VIP ticket holders will be seated in the front rows.

Tickets are available online at [gpuuc.org/piano](http://gpuuc.org/piano), concerts or at the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call (313) 881-0420.

"And, of course, people are welcome at the door," Roberts said. "It's a two-piano concert — it's special and a little unique."

## Gaming updates

Katharine Hude, managing director of the Michigan Charitable Gaming Association in Lansing, recently spoke to members of the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club at The War Memorial. Hude updated the group on MiCGA's activities with the state legislature in promoting charitable fundraising activities.

Pictured, incoming Optimist Club President Julie Baumer, left, presents Hude an Optimist Certificate of Appreciation.



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## Nov. 3 fundraiser benefits CF research

Gloria Kitchen dedicated her life to raising funds to fight cystic fibrosis, the disease she battled from birth. Her family and supporters celebrate her memory in an annual fundraising event.

Family members estimate Kitchen's efforts resulted in \$500,000 toward solving the disease that first took her brother, Thomas, in 1995, at age 30. Gloria Kitchen's own battle with CF ended in 2010, at age 32.

Remaining family members and friends inspired by her are determined to continue her unfinished work. The latest fundraising effort, "Let's Strike Out Cystic Fibrosis," takes place 6:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Proceeds go directly to cystic fibrosis research.

"This will be a fun event that directly benefits research for improved thera-

pies for this devastating disease," Stephanie Kitchen Listman said. "It is a sports theme, so everyone should wear their favorite team jersey and join us in the battle against cystic fibrosis."

"Recent drug therapies, available to patients because of research, have vastly improved their health and quality of life," she added. "Our goal is for that kind of progress to continue for all cystic fibrosis patients."

The event features dinner and drinks, silent and live auctions, as well as raffles and more. Cost is \$85 per person, a portion of which is tax-deductible. There also are sponsorship opportunities. In addition, donations for auction items and raffle prizes are being sought.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Holiday lawn decoration overload

**Dear Gabby:** My neighbor puts up excessive Halloween house and lawn decorations.

And then when Halloween is over they put up excessive Thanksgiving decorations, Christmas decorations, etc.

I think it's tacky and I'm sick of looking at it.

What can I do about this?

— Griswald's neighbors!

**Dear Griswald's neighbors,**

**Gabby:** It sounds like you are not a very festive person, and that's OK. Except for the fact that there's nothing you can do about your neighbor's spirit. Frankly I wonder if perhaps you could use a dose of cheer yourself?

Is there something that is bringing YOU down, other than your neigh-

bor's penchant for the holidays? I would suggest taking a look in the mirror and trying to solve what is making you sad. If holiday decorations bum you out, it sounds like it's time to figure out the root cause of your misery.

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## Husband rebrands cruelty as 'honesty'



**DEAR ANNIE:** I have been married for almost 20 years and have five beautiful babies with my husband. The problem is that he tends to say things without thinking. He can hurt people's feelings, and he says he doesn't care because he is just telling the truth.

He has said some hurtful things to me about my weight. I am not a skinny girl and never have been, but try as I might to lose weight, it just won't stay off.

When I tell him he has hurt my feelings, it's like it goes in one ear and out the other. It's like he doesn't even care that he hurts me. He says I am just being crazy and too sensitive. I don't know what I should do to make him see how he is hurting me.

— SAD WIFE

**DEAR SAD WIFE:** You are not crazy, and you are not too sensitive. Your husband is mean and insensitive and he tries to hide his cruelty through some sort of a mask, saying that he's just being blunt and it's your problem. That is so unfair to you.

Next time he says something cruel or hurtful, walk away from him.

If he continues to insult you, you might have to contact a marriage counselor. If he refuses to go, then attend counseling yourself and decide if you want to stay in the marriage or not.

**DEAR ANNIE:** My daughter, "Jody," is back in college for her sophomore year. She enjoyed her first year and was looking forward to going back. But she just called me

to say that her best friend, "Sally," who she met at the school, decided to leave college immediately after returning for her second year.

Jody, who is 19, is sad about this and suddenly questioning whether she should stay at the university or leave.

Going to this school has been her dream since she was little. She was thrilled on the day when the acceptance letter arrived.

Her father and I took her out for a celebration dinner. Remember, at that time, she had never met Sally and didn't even know she existed.

Yet she would give up her dreams because one friend dropped out?

I am beside myself with worry about Jody's lack of judgment. She never was like this. Do you have any tips for

what my husband and I should say to her to persuade her to stay in school?

— WORRIED MOM



## Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

**DEAR WORRIED MOM:** Relax. Jody is 19, an age where impulsive decisions are common. If you overreact, you might create an unnecessary drama in all of your lives. Remind Jody about how this school has been her dream, and she will continue to fit in and enjoy her college years, undoubtedly with a new best friend. Communicate with her often -- daily is fine, for a while -- to offer support, encouragement and reinforcement. Let's hope this is just a phase.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I am asking for advice about my 20-year friendship that has ended. My former best friend and I have been through ups and downs, including her two former marriages and health problems.

However, not long ago, I noticed that her texts had become fewer and fewer. When she met her current husband, she was spending most of her free time with him. After a few months, they moved in together and purchased a large vacation spot together. I asked if she thought she was moving too fast, but she ignored my question.

Months later, they get

engaged and then married. I had only met him one time before they were married. He said very little to me at their small wedding.

Communication between my friend and me continued to be less and less frequent. I sent her a birthday flower arrangement and only heard back from her over a week later -- after I had sent her a text. She explained that she was hurt and angry that the card arrived blank, in her former name, and that I didn't spend time with her at her wedding.

I didn't realize that the florist neglected to put my message or name on the arrangement. I apologized for it.

She hasn't answered any of my texts or phone calls.

I can't understand how she wouldn't accept my apology, only had me meet her husband once before they got married and, most importantly, how she would throw away a friendship of over 20 years since she has gotten married again.

Could her husband be encouraging our breakup? Or had she decided to let our friendship end and she saw her new life as the way to do it? I have had a difficult time accepting the ending of the friendship and

how she refused to even talk about it.

She was my best friend. I keep hoping that she will contact me and be willing to talk about everything. — Missing My Best Friend.

**DEAR MISSING:** You are missing the way your friendship used to be before your best friend's husband came along. But the truth is that change is really the only constant in life.

It does sound like her husband is controlling her and maybe trying to shut you out. If that is the case, that is really sad for your friend and can lead to lots of isolation.

The fact that she can't be understanding that the florist forgot to write your name on the flower arrangement seems like a huge overreaction and that your friend is being unreasonable -- which leads me to believe that she might not be very happy if she is sweating the small stuff.

Just continue to try to keep the dialogue open with her and don't give up on 20 years of friendship.

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I used to love Bobbi Brown makeup. I thought it was really a high quality brand and very emollient when it comes to foundation.

Lately I've moved away from it, in favor of other brands, but when I saw that Bobbi herself had started a new company (after selling Bobbi Brown to a large company), I had to try it.

The most enticing product (and the most advertised and talked about) is the miracle balm. It is a tub of thick, waxy-like product with a tint. Is it a concealer or foundation? No.

Is it a bronzer or blush? Sort of.

Truth be told when I first received it, I was sort of underwhelmed and not that

excited to try it. It's nice packaging and the product looks pretty good, I just was not sure how much of a miracle it would be.

According to the website [jonesroad.com](http://jonesroad.com), "Miracle Balm is the secret of no-makeup makeup: a wash of soft-focus moisture to perfect and enhance skin. A light-reflecting super-product that's as versatile as it is simple to use.

Wear Miracle Balm alone or layer on top of foundation for an instant refresh."

So when I first tried it, I put it on top of my makeup just to give it a quick go. It definitely gives that "glazed doughnut" look that Hailey Bieber has mastered and the rest of

the world tries to copy. It looked great, actually.

I had to be a little careful because unless you rub it in, in some spots you can tell if you just swipe it

across (like the forehead area). With a little dabbing it seemed to look pretty good.

I would say this is the perfect replacement for

your highlighter and even blush if you get the right color. Speaking of colors, there are 10 to choose from. I went with Dusty Rose.

The next time I experimented with the Miracle Balm, I used it directly over my moisturizer. I put it on a little heavy-handed because I felt really naked without any concealer or foundation.

I think it just adds a little life to the face and when done right, it can take the place of regular makeup. It's definitely a lighter, very natural look, but it puts some polish and a healthy glow-ish look to the skin.

All in all, I have used this product almost everyday since I started using it.

Whether as a finishing touch to my usual routine or as my not-really-natural 'natural look.'

I give this 5 alligators because it really is sort of a miracle balm. Anything that can make you look better in less than one minute is worthy of a perfect rating.

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5 Out Of 5





# Fall comfort food

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This is autumn heaven in a bowl. I love this recipe because it's not meat heavy.

Roasted butternut squash gives this risotto the meatiness punch you need for a warm and filling dish that is so satisfying.

Hints of prosciutto gives it needed saltiness and the mascarpone and sage just give an herby and creamy effect that you don't want to miss out on.

Yes, risotto is a bit labor intensive because you do need to keep a watchful eye and continually stir in the broth but I promise you it's absolutely worth it.

There are prepackaged prosciutto slices but I'm telling you that Larry at Fresh Farms Market is an expert at slicing pieces that are thin and methodically cut.

This is just goodness

with simple ingredients that pair perfectly together on a cold night.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Butternut Squash Risotto with Sage and Prosciutto

3 cups butternut squash, cubed

½ minced onion

2 minced garlic cloves

8 oz prosciutto, diced

2 tbsp butter

2 tbsp olive oil

1 ½ cup arborio rice

4-5 cups chicken broth

4oz mascarpone

¼ cup sage, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 375 and roast the squash on a sheet pan for 35 minutes with olive oil, salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, heat two tbsp of olive oil and then add the onion, prosciutto and garlic. Sweat them until translucent and the prosciutto is slightly crisp, about five minutes. Add the rice and cook for another three minutes to gently toast everything.

Gently pour in the broth ¾ cups at a time. When the broth gets absorbed, add more. I like to add the squash after the first ladle of broth is absorbed.

Scrape in all the bits from the sheet pan. Continue to cook until the risotto is creamy and al dente. Before serving, spoon in the mascarpone, butter and chopped sage. Then eat a huge bowl and fall asleep in front of a fire!



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

# Beaujolais nouveau

Decades ago, if you said "Beaujolais nouveau" in a crowded theater, you might create a panic: Half the people would be rushing to get some, while the other half would be running to get away from it.

Beaujolais nouveau, the first wine of the year from a small district in France's Burgundy, is traditionally the nearest thing to grape juice with alcohol. It arrives in late November and is best when it's all gone before New Year's Eve.

It once was cause for celebration among wine merchants because it energized the market. After a summer of cooling white wines and roses, partygoers loved this light red. You quaffed it. It appealed to people who wanted to taste Beaujolais nouveau even if they didn't care a whit about wine.

Beaujolais nouveau signaled that the season to celebrate was imminent. Anything would do, including the release of the new wine. Soon it would be celebrations like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the New Year.

In the other party

were serious wine lovers, purists who'd say that the first wine of the vintage is merely jug wine, plonk, an utter frivolity with no redeeming social value. It was WINO — wine in name only — for winos.

But festive?! Absolutely. In France decades ago, you'd routinely see placards in late November proclaiming, "Le Beaujolais nouveau est arrive!" Years ago, I figured out that these signs were mainly for tourists.

Mania for nouveau (as it's called for short) has declined significantly since its heyday when it was feted with Bacchanalian parties at restaurants all over the country. One reason it declined in sales was that the French stopped promoting it.

It was, after all, one of the silliest promotions in the world of wine. At midnight on the third Thursday of November, the French government had decreed, the wine may be shipped to market. So, there was a rush of epic proportions to see that it arrived quickly.

Beaujolais companies competed feverishly to be the first to

deliver the new one to Perez.

As a result, getting the stuff to market became more important than the wine. Forty years ago, wine experts, many of them self-proclaimed, held wine glasses aloft to examine nouveau's color while the blood drained from their arms. There were sips, oohs and ahhs, and then the proclamation that the wine was good. It was always good. Never bad.

Not only would French flags fly in cafes and retail stores and wine bars, but special promotions were staged; TV cameras were sent to locations where the first bottles, rushed to market on the Concorde,

were opened with a flourish.

It made for good TV, but it had all the importance of Groundhog Day.

And sure, you can still find Beaujolais nouveau, but these days you have to look for it. The most widely available is from the fine producer George Duboeuf. His nouveau has been the market leader for decades.

There's a very short learning curve to this wine. You basically chill it (yes, a light red wine that you may chill and probably ought to!), you splash some into a glass (any glass will do; wine glasses aren't mandatory or even necessary). And you slug it down.



You do not take a tiny sip and slosh it around inside your mouth; you do not pontificate on its hedonistic impenetrability. And for heaven's sake, you do not score it.

Beaujolais nouveau is for gulping.

When it's consumed young, nouveau has a fresh, fruity aroma of berries and is evanescent. However, if you

don't drink it within a few months, a year at most, you'll pay the consequences in lost fruit. And a nouveau without fruit is a sad experience indeed!

'Tis the season...

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# CELEBRATE

# Halloween

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By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Charcuterie has taken over as the favorite party treat of 2023! The versatility of these delicious presentations is surely a draw — and they easily become the mouth-watering centerpiece of any party or occasion.

Grosse Pointe is blessed with two gourmet cheese shops that offer an incredible selection of cheeses, meats, spreads and other tasty nibbles.

For this Halloween season, we asked local experts Cheese To Please and the Cheese Shoppe to show us their take on a “chairspookerie” or two that might be ideal for upcoming Halloween celebrations. They certainly nailed it as you will see, and their stunning creations offer some scary-good inspiration for your October gatherings with family and friends.

Cheese to Please specializes in gourmet grazing boards curated with a variety of artisan cheeses, charcuterie meats, seasonal fruits, olives, preserves, nuts, chocolates and more.

“Life is like a box of cheese...all boards are artisan and seasonal but one thing is certain, it’ll be beautiful and delicious!” said Missy Stines, of Cheese to Please.

For Halloween or for the holidays ahead, cheese is one delectable that everyone loves to find on the table or as a gift. Take a peek inside this beautiful store for great ideas for hosting and gifting.



Above, a sweet board with chocolate dipped fruit and peanut butter from Cheese to Please.



Frighteningly flavorful meats, cheeses and more make up this spectacular Halloween-themed charcuterie board, above, from Cheese to Please.

The fall-themed charcuterie, right, from Cheese to Please is a tasty and colorful homage to autumn, and the perfect presentation to wow guests at your seasonal gathering.

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Above, the Cheese to Please storefront.



## HAVE A WICKED GOOD TIME

*at your next get-together with these spooky and boo-tiful charcuterie boards fit for your favorite party monsters— so perfect for long nights of ghoulish “goblin.”*

The Cheese Shoppe got into the Halloween spirit with a charcuterie board featuring four fun Halloween-inspired cheeses.

“Midnight moon is a beautiful nutty goats milk gouda that always surprises a crowd with how complex it is,” said Shannon Jones, of the Cheese Shoppe.

“Red Dragon is a creamy whole grain mustard seed and ale-laden cheddar from England. Next is Mimolette, with its bright pumpkin orange color and pumpkin-shaped wheel — this hard cow’s milk cheese is perfect for a Halloween charcuterie board. Last we have Cambozola, a Cheese Shoppe favorite. This triple-cream blue brie is stunning with its blue-hued layers. It is creamy with a subtle blue flavor,” she said. Finished with Halloween decorations, this board is not only yummy, but spooky too!

The Cheese Shoppe garnishes its boards with fresh sliced speck (smoked prosciutto) and finocchiona (fennel salami) and other cured meats along with chef-made crostini.

Candied nuts, jams and dried fruit give the boards a seasonal flair.

No matter what tricks you have up your sleeve for Halloween entertaining, these treats are going to make your party a winner!



A creamy chunk of swiss cheese, above, sits high atop other delights from the Cheese Shoppe.



The delightful and festive charcuterie tray, above right, is a creative masterpiece of the Cheese Shoppe, using cured meats, Halloween-inspired cheeses, cheese curds, olives and more to capture the full spirit of the spooky occasion. The creepy “hand” is made of thinly-sliced gourmet ham.

Below: Just a few of the many varieties of imported and domestic cheeses available at the Cheese Shoppe.



A bountiful gift basket, above, was hand-packed by the Cheese Shoppe. The pretty yellow shop, left, is a great place to explore unique cheeses from around the world.

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# Add these films to your Halloween fright night lineup



Of American horror fans, 32 percent prefer classic scary movies, while 21 percent like new releases and 48 percent have no preference.

Lovers of the fantastic and horrific often find there's no better time of year than the month of October to embrace all things terrifying. This is when homeowners adorn their homes with scary decor to get prepared for Halloween — a day of the year when it truly seems the door to the mysterious may be open.

The weeks leading up to Halloween also are times when horror movies — classics as well as the newly-gruesome — take center stage.

Plenty of films will have viewers hiding behind their buckets of popcorn in the theater or gripping the sofa pillows at home. Here's a look at some offerings to put on your Halloween movie night list.

### "Five Nights at Freddy's"

This film is a terror-filled adaptation of a popular video game. It centers around a nighttime security guard at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza who quickly learns that the animatronic mascots of the establishment are alive and filled with malice. The movie is poised to have a PG-13 rating, so it may prove a bit too scary for younger children

even if they play the video game.

### "Knock at the Cabin"

M. Night Shyamalan's thriller follows a small family whose vacation in the woods is interrupted by strangers who say the apocalypse is upon them unless one of the family members makes the ultimate sacrifice. Yikes! Dave Bautista has a standout role.

### "Talk to Me"

A group of friends discover how to conjure spirits using an embalmed hand. They quickly get hooked on the thrill of discovery, and one goes wild releasing terrifying supernatural forces.

### "Evil Dead Rise"

A young aunt is stuck in an apartment complex while her sister becomes a Deadite who is determined to kill. Gory scenes abound in this installment in the "Evil Dead" series.

### "Infinity Pool"

A psychological horror, this movie follows a couple on a vacation as they venture outside the resort. They meet

a mysterious woman who introduces the couple to a culture of hedonism, horror and violence.

### "M3GAN"

Viewers looking for a film that mixes something a little scary, a little silly and a little heartfelt may find it when watching "M3GAN." The titular character is a life-like doll programmed to be a child's companion and a parent's ally. But as horror movie fans know, you can't always trust dolls.

### "Scream VI"

This long-running slasher series gives fans another installment. The main characters have moved to New York City only to find they are pursued by another Ghostface. Some great fight scenes keep viewers engaged.

Thanks to Hollywood's endless creativity, horror fans can enjoy a new crop of thrilling and scary films like these every Halloween. Just say, "Boo!"

SOURCE: gitnux.com, 2023

## The story of Count Dracula

The image of a menacing yet somewhat alluring man with canines piercing the neck of an unsuspecting victim has been circulating for more than 100 years, and is believed to have evolved from ancient Romanian folklore.

Count Dracula, a mythical, blood-sucking undead creature, is based on a very real individual who has a unique place in Romanian history. Vlad Dracula, nicknamed "Vlad Tepes" ("Vlad the Impaler"), was the ruler of Wal-

lachia in the mid-1400s. He hailed from Sighisoara in Transylvania, but spent most of his adult life in southern Romania, according to Romania Tourism.

"Dracula" translates to "Son of Dracul," meaning "dragon" or "devil." Vlad the Impaler was the second legitimate son of Dracul and is one of the most important rulers in Wallachian history as well as a national hero in Romania. Vlad plundered Transylvanian Saxon villages who supported his opponents, and took captured people back to his home where he had them impaled.

Despite his brutal military strategy, there is no evidence that Vlad the Impaler had any ties to the supernatural.

That connection is due in large part to the 1897 novel "Dracula" penned by Irish author Bram Stoker, which inspired the vampire trope. Having never traveled to Romania himself, Stoker evoked authority by including many real locations in the country in his work. The book's narrative was built around letters, diary entries and newspaper articles, so that readers could very well believe that Vlad the Impaler truly was condemned to live off the blood of the living for all eternity.

"Dracula" helped pave the way for more Dracula adaptations, including the 1922 film "Nosferatu," which is the Romanian word for vampire. This, combined with the

dense, dark ancient forests of Transylvania, and the fact that Romania Tourism says that Transylvania sits on one of the Earth's strongest magnetic fields, help add to the mystery surrounding this area of the world - and the possibility that there really could be an undead predator feeding on the living.

Depending on the account, Dracula can shift his shape to a vampire bat or even mist. Additional accounts say that he will be burned by sunlight, although in Stoker's version he is able to move about during the day despite typically being nocturnal. Hollywood films helped solidify the persistent myths about Dracula over the years.



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# Happiness in a jar

What better way to say “Halloween is here” than with a craft that can be displayed and also played with? Slime is something that’s always a big hit with kids. Here’s a recipe for slime, courtesy of The Best Ideas for Kids.

Any color will be fun — but using orange food dye will make it even more appropriate for the trick-or-treat season.

## Halloween slime

- 6 oz. of Elmer’s glue (substituting with another brand of glue may not produce the same results)
- Orange food coloring to create desired hue
- 1/2 tsp of baking soda
- 1 1/2 Tbs of contact lens solution (one that contains boric acid in the ingredient list, as that is what causes the chemical reaction to form slime)
- Optional: 2 tsp of water added to the glue before the baking soda if you desire a stretchier slime

- Black felt or black construction paper, cut into the eyes and mouth of a jack-o’-lantern
- Small mason jar with lid

Decorate the mason jar using a bit of glue to stick the black paper or felt face pieces to the outside of the jar. Mix all the ingredients of the slime in a small bowl and pour into the decorated jar to keep it fresh and pliable.



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Bill Nighy as Gideon Warner in the 2005 movie "Gideon's Daughter," written and directed by Stephen Poliakoff.

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



bowled over so much by what he says, but what he doesn't say.

Gideon lives nothing better than to just listen to people and let them draw their own conclusions. One of the most telling scenes occurs while he's attending the premier of a new film. A young actor approaches him looking for some advice. As the hair-brained woman babbles away pondering what her next steps should be, he totally tunes her out and pretends to be listening.

When she's done with her diatribe, she asks him what she should do. He responds vaguely with, "I say do it." When pressed further he adds, "Yes, everything." She's absolutely overjoyed by his response even though he didn't tell her anything.

One of the themes of the movie is how we deal with loss. Gideon is a widower and has taken on a lover. One day he encounters a divorcee, Stella (Miranda Richardson), who is grieving over the death of her young son, who was killed while riding his bike.

She's everything he isn't — she's full of life, spontaneous, whacky, and in touch with her feelings. The two start hanging out together, and their relationship eventually gets more serious. Stella helps him open up about his past and come to terms with his feelings.

Gideon is grieving in a different way. His beautiful daughter Natasha (Emily Blunt) lives with him. However, the two of them are estranged for reasons that are revealed later in the movie. She treats him aloofly and just barely communicates with him.

Upon her graduation from high school, she reveals that she's planning on moving to Colombia to study jaguars. Naturally, Gideon's shocked and he pushes her to consider going to university in Edinburgh.

He loves her and is terrified at the thought of her being so far away from him.

This is one of those movies that is sure to move you. I thought it was so beautifully told I actually watched it a second time a week after first seeing it.

The acting, cinematography, and even the score by Adrian Johnston were pitch (sorry) perfect. One thing that I found haunting is, when the movie ends, you wonder if it really happened, or did Sneath fabricate it all? If you have an answer after seeing "Gideon's Daughter," feel free to email me and let me know.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Hoopla. Also on BritBox, and Pluto TV.

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](mailto: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).

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"Gideon's Daughter"  
2005 - Rated TV-14  
1 hr 45min  
★★★★★

Before I launch into a review of this film, I must confess, I'm an unabashed Bill Nighy fan. I can't think of a single one of his movies where he was less than great. And he sure has been busy over the years. A quick check with IMDb reveals he's made 158 movies to date, with six in the works!

A few of my favorites are "Love Actually," "About Time," "Sometimes Always Never," "The Kindness of

Strangers," and his recent, Oscar-nominated "Living." I could watch a feature-length film of him walking down the street and not be bored.

Mr. Nighy almost always plays the stiff upper lip English gentleman and his role in "Gideon's Daughter" is a perfect example. This film is a companion piece to director Stephen Poliakoff's "Friends and Crocodiles." Here he plays the highly sought after PR guru Gideon Warner. The film is set against the backdrop of the election of the Labour Party, the tragic death of Princess Diana, and the Millennium celebrations.

The events are told through the eyes of novelist Sneath (Robert Lindsay) as he dictates this captivating story to a secretary he's recently hired. He indicates he's a close friend of Gideon's, which is a bit suspect since we rarely see the two interact.

Needless to say, he somehow knows intimate details of Gideon's life. Poliakoff takes great pleasure here poking fun at the superficiality of celebrities.

Nighy plays the owner of a highly respected PR firm and it's delightful to see him deal with clients and potential clients looking to him for his sage advice. They're not



Emily Blunt as Natasha performs at her graduation.



Tom Hardy as Andrew.



Gideon's biographer Sneath, played by Robert Lindsay.



Gideon and Natasha attend a movie premier.



Gideon (Nighy), Stella (Richardson) and Natasha (Blunt) going for a stroll.



Stella (Miranda Richardson) visiting Natasha (Emily Blunt) in her dorm room.



# Grandparents

Grandparents rule as the cream of the crop;  
Grandma and Grandpa are right at the top;

Yes, grandmas are mothers who've been there before  
And grandpas are fathers who've mastered the score;

Grandparents are sitters and chauffeurs as well  
And teachers and tutors who know how to spell

And keepers of secrets when you need a friend;  
When you need a dollar they're willing to lend —

(That is, if you pay them back most of the time  
Lest, next time you ask you may not get a dime!)

They'll hasten to chide you for lack of good sense  
Then jump in beside you to offer defense;

Grandmothers know how to magic'ly make  
Your favorite fixings like cookies and cake

And, grandfathers? Some of them know how to cook  
While others can teach you to bait a good hook;

Grandparents do movies and, sometimes, the zoo —  
All manner of fun things they're willing to do

Like picnics and ball games and days at the beach  
And more that might otherwise be out of reach

Like talking your mom and dad into that pet  
You've been wanting forever and EVER to get!

They're Mimi and Pop-Pop or Grampy and Gram  
Who cares what they call themselves? Who gives a clam?

For grandparents rule as the cream of the crop  
Grandmothers and grandfathers right at the top!

Without them, oh, where would the rest of us be?  
No mommies or daddies for you or for me!

*Joan LeGro Bushnell*

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## Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT today (1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 12, 2023:

You have strong opinions and often are the center of attention because you're energetic and larger than life. You're skillful at helping others. This is a slower paced year. It's time to rejuvenate your energies and your life. Focus on business and personal relationships, and concentrate on your personal needs.

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

Timing is everything, and today is an excellent time to wrap up business at work or with any task that has your attention. Not only will you see ways to improve your work, you can also see how to improve your health. Perhaps you'll see how to improve your closest relationships as well. Tonight: Cooperate.

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

This is a strong day for creative, artistic people, as well as those involved in sports, the entertainment world, the hospitality industry or working with children. For starters, you will see ways to make improvements in these areas. Look for better ways of doing things. They exist! Tonight: Get organized.

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

Conversations with family members will be powerful today. Because you're keen to fix things at home, someone might help you or advise you about making improvements, especially to areas related to plumbing, bathrooms, recycling and garbage. Ideas? Tonight: Be creative and playful.

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

You're very convincing and persuasive today, which is good news for those of you in sales, marketing, teaching or acting. Nevertheless, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Look for ways to improve your daily surroundings. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

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

Because you're in a resourceful frame of mind today, you might see how to improve your financial scene. Perhaps a better paying job or ways to make money on the side. You also might buy something that makes your life easier. If shopping, check the Moon Alert! Tonight: Talk to others.

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

Many of you own, work in or frequent health food stores because you are interested in wellness and staying healthy. Today these ideas will be on your mind, which is why you might think about how you can improve your body or your health. Tonight: Check your belongings.

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

Check the Moon Alert; you will see when the Moon enters your sign today. After that happens, your luck will improve slightly. Admittedly, you also might feel more emotional about issues, but things will tend to go your way. (Yay! We like.) Tonight: You win!

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

For the first time in two years, fiery Mars is in your sign to stay for the next six weeks. This will really pump your energy! (Oh yeah, you'll mean business.) Take note that phys-

ical exercise will be an excellent way for you to get rid of any pent-up steam building up within you. Tonight: Solitude.

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

This is a social day for you. You'll enjoy the company of others. However, don't volunteer for anything during the Moon Alert or agree to anything important. Just coast and schmooze with others. Expect to hang out with younger people. Tonight: Be friendly.

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

The Sun will continue to be at the top of your sign for the next few weeks, which is excellent for you. This can happen only once a year, and when it does, it makes you look good to others, especially important people and authority figures. Enjoy meeting people who are "different" today. Tonight: Show respect.

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

Because you have a strong interest in financial matters, banking situations and anything to do with shared property or inheritances, do be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert today. Don't make important decisions during that window of time. Just get your facts. Tonight: Explore!

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

For most of this day, you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others to make things easy for yourself. This simply means you have to be accommodating, polite, courteous and willing to listen. Tonight: Check your finances.

### BORN TODAY

Actor Hugh Jackman (1968), actress Iris Apatow (2002), actor, producer Josh Hutcherson (1992).

## Contract Bridge

### AN UNUSUAL PLAY

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q J 10 9 4  
♥ 6 4  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A 10 3

**WEST**  
♠ 7 5 2  
♥ A 9  
♦ K J 10 8  
♣ J 9 8 6

**EAST**  
♠ A 8 6 3  
♥ Q 10 7 5 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ 5 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K  
♥ K J 8 3  
♦ A Q 9 3  
♣ K Q 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — six of clubs.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the six of clubs, which you win with the seven. You play the king of spades, but, as expected, the defenders let you win it. This doesn't disturb you a bit, because you now lead a low club, planning to finesse the ten and then establish dummy's spades. If the finesse wins, which seems certain, you'll score at least nine tricks.

Unfortunately, when you lead the club deuce, West — a foeman worthy of your steel — plays the jack! You win with the ace, but this leaves you with no further entry to dummy and makes it pointless to establish the spades.

So, you play a diamond to the queen, hoping to find East with three to the king. In that case, you'd have a good chance to make the contract by establishing your fourth diamond. But West takes your queen of diamonds with the king and returns a club, and you eventually go down.

When you think about the hand later, you realize that you should have made the contract. It all goes back to your play at trick one, when you should have won the club lead with the king, not the seven!

Since it was vital to have two entries to dummy to make use of dummy's spades, winning the first club with the king or queen would have accomplished this goal. Then, after the king of spades was ducked at trick two, you could lead the deuce of clubs, planning to finesse the ten.

Now if West played the jack, you could win with the ace and later lead the seven of clubs to dummy's ten to collect the remaining spades.

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# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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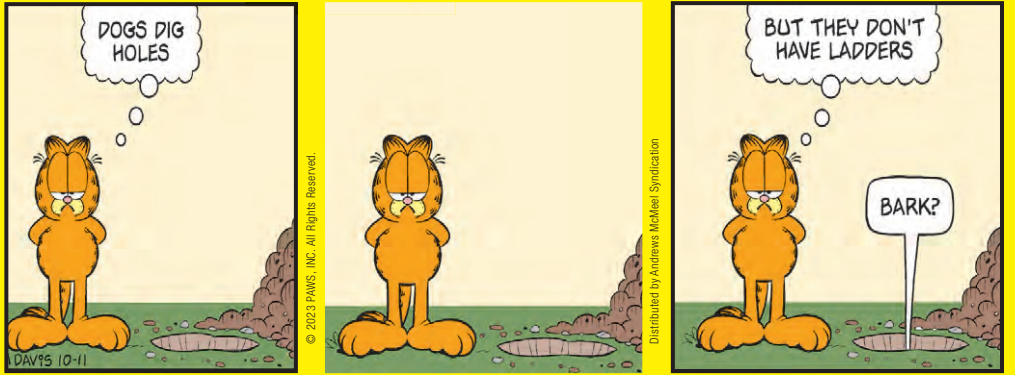
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"Trees don't need leaves in the winter 'cause nobody sits under them."

## Garfield

Jim Davis



## Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



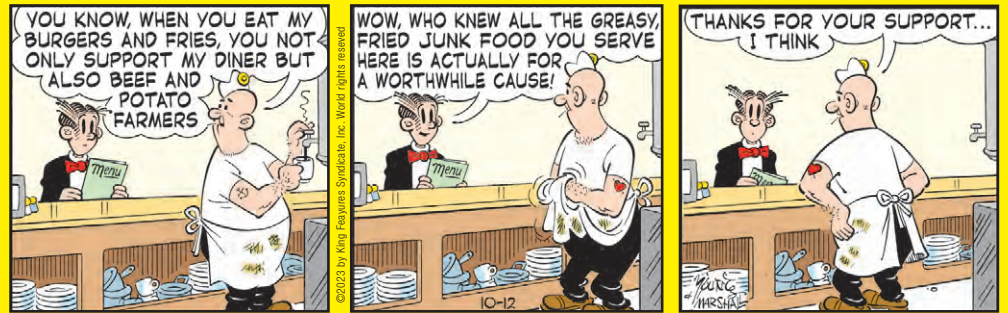
## Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



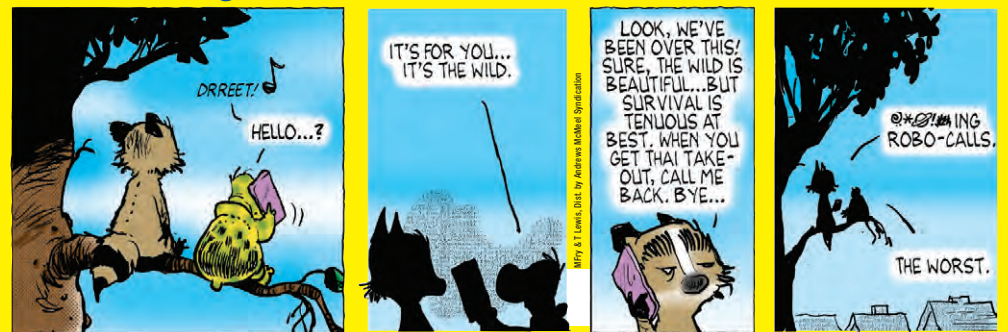
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Chris and Dean Young



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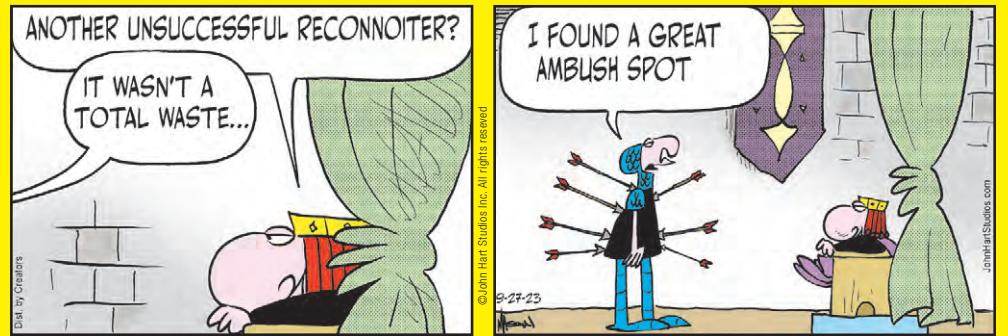
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Reg Smythe



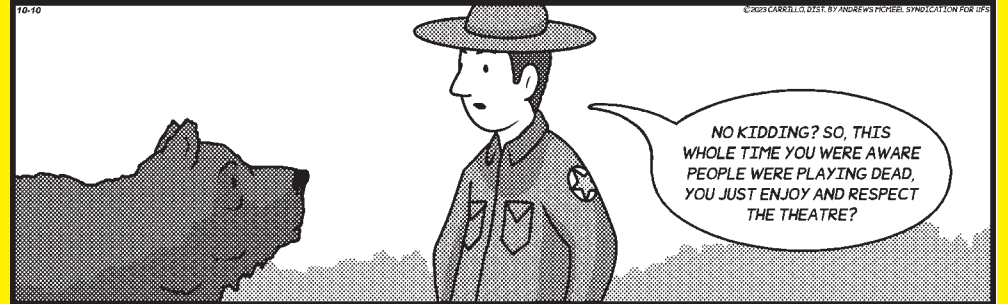
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Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## F Minus

Tony Carrilo

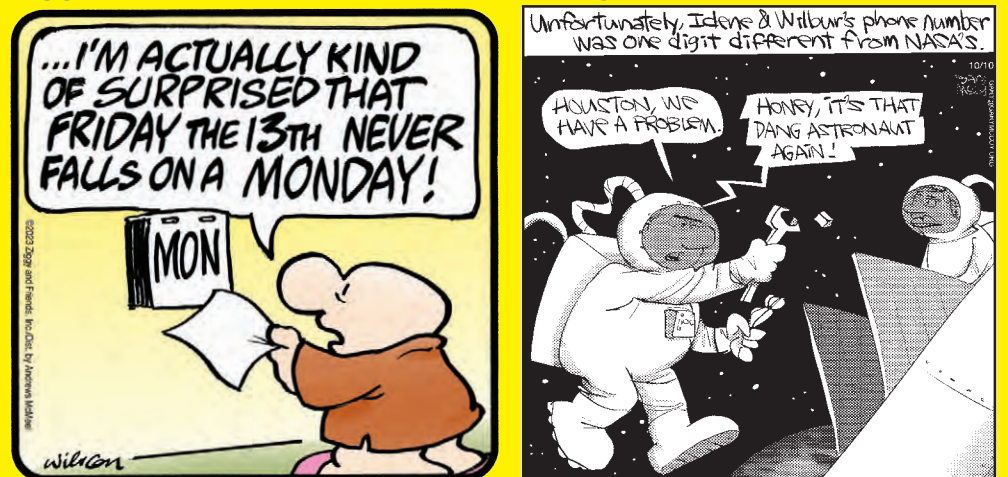


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 12, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Moment, for short
- 4 Low-pH substance
- 8 They fill a cornfield
- 14 Texter's "I'll get there around ..."
- 15 Mystical symbol
- 16 Sonia Sotomayor or Sofia Vergara, for instance
- 17 Zuck's wish after a wild year?
- 19 "Me? Never!"
- 20 Coast down a snowy hill
- 21 What we orbit
- 22 "Baywatch" star Anderson
- 23 Get \_\_\_\_\_ (punny name for a book club)
- 25 Pigmented liquids
- 27 Without much attention
- 28 Approach to eating mints?
- 32 Such that you might
- 33 Funerary vase
- 34 Pigmented liquid
- 37 Reactions to something adorable
- 38 Den fixtures
- 40 Zing
- 41 Lamb's dad
- 42 Name that's a facial feature backward

- 43 MGM lion
- 44 High-pH substance
- 46 Nativity prop at a Christ-kindmarkt?
- 49 Prominent Swedish group ... or a structural hint to 17-, 28-, 46- or 62-Across
- 52 Alpha follower
- 53 Desired answer to a proposal
- 54 Lightning's state of matter
- 56 Lie like a \_\_\_\_\_
- 58 James sampled in Avicii's "Levels"
- 61 Whole Foods' Texas home
- 62 Neckwear worn on Hawaii's bits of land?
- 64 Passed along, verbally
- 65 Look to be
- 66 Single-stranded molecule
- 67 What fashion forecasters predict
- 68 Philosopher Immanuel
- 69 Month after Aug.

### DOWN

- 1 Stand-up routines
- 2 And other authors: Abbr.
- 3 thisWriting-Style

- 4 Hand holder?
- 5 Actors' signals
- 6 TurboTax's company
- 7 Empath Troi
- 8 Air current from a propeller
- 9 "Yay me!"
- 10 Category of physics for Niels Bohr
- 11 Like notebook paper
- 12 Hillock
- 13 Indonesian dish with skewers
- 18 Revises
- 24 Tell the teacher, say
- 26 Packaged serving of coffee
- 28 Russian leader, once
- 29 State crossed in an annual bike ride
- 30 They don't perform their own songs
- 31 Active during a game
- 34 Hot rods
- 35 Bulldogs' Ivy
- 36 Qatari leader
- 39 Certain people
- 45 Prepare to propose
- 46 "Beauty and the Beast" villain
- 47 In danger
- 48 Morning sickness, e.g.
- 49 In pieces
- 50 Like less cloudy skies
- 51 Make makeshift stitches
- 55 Not severe
- 57 Narrow valley
- 59 It pokes a bit of food
- 60 "Quickly!"
- 63 Ambulance figure: Abbr.

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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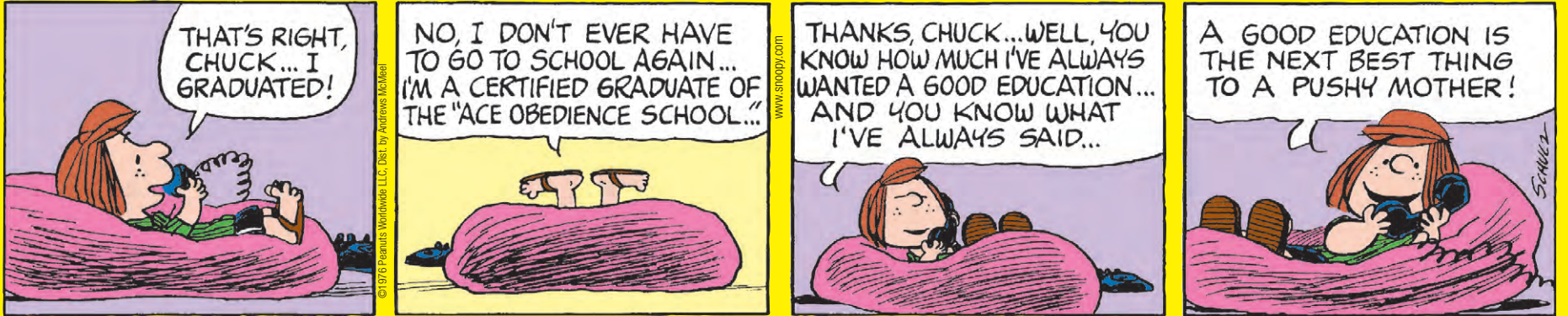
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



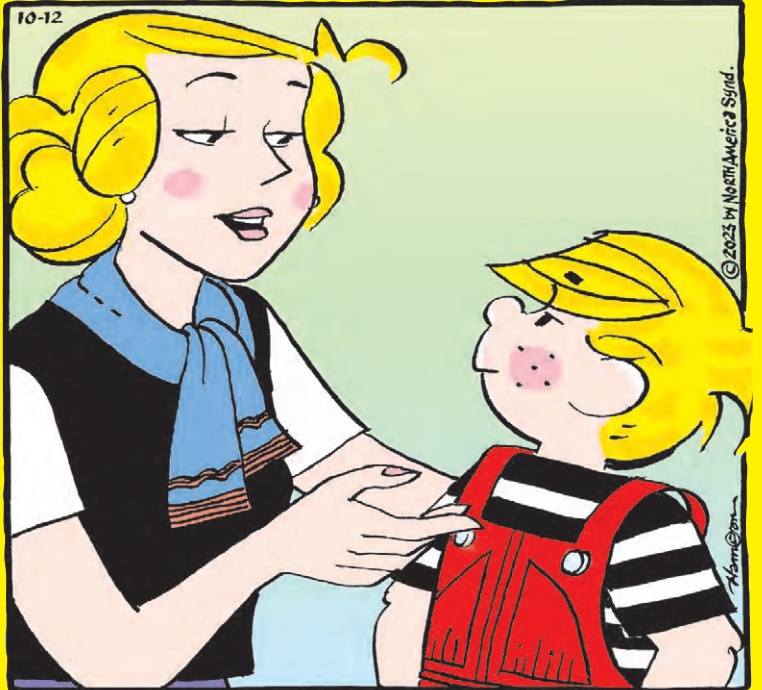
## Hagar The Horrible

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## Dennis the Menace

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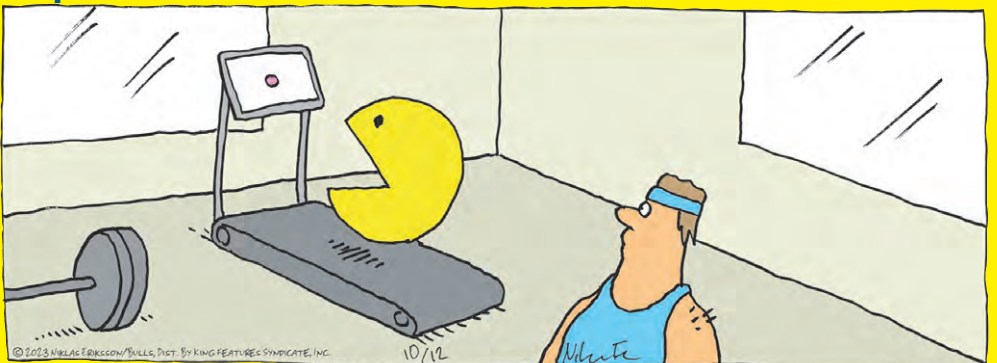
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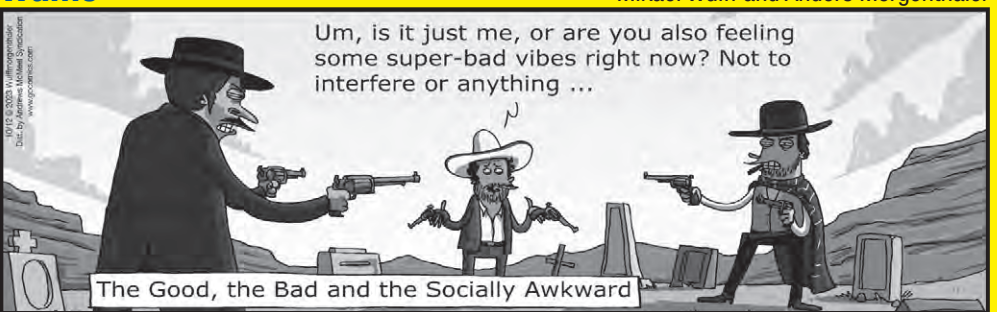
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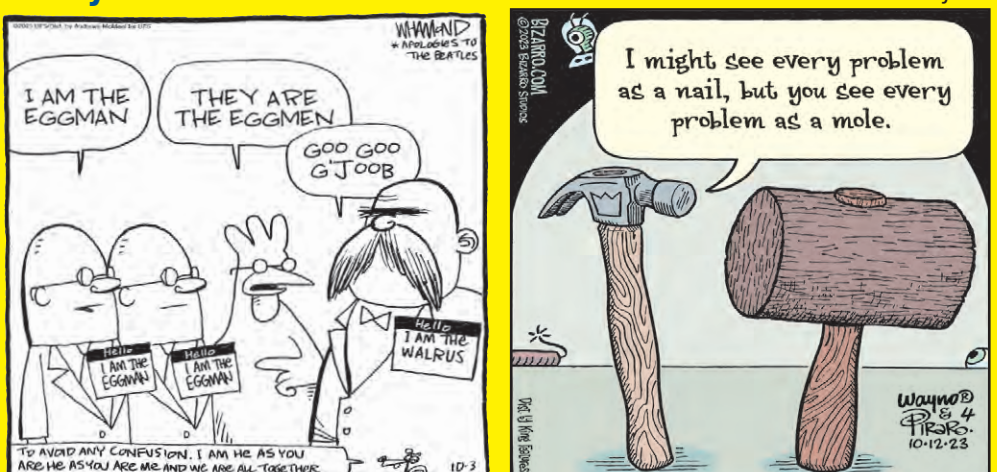


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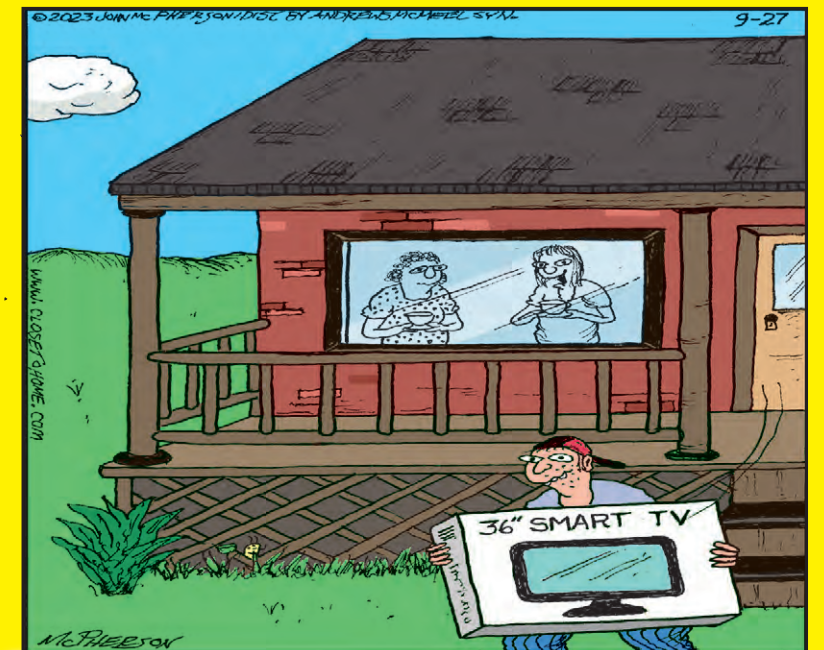
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*Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the paragraphs below and circle the seven errors you find. Then rewrite the paragraphs correctly on the lines below or a separate sheet of paper.*

# Funny Flyers

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a squirrel???

## Do they really fly?

**H**ow do some squirrels fly? They don't have wings like birds.

The flying squirrel has a flap of skin that stretches from its front legs to its hind legs. When it stretches out its legs, these skin flaps form "wings." The squirrel uses these to glide from tree to tree.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in different kinds of places.



## Squirrel Flight Plan

Flying squirrels use their tails to change direction and even move up and down.

They turn and dive like stunt pilots and even turn somersaults! Using their tails as brakes, they land feet first and sink their sharp claws into the bark of a tree.

After landing in a tree, they climb up higher in the tree and look around for the next landing.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Adaptations in physical structure improve an animal's chance for survival.

### Climb & Spell

Use the letters on the acorns to make new words as you climb the trees.

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__ O G	__ A G E	T A __ E
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Acorn letters: P D I C N O G M S

### High-Flying Facts

Use the code to learn some amazing facts about the flying squirrel.

Flying squirrels can glide as far as  $\nabla/\blacktriangleright$  feet ( $\square$  meters).

Flying squirrels live in the forests of Asia, Europe and North America. Most of them grow to be  $\blacktriangledown$  to  $\blacktriangle$  inches long ( $\blacktriangledown$  -  $\blacktriangle$  centimeters).

Some Asian flying squirrels grow to be more than  $+$  feet long ( $/$  meter)!

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**Standards Link:** Word Analysis/Phonemic Awareness: Distinguish sounds in words.

How many leaves can you count on this page?

## Mom Saves the Day!

One day, when a \_\_\_\_\_ squirrel came back to the cozy hole in the oak tree where her little babies were \_\_\_\_\_, she saw a frightening sight. A lumberjack was in the tree, \_\_\_\_\_ a limb off. In horror, she watched him pull

her four hairless babies from the nest. She knew she would have to act fast!

Not \_\_\_\_\_ a moment, she climbed the tree, then up the man's pant leg and grasped one of her babies in her mouth. She

then \_\_\_\_\_ higher and sailed with her baby 86 feet across the river. She

\_\_\_\_\_ the baby up to a hole in another tree. She did this again and again until all of her babies were safe.

## Long Leaps!

Use the columns in the newspaper as guides to cut out long strips of paper. Measure your newspaper strips and line them up to show the number of feet (or meters) a flying squirrel can glide.

**Standards Link:** Measurement: Use standard and non-standard units to measure.

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: GLIDE**  
 The verb **glide** means to move smoothly or fly without effort.

I watched the squirrel **glide** from tree to tree in my backyard.

Use the word **glide** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, and family members.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

**B S E I R N R S**  
**G Flying Squirrel Feast**  
 The flying squirrels are having a feast, but which foods will they eat? Start with the letter in the square and read every other letter in the border to find out what foods flying squirrels like to munch. Then circle those foods.

B	S	E	I	R	N	R	S
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E							S
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**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

FLYING TREE EAT AMAZING GRASPED SAILED CLIMB DIVE CLAWS HORROR SINK RIVER COUNT SKIN ACT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Talking Pictures**  
 Cut out pictures from the newspaper and paste them on paper. Write words for the people, animals or objects in the pictures to say. Draw "talking bubbles" around the words to create comics.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Answer questions about information found in the text.

**How can you get an elephant to the top of an oak tree?**

**ANSWER:** Have him stand on an acorn and wait 50 years.

**Write On!**

**Up in the Air**  
 Up in the air, it's a bird, it's a plane, no it's ...  
 Finish this story about something flying through the air.

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## Blue Devils repeat as MAC White champs by routing Lakeview 27-0

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Using a balanced offensive attack, along with a defense that's been decidedly staunch this season, Grosse Pointe South's varsity football team won its second consecutive MAC White division championship 27-0 against St. Clair Shores Lakeview Friday, Oct. 6, on the Huskies' home turf.

"It went 100 percent according to plan," South varsity head football coach Chad Hepner said. "They were physical but we felt like our game plan, especially on defense, was really good and it worked out the way we hoped. Our offense did a great job of taking care of the ball. We handled time of possession well and kept the ball out of their hands."

South wasted little time getting on the scoreboard on its first possession, which was



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's offensive coordinator, Ray Filipek, center, has fun with his players after a 27-0 win over Lakeview last Friday.

set up on the Huskies' 36-yard line, thanks to a shanked punt.

After a short 2-yard run by Joey Michelotti, junior quarterback Jack Lupo ran the ball to the 3-yard line, where he was pulled down by his facemask by a Lakeview defender. At first and

goal from the 1, junior running back Lex Wilson punched it into the endzone, giving South an early 7-0 after the extra point at 8:40 in the first quarter.

South's defense forced a punt on Lakeview's ensuing drive. Starting with the ball at their own

35, South moved the ball into the red zone, but got stopped on third-and-goal after an incomplete pass to junior wide receiver Vince Vachon. During the field goal attempt, a false start moved South back to the 12-yard line. The attempt hit the crossbar and

bounced out, keeping the score 7-0 with 10:54 to go in the second quarter.

South's defense caused another Husky four-and-out, giving them the ball back on their own 42-yard line. A Vachon catch moved South into Husky territory at the 38-yard line. A few plays later, Lupo scrambled to the 20 for first down.

Michelotti took the hand off on the next play where the only thing standing between himself and the endzone was a referee, who did not get out of the way in time before a Lakeview defender caught up to Michelotti to bring him down at the 2-yard line.

A few false starts pushed the Blue Devils back to the 11, but on first-and-goal, Lupo found senior Karter Richards in the endzone for a touchdown that extended South's lead to 14-0 with 3:40 seconds left before halftime.

Lakeview continued to attempt running on the South defense, but to no avail. The Blue Devils stalled another Huskies drive, forcing a punt and heading into the locker room comfortably in command.

"We were definitely well balanced," Hepner said of his team's offense. "We ran the ball for just over 200 yards total, so that's something we always want to be able to do. I thought Jack Lupo did a really good job with his decision making. I thought our offensive line did a good job opening up some holes and our (running) backs, Joey in particular, had a really nice game showing good vision all game."

The Blue Devils scored two more times in the second half, including a 65-yard drive, capped off by a 2-yard touchdown by Michelotti to make it 21-0 with 7:20 left in the

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### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Senior lineman Beers anchors North football in the trenches

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Brady Beers is a Norseman through and through. The senior has been part of the Grosse Pointe North varsity football team since his freshman year and has solidified his spot over the years as a key player in perhaps the most important part of the field: the trenches.

Beers started his career as a freshman playing some wide receiver and defensive end. Putting on some size over the course of the next couple of years, he moved to offensive and defensive tackle. While his physical growth over the years has been impressive, Beers, who now stands at 6 feet 5 inches tall, feels that his men-

tal growth as a player, really thanks to the help of his coaches, is what has

beneficial because my offensive and defensive line

North's offensive and defensive lines and while he only has a couple of sacks while playing off the edge on defense, he has recovered three fumbles and even tallied an interception against Woods-Tower on Sept. 22.

When he is not on the field getting tackles, Beers says he spends most of the offseason in the weight room and the kitchen building his strength and size. He does not neglect the film room either, using study and practice to make sure his football IQ matches his physicality.

"My knowledge of the game has definitely increased over the years," Beers said. "Being able to read and react to a play and if someone does something or they don't is really important for all positions but on the defensive line especially. You have to be able to read the keys of the offensive linemen as well as the skill positions to make sure you get in the right spot to make a play."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Beers (No. 55) lines up on the edge ready to rush on defense in a game against Cousino.

Beers' mental and physical growth spurt has been apparent to anybody who has seen him play throughout his career. The coaches who have been with him along the way have become especially proud of the athlete and person that they have helped Beers grow into. Getting Beers to become the dominant

player and leader that he has been this season for the Norsemen was a gradual process. What has stood out the most in the last few months as Beers has embarked on his senior campaign is how much more confidently he has carried himself on and off the field in the eyes of his

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**Brady Beers**

School: Grosse Pointe North  
Sport: Football

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truly helped him evolve as a playmaker.

"Starting young was

coaches have been able to coach me for all four years," Beers said. "... They helped me become the player I am today. All the coaches have helped me get in the right mindset and mature from a young player to now being a senior."

Beers' senior season has been fruitful so far. He has helped anchor

### Big Bad Brady

- Has played varsity football, basketball and baseball at North
- Recovered 3 fumbles and has 1 interception this season
- Has sacked opposing QBs twice this season and has 4 tackles for loss



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## 2D | FOOTBALL

# Norsemen come out flat in 34-14 loss to Fitzgerald, split division crown

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North football team had been rolling in recent weeks and looked to be on its way to securing the outright MAC Gold Division title for a second straight year. However, standing in the Norsemen's way on Saturday, Oct. 7, were the Fitzgerald Spartans. North was unable to seize much momentum throughout the afternoon on their way to falling 34-14 at the hands of the Spartans.

Perhaps it was the wait until Saturday afternoon, instead of playing on the usual Friday night, that caused both teams to come out of the gate a

bit sluggish. Neither side put anything up on the scoreboard in the opening quarter, but Fitzgerald managed to get the game's first points early in the second to take a 6-0 lead.

"We had a good week of practice and geared everything toward playing Saturday...but it does affect (the players)," North football coach Joe Drouin said. "At the end of the day they're teenagers and it's going to have an effect whether they're playing on Friday night or at 1 o'clock the next day...You get kids out of their routine and it's difficult to adjust sometimes."

There was then another long period of no movement on the

board. It was not until the first half was nearly over that the Norsemen finally came up with a big play. An interception by Rocco Cardinale helped set North up with the ball in Fitzgerald territory. On the very next play, Cardinale was the man yet again catching a touchdown pass from Ryan Henderson to put the Norsemen ahead 7-6.

Just when it looked as though North may be gathering some momentum, the Spartans took it right back. Fitzgerald managed to score again in the final seconds before halftime to retake the lead and enter the locker room with a 14-7 advantage.

The third quarter was

full of game-changing plays. Three touchdowns were scored in the quarter, and none of them came on offense for either team. To begin the second half, Fitzgerald came away with a pick 6 on defense after a Henderson pass was deflected and eventually caught by the Spartan defense.

This began one of the more exciting and strange sequences of events seen so far this high school football season. After the defensive touchdown for Fitzgerald, North's Ethan Hamilton received the ensuing kickoff and ended up taking it all the way to the house for a touchdown.

Now only down 20-14, the Norsemen seemed to be fully back in the game. However, the Spartans managed to snatch the momentum right away yet again with a kickoff return touchdown of their own right after.

Trailing 28-14 entering the final quarter, North's offense could not manage to get much going in a comeback effort. A lone Fitzgerald touchdown with just over three minutes to go in the fourth sealed the game and sent North into a three-way tie for the division title alongside the Spartans and Cousino.

"We needed to lose," Drouin said after the game. "If you look at the losses we've had this season, the Mott game we lost in the last minute and we were in the



Senior QB Ryan Henderson completed 13 passes for 90 yards in the loss to Fitzgerald.



Rocco Cardinale secures a catch in the end zone for North's first, and only, offensive touchdown of the day against Fitzgerald.

PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

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third quarter. South's final score came in the fourth quarter, thanks to a 26-yard touchdown catch by Vachon. A missed extra point made it 27-0 South with 8:18 to go. South's defense used the remaining time to clamp down on Lakeview to secure the team its third shutout of the season.

After Friday's win, South's defense is allowing only 6.5 points per game, a season low.

Senior running back, linebacker and team co-captain Jack Kendall sang the Blue Devils' defensive performance in the post game.

"First of all, this started off with our defense. We held them to zero points," he said. "Our defense has been playing great all year and came out and played amazing tonight."

Kendall also said he liked the way his team settled in early in a championship game.

"I mean, at first there's some nerves when you are going into a big game like this with the MAC White championship on the line, but we prepared well, we had a great scout (offense) and had great practices throughout the week and we executed tonight."

In his second year as head coach, Hepner has led South to two consec-

utive undefeated seasons in the MAC White and two straight division championships.

Before a stint playing in the MAC Red in 2018 and 2019, South won the MAC White four consecutive years before that.

"We've had a good run," Hepner said.

**Up next in Week 8:**

The Blue Devils will hit the road for a 7 p.m. game Friday, Oct. 20, in a MAC Red crossover game against Romeo.

"We feel like Romeo is the best-coached team on our schedule," Hepner said. "They are one of those teams that improve week in and week out. They were in contention up until last week to win the MAC Red, so we know they are formidable, they have great athletes and are well coached."

Hepner said this week is all about preparation.

"As opposed to what we saw out of Lakeview, (Romeo is) going to have a much more advanced scheme offensively. We're going to have to have a real good week of practice and we'll have to give a real good look from our scout offense to get prepared, but I think the guys are up to the challenge."

Kendall agreed.

"Romeo is obviously a great team and they have some big guys over there in the MAC Red," he said. "But I think if we prepare well, we can put up a good fight for sure."



Grosse Pointe South head coach Chad Hepner talks with the team after beating Lakeview to win the MAC White last Friday.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



From left, quarterback Jack Lupo (No. 7) holds the attention of Joey Michelotti, Hunter Belanger, Vince Vachon and Karter Richards as he gets ready to take the snap.

# Knights win another CHSL title

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys soccer team is making Catholic League championships look like the new standard for the program. Last Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Knights defeated Bishop Foley 4-1 to win the CHSL Cardinal Division championship for the second consecutive year, and the third time in the past four seasons.

"I was so pleased for this group of boys to achieve one of their major goals for this season," Liggett boys soccer coach David Dwaihi said. "They work very hard and, most importantly, they work for each other, so it was gratifying to see them earn a trophy for their efforts. Of course, we can't dwell on it too much, because we feel like there's an even bigger goal ahead when the state tournament begins."

Liggett moved out in front early about ten minutes into the championship game. Junior Bobby Harthorn found the back of the net first to put the Knights on top 1-0. Before the first half was over, Liggett added another with a goal by senior Cass Cooley in the 38th minute.

However, before the

half was over, the Knights did something that has been uncharacteristic of them this season — they allowed a goal. For the first time since Aug. 29, Liggett conceded a goal in the 39th minute of the game against Bishop Foley that cut the Knights' lead in half going into the break.

The rare conceded goal did not shake Liggett's determination to take the league championship. The Knights held onto their 2-1 advantage for much of the second half before finally adding to it when Cooley netted his second of the day.

Cooley's second goal put the Knights back up by two with about seven minutes left to go. However, Liggett was not done after that, as senior captain Claudio Cavallo added one more to the team's lead for good measure with just two minutes left on the clock, sealing a 4-1 win.

After winning the CHSL Cardinal title, the Knights were victorious on the road last Friday, Oct. 6, and got a 3-0 victory against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Playoffs begin next Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. for Liggett, who will host either Landmark Academy or Parkway Christian in its first matchup of the district round.



The Knights celebrate with the trophy after winning their second consecutive CHSL Cardinal Division championship.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Senior Cass Cooley scored twice for Liggett in the team's 4-1 win over Bishop Foley Oct. 4.

# Blue Devils end regular season with first MAC win over Stevenson

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

It had been rough going as of late for the Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team heading into Monday's matchup against Stevenson. The Blue Devils were winless in the MAC Red Division and had gone a month

without a win. However, fortunes reversed on Monday, Oct. 9, as South closed out the regular season on a positive note with a dramatic 3-2 win over the Titans.

The first half of Monday night's game was close to ending in a scoreless tie. However, South benefited from a lucky bounce that ended

up leading to a goal by sophomore Jonah Bukovec that gave the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead late in the opening half.

South took that advantage into halftime, but it did not take long for the Titans to strike back once the second frame started. Stevenson scored nine minutes into the second half to even

the score, but the Blue Devils gained the lead back just a minute later with a goal from Raymond Deberry-Jones.

The fireworks had officially started and would set up for an exciting finish to the regular season finale. With 15 minutes left, Stevenson managed to tie the game yet again at 2-2.

Both teams fought for the remainder of the game to try and come out on top, with the Blue Devils especially hungry for their first division win. They would eventually get it in dramatic fashion as junior Onction Zape made a run at the goal with just under two minutes left and managed to chip the ball past the Titans' keeper to

score the game-winner.

The victory was South's first league win of the season and brought the squad's record to 5-12-1 to end the regular season. The Blue Devils begin playoffs with the opening round of the district tournament on Thursday, Oct. 12. South will travel on the road to take on Cass Tech at 5:30 p.m.



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South's Onction Zape battles to keep the ball away from a Stevenson defender. Zape would go on to score the game-winning goal for the Blue Devils in Monday's 3-2 win.

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# Wallace brings home shutout win for Liggett field hockey on senior night

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Led by goalkeeper Harper Wallace and her three fellow team co-captains, University Liggett varsity field hockey made its senior night one to remember by securing a 4-0 win over city rival Grosse Pointe North Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Muriel Brock Field.

But beyond city bragging rights and an important regular season win, the victory held special meaning for the seniors, especially for the goalie who brought them to victory.

Wallace not only got the shutout for the Knights, but did so just days after the tragic passing of her older sister, Honor Wallace, who was hit and killed by a drunken driver near her college campus at Southern Methodist University in Dallas Sunday, Sept. 24.

The team showed its love and support for the Wallace family by placing customized red, white and blue stickers that read "Honor" on their sticks and using white tape to write personal messages of their choice to the family.

"It has been an emotional two weeks for sure," said Liggett's

head field hockey coach Amanda Amine. "The team has truly rallied around each other. Harper's strength and faith has inspired us all."

In the win against the Norsemen, sophomores Constantina Bournias and Avery Welsh opened up the scoring, spotting the Knights with a 2-0 lead. Senior Allie Roth added the Knights' third goal of the game and junior Aliya Abraham closed out the scoring to give Liggett a 4-0 shutout victory.

Seniors Hallie Marcero and Tori Nugent led Liggett's defense.

"They prevented North from getting strong scoring opportunities," Amine said of Marcero and Nugent, who are team co-captains along with Roth and Wallace.

"I couldn't be more proud of this group of seniors and the heart, commitment and leadership they have shown all season long."

Nugent, who plays center back for Liggett and is one of Harper Wallace's best friends, said the team already had this game circled on its calendar since the season's start.

"We have been excited for the North

game all season and looking forward to our senior night," she said. "We played really well because it's a rivalry game."

She also recognized the extra-emotional nature of this game, in light of the tragedy. But, according to Nugent, because the players are such good friends off the field, their bond uplifted them and helped them to execute their jobs during the game.

"Our team is pretty much friends off the field too," she said. "For Harper, I know that her knowing her friends and teammates are there for her allows us to come together and all perform the best we can."

The team gets to compete one last time in regular season action at 4:15 p.m. Thursday Oct. 12, against Academy of the Sacred Heart at home.

Despite the team's 5-8 record, Amine said she believes there's a lot more her team can accomplish before the season ends.

"I feel like our overall record doesn't reflect the level we are starting to play at," she said.

"With graduating 11 seniors (from last season), it took us a while to hit our stride."



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From left, Liggett varsity field hockey co-captains Allie Roth, Tori Nugent, Harper Wallace and Hallie Marcero led the Knights' to a special 4-0 rivalry win over Grosse Pointe North last week.

But above all, Amine said, the character and strength of her team is what defines them as a

whole. "This group has been incredibly supportive of one another through

some incredibly tough times and I couldn't be more proud to be their coach," she added.

North's Brady Beers has spent time on the varsity football team in all four years of his high school career, mostly at offensive and defensive line.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

## ATHLETE:

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coaches.

"His size, framework and athleticism really impressed and we knew he had the ability to grow," North varsity football head coach Joe Drouin said. "...One of the things he's done this year is he's really believed that he's a good athlete. It was about midway through camp when he started believing in himself and not just what he wanted to be and he's been so solid for us all season long on the offensive

and defensive line...He comes to us with almost an Aidan Hutchinson type of skill set."

Beers has just a few games left in a Norsemen uniform to finish his high school football career and is currently looking at opportunities to continue playing in college. His focus now is having a strong finish to his senior season, and also on leadership.

Over the past couple of seasons, Beers has played a part in helping North football right the ship back in the direction of success. This year he has relished the

opportunity to be a senior leader, teaching the next generation of North linemen toughness to hopefully continue building winners.

"I've got to help the young guys who are coming up for the coming years," Beers said. "This spot didn't come free to me. Me and the fellow seniors worked hard and now we're adapting to those leadership roles to help the team."

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 02, 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 18, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on August 17, 2023 and Planning Commission meeting held on September 27, 2023.
- 2) To adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Board of Review to schedule an alternate meeting date during the week of the third Monday in July and during the week of the second Monday in December.
- 3) To adopt the resolution designating City Hall as the early voting site for the City of Harper Woods.
- 4) To adjourn to Budget session.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

**RESOLUTION PASSED**

- 1) (1)approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128265 through 128369 in the amount of \$398,436.55 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2)approve payment to McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$10,343.66 for the professional services provided on the site plan and special land use reviews for the potential marijuana retail businesses. (3) . approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,517.79 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of September and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of MS Office and keyboard/mouse bundles.
- 2) to accept the proposal submitted by McKenna Associates for the preparation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the amount of \$7,750.00 and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal.
- 3) approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$18,891.05 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2023 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-315.
- 4) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$14,870.16 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on November 7, 2023 from 7:00am to 8:00pm at which time the following offices will be voted upon:

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#6	Triumph Middle School	19800 Anita

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
LESLIE M. FRANK  
City Clerk

Posted: October 6, 2023 - Published: October 12, 2023

# North, South swim compete, then eat at unique post-meet 'Friendsgiving' celebration

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Foes in the pool, friends when it's over.

That's a message varsity swimmers from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North took to heart after the Blue Devils beat the Norsemen 121-59 Tuesday, Oct. 10, at South.

They did so by coming together to share a Thanksgiving meal, complete with seven roasted turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the traditional fixings, after going toe-to-toe in high-intensity races in what is always

a revved-up rivalry meet.

"It was a really nice event and I'm thankful that South thought to include us in it," said North head varsity swim and dive coach Chris Trepanowski.

But before the teams got to gobble up the "Friendsgiving" feast, the meet began with the first event of the night, the highly contested 200 medley relay.

South's Mischa Eng, Charlotte Bedsworth, Keira Collins and Betty Eng outpaced the competition, finishing first in the event 1:56.32 over North's relay team of Addie Wakefield, Mia

Melham, Avery Beal and Cailey Hard, which finished second in 1:58.18.

Later in the meet, the Blue Devils also took first and second place in the 200 free relay. Eng, Hannah DiDio, Bedsworth and Whitney Handwork won the event in 1:45.87, while Heidi Bryan, Amelia MacGillis, Lydia Prysak and Betty Engel placed second in 1:51.04.

But the Norsemen exacted revenge in the 11th and final event of the meet, winning the 400 free relay with Hard, Wakefield, Rylee Nugent and Beal taking first in 3:50.43. South's DiDio, Bryan, Dailey Jogan and Handwork took second in 3:54.60.

"The 400 win was definitely a nice way to finish off the meet — a rare first place versus South and a state cut," Trepanowski said. "We've known we've had the potential for a good 400 relay team and this was the first time we put these four girls together this season and they didn't disappoint."

For South, in addition to winning two of the meet's three relays, the Blue Devils won the 200 free (Handwork, 2:04.75), 200 IM (Bryan, 2:20.01), 1 meter diving (Alayna Okonowski with 199.43 points), 500 free (Handwork, 5:34.98) and 100 breast (Eng, 1:13.19).

Beal set the pace for North, placing first in

the 50 free (25.15) and 100 free (54.78).

Trepanowski said the meet was grueling, as both teams were coming off the Wayne County meet the previous Saturday, in addition to it being a rivalry matchup.

"Honestly, it wasn't our best performance. Coming off of Wayne County's (meet) just a few days prior, I think some of the girls were in their heads a little too much and didn't have the swims we were hoping for — especially with South being the opponent," he said. "We were, however, very excited to make the state cuts for both the 200 medley and 400 free relays."

Once the competition quieted down, the post-meet feast in the Boll Center's mezzanine really showed how close these rivals are when they take off their swim caps, Trepanowski said.

"It was really fun watching the girls interact with each other," he said. "So many of the girls know each other from club swim or other GP activities that they were just able to hang out with each other and enjoy some delicious food."

South swam against L'Anse Creuse Tuesday, Oct. 10, at home after press time. North will host a tri-meet Tuesday, Oct. 17.



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South varsity diver Alayna Okonowski sets up before winning the 1 meter diving competition during last week's meet versus North.

## More state cuts

Swimmers from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competed in meets last weekend to earn more qualifying times for November's Division 2 state final.

The Norsemen hit the road Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7, to face the state's top swimmers in the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (MISCA) meet at Calvin

University in Grand Rapids.

Cailey Hard made the state cut in three events — the 200 free, 500 free, and 50 free with a relay start. Junior Addie Wakefield qualified for the 50 free, while sophomore Avery Beal earned a personal record in the 100 free, taking third place.

"Our 200 free relay, which finished 11th out of 45 teams, and 400 free relay, which fin-

ished 13 out of 49 teams did great," North head coach Chris Trepanowski said.

Overall, he said he was happy to see his team step up against a higher level of competition.

"We had a great showing at MISCA, especially considering that most of the teams faster than us were D1 schools," he said.

On Thursday, Oct. 5 and Friday, Oct. 6, South headed west for the Cranbrook-Kingswood Invitational

in Bloomfield Hills, placing first with 367 points, beating Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Marian and Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The Blue Devils currently have eight swimmers who have qualified for the state final including Charlotte Bedsworth, Heidi Bryan, Keira Collins, Hannah DiDio, Betty Eng, Mischa Eng, Whitney Handwork and Maryn Smith.

— Meg Leonard

## Knights stomp Shrine 40-7

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Just a week after a blowout win over Cabrini on homecoming night, the University Liggett varsity football team marched into Royal Oak last Friday, Oct. 6, looking to do it all over again. The Knights faced off against Shrine and had no trouble pulling off another runaway victory 40-7.

Liggett took control early on with a 56-yard touchdown run by junior Gary Stacy to open the scoring at 8-0 after a two-point conversion. It would be the first of four touchdown runs on the night for Stacy, continuing his breakout season.

The second score for the junior came with just over three minutes left in the opening quarter, extending the advantage to 15-0.

The Knights were not

done scoring in the first quarter after that. Santino Cicarella came up with a pick 6 for the second week in a row, intercepting the Shrine QB and taking it to the house to make the scoreboard 21-0 in favor of Liggett after just 12

minutes.

The second quarter saw Liggett continue to build on its lead. Stacy had two more touchdown runs on back-to-back possessions to extend the lead 34 points for the Knights. A 62-yard run by Cicarella



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Santino Cicarella had two touchdowns for the Knights in the win over Shrine, a rushing touchdown on offense and a pick 6 on defense.

to the end zone capped off the first half with Liggett dominating 40-0.

That would end up as the final points of the night for Liggett as the team elected to not continue running up the scoreboard in the second half. A lone Shrine touchdown did little to inspire hope of a comeback and Liggett easily secured its fifth win of the season.

The victory moved the Knights to 5-2 this year and marked their second straight game of scoring 40 points or more.

**Up Next In Week 8:** Liggett remains on the road for the second consecutive second week for its next matchup when they take on Cardinal Mooney at 1 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 14. Cardinal Mooney is 4-3 this season after defeating Cabrini 48-27 in its last game.

**Top: It's Turkey Tom!**  
**Middle: North's 400 free relay at the MISCA meet.**  
**Bottom: Blue Devils and Norsemen go head-to-head in the breast stroke last Tuesday.**

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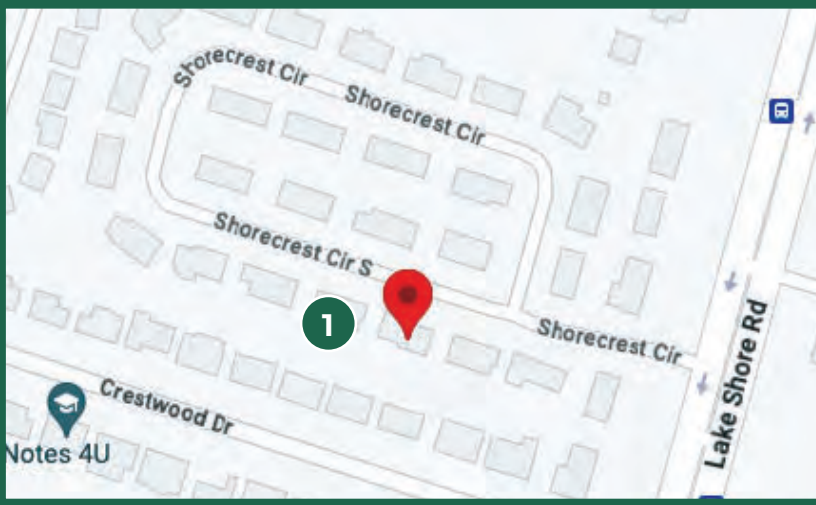
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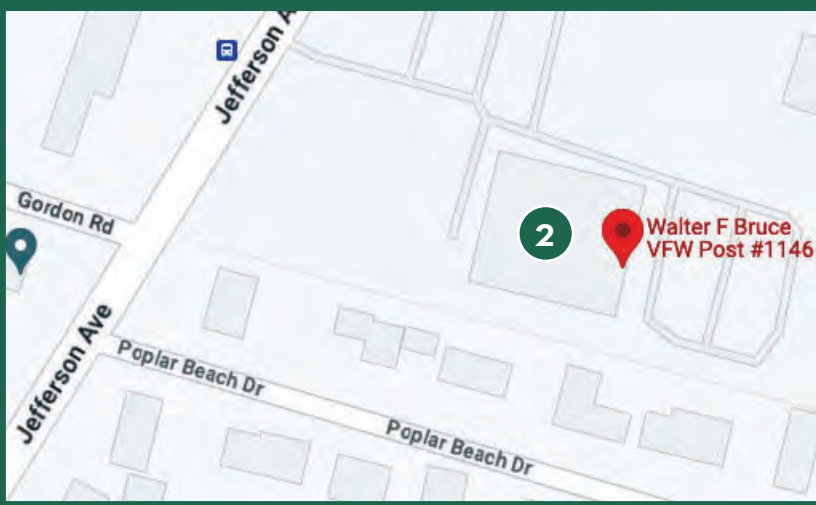
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North senior Zofia Lutaborska earned a top 50 finish at the Wayne County Meet last Saturday, finishing in 49th place.

# Norsemen race at Wayne Co. Meet

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The boys and girls cross country teams from Grosse Pointe North got a chance to race among the best in Wayne County last weekend. The teams took the course at Willow Metro Park on Saturday, Oct. 7, and both found themselves ending in 12th overall in their respective team races.

Both the boys and girls teams were missing some key runners during last Saturday's races. The boys were without senior captain David Rochon, fellow senior Michael Loporto and junior captain Wes Ramsey.

The boys still managed to reach 12th place out of

29 teams, landing in the top half of the pack. Junior Caleb Kosel was the top finisher for the Norsemen, coming in 29th place out of over 200 total runners with a time of 17:05.7. Sophomore Neil Orłowski also stepped up with a 17:20.6 time, finishing inside the top 40 at 38th.

North's girls team was also without one of their top runners, but it was senior Zofia Lutaborska who stepped up on Saturday. Lutaborska was the Norsemen's highest finisher in the girls race taking 49th place with a time of 21:28.3.

"Zofia has been pushing very hard in practice and asking to do more,

and it's really paying off for her," North girls cross country coach Scott Cooper said via email. "She's in a great mental spot and ready to compete every day. I am excited to see where she can take this the rest of the season."

Junior Mimi Trupiano was North's next highest finisher, coming in 68th place with a final time of 22:16.8. Fellow junior Katie Madigan also got in the top 75, finishing the race in 71st.

Both of North's teams are set to be back in action again this weekend. The boys and girls head to Hudson Mills Metro Park on Saturday, Oct. 14, to race in the Gabriel Richard Invitational.



PHOTO BY RICHARD DUNLAP

## Game on

We want to see your vintage North vs. South football photos!

It's almost that time of year when Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South clash on the football field (Friday, Oct 20, at South) — and we want to see your photos of "The Game" from whatever era you fastened your chinstrap and wore those (huge) shoulder pads. Photos can be action or posed. Please email your photos of this classic rivalry to [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com) by Monday, Oct. 16.

### 2023 SPORTS CALENDAR OCTOBER

#### 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

#### 15 SUNDAY

- » No events scheduled

#### 16 MONDAY

- » 5 p.m. - Boys Soccer D1 District Semifinal @ Crestwood

- » 7 p.m. - Boys Soccer D2 District Semifinal @ GPN

#### 17 TUESDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS Boys Soccer vs. TBD (District Semis)
- » 6 p.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive @ Dakota
- » 6 p.m. - GPN Girls Swim & Dive Tri-Meet (@GPN)
- » 6 p.m. - GPN Volleyball @ Stevenson
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball vs. Utica

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

- » 6 p.m. - Boys Soccer Div. 2 District Final @ GPN
- » 7 p.m. - Boys Soccer Div. 1 District Final @ Crestwood,

#### 19 THURSDAY

- » 4 p.m. - Boys Soccer D4 District Final @ ULS
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Girls Swim & Dive @ Woods-Tower
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball vs. Cranbrook
- » 6 p.m. GPS Field Hockey vs. Mercy

#### 20 FRIDAY

- » 4 p.m. - ULS Football vs. Bendle
- » 7 p.m. - GPN @ GPS Football

#### 21 SATURDAY

- » 10 a.m. - GPN + GPS Boys & Girls XC MAC Championship Meet
- » 12 p.m. - GPS Girls Swim & Dive vs. Mercy

#### 22 SUNDAY

No events scheduled

#### 23 MONDAY

No events scheduled

#### 24 TUESDAY

- » TBD- D2 Field Hockey State Quarterfinals
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Girls Swim & Dive @ Troy Athens
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball vs. South Lyon East

#### 25 WEDNESDAY

- » 6 p.m. - ULS Volleyball vs. Roeper

#### 26 THURSDAY

- » TBD- D2 Field Hockey State Semis (@ Dexter)

- » 6 p.m. - GPS Volleyball Quad (@ GPS)
- » 6 p.m. - ULS Girls Swim & Dive @ Whitmore Lake
- » 6:30 p.m. - ULS Volleyball @ Southfield Christian

#### 27 FRIDAY

- » TBD- ULS Boys & Girls XC Regionals (@ Kensington Metro Park)
- » 4 p.m. - GPN + GPS Boys & Girls XC Regionals (@ Anchor Bay)

#### 28 SATURDAY

- » TBD- GPN Volleyball @ Mercy Tournament
- » 11 a.m. - D2 Field Hockey State Championship (@ Farmington Hills)

#### 29 SUNDAY

No events scheduled

#### 30 MONDAY

- » 5 p.m. - GPN Volleyball vs. Hamtramck (Districts @ King High School)
- » 7 p.m. - GPS Volleyball vs. Detroit Western (Districts @ King High School)

#### 31 TUESDAY

No events scheduled