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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

11 file for open BoE seat

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will choose among 11 applicants to replace outgoing Trustee David Brumbaugh.

Those who filed, in alphabetical order, are: Terence Collins, Clint Derringer, Lawrence Gannan, Ray Grant, Joseph Herd, Timothy Klepp, Elaine Martin, Brett McMillan, Patrick Nyenhuis, Jim Olowniuk and Sarah Schroeder.

Applications, which consisted of a lengthy questionnaire, opened at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, and closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The board discussed the candidates at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24, after press time, at Brownell Middle School.

President Ahmed Ismail said the goal was to narrow the field to eight candidates to be interviewed Thursday and Friday, Oct. 26 and 27.

According to a process approved by the board last month, candidates during the review will be referred to by numbers. Each of the six board members can sponsor one candidate to move to the interview process, and two others will move forward with the consensus of at least three board members.

During the interviews, candidates will have one minute to introduce themselves, with board members asking questions for 10 minutes each. Each interview will last no longer than 60 minutes and board members may stop a candidate mid-answer and move on.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Valve work on schedule

Construction of the extreme emergency relief valve reached a milestone Monday, Oct. 16. A construction crew from L. D'Agostini and Sons breached a 4-foot-thick concrete wall surrounding the Patterson Park underground storm water holding tank prior to inserting a 60-inch diameter pipe linking the tank to the municipal storm water system under Essex at the foot of Three Mile Drive.

Pit bull incursion

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — And now, for the area's latest pit bull attack:

"Pale skin frames the jagged cavity that a male pit bull tore, and likely ate, from the left calf of woman taking an evening walk near her home on lower Moross" — no, wait, that's old news, the pit bull attack of a 64-year-old teacher on April 1, 2015, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Second try: "A couple and their dog were attacked by a pit bull on Lochmoor (in Grosse Pointe Shores) while out for a walk around 11 a.m. Sunday, June 4" — did it again. That's from the Grosse Pointe News June 8, this year. Can't keep pit bull attacks straight.

Another attempt, all together now: A 4-year-old Detroit boy was mauled to death

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Disagreements persist in Shores

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — It appears the dog days of summer have carried over into fall for city council and residents alike.

After council passed an ordinance banning future ownership of pit bulls, then rescinded it three weeks later, questions

remain about how the city should move forward regarding vicious dogs.

There is some good news, however. The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society decided to reinstate its agreement with the city to harbor dogs — and wildlife — that may need rabies testing or veterinary care.

GPAAS founder and

CEO Corrine Martin told council at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 17, that Shores public safety officers once again have around-the-clock access to its facility in Harper Woods.

"Thank you," Martin said during public comments at the meeting. "I know how difficult the decisions are that you've been faced with because

it can be very emotional dealing with animals."

Martin in September told council her board of directors would cancel the agreement with the city after the pit bull ban was put in place. Council reversed course at a special meeting in early October and removed references to pit bulls

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Not the right site, community says

Giving Tree parents, business owners oppose proposed Chick-fil-A

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

DETROIT — Despite a Detroit News July report claiming Chick-fil-A had canceled its plans for a location at Mack and Marseilles, the establishment remains a very real possibility.

The corporation appeared before Detroit's Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department for a special land use hearing Wednesday, Oct. 18, during which the site plan was presented and a slew of area residents

and business owners voiced opposition during a public comment portion.

Verus Development — which owns the property and is responsible for other recent Mack developments such as Starbucks and Chipotle — is seeking to demolish

the existing, vacant Ray Laethem building at 17761 Mack and construct Michigan's first drive-thru-only Chick-fil-A location.

"There is a component for walk-up here as well, as we do have a patio at

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Small businesses to welcome Halloween trick-or-treaters

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Businesses in The Village are busy preparing enough candy, on their own dime, for an anticipated 1,500 kids set to come through the downtown district from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, for the annual Trick-or-Treat in The Village.

“The kids around here are so polite,” Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said. “It’s so nice to see that there’s so many people, but everybody’s really patient, polite, gracious and appreciative. It really says a lot about this community and how much people care.”

Alongside the Friends of the Grosse Pointe



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Some of the Pointes’ youngest residents enjoy collecting candy from Village businesses in 2021.

Public Library giving away free books, the majority of businesses are set to participate, including businesses that don’t have frontage on Kercheval, such as Trader Joe’s, Village Dental

Associates and Kercheval Dance.

To accommodate the festivities, Kercheval will be closed to traffic and parking from 3 to 5 p.m. on Halloween.

“What I’m looking forward to most is just good weather and seeing the community come out,” Willcock said, “... and of course the creative, awesome costumes that these kids have and the families that dress up together. It’s just a lot of fun to see the happiness in The Village.”

Trick-or-Treat in The Village 2023 is hosted by Main Street Grosse Pointe and the City of Grosse Pointe Parks and Recreation Department.

— Laurel Kraus



PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHERINE SAURBIER

Art imitating life?

This Halloween display on Provencal, created by Catherine Saurbier, is a nod to a great-horned owl that was injured in the July storms and rehabilitated by veterinarian and raptor specialist Dr. Kevin Smyth, before being released back into the Farms at the end of August.

“I place a skeleton venue each year on the front lawn with something to make people smile,” said Saurbier, who rescued the injured owl from Kercheval in late July.

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in his backyard by a neighbor’s two pit bulls ... — what, again; accounts run in packs. That’s from the Oct. 18 Detroit Free Press.

Last try for the latest, promise:

Two stray pit bulls attacked a married couple and their chocolate Labrador retriever walking at 5:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at the intersection of Charlevoix and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

“I beat them off of me to free up our dog, wife and myself from their jaws,” victim Terry O’Conner, of the Park, posted that day by way of his daughter, Bridgette Procida, on the Park Community Facebook page. “These dogs are dangerous and need to be euthanized.”

He described the attackers as grayish and weighing around 65 pounds.

“They do not have collars and are running around in tandem,” O’Conner wrote. “Please

post any sightings of these dogs as well as directing the Grosse Pointe Park police to the location of any sightings of these dogs.”

An accompanying photo shows a right hand with two red, circular wounds above the knuckles of the fore and middle fingers.

“He tried to separate them and got bit on the hand,” said Jim Bostock, Park public safety director. “His wife tried to help and she took a couple bites. I think she got stitches. The pit bulls, as described, ran off. The (Park) couples’ dog is going to be OK.”

Reports of the attack spread on social media.

“It sounds like the dogs have not been apprehended,” Jennifer Douglas Whorf posted within hours on the Grosse Pointe Farms Community and Conversation Facebook page. “I am a frequent dog walker, as I know many neighbors are, so please be aware.”

Whorf added a preemptive qualifier for deniers of pit bull attack statistics showing, for

instance:

◆ pit bulls, during 2005 to 2019, caused the deaths of two-thirds of Americans killed by dogs (dogbite.org) and

◆ pit bulls are involved in more dog attacks than any other breed (forbes.com) and ... the list of empirical and peer reviewed studies goes on and on.

Back to Whorf’s qualifier: “This is posted to share information and not intended to call out the chorus of pit bull supporters.”

“The person who owns the pet, whatever breed it is, needs to be held responsible for the dog,” Bostock said. “That means it should be on a leash, in a fenced yard. If you’re not able to care for a dog, do the right thing for the animal and find it a home. Just don’t let it run wild, because when it runs wild, it’s going to be attracted to other dogs and people.”

Bostock is setting high standards for people already letting their pit bulls run wild.

“Now, we’re playing dog catcher,” he said. “We’re going to continue

to respond to animal complaints. Our means of finding homes for these dogs has gotten challenging. We’re going to be hanging on to animals and trying to find homes for them instead of taking them to an animal clinic right away.”

Pit bull attacks are prevalent enough to help support a subset of the legal profession.

“We’re here to use dog bite law for justice,” according to the home page of “the dog bite king,” Kenneth Phillips of dogbitelaw.com, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The World Animal Foundation acknowledges the facts:

◆ “In 2019, from a total of 46 dog attack fatalities, 33 were caused by pit bulls.

◆ “Pit bulls and Rottweilers are responsible for 77 percent of all dog bites.”

The Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is more nuanced in the lengthy, “Position statement on pit bulls,” posted at aspca.org, which puts some of the onus on humans.

“Today’s pit bull is a descendant of a dog bred to bite and hold bulls, bears and other large ani-

mals around the face and head. ... Some pit bulls were selected for their fighting ability. ... While a dog’s genetics may predispose it to behave in certain ways, genetics do not exist in a vacuum. ... Given the powerful impact of socialization, it’s no surprise that dogs that are chained outside and isolated from positive human interaction are more likely to bite people than are dogs that are integrated into our homes. Because these factors can be controlled by better educated owners, it is possible to reduce these risks.”

Park officials are dealing with their own dog-care vacuum. A veterinarian with whom municipal authorities contracted to house and handle strays is retiring. Park officials aren’t interested in filling the void by diverting money from the municipal budget toward caring for people’s pets.

“We’ve been talking with animal adoption societies to see if they’re able to take on some of these dogs, but it’s just a Band-Aid to help while we’re looking to house these animals,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “This is a challenge for

all of the Grosse Pointes. We’re going to have to have a serious conversation about what to do about these animals.”

Based in part on being saddled a few years ago with a former resident’s \$4,500 veterinary bill for an abandoned dog, the city council in 2022 passed a public safety cost-recovery ordinance.

Park resident Dick Schroeder, addressing the council Monday, Oct. 16, said, “The way you get rid of your dog problem is to spay and neuter all dogs everywhere. That’s not going to happen.”

Schroeder guaranteed the city would be blamed for animal agencies either refusing or being slow to replace the retiring vet.

“It’s going to be ginned-up and its going to be your fault,” he told the council.

The Park, being bordered on two sides by Detroit, is doubly vulnerable to suffer the consequences of what the no-kill animal shelter Detroit Dog Rescue describes on its website, detroitdogrescue.com, as Detroit having a “mounting homeless and stray dog epidemic.”

“Ten or 12 years ago, we had a rash of packs of dogs running around,” Bostock said. “We’re not at that point, but it’s a challenge. Stray dogs come into the city. We’re still responding to catch them and find them a proper place to be.”

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After tearing down a small building next to Ahee Jewelers on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods to expand the store's footprint and relocate its parking lot, construction workers uncovered a fun vintage sign on the side of Henry's Cleaners. Built in 1948, the building used to house Oxford Beverage before Henry's moved in. Oxford Beverage has since moved next door, where customers can still grab an ice cold Pepsi that "hits the spot."

The mural of the story

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Ordinance or out of the ordinary? That's the question facing city council after a 75-year-old mural was found on the side of a building less than a block from city hall.

The mural, an advertisement for Pepsi Cola, is located on the side of Henry's Cleaners on Mack between Oxford and Kenmore. It was discovered last month when an adjacent building was torn down as part of plans for an expansion at Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers that will shift the business's parking lot south.

Detroit-based artist Mark Serra, who specializes in historic preservation, said clues on the vintage sign lead him to believe it was painted around 1948.

"It's called a double dot logo," Serra said, referring to the colon between the words "Pepsi" and "Cola."

"They only used that from 1948 to 1951. The color scheme also puts it around the late 1940s."

Oxford Beer Store — now Oxford Beverages & Deli and located one door down, was originally where Henry's Cleaners now stands. The mural indicates the store sold "beer, wine and champagne" and includes the historic "Tuxedo" telephone exchange of TU2-6339. An attempt to call 882-6339 is met with a recording indicating the number is no longer valid.

At issue with preserving the painting, however, is a Woods ordinance that does not allow for murals, including those of a historic nature. Discussion at previous planning commission meetings said allowing murals could lead to businesses exceeding the allowable square footage for signage.

"The question is where is the line

between a mural and our commercial sign ordinance," Mayor Art Bryant said. "It's not allowed at the moment, but it's something we'll look into and consider."

Unknown at this point is whether the mural could be grandfathered, as the city charter wasn't approved until December 1950.

"I don't think this is an ad," Serra said. "It's not as though someone is going to see this and go buy a Pepsi. It's a bit of nostalgia and I think we all could use that when the world gets a little tough like it has been lately."

Serra added the mural is in such good shape, despite its age, because it was covered for so long.

"It's what we call a ghost sign," he continued. "An accidental time capsule we forget was ever there."

Preserving the mural has garnered much support, including from Councilman Kenn Gafa, who posted on social

media he would support a variance. An online Grosse Pointe News poll showed 94 percent of respondents favor keeping the mural.

Serra also pointed out a deeper Grosse Pointe connection on the mural, noting the words "Bottled by Dossin's." The Dossin family, many of whom lived in the Pointes, were the exclusive Pepsi bottlers for Michigan and northern Ohio at the time.

The family-owned hydroplane Miss Pepsi, at one time the fastest on the Detroit River, is on display at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

If allowed, Serra, who recently was appointed to a new sign preservation task force by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, said he would donate his time free of charge.

"The best thing to do is to seal it with a UV-resistant clear coat," he said. "That won't change its appearance and would protect it from the sun."

Bond reduced in fatal shooting

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Municipal Judge Theodore Metry agreed to reduce bond for a man accused in the fatal shooting of his brother during a hearing Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Edmond Doheny, 29, was arraigned on an open murder charge in Metry's courtroom Monday, Oct. 9, and given a \$1 million cash/surety bond at the time. First responders were called to a house in the 1800 block of Brys around 12:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, where they found Dennis Doheny, 19, in the kitchen with a gunshot wound to the head. He was later pronounced dead at a local hospital. The suspected weapon was found on the second story of the house.

Metry set Doheny's new bond at \$300,000 cash/surety 10 percent, meaning he would have to post \$30,000 to get out of jail as the case proceeds. Metry also stipulated Doheny must wear a GPS tracker, not use alcohol or drugs with twice-weekly testing and adhere to a 10 p.m. curfew.

Defense attorney Robert Ihrle said during the hearing that several factors warranted the reduced bond, saying Doheny is not a threat to the community and is not a flight risk.



Edmond Doheny

"He grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and has substantial support from his family, including his mom," Ihrle said, pointing to the family. "He's been employed full time as a plumber for more than a year and doesn't have a passport."

Ihrle also said the lower bond should be granted based on what he has learned through discovery so far.

"In reviewing the police report, nothing indicates this terrible, tragic incident was anything other than an accident," he said. "He is the one who called the police. He is the one who carried his brother downstairs and was holding him, trying to stop the bleeding, when police arrived. When the defendant was given the information his brother died, he was visibly upset."

Ihrle added Doheny owns weapons, all legally registered, but they have

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The Week Ahead

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◆ Trick-or-Treating in The Village, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

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

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Pension Board meeting, 6 p.m.

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from the ordinance three weeks ago.

"We appreciate you reconsidering," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. "That was a difficult decision for you."

Michigan Humane also announced its annual Mutt March fundraiser would return to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House next year. The group said in September it would find a new location due to the pit bull ban.

"For more than 35 years we have celebrated the bond we share with our pets at our annual Mutt March on the grounds of the Ford House," Michigan Humane President and CEO Matt Pepper said in a statement. "We are thankful that the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council made the right decision, based on facts, to repeal their breed ban and give us the opportunity to bring our flagship community event back to the Ford House."

The event is scheduled for May 18, 2024.

Fewer than a dozen people attended the meeting, compared to

50-plus at the last several meetings that saw more than two hours of public comment each with emotional pleas both for and against the breed ban.

The issue stems from an early June incident when a couple and their dog were attacked by a pit bull on Lochmoor. Mark and Dana Owen, who suffered bites and scratches in the attack and whose dog needed one leg amputated, have filed a civil suit against the pit bull's owners, Detroit Lions running back David Montgomery and his girlfriend, Tatum Causey.

Robert Lee, an outspoken proponent of the ban, told the council he believes it violated its own procedures in voting to reverse the ban, saying the public notice for the special meeting only indicated a discussion of the ordinance and not a vote on the matter.

Two other residents who were vocal opponents of the ban, Fran Bachmann and Rebecca Booth, suggested council form an animal welfare committee to further refine the ordinance, which Kedzierski said would be discussed at November's meeting.

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An upbeat life

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In the vernacular of Andrew Curcuru's life-long passion for music, what a long, strange trip it's been.

"My problem was that ever since I was small, I loved music," Curcuru said. "I started playing drums during the 1970s and got into a punk band."

The band, Route 666, is featured on the Detroit Punk Archive website, detroitpunkarchive.com. Guitarist Norman Westberg, the group's only member to make a living of it, posted a reminiscence:

"Route 666 was brief and fun. The official drink was peppermint schnapps. It introduced me to the 'gang' mentality of being in a rock band that no one likes but the guys in it."

Curcuru gets a nod: "We had a couple of drummers. One was Andy. He ran a craps game at his place every weekend."

Curcuru posted a comment in 2020: "It's Andy here. I am still alive, living in Grosse Pointe. I have ... flyers and reel-to-reel tape of us playing in Hamtramck."

Two years later, former bandmate and bass player Charles Bowen responded: "Wow, talk about a blast from the past. I'm curious about the flyers. If you feel

like it, give me a shout. Glad you are doing good."

"We were rocking at clubs," Curcuru said. "I was only 18 or 19 years old. I wanted to be part of it."

A day job helped derail the dream.

He worked the 6 a.m. shift at his parents' shot-and-a-beer Good Time Bar near an automobile factory in Livonia.

"That wasn't pretty because I'd be out at the bars the night before jamming with punk bands and get to the bar in the morning basically hung over," Curcuru said. "I'd pull up to unlock the doors and they (autoworkers) were lined up 50 long. You're pouring shots of Kessler (whiskey) and a shell of Altes beer for a buck and 80 cents."

He wound up getting hired during the early 1980s as beverage manager at Saint Andrews Hall, a dance and alternative, new wave, techno, anything-but-routine concert venue in downtown Detroit. Soon, something happened that changed the course of his life.

"One of the disc jockeys didn't show up," Curcuru said. "A promoter sent me up to DJ. Everybody loved it. It paid more money than bartending, so I got into the DJ business for 30 to 40 years. I got to travel and put out four

or five records of my own music, which were basically samples and beat machines."

Even alternative music has standards. At that time, the quick beat of techno and house music was the norm. Curcuru, instead, favored the pounding, assembly-line rhythm of industrial music.

"Industrial is a little harder — banging and clanking sounds," he said.

It paid off.

"That's what got me DJing in clubs all around town," Curcuru said. "I was resident DJ at the Motor Lounge in Hamtramck for a few years. I've DJed at probably every club in the city. New wave night at Taboo (on Woodbridge in the riverside warehouse district of Detroit) was a big one in the '80s. I did 3Ds in Royal Oak; Industry in Pontiac. I was into the music, deep."

Work took him to Italy, Germany, London, Belgium and Amsterdam.

"I mean, I was going everywhere," he said.

He met his future wife, Katherine, in Miami during the late 1990s.

"She'd just moved from Venezuela and didn't speak English," Curcuru said. "It took me three months of begging, but we ended up going out."

No longer free and



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Professional DJ Andrew Curcuru didn't want to throw away his nearly 10,000 record collection, yet didn't have room for it at home. His solution — open Ripe Records Detroit in Grosse Pointe Park.

easy, Curcuru knew it was time to settle down.

"It's called responsibility," he said.

He returned to the town of his upbringing, Grosse Pointe Park, founded and retired from a house painting business, then counted his options.

"I had close to 10,000 records," he said. "My wife said, 'Why don't you throw that junk away?'"

No way.

"Exactly," Curcuru said. "I told her I'd open a record store."

His store, Ripe Records Detroit on Charlevoix, is five years old.

"That's where I'm at now," he said.

While Curcuru was sitting behind the store counter last week, a customer opened the

screen door, entered

and asked, "Got the new Stones' album?"

"It's not ... they got it late," Curcuru answered. "I've got it coming in, though."

"I'll check back," the shopper said.

Customers of rare, used, new and everyday vinyl records come from worldwide. Local regulars include members of bands, present and, in the case of the Trash Brats, past.

Curcuru's DJing led to announcing at arena rock concerts and shepherding band members around town.

"A lot of them are pretty tired and don't want to deal with people," he said. "In the early days of new wave bands, it was a little different. Usually, they wanted to have fun."

The Beastie Boys' introduction to Detroit in May 1985 ended ugly.

"They opened for Madonna (at Cobo Hall)," Curcuru said. "Being part of the promoters, I had to pick them up at the airport and get them to their hotel. After the show, I took them to Taboo."

Everything went well until leaving. A man settled a fender-bender car crash by shooting the other driver in the head.

"The Beastie Boys freaked out," Curcuru said. "They started screaming, 'Get me out of here, man. This is Detroit.' They were swearing up and down. Detroit at the time was the nation's murder capital. Ever since, when they come back, they contact me and we talk about that."

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all of our locations," said Justin Lurk, a project development lead with Chick-fil-A. "... So you could walk up, order, sit at the patio and eat here, as well."

The lot's entrance would remain off Marseilles and lead into two drive-thru lanes encircling a 2,950-square-foot brick building.

According to Lurk, 51 vehicles could be stacked into the drive-thru lane on the property before

spilling out onto Marseilles.

While a few voices spoke in support of the establishment coming to Mack and Marseilles, the overwhelming majority of those to speak during public comment were strongly opposed — many as parents of young children attending The Giving Tree Montessori Learning Center, which borders the proposed development with an address at 4351 Marseilles.

Their concerns run the gamut from safety and congestion regarding the proximity between the

learning center's entrance drive and the proposed Chick-fil-A entrance drive, to health regarding the air pollution produced from vehicles sitting in the drive-thru.

Because the center's current playground is not on its property, the proposed development also includes its demolition. Chick-fil-A has offered to install a new playground, Lurk noted.

"As a parent of a 2-year-old who's been at Giving Tree since she was 9 months old, I'm very concerned about this location," a Park resident said. "On top of traffic, congestion, poor air quality, disrupted sleep schedules and safety, I'm also very concerned about disruptive learning environments. Music, honking, order placement and sounds caused by the onset of heavy lunch-hour traffic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., will disrupt the sleeping and learning schedules

fundamental to our children's learning and development."

Among the many parents of children attending Giving Tree to speak during the public hearing, some stated they no longer would feel comfortable sending their child to the school were the Chick-fil-A development to become a reality.

"The Giving Tree was the only place I could find that took infants when I needed a place to put my son so my husband and I could work every day," a Woods resident said. "I'm so lucky I did find it. It's an amazing school. My child's happy and healthy there every day, so why would the city of Detroit, with this much opposition, put one of the only infant care facilities in the area at risk?"

"We can work together and find out what's right for the site," she added at the end of her allotted two minutes to speak. "It

is not homophobic fried chicken sandwiches."

Neighboring business owners also vehemently opposed to the proposed incoming business on the basis of traffic conjunction include representatives of The Giving Tree, Court4 Detroit — a tennis facility sports dome across the street — Allemon's Landscape Center, Otherworld Grosse Pointe Nursery and Mums Arcade — owned by the same couple — and the BP gas station at Mack and Rivard.

"Obviously, everybody in our community on both sides of Mack Avenue understand how important it is that we have investment in the community and I'm not opposed to Chick-fil-A," said Cameron Lawrence, owner of the Mack BP. "I'm not opposed to what they're doing, I just think they're doing it at the wrong site. I hate to see my neighbors and myself impacted."

"... We are part of the community," he continued.

"We are stakeholders and we all have an equal right to make a living. And I can tell you from what I've seen from Chick-fil-A and what happens is that Chick-fil-A will come in and they'll do just fine — and I don't begrudge them that and I don't begrudge Verus Development in making a profit off it. What I do have an issue with is that that's done at the expense of the real stakeholders in the community. People like myself, Joe Allemon and several others. I've been there for 33 years and I ran a cash register sitting on that corner for a lot of that time and I can tell you this will not work for the community just because of the traffic issues."

Joe Allemon echoed a similar sentiment.

"We've had this property since 1910; 1929 is when my grandfather started the business," he said. "... We've been here a long time. We've seen a lot. We are not against Chick-fil-A. This is the wrong site. This is an oversized square peg being pounded into a round hole."

Prior to the hearing, the department reportedly received 25 letters of opposition and 17 letters of support.

Following a recommendation from Detroit's Planning and Development Department, the director of the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department will issue a decision regarding Chick-fil-A's special land use request within 30 days of last week's hearing.

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Porch pirate

A backpack worth \$200 was stolen from the front porch of a home in the 800 block of St. Clair between 10 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15.

The backpack was recently purchased from Moosejaw and delivered to the home.

Unlocked, undeterred

Two packages of clothing were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 800 block of Washington between 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, and 5:30 a.m. the next morning.

Convinced by cops

After causing a disturbance and refusing to leave a local hospital at 3 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, a patient agreed to leave upon officers' arrival.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Auto thefts

Two of three parked cars stolen last week had their ignition keys inside.

◆ Between 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, and

6:40 a.m. the next day, someone took a 2014 Hyundai Elantra parked in the driveway of a residence in the 1000 block of Wayburn. Unlike two thefts later in the week, the keys weren't inside the vehicle.

◆ A 2020 Audi A3 was taken overnight Saturday, Oct. 21, while parked in the driveway of a house in the 500 block of Lakepointe.

◆ Police recovered a 2017 Chevrolet Malibu stolen overnight Sunday, Oct. 22, in the 700 block of Harcourt.

"(The) vehicle was tracked by OnStar and recovered, unoccupied, on West Savannah Street in Detroit," according to Park police.

West Savannah is a short street between the former Grand Trunk railroad line to Pontiac and Woodward near Palmer Park.

Attempted theft

A woman last week reported the attempted theft of her 2021 Kia Forte.

She parked the car in her driveway at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. Early the following afternoon, she discovered the rear passenger-side window smashed and steering column damaged.

Bike taken

Someone stole a green and gray Schwinn hybrid bicycle worth \$300 parked in front of a house in the 1200 block of Bedford around 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 82-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Bad trip

A 40-year-old St. Clair Shores man driving a 2012 Dodge Journey was arrested around 11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, after an officer noticed him disobey a traffic signal on northbound Mack at Vernier.

After failing field sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.22 percent, nearly three times the legal limit. An open bottle of liquor was found under the driver's seat.

So close

An officer responding to an attempt to steal a vehicle in the 2200 block of Stanhope around 5:30

a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, spotted a Kia driving at a high rate of speed eastbound on Littlestone near Arthur.

The officer eventually found the vehicle unoccupied in an apartment building parking lot in Harper Woods. Its hood was warm, indicating it had recently been driven, and the ignition was damaged.

The vehicle recently had been stolen in the Farms and used during a breaking and entering in the City.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Wrong number

A resident filed a report around 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, regarding unwanted calls and a threatening text message.

The 46-year-old woman, who is white, told officers she received several calls from a number with a 248 area code but the caller never said anything. A text message including a racial slur that said, "I know where you live," prompted her to contact police. The matter was referred to the detective bureau.

—Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Smashed window

The rear driver-side window was broken out of a 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the 400 block of Bournemouth at 1 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16.

Nothing inside the vehicle was damaged or gone through.

Two out of three

When two men entered a business in the 18000 block of Mack with a large, empty black bag at 1:17 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, the store manager told them to leave it at the door due to recent thefts occurring at the location.

One of the men then left the bag near the entrance and walked out of the store, while the other grabbed three bottles of alcohol valued at \$150 each and made a run for the exit. He dropped one of the bottles as the store manager chased him, but managed to reunite with the other man in a nearby alley and escape on mountain bikes.

The suspects are described as a black man wearing a black-and-red plaid flannel coat, dark pants and white Nike tennis shoes, as well as a black man wearing a tan Carhartt coat and blue

pants, tennis shoes and a baseball cap.

Drunken driving

After being reported for erratic driving at 7:48 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, a 70-year-old Park man was located asleep behind the wheel while impeding traffic at Lakeshore and Winthrop.

The man told officers he last had something to drink 13 minutes prior and had a 0.281 percent blood alcohol content.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Stolen taxes

A \$4,056 check for state taxes from a 65-year-old Farms man was fraudulently cashed elsewhere. The man discovered this when he received notification from the state that the amount was still owed.

Bad to worse

A Lululemon backpack containing a spare key to the car was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Belanger overnight into Thursday, Oct. 19.

The vehicle owner was advised to get it re-keyed as soon as possible so the stolen key could no longer work.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Loan for Village downspout disconnection is promising

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following an ordinance requiring citywide downspout disconnection passed almost exactly two years ago — intended to further prevent basement backups and street flooding during heavy rainfall — the City of Grosse Pointe recently received good news on a loan that would provide up to \$550,000 to Village businesses to disconnect their downspouts from the sanitary sewer system and reconnect them to the storm sewer. It also could cover the installation of sump

pumps in buildings in the business district that are flowing stormwater into the sanitary system.

The City's application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy's Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund Loan program has been identified as a fundable project from the state, meaning city administration now can get to work finalizing the process.

"This is actually a loan repayment program, so the state will be refunding us for the arrangements that we engage in with the busi-

ness owners to help provide them with basically a low-interest loan to cover the cost for that disconnection," City Manager Joe Valentine said. "We'll be finalizing those details and we'll be meeting with the businesses to advise them of the opportunities under the program and move that forward."

The low-interest, 20-year loan has a fluctuating interest of 2 to 2.5 percent. The estimated cost to the average user would be \$955 per year, although it also is eligible for principal loan forgiveness.

—Laurel Kraus

BOND:

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been removed from the house. He also said there has been no evidence produced so far, including "texts, emails or videos," showing Doheny did not get along with his younger brother.

James Kehoe, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, asked Metry to place Doheny on home confinement.

"There are underlying facts that dispute statements that he was 'just showing his brother the gun,'" Kehoe said.

Kehoe also said Doheny, who appeared for the hearing via Zoom from the Wayne County Jail, registered 0.12 blood alcohol content five hours after his arrest.

A probable cause hearing was scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, after press time, in Metry's courtroom.

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OUR VIEW

Endorsements for the Nov. 7 election

It isn't flippant to contend that the most important election since the last one is the next one. This is undoubtedly true in contests that will be decided Tuesday, Nov. 7, when voters will cast ballots for mayor and council in Grosse Pointe Park and for council in the City of Grosse Pointe. Uncontested city council elections will take place in Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores.

In Grosse Pointe Woods, incumbent council members Angela Coletti Brown, Kenn Gafa and Michael Koester filed paperwork to run for re-election by the July 25 deadline. Phil Whitman, a 10-year city resident who served four years on the historical commission, filed in mid-October to run as a write-in candidate.

While we appreciate Mr. Whitman's willingness to get more involved, even he admitted during an interview with the Grosse Pointe News that write-in candidates usually do not fare well due to lack of name recognition. At this late date, we see no reason for voters not to retain Brown, Gafa and Koester for another four years.

In other cities that have races on their hands, the Grosse Pointe News offers the following endorsements:

Grosse Pointe Park

Mayor

The city manager form of government in the Pointes establishes the framework for strong and forward-thinking elected leadership to set meaningful, overarching goals and objectives to be enacted by professional city managers. We can think of no better example in the Park of how that process ideally works than through the leadership of Michele Hodges, who we confidently endorse for a second term. Here's why:

She helped secure funding and approval by state environmental regulators to install flood-prevention infrastructure, known as an EERV, or extreme emergency relief valve.

A second example concerns the city's capital improvement plan. Mayor Hodges' predecessors canceled the plan. She chaired a budget hearing nearly two years ago during which she and the council ordered it be revived. Think about that — a flood relief valve could have been in place along with a capital improvement plan prior to the basement flooding.

We support Mayor Hodges' team building. We applaud her for leading the city out of deficit. We look forward to her progress on municipal restructuring to guard against future deficits. We expect Mayor Hodges is most capable of arranging the hiring of more public safety officers to patrol the roads, increasing zoning transparency and improving the city's communications with residents.

We also are confident she will represent the city in a professional manner when taking a strong, sensible and well-reasoned stance with Grosse Pointe Public Schools representatives to resolve the future of vacant Trombly Elementary School to the best interests of her residents.

City Council

Six candidates are up for three city council seats. The following are who we believe are the strongest candidates.

◆ **Marty McMillan (incumbent):** Mr. McMillan is part of the city's reversal from being in deficit, selling unused property in Detroit, improving transparency in matters of zoning and land use and demanding better communication between city hall and residents. Mr. McMillan is an even-handed



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OUR VIEW

North-South rivalry is a community builder

Last Friday brought droves of Norsemen and Blue Devils together to cheer on their respective teams at the annual football clash between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. While South pulled off a big 42-7 win on the field, the biggest winner of the night — bar none — was our community.

First, we want to say "Hallelujah!" to the return of the fun and anticipation surrounding the game, which is worthy of this epic and historic rivalry. North students coordinated a "white out" theme, echoing the all-white uniforms the Norsemen wore on the field. South students deftly executed a USA-theme, which perfectly aligned with the showdown's designation from the U.S. Military as one of Week 9's "Great American Rivalry series" games.

Countless alumni came to watch, some in old-school letter jackets or vintage merch.

Grosse Pointe North's legendary coach Frank Sumbera, a two-time Hall of Famer who coached football and baseball there for 49 years, also was in attendance. Sumbera is beloved by his former players and Grosse Pointers alike, and was the invited guest of North's undefeated 1973 team, who were honored pre-game during the coin toss.

Cheerleaders, dance teams and bands joined forces, entertaining the crowd together during the halftime show, another show of doing the rivalry the right way.

Students took the field for the annual tug o' war contest at halftime, with North winning for a whopping 12th consecutive year (we hear the Norsemen have a secret strategy to their dominance, but we won't reveal how the sausage is made!)

At the end of the game, one which South

thoroughly dominated, players on both sides demonstrated true sportsmanship. The Blue Devils stood in line to shake hands before the student section rushed the field to celebrate. Instead of hanging their heads and leaving for the locker room, North's players stood in that same line, waiting to shake hands, as good sports do. After, many opposing players hugged, evidence of the camaraderie between the students and athletes in our community.

The post-game handshake is a clear demonstration of the respect, love and sportsmanship these players hold for each other. We were heartened to see it happen, as it always should.

We firmly stand behind the idea that the North-South rivalry — and the fanfare and history that goes along with it — bonds our community. The annual tailgate, the marching bands, cheerleaders, dance teams, student sections, alumni and huge crowd gives the occasion a big-time game feel.

We can be rivals and friends, as was on display last Friday. Cheering for "your team" celebrates the unique assets of your school and its particular history. This rivalry pushes both sides to prepare and perform better, if for nothing else, city bragging rights. Historically this game has redeemed dismal seasons, upheld undefeated ones and dictated playoff berths. It's the season's last game for a reason, because its intensity and outcome can dictate a team's ultimate fate.

Ask a former player about their experiences playing in a North-South game. Guaranteed it's one of the highlights of their high school careers.

There have been attempts in the past, and even one or two this season, to neuter the

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team player. His subtle style can mistakenly belie his preparation, serious thought, strong decision making and follow through. He is enthusiastic about increasing the ranks of public safety officers.

◆ **Elvis Torres:** Mr. Torres shares Mr. McMillan's support of public safety. He serves on the Public Safety Advisory Committee and began attending city council meetings in person well before beginning his campaign for elected office. He is a U.S. Army veteran, University of Michigan MBA graduate and electrical engineer. He's whip-smart about technical matters, skills he can use to help correct the Park's most complained-about shortcoming: communica-

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Thanks for the memories

To the Editor:

I want to thank Meg Leonard for her article about the legacy of the Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North football programs. I was lucky enough to serve as the freshman football coach at South from 1987 to 1995, coaching alongside Jon Rice, Russ Hepner, Larry Carr, Tom Steen, Tim Van Eckhoute and Dan Griesbaum, among others.

Coaching with these great men, and coaching great young men, like Scott Lupo, Chad Hepner and Matt Agnone, who were all featured in the article, was a privilege. I'm forever grateful to the late Jon Rice for running a program that was as committed to competition and fundamentals as it was to sportsmanship, work ethic and fun. This is truly the legacy of Grosse Pointe South football.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



Trees: Survivors and symbols of hope

When I graduated college, I put a photo of me in my cap and gown and the front of a postcard about a large redwood tree — dubbed the Immortal Tree, which, at the time, was 950 years old — in a frame. This tree in California survived the logger's ax in 1908, a forest fire, a flood in 1964, and a lightning strike that removed about 50 feet from the top of the tree. I put the two photos together in one frame because I liked the idea that we had both survived some crazy things.

Like the redwood, one of the things I survived

was a flood: a 100-year flood while I was in college that flooded the small town and college campus, and caused a fire to break out in the middle of the flood waters. I went to college in a small northern Colorado town that didn't have a warning system in place at the time and the closest news station was about an hour away, so we had no idea what was happening and there was no way to warn the town. What should have taken me 10 minutes to get home that night after work took me more than two hours, trying to find a road that wasn't flooded after getting almost 15 inches of rain. Five people died, train cars derailed, houses caught fire and \$140 million in damage was done to the college campus. It made national news the next day. I was

awakened by a friend in another state the next morning calling to ask if I was OK. Until she called and I turned on the news, I had no idea how destructive the flood actually was for our town.

I later learned of another survivor tree, this time in Oklahoma. I knew about the Oklahoma City bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah building in April 1995, but I hadn't known about the tree that survived the bombing until a while later. The tree, called the Survivor Tree, is an American elm, today over 100 years old, and is located across the street from the site of the tragedy.

A few days after the bombing, the tree was nearly chopped down so pieces of evidence from the 4,000-pound bomb that exploded nearby

could be recovered from its trunk and branches. But because it survived the blast, it took on a new meaning for the community and was saved. It was resilient just like the people of Oklahoma City. Any design plans for the permanent memorial that was built for the city were mandated to include the elm tree. The city has six clones of the tree growing around the state because they know one day the tree won't be there anymore. Seedlings grown by collecting the offspring seeds of the Survivor Tree can be purchased with proceeds going to the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. I would love to have a seedling, but I have nowhere to put it.

There is a similar story in New York City where a Callery pear tree, also

known as the Survivor Tree, survived the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The tree was found near Ground Zero with its branches broken and burned and its roots snapped. After being removed from the rubble, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation cared for the tree. Once the tree was nursed back to health, it was moved to the 9/11 Memorial Plaza as a symbol of rebirth and survival. The tree is described as having new limbs extending out of gnarled stumps, which tells the story of its past trauma and present rebirth.

Every year since 2013, seedlings from the 9/11 Survivor Tree are given by the 9/11 Memorial to three different communities around the country and the world that have experienced

tragedy. Recipients in the past have included Uvalde Memorial Hospital for heroic efforts responding to the shooting at Robb Elementary School in 2022, to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria swept through and killed almost 3,000 people in 2018, and to Boston, in honor of the people killed at the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. International recipients have included Madrid, London, Greece and Haiti for different tragedies. These communities all commit to taking care of the seedlings and nurture the trees as symbols of endurance and strength.

These trees all bore witness to tragedy and survived catastrophic events. They are good reminders that no matter what you go through, you can grow through.

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tions. Insatiably optimistic, Mr. Torres questions, listens to answers and seems to get along with everyone while keeping mindful of the goal — improving the city for everyone.

◆ Heather Ulku: Ms. Ulku is a lifelong Grosse Pointe Park resident and Realtor, who brims with common sense. She has an everywoman's perspective on real-world matters. She intends to act local on council and think global on her own time. She is the only candidate for council to volunteer an understanding of the office's time commitment. She knows what she's trying to get herself into and, therefore, foreshadows offering no excuses for not addressing matters, much less accomplishing them. She is solution-oriented and would be a clear asset on council.

Pot proposals

We strongly encourage all Grosse Pointe Park residents to vote NO on both the marijuana ballot

questions.

- ◆ Vote "No" on the City Open Stores Ordinance.
- ◆ Vote "No" on the City Cannabis Licensing Charter Amendment.

No matter what the promotional literature floating around may claim, pot shops will not increase local home values or business traffic in any positive, meaningful way. There are plenty of shops for residents to patronize in close proximity to the Park, and we believe that's close enough without any of the hassle related with these types of businesses.

City of Grosse Pointe

The City has four candidates running for three seats. Of the four, we endorse three incumbents, Dr. Seth Krupp, Terrance Thomas and Donald Parthum.

◆ Dr. Seth Krupp: Our first endorsement for city council is Dr. Seth Krupp, an emergency physician who has taken a vested interest in the city's forestry work. His passion to improve the city for generations to come is evident through his work on the Urban Forestry Commission. His advocacy shines

through at council meetings and through his endeavors within the community. Most recently, the commission held the Go Green x3 fundraiser to plant trees in honor of Brian Fraser, a 2021 Grosse Pointe South grad who tragically lost his life in the campus shooting at Michigan State University. The project earned enough capital to plant 300 trees in the City, Farms and Park.

◆ Terence Thomas: Our second endorsement for city council is Terence Thomas. Mr. Thomas is the council member appointed to the Main Street Grosse Pointe executive board and the city's pension board, which are additional illustrations of Mr. Thomas' commitment to the city, given the additional time and energy it involves. Mr. Thomas is also involved in key strategic decisions for the city, serving on the subcommittee that picked new city manager Joe Valentine.

◆ Donald Parthum: Our third endorsement is Donald Parthum. Mr. Parthum is a long-term council member who has been an integral part of this highly-effective group of city representatives. He also serves as council representative for the Grosse Pointe/Clinton Township Refuse Authority, which again demonstrates the extra effort and attention to community matters we want to see out of our elected officials.

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While I bleed blue and gold, I want to recognize Frank Sumner, another wonderful coach, who was always gracious in victory or defeat.

Thanks for the memories and go Blue Devils!
LEO LAMBERTI
Grosse Pointe Farms

Please reconsider

To the Editor:

Like so many people in the community, I was totally blown away by the amazing Pepsi/Oxford Beverage sign that was uncovered in the Woods recently when the building next to Henry's Cleaners on Mack was torn down. As a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, this sign took me back to the good old days and put a big smile on my face.

I posted a photo of the sign on a Grosse Pointe-related Facebook page and the reception was super positive. On that same page, I also learned that a sign preservationist by the name of Mark Serra was interested in donating his time and services to preserve this piece of Americana.

Then I read a post from Mark that included this reply from the GPW City Attorney:

"The City has recently adopted a revised sign ordinance. Both the new ordinance and its predecessor prohibit murals. There are no exceptions for historical murals so this mural would not be permitted to remain.

Accordingly, we are unable to accommodate your request for preservation."

This decision seems so rigid. Why can't an exception be made for this blast from the past? Why can't the city show a little flexibility in an effort to preserve some history? The sign is so cool, plus the business it's advertising is still in operation!

If Grosse Pointe Woods wants to ban future murals, so be it. But let's let this one live on.

I urge the city and their attorney to reconsider their previous decision.

DEAN DAUPHINAIS
City of Grosse Pointe

Take action

To the Editor:

It's time to take action against pit bulls.

A 4-year-old boy is killed in Detroit. A couple is attacked in Grosse Pointe Park. A dog and man are attacked and mauled in Grosse Pointe Shores. And these are just the reported incidents.

Pit bulls are a problem that can no longer be ignored.

Our Pointe city councils — even the bullied Shores council — have to take action to protect walkers, runners and, especially, our children and ban pit bulls.

The Grosse Pointe Pet Alliance, a worthy institution, is against the ban. Why? Could it be that it is teeming with pit bulls who have been abandoned by owners who finally realized how vicious their pet was?

It is time to take action before another life is lost.

PHILLACIURA
Grosse Pointe Farms

Success vs. chaos in GPP

To the Editor:

Two years ago, the Grosse Pointe Park council majority was heavy on rhetoric but light on results. With mounting challenges headed our way, the community took notice and elected a group of individuals to focus the administration on tackling the major challenges that sat unresolved, including aging infrastructure, budget deficits, outdated city

ordinances and supporting public safety. The team led by Mayor Hodges has lived up to the mantra of "getting stuff done." I'm impressed with how much they have accomplished already and momentum seems to be building.

We are now at a pivotal election with two very different perspectives, one being led by Mayor Hodges and a group of candidates (McMillan, Ulku and Torres) whose first question seems to be, "How can we work together to help the city and community of Grosse Pointe Park?" This is contrasted by a slate that seems to be heavy on grandstanding with negative campaigning to scare residents and light on actual proposals or solutions.

Tearing things down is easy, however building takes a positive team-oriented approach and respect for the process. I think there is a very clear choice on Nov. 7. Continue the success and avoid returning to chaos.

CHARLES CRANE
Grosse Pointe Park

Almost every election is a referendum. As President James Buchanan said shortly before Abraham Lincoln succeeded him in the nation's highest office: "The ballot box is the surest arbiter of disputes among freemen." Be sure to vote Nov. 7.

RIVALRY

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motivation, competition and fun in what has been a decades-long, robust, healthy rivalry between North and South. What nonsense. This rivalry holds infinite value for our community.

There are amazing attributes to both North and South and in the community we all care so deeply about. We encourage each one of us to continue enthusiastically attending our school, athletic and district events with fellow community members, irrespective of the team colors we individually support.

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Streetscapes could cost millions

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's going to require more inducement than the results of two random public surveys totaling 160 respondents to convince members of the TIFA board to spend upwards of \$10 million on commercial district streetscape improvements.

"I don't know if I can extract, statistically, a flavor from (survey results, for) a multi-million-dollar budget," Curt Ralstrom, a board member of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, told design consultants last week.

"When I look at the budget, anywhere from \$5 million to \$10 million, it knocks me over," board Chairman John Hughes said. "It would take us eight years to come up with \$4 million."

TIFA captures taxes that otherwise would be sent to the county and state. Instead, local receipts are used to encourage economic

activity within its namesake district bounded by Mack Avenue, Wayburn, almost to East Jefferson and to the Nottingham alley.

"I want more involvement from the TIFA district, people living there," Ralstrom said of soliciting preferences from citizens most impacted by changes to the district. "To have such small (survey) representation when we're spending millions of dollars concerns me. We want to make sure we resonate with as many people as we can."

Everyone on the 12-member board either spoke or nodded in agreement: Initial, pie-in-the-sky wish lists for enhancements to the Charlevoix and Kercheval commercial streetscapes must be reviewed, vetted, approved, confirmed and, all along the way, evaluated for affordability.

When community outreach gets to Andrew Curcuru, owner of Ripe Records Detroit on

Charlevoix, they'll hear him talk about parking and commercial density.

"Parking is awful on Charlevoix," he said. "I've complained to the city multiple times. They need to fix an (unpaved) lot (across the street) so people don't park in front of me. The other things are empty buildings used for storage. There are places to add businesses."

The streetscape planning process, underway since summer After 6 street festivals, continued Tuesday, Oct. 17, during a TIFA meeting at city hall.

"The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update and receive feedback from you all," Alex Blehm, project manager of OHM Advisors, the city's engineering consultants, told the board.

Blehm also resides in the Park TIFA district.

"The purpose of the plan is to assist the city and TIFA in creating a vision and actionable framework for the Kercheval and Charlevoix business dis-

tricts by considering past work, community sentiment and direction from city leaders," he said. "We're in the conceptual design phase."

Board members meet again 7 p.m. Thursday for an annual update on authority matters; then again 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, regarding streetscapes.

Blehm last week presented a tentative list of project goals and streetscape features for both districts based largely on interacting with the public during the Kercheval After 6 event in June, Charlevoix Street Party in September and an online survey consisting of 119 respondents, all but three Park residents, he said.

The top recommended amenities — intended to promote pedestrian-friendly infrastructures, beautification and expanded opportunities for dining and shopping — common to both districts include:

- ◆ narrower roads, which slow traffic;
- ◆ wider sidewalks with

crosswalk bump-outs at intersections, as in The Village district in the City of Grosse Pointe;

◆ curb-less roads, which promote flexibility for outdoor dining in empty roadside parking bays and also effectively widen the sidewalk when no one is parked at the side of the road;

◆ increased greenery and decorative pavements for beautification and to buffer the curb line;

◆ bicycle racks, improved parking and lighting, pocket parks, way-finding signs and decorative pavement and

◆ on Kercheval, modify the roundabout at the intersection of Wayburn to allow access by larger vehicles.

Estimated prices for the projects are, for Kercheval, \$3 million to \$6 million; for Charlevoix, \$2 million to \$4 million.

"That depends on what sort of elements are included," Blehm said. "We're going to have to make concessions. We want it all, but there's

only so much we can do." "We have to identify sources of funds — the TIFA budget, the city, grants and other sources that may be available to us," Hughes said. "And also understand the costs of the different elements. We would like to have a cost breakdown (per element)."

"Once funding is acquired, we can move into architectural engineering with, hopefully, construction starting in 2025," Blehm said.

"I don't think we could do this without the city committing to do the street," Hughes said.

"Charlevoix needs a lot more work than Kercheval," board member Joe Tompkins said.

"We all agree on that," member Christina Anton said.

"Charlevoix is where we should spend our money first," Hughes said.

Assuming all variables, including fundraising, are resolved favorably and smoothly, phased construction could run from 2025 to 2027.

Pointes won't see early voting until 2024

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Proposal 2 of 2022 — which passed the state ballot last year and constitutionally requires nine consecutive days of early voting prior to every statewide and federal election — will not touch the lives of Grosse Pointe voters until the 2024 presidential primary election.

Proposal 2 provides municipalities the discretion to choose for themselves whether early voting will be offered to residents for elections that are not statewide or federal,

which the Pointes have decided to forgo in the upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 7 election.

When early voting procedures do take effect next year, the nine days will take place beginning the second Saturday before the election and ending the Sunday before the election — the state proposal pauses voting the Monday prior to Election Day to offer a break to election workers.

"Think of the Monday as a separation day between early voting and the actual Election Day when the votes are tallied," Farms Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

Derrick Kozicki explained.

While Election Day voting still will take place in assigned voting locations, the nine days of early voting will be held at:

- ◆ city council chambers, 17145 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe
- ◆ city hall, 90 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ city hall, 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park
- ◆ city hall, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores
- ◆ Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods

"It is going to vastly increase the opportunity for voters to cast their vote in person, but there will still be an opportunity to vote on Election Day and by absentee voting as well," Kozicki said.

As likely is the case across the Pointes, the Farms noted city hall was chosen as its early voting site to allow city staff to supervise the early voting election inspectors; answer any questions or concerns raised by voters; provide a seamless process for residents who wish to register and vote early at the same time; and to provide the necessary security of election equipment each day for the duration of early voting.

"There is an additional expense associated with early voting," Kozicki noted, "so potentially for the 2024 election cycle, the city might be reimbursed by the state of Michigan for early voting-related costs, including the purchase of additional equipment."

The estimated cost to host an early voting site in the City, for example, is \$8,000 to \$13,000 depending on the size of the election and number of election inspectors needed.



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Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, will deliver gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

Supplies being collected for Operation Christmas Child

With the start of the school year, shoebox packers are making use of back-to-school prices to purchase gifts and essential items for children in need around the world. Residents in Grosse Pointe are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, to pack in shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, will deliver these gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries.

For many children, access to such simple items is essential to an education. This was the case for Justin Thomas, a shoebox recipient in

Southeast Asia whose parents could not afford the supplies needed for school. Thomas remembers the specific day he received a gift-filled shoebox from Operation Christmas Child and found it filled with toys, but what was most exciting to him were the school supplies.

Growing up with hand-me-down clothes and used items, Thomas used to write with a pencil so short he held it using a pen cap. Having an entire packet of new pencils and a pencil sharpener of his own was a treasure to him. These simple gifts made a life-

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CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2023.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider an updated Master Plan for the City.

The Meeting will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall located at 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. A copy of the proposed Master Plan is available at www.gpfmasterplan2022.com.

Written comments or questions on the proposed plan can be emailed to the Planning Consultant Jane Dixon at jdixon@mcka.com until 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

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A pre-bid meeting will be held on **October 23rd, 2023** at 1:00 PM EST - (844) 562-1933, 253335489# US (Toll-free)

Pre-bid Clarifications must be sent to Gary Kent from Plante Moran Realpoint at gary.kent@plantemoran.com by **October 25th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. EST**

All bids must be addressed to: Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Attention Ben Matteson, Director of Operations.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Familial Disclosure Statement, Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit, and a Non-Collusive Affidavit

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=c9cc9b4670e842b7b80fac475cd15781>

Documents will be available for viewing on **October 18th, 2023**. Any questions, contact Gary Kent from Plante Moran Realpoint at gary.kent@plantemoran.com.

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STEAM Foundation grants available

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A new foundation aimed at complementing the Grosse Pointe Public School System is accepting applications for its next round of funding.

The Grosse Pointe STEAM Foundation grant window runs through 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

The group's focus is funding projects involving science, technology,

engineering, arts, athletics and math, with the addition of athletics to what formerly was known as STEM that then morphed into STEAM.

"We'll be reviewing the applications in January and February and then presenting the awards in the spring," President Jennifer Kendall said. "Most likely that will involve curriculum items focused on the 2024-25 school year."

Kendall said for non-

curriculum grants, such as those for athletic equipment, grants could come sooner or later.

"Anything that requires time frames might need to be adjusted based on what needs to be ordered," she said. "It all depends on the application."

The foundation made its first round of grants to GPPSS, totaling \$603,000, last spring. Those included:

◆ \$403,000 for a new scoreboard at Grosse

Pointe South High School's multi-sport athletic field,

◆ \$100,000 for a new accessible playground at Mason Elementary School and

◆ \$100,000 for district-wide musical instrument replacement.

Kendall said the foundation does not have a dollar amount or number of grants to fund in mind.

"It all depends on what applications we get," she said. "We'll give each

one our full attention and make sure they are a good fit for the students and buildings involved.

We just ask that applicants be very thoughtful in their responses as far as how the money will be used and how many students will benefit."

Applications can be found at gpsteam.com/ grant.

Aside from Kendall, the STEAM Foundation's board of directors includes Matt Agnone, Shery Cotton, Melissa

Fradenburg, Cam Shortz, Mike Stines and Ellisse Thompson.

(Editor's note: GPPSS Board of Education Treasurer Sean Cotton, who owns the Grosse Pointe News, is the son of Shery Cotton and Kendall's brother-in-law. As such, he has said he will recuse himself from voting on any donations the foundation makes to the district, as he did with its first grants earlier this year.)



COURTESY PHOTOS

University Liggett School students rehearse "Radium Girls," which has been selected as a main-stage production in the 2023 Michigan Thespian Festival.

University Liggett School production selected as 2023 Michigan Thespian Festival main-stage production

University Liggett School recently announced that the school's rendition of "Radium Girls" has been chosen as a featured main-stage production at the Michigan Educational Theater Association State Thespian Festival, scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9, in Lansing.

"Radium Girls," by D. W. Gregory, tells the story of Grace Fryer and the female factory work-

ers who contracted radiation poisoning from painting watch dials and hands with self-luminous paint made of radium and their fight for justice against the powerful radium corporations.

"The State Thespian Festival is an extremely exciting weekend in which students and educators from across the state can share their common love for the theater arts," said Dr. Phill

Moss, creative and performing arts department chair at University Liggett School. "The festival also allows the students and directors the chance to network, attend workshops and gain valuable practical information on how to improve their theater programs, and we're thrilled to perform 'Radium Girls' on the main stage."

During the two-day festival, more than 2,000 stu-

dents and their directors see multiple shows, choose from more than 200 workshops, compete in their choice of 18 different theater-specific individual events, audition for scholarships from colleges and universities and mingle with industry professionals.

The festival will begin with a performance of "Radium Girls" Friday, Dec. 8. This marks the

Players' first production since 2019's "12 Angry Jurors" to be selected as a main-stage production at the State Thespian Festival. Other ULS main-stage productions have included, "Arsenic and Old Lace," 2015; "Master Harold and the Boys," 2012; "Lend Me A Tenor," 2009; "Bus Stop," 2006; "Company of Wayward Saints," 2003; "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes,"

1999 and "A Beast on the Moon," 1996.

The show will first be performed at Univesity Liggett School at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Additional performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 11, as well as 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

Tickets for the ULS performance dates are \$8 and available online at seatyourself.biz/uls.

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to another question.

Public comment will be taken after all interviews are complete, after which the board will discuss the candidates and list their first and second choices. Two points will be given for each first choice and one point for each second choice.

Ismail then will recommend the candidate with the most points for appointment, followed by a board vote.

Ismail said he expected about a dozen applicants and was not surprised there wasn't more.

"That's about how many we've had for prior vacancies, between 10 and 20," he said. "Frankly, it's a big time commitment."

The board stipulated that to be considered, applicants had to be registered voters in the district, a resident for at least 10 months and never convicted of a felony.

The approved process also said preference would be given to applicants who meet certain criteria that "denotes a strong nexus" with GPPSS. Those include being a retired staff member; former board member; graduate of

either high school; a resident of at least 10 years or a parent, grandparent or foster parent of a current student or graduate.

The move comes after Brumbaugh announced in early September he

would step down after his wife's job was relocated to Washington, D.C. He was first elected to a four-year term in 2020. His replacement will serve the remainder of the term.



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- Removal of existing elevator cab, controls, etc.
- Installation of new vertical platform lift, wall panels, etc.
- Modification of existing walls as necessary for installation of automatic doors
- Electrical modifications as required for connection of new equipment

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available to Prime Contractors beginning Tuesday, October 31, 2023 by contacting the office of the Architect, Ehresman Architects, via email at architects@ehresmanarchitects.com. The Architect will issue the requesting company(s) electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents including drawings and specifications. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

Bid documents will also be available for examination (no purchase) at the following locations:

- Ehresman Architects
- Grosse Pointe Public School System
- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
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A **NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023@ 10:00 a.m. (local time)** in the receiving room of Pierce Middle School; located at 15430 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. It is the contractor's responsibility to review and become familiar with the job site, conditions, etc. prior to submitting its bid to the district. If the contractor desires to visit the project site at other times, please contact the Director of Facilities, Mr. Ben Matteson@ (313) 432-3082 to schedule its visit.

Sealed bids will be due **Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Contractor to note that the Central Administration offices are located within Grosse Pointe North High School but has its own address and entrance.

The School Board will not consider, accept, or open a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this advertisement for bid.

The bids shall be accompanied by the following documents listed below. The Board will not accept a bid that does not include these documents

1. Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond valued at five percent (5%) of the proposer's maximum bid amount.
2. A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District.
3. A sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act representing and warranting that the Contractor (including its officers, directors and employees) is not an "Iran linked business" within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012.

Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

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Please direct any questions to Joe Cangemi, Senior Project Manager at (248) 244-9710 (ext. 106) or email joe@ehresmanarchitects.com.

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Second Fulbright appointment for Woods professor

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's another year, another trip to Africa for Eldonna May.

The Woods resident and Wayne State University professor has traveled annually since 2012 to Botswana to speak at Botho University's International Research Conference and spent a year there — 2016-17 — as a Fulbright Scholar.

This time, she'll spend November in Ghana at the University of Cape Coast as a Fulbright Specialist.

"This is what Fulbright calls a 'named project,' where the university designed the program with my specific expertise in mind," she said. "Once you've been a Fulbright Scholar and pass muster, you get put on a roster and receive a listing of projects that universities have submitted. They can cover everything from technology to clean drinking water to cyber security." May — who earned an



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELDONNA MAY

May, along with fellow Michigan State doctoral graduate Eric Wilmot and Might Koho Abreh, professors at University Cape Coast, in Botswana for the 2016 International Research Conference. May will spend November at UCC as a Fulbright Specialist.

undergraduate degree in oboe performance and a master's degree in musicology from Wayne

State University, as well as a doctorate in musicology from Michigan State University and an

advanced degree in online teaching and learning from Florida State University — also

is chair emerita of the President's Commission on the Status of Women and the U.S. delegate to the African Deans Education Forum.

During her time in Ghana, she'll use all of that knowledge to work with the school's music department to redesign its graduate school curriculum.

"We're looking at developing a program that's hybrid, combining in-person and online classes," May added. "I'm just not sure how we're going to get it all done in 35 days!"

Once May returns home, the process will be in a "to be continued" pattern, as she calls it.

"We'll identify some key individuals to serve as mentors," she said. "That's something we need to do a better job of here, too. This is my 31st year as a professor and too often a student graduates, we give them their diploma and send them into the classroom and there's no followup."

"I still get texts and emails from former students who are looking

for advice or just want to vent," she continued. "A lot of it started with the pandemic and there's a lack of information and resources to share."

Some folks are good at being independent and finding their way, but others need a mentor."

The University of Cape Coast, with 80,000 students, is the largest college in West Africa and the fourth largest on the continent.

"It's an interesting cultural environment," May said. "It's built right next to a village and the tribal chief and villagers still live there. People line up along the road to campus to sell maize and firewood."

May said she has enjoyed her many trips to Africa and colleagues there are now like family.

"I've been to their homes, I know their children," she said. "And students there have such a desire for knowledge. They learn for the joy of learning, which is something to a certain extent we've lost here."

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changing impact on Thomas because it opened the doors for him to receive an education.

National Collection Week is Nov. 13 to 20.

Participants may donate \$10 per shoebox gift online at samaritanspurse.org/occ and receive a tracking label

through "Follow Your Box" to discover its destination.

Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

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St. Paul kicks off canned food collection

Drive open until Nov. 16

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

On the heels of a successful 2022 cereal drive — during which St. Paul Catholic School was inundated with more than 2,300 boxes of cereal — students at the Grosse Pointe Farms school are at it again.

Junior high students in the Thursday Advisory Program, or TAP, are hosting a SOUPer Can Collection just in time for Thanksgiving.

“As we enter into a time of year where the emphasis is on gratitude, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve those in need,” said Tricia Kesteloot, director of evangelical charity. “Our focus is on how we are called to serve our neighbors in need. So many families are in need of food and resource assistance.”

“... Food pantries have seen an increase by 30 percent of those in need of food,” she added. “Instead of Thanksgiving-themed items, people are not thinking about where to get a raw turkey. ... They’re thinking, ‘Where are the staples? Where are the cans I can pop open to feed my child?’

It’s so sad that there’s so much need everywhere.”

In advance of the drive, students were visited by Anne Crowe, who has overseen the pantry at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church nearly 20 years. She explained to them its value.

“When we go home to the cupboard or the fridge, we never expect it to be empty,” Kesteloot said. “That really impacted the kids — to know there are children who come home and there are no snacks.”

The school’s charitable collection efforts — the idea of sixth-grade homeroom teacher Carla Schultz — will focus on canned soup, fruit, vegetables, pastas, tuna, pork and beans and other non-perishable, staple food items for families.

“We are going to request that cans have a ‘pop-top’ whenever possible, because many people do not own a can opener,” Kesteloot said.

A collection bin will be located in the St. Paul Catholic Church gathering space, from now until Thursday, Nov. 16. Classes also are competing with each other to bring in the most donations.

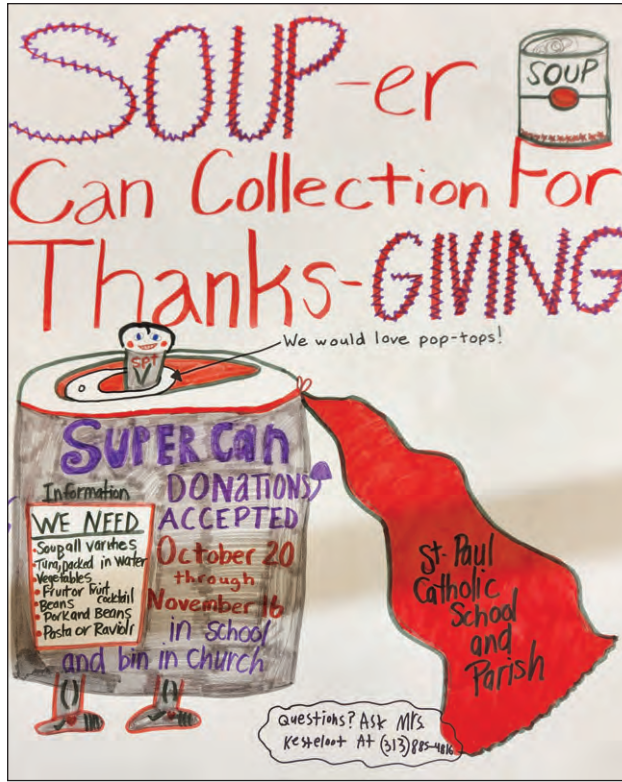


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Students designed posters to promote the drive.

Students have been hard at work creating marketing materials; preparing announcements; and coordinating, organizing and storing donations from other students, parishioners and the community.

“These projects create opportunities for students to not only be service-learners, but leaders for those in need,” Kesteloot said. “The students created posters to advertise within the building. Small

groups of students will write and read PA announcements with updates on the collection efforts, and collect and inventory donated cans from the school classrooms. After daily Mass, designated students will collect cans that have been dropped off in the church gathering space and transport them to the school building.”

The school goal for the drive is 1,000 cans. Kesteloot said she hopes

to see another 1,000 cans from the community.

If last year’s drive was any indication, this year should prove successful as well.

“Last year, the junior high Leadership Council organized a cereal drive and collected over 2,000 boxes,” Kesteloot said. “We were blown away by the support from the school and community at large, which included phone calls and notes of support from alumni, past staff members and friends from across the United States.”

This year’s collection will culminate with a pep rally Friday, Nov. 17, following the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Students will assemble three separate race tracks using the cans.

“A student here at school races remote-control cars with his dad and they will serve as our ‘race engineers,’” Kesteloot said. “All of the donated cans will be divided into three equal amounts and student groups will be assigned a specific race area and driver. After the all-school Mass on Friday, Nov. 17, the school students will fill the bleachers and watch as the groups race through the maze of cans.”

After the race, TAP stu-

dents will load up and deliver the donated items to four food pantries: Deo Gratias food pantry at St. Jude Catholic Church, St. Leo’s Soup Kitchen, Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church food pantry and St. Augustine/St. Monica Catholic Church food pantry. Representatives from at least two of the organizations will be on hand for the pep rally.

Those unable to drop off canned goods but who still would like to contribute may make a financial donation by mailing a check, made payable to St. Paul Catholic Church/Evangelical Charity, with “SOUP Collection” in the memo line, to the church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

“Any monetary donations will be used to purchase canned soup or other staple items, like can openers or peanut butter and jelly,” Kesteloot said.

Kesteloot and Schultz already are putting their heads together to come up with a new project for 2024.

“We promised the students the cereal project will return,” Kesteloot said. “We’ll probably run the projects in a three-year rotation. Our team is already thinking about next year’s project.”

AAUW GP hosts third annual art contest, exhibition

High school students invited to participate in ‘Listen to Women’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe Branch has invited student artists to submit work to its third annual art contest and exhibition, following the theme, “Listen to Women.”

“We’re staying with ‘Listen to Women,’ but we changed the theme a little bit,” said Joanne Mualem, publicity chair for AAUW GP. “We broadened it. We asked them to submit artwork that explores the life of the woman — that celebrates her achievements, honors her inspiration in our lives, predicts her future in this world or portrays issues currently facing her.”

The AAUW as a whole and the Grosse Pointe branch work to advance equity for women and girls in society. The local branch achieves this by awarding scholarships, providing funding for local robotics programs and through the art contest, the latter of which



COURTESY PHOTO

AAUWGP member Kathy Conlon created this painting to help promote the theme of the art contest, “Listen to Women.”

was proposed by member Kathy Conlon.

“Four years ago we wanted to make a bigger impact on the community,” Mualem said. “Kathy came up with supporting and encouraging STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathemat-

ics) careers. The arts can be neglected when you talk about careers, but it loops into everything; it’s important.”

Conlon sent letters to 20 art teachers at high schools in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods, Detroit and other communities, inviting students, ages 14

to 18, to enter.

Entries will be judged on interpretation of the theme, demonstration of artistic ability, originality and quality of art, overall design and use of medium.

Two-dimensional and three-dimensional work is accepted; however,

2-D work must be mounted, matted or framed to facilitate hanging.

The work will be judged by Elizabeth Gauthier, a teacher at College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

“The judge has always been not someone who is a member,” Mualem said. “Kathy Conlon is an artist and a member of our branch. That’s why she felt strongly about proposing this. But she doesn’t do the judging, nor do other artists who are in our branch.”

The Best of Show winner will receive \$200. The second-place student will receive \$150 and the third, \$100.

Mualem said she continually is impressed with students’ entries, not only the medium they choose — which ranges from painting and photography to embroidery and ceramics — but also their subject matter.

“That has amazed me,” she said. “These are young people. How they interpret the theme just blows me away some-

times.

“Even at this date, as far as we’ve come along, women are still working for less money in the same job,” she added. “... We want to celebrate how women have come through all these things that maybe could have held them back, but they succeeded.”

Student artists should complete an entry form, signed by a parent, and email it along with a photo of themselves with the artwork to artcontestaauwgp@gmail.com. The deadline to submit entries is midnight Sunday, Nov. 5.

A typed description of the piece, explained in 50 words or less, and a hard copy of the entry form will be picked up with the artwork by an AAUW GP member at a time arranged by the student’s art teacher and AAUW GP team.

For more information or an application, email artcontestaauwgp@gmail.com.

“One other thing we’re excited about this year is that the venue is the

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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.

Mary Susan Gravel Wehmeier

Sue Wehmeier, 86, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, surrounded by family at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

She was born May 1, 1937, in New York City, to Elmo Donald Laurence and Bernice Hazel Sheppard. Her stepfather was Durell Sterling Richards. She grew up in Owosso and Grosse Pointe.

A proud graduate of The Liggett School and University of Michigan, where she was a member of the Collegiate Sorosis sorority, Sue received a master's degree in education from Saint Clair College. She was a special-needs teacher for many years in the Lakeview School District.

Sue enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, playing piano and arranging flowers — especially blue hydrangeas — and her dogs. She was known for her apple and cherry pies. She spent her latter years living in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Sue was married for 28 years to the late Benjamin Lionel Gravel and 30 years to the late Paul Henry Wehmeier. She is survived by her children, Anne Elizabeth Gravel and Benjamin Lionel Gravel Jr., (Eleanor "Tuppy"); her three beloved grandchildren, Maysie, Lia and Jimmy Makrianes; and stepchildren, Alexandra Fortna and Wilson Wehmeier.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She will lie in state beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

George Frederick Zigas

George Frederick Zigas, 85, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023.

George was born Sept. 25, 1938, in Detroit, to George and Louise Zigas. From a young age, George loved the city of Detroit and attended Southeastern High School on the city's east side. At age 18, he joined the U.S. Navy and served two years. Upon his return, he settled in Grosse Pointe Woods to start a family and went to work in sales at Ford Motor Co., where he worked for more than 30 years.

George had many interests and was known to get deeply engrossed in something and learn everything about it. He was a voracious reader, wine aficionado, talented drummer, huge sports fan (specifically football and boxing) and lover of playing pool, riding his Harley Davidson and good Italian food. George was known for his quick wit, great sense of humor and charitable spirit. He enjoyed his years of volunteering with the

Detroit Public Schools reading to children. He always had a good joke or funny story to share, or just a big bear hug when needed. George was smart, handsome, loving and a good man.

George was beloved by many, including his daughter, Tracy Schatko; sons-in-law, Keith Schatko and Bill Leavy; and granddaughter, Samantha Schatko. He was predeceased by his dear daughter, Leticia Leavy. He also leaves behind his cherished sister, Loretta Altobelli; nephews, Peter Altobelli (Dawn) and Paul Altobelli (Lisa); and dear friend, Martha Miller. He was loved and supported deeply by his confidant, Jamesetta Fox, and beloved friends and neighbors. George was involved in his church, St. Charles of Borromeo, and leaves behind many loving souls he met there.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at St. Charles of Borromeo, 1491 Baldwin, Detroit. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Charles of Borromeo, or George's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Hospital, stjude.org/donate/donate-to-stjude.html.

Peter Reyes

Peter Reyes, 99, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. He was a cherished uncle to his many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Habib and Mary; and siblings, Caroline Reyes, Joseph Reyes (the late Bernice), Albert Reyes, Cecelia Ellis (the late Albert), Elizabeth Reyes (the late Helen) and Mary Lou Wholihan (the late Henry).

Peter was born in Detroit to Lebanese immigrants. He was the fifth of eight surviving children. He grew up in a loving home where family and faith were of utmost importance. He attended St. Catherine Grade and High School, graduating in 1942. He was drafted shortly after his 18th birthday and proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. He was a bombardier and trained at Carlsbad Army Air Corps Bombardier School. He was very proud of his service in the Air Corps and loved anything to do with airplanes. His final rank was flight officer.

Peter joined the Detroit Fire Department on a whim in 1947. He accompanied a friend who was taking the test for admittance to the fire department. He took the test and passed. He served 38 years in the Detroit Fire Department, retiring as chief in 1985, at the mandatory retirement age of 60. He was part of the rescue squad and told many stories of his experiences on the squad, including the

time he rescued someone from the top of the Ambassador Bridge. He was the first Lebanese chief in the Detroit Fire Department, of which he was very proud. Peter was part of the greatest generation where perseverance and hard work were the norm.

He also was very artistic. Despite never having formal art training, he had a God-given artistic ability and could illustrate beautifully. His carpentry skills also served him and his family well throughout his life. For the past couple of years, Peter resided at Sunrise Assisted Living on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he received the finest care possible by extremely caring and compassionate people, for which he and his family are eternally grateful. He will be deeply missed by all who affectionately knew him as "Uncle Pete."

A funeral Mass will be held Oct. 23, at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Peter Reyes to St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, MI 48224, stmatthewdetroit.com.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Beverly Riley Leinweber

Beverly Riley Leinweber, 89, died peacefully Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at the family cottage in Lewiston. Born March 14, 1934, in Detroit, to Joseph and Anna Riley, Beverly grew up in Grosse Pointe.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and the University of Michigan, Bev had a career in social work and was actively involved in a variety of community groups, including Junior League of Detroit and Operation LINC, Northeast Guidance Center and the Guidance Gazette, and the Crystal Ball at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Upon her marriage to Roy Leinweber, Bev moved first to Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and then Philadelphia, returning to Grosse Pointe in 1965, where she became increasingly active in the community. A founding member of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, Beverly was the vital link connecting local businesses, their landlords, the department of public safety and city council. From its inception and for years, she organized and ran Grosse Pointe's Santa Claus Parade. She also initiated trick-or-treating in The Village and was instrumental in the creation and success of "Friday Night Live & Saturday, Too," as well as The Village's past art fairs, Taste of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe's Greatest Garage Sale, to mention a few.

Bev's many loves included spring vacations in Florida and summer cottage time with



Mary S. Gravel Wehmeier



George Frederick Zigas



Peter Reyes



Beverly Riley Leinweber



Donald H. Reilly



Nathan Carter Judson

her family. An avid sports fan, she was known to occasionally lose her voice cheering for her Michigan Wolverines. Most of all, she adored her family and many friends.

Predeceased by her husband, Roy, and sister, Sharon Wiltsie of Lima, Ohio, Beverly is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Binkowski; sons, Gregory (Jamie) of Washington, D.C., and Michael (Mary) of Royal Oak; daughters, Carol of Chicago, Susan (Troy Noble) of Chicago and Joan of Royal Oak; grandchildren, Ryan and Brennan Leinweber, and Grace and Sara Noble; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations honoring Beverly may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, csk.detroit.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Donald H. Reilly

Donald H. Reilly, 82, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023.

Donald was born Aug. 14, 1941, in Detroit, to Peter and Agnes Reilly. As a child, one of his favorite things to do was to visit the Jefferson Beach Amusement Park. In the 1960s, Donald earned a bachelor's degree from the Detroit College of Business.

Later in life, Donald found the woman of his dreams, Ann. They were married for 53 beautiful years. He enjoyed big band music like Glenn Miller or the Dorsey Brothers. He also liked spending his time reading; typically, one could find him with a suspenseful mystery or maybe a history book. He also had a camera he enjoyed using to take pictures of the flora and fauna in his backyard.

Donald also loved comedy shows; Laurel and Hardy, Red Skelton and Jackie Gleason were some of his favorite comedians; however, that sense of humor didn't translate well into his own jokes. Donald told some of the longest, bad jokes ever and it would take a few minutes to get to the punchline, but he was known for those types of jokes.

He also enjoyed traveling; Frankenmuth, Houghton Lake and a

visit to Scotland in 1972 were some of his favorite trips. Donald also had a huge sweet tooth. If it had an obscene amount of sugar in it, he liked it.

Donald was loved and cherished by many and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Ann Reilly. He was the cherished father of Christopher Reilly (Julie); adored grandfather to fur babies, Shadow and the recently departed Lily; loving brother of William Reilly (Paula); and cherished uncle to Heather Reilly.

A memorial visitation will take place 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., at Living Hope Evangelical Church, 24010 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

Nathan Carter Judson

Nathan Carter Judson, 91, of Ann Arbor, passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2023.

Nathan was born Jan. 28, 1932, to Nathan G. and Grace E. (nee Carter) Judson, both now deceased.

Nathan is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Christina Judson (nee Schnierle); loving children, Wendy Matzen (Thomas), Nathan Judson (Kami) and Kimberly Hays (Glen); loving sister, Karen Judson; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Nathan was predeceased by his brother, Wilfred Judson; and sisters, Faith Judson (Schweiss) and Alice Judson.

Nathan graduated valedictorian from Ypsilanti High School in 1950. He then earned a Bachelor of Music degree in music education from the University of Michigan in 1954. He also was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Nathan then received a Master of Music degree in wind instruments from the University of Michigan in 1957. During his college years, Nathan served in the U.S. Army Band in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., from 1954-56.

Nathan spent the majority of his life teaching and inspired many students throughout the years at Goodrich High School, Trenton High School, Grosse Pointe North High School and

Parcells Middle School. He held various officer positions in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 and District 16, including president, and various offices in the State MSBOA, including president from 1969-71. Nathan received the MSBOA Band Teacher of the Year Award in 1970, and MSBOA Orchestra Teacher of the Year Award in 1978. During his career, Nathan toured Europe as assistant conductor with Musical Youth International Band in 1967. He also toured Mexico as conductor with Musical Youth International Band in 1968, and returned to Europe in 1984, and toured as conductor to Europe with Blue Lake Fine Arts International Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Nathan was a man of strong faith and a pivotal part of First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. He frequently conducted musical ensembles and choirs during services and special events. He also served the church in various capacities, including president of the church council.

In addition to his passion for music, Nathan also enjoyed golfing and doing carpentry work with his good friend, Russell Reed. He also enjoyed flying and became a licensed pilot.

Memorial visitation for Nathan will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, following a memorial gathering starting at 10 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First English Lutheran Church Organ Fund or First English Lutheran Church Food Pantry Fund; or to the Grosse Pointe North Band & Orchestra Nathan Judson Scholarship Fund. Checks, made payable to Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, ATTN: Jenna Torrento, may be mailed to GPFPE, 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, with "GPN Band & Orchestra, Nathan Judson" on the memo line.

Share photos or memories of Nathan online at ahpeters.com.

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Betty Jean Forte

Betty Jean Forte, 99, of Clinton Township, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, two months before her 100th birthday.

She was born Dec. 31, 1923, in Detroit, the youngest daughter of George and Hazel Bonning, both now deceased. She is survived by her four children, who were her pride and joy: Kathleen Forte (the late John Broderick), JoAnn Neill (Jim), Paul Forte (Nancy) and Nancy Smith (Richard). She leaves behind eight grandchildren, Jimmy Neill, Julie Hogan (Mike), Jonathan Neill (Juliet), Hilary Gordon (Matt), Michelle Dean, Corey Smith (Nichole), Kimberly Forte (Natan Harel) and Shane Smith (Abbi); 15 great-grandchildren; and two nephews, Robert King (Lynn) and George King.

Betty's early years were spent in the midst of the Great Depression. With strength and determination, her family survived difficult conditions in order to feed and house themselves. Because of this, Betty developed lifelong skills of thriftiness, dependability and self-sacrifice. When Betty married Joe Forte, that determination to provide for the family led them to form a fledgling company, G. Forte Co., a masonry contractor company. Joe did the masonry work. Betty, while raising her young family, handled bookkeeping, correspondence and payroll. Over the years, as the business grew and flourished, Betty devoted herself full-time to her true love — taking care of her family.

Betty had many talents that she generously shared. She immortalized her mother-in-law's spaghetti sauce recipe. It is now known as "Gram's spaghetti" and is a family favorite in the homes of her children and grandchildren. After cooking her last batch, the quest for the treasured wooden



Betty Jean Forte

spoon used to measure ingredients was won by her youngest daughter, Nancy. She also was an accomplished seamstress. Her creations ranged from prom dresses and a brocade prom coat to embellished jeans. She was the "go-to" person for all repairs and alterations including jean zippers, shortened hems and grandchildren's "blanky" restorations.

One of her greatest labors of love was to sew and hand-embroider individual Christmas stockings for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pieces of felt were painstakingly cut and hand-sewn in place. Faces of Santa and snowmen were beautifully and delicately hand-embroidered while trains and Christmas trees were embellished with sequins and beads.

Though Betty made trips to many states and countries, her favorite place was her second home in Venice, Fla. Family and friends spent time together collecting shells and shark teeth while walking along the beach. A jigsaw puzzle sat on the table while board and card games filled the evening. But Betty's greatest Florida pleasure was to sit quietly on her lanai in the late afternoon, watching the sun sink slowly in the sky and gradually disappear below the horizon of the gulf's waters.

Betty always reached out to family and friends with cards and notes, never forgetting a special day. For every birthday, anniversary or special occasion, Betty sent a carefully chosen card with her personal thoughts written in her beautiful calligraphy



Michael Ernest Kenyon

handwriting. She so delighted in time with others that she often captured them in pictures. No matter the size of the visit, from two visitors in her living room to 38 people lined up in the hallway for her yearly birthday celebration at a Red Wings game, Betty wanted a photo to share with others or savor for herself.

Betty had a kind and loving heart. Her nature was accepting, compassionate and nonjudgmental. She spoke only kind words about others. Betty always thought of other's comfort first before her own. She gave her undivided attention to everyone. Her warmhearted spirit cared deeply and loved completely. She was loved by everyone she met and will be dearly missed.

Betty was a longtime member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Grosse Pointe Woods and recently attended St. Michael Parish in Sterling Heights.

Along with her parents, Betty was predeceased by her husband, Joe Forte; and her sister, Vivian King.

The family wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude for the kind, compassionate care given to Betty by staff and caregivers at Clinton Creek Assisted Living and Memory Care, and AccentCare Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shelby Township Parks & Recreation Special Olympics, a cause dear to Betty's heart for her grandson, Jimmy, 14975 21 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp., MI 48315; or Clinton Township Goodfellows, P.O. Box 380643, Clinton Twp., MI 48038.

Michael Ernest Kenyon

Michael Ernest Kenyon, 75, died peacefully and beloved by many Friday, Oct. 20, 2023.

Michael was the adoring husband of Angela for 32 years; loving father of Jeffrey Kenyon and stepfather of Paul (Marla), David (Michelle) and Daniel; doting grandfather of Anelyse, Yannick, Jackie, Eve, Brendan, Adrien and Gabe; and cherished brother to Sandy Hynes. He also profoundly loved his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and his fur baby, Abby.

Born and raised in Lansing, Michael received an undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University and earned a master's degree in public administration from Wayne State University. He briefly taught in Roseville before continuing a life of service for others in Grosse Pointe Shores. There, he was a public safety officer (police officer, firefighter, paramedic and diver) for 11 years, before becoming assistant village manager in 1982, and village manager in 1983, until he retired in 2009.

Michael loved to laugh — and make others laugh. He enjoyed golf and travel, and avidly supported Michigan State University and Detroit sports teams. Above all, he reveled in time spent with his wife, family and myriad devoted friends. Michael was generous to a fault, ever giving and asking for nothing but good company.

A memorial Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound, Shelby Township.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Michael's memory may be made to lionsclubs.org or leaderdog.org.

Visit wasikfuneralhome.com online to participate in his virtual tribute, celebrating his incredible legacy.



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Nose for news

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary President Sherrie Jones presents a thank-you gift to speaker Kevin Roseborough, a recently retired news director for Fox 2 News. Roseborough shared about some of his 28 years of experiences in the news business with the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club during its Oct. 17 meeting at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Grosse Pointe Artists Association gallery in The War Memorial," Mualem said. "We'll be in the hallway. The exhibition will be open whenever The War Memorial is open, from Nov. 13 to Jan. 5. We're also going longer this year, giving more chances for students, parents and everybody to come by."

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

An awards presentation takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, in the GPAA's main gallery space. The artist or a designated representative must be present to receive an award.

The exhibition will come to a close in early 2024 — a year of significance to AAUW GP.

"We've come a long way in the 80 years we've been here," Mualem said about the Grosse Pointe branch, which celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2024. "We're excited to be celebrating 80 years of advancing equity."

About the AAUW

The Grosse Pointe Branch of AAUW began in 1944, and is a local branch of the national organization of The American Association of University Women.

Over the years, the AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch has provided fellowship, programs and opportunity to advance equity for women and girls in society.

Fundraising provides the means to fund national endowments and scholarships, as well as local scholarships to women at Wayne State University, Alternatives for Girls and Macomb Community College.

The branch partners and supports community events that align with its mission. It is a member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and a registered U.S. public charitable 501(c)3 organization.

Deciding to make a more profound impact in the community while supporting and encouraging science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics careers, the branch has provided funds to continue and expand robotics teams, annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors and hosts an art contest and exhibition.

Donations to AAUW Grosse Pointe Education Program are tax deductible and much appreciated. For more information, visit grossepointe-mi.aauw.net.

All Soul's Mass at St. Paul on the Lake is Nov. 2

All are welcome to visit St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, for

its All Soul's Mass.

During the Mass, the church will pray for the eternal souls of those who have passed away, especially those who

have died within the past year. In the Catholic Church, each time parishioners gather together for Mass they have the

opportunity to unite with loved ones through prayer and communion. It is one of the many gifts they receive as they celebrate as a fam-

ily of faith.

All are welcome to join the church for Mass throughout the week as well. Mass is offered 6:30 and 8:15

a.m. Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Sundays. Find other opportunities to grow in faith by visiting stpaulonthelake.org.

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Quilting really isn't much more than taking large pieces of fabric, cutting them into small pieces and stitching them together into another large piece of fabric. Or is it?

At St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, quilts have become the ties that bind together a group of around 30 women who gather weekly to create quilts that minister to others. Through their work, Pieces Be With You spreads the love of Jesus Christ and their own creative love with hundreds of quilt recipients throughout the community, metro Detroit and the world every year. They also have stitched together relationships with each other that have enabled them to endure during some tough times.

From 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, the group hosts its second Sew Gifted Sale, which will offer nearly 100 quilts for sale, plus an array of other handcrafted items including table runners, wall hangings, gnomes, pillow cases, aprons, purses, bags and totes, as well as baby and Christmas items. The church is located at 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, with parking behind the church.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward Ukrainian relief with the remainder providing



Each time the Pieces Be With You quilting group sends off a batch of quilts, they display the quilts in the church sanctuary and seek the church's blessing for their work. Here, dozens of quilts were prepared for the Friends of Foster Kids earlier this year.

ongoing support for Pieces Be With You. The group will deliver some funds to St. Paul for its ongoing support and use the remaining funds to buy and maintain its collection of sewing machines and furniture, plus all the added components for quilting, from large rolls of batting and bins to store fabric, thread and scissors, irons and ironing boards, and the many tools of the quilting trade.

Cathy Wrobel, a longtime member and quilter since high school, started a quilting group in 2002, because she wanted to create quilts for the congregation's high school graduates.

"There were people

who were sewers and people who had some family history with quilting, but nobody who joined the group was a quilter," she said.

Eventually, the novice quilters became more confident and wanted to do more. They began meeting weekly, eventually twice a week, to learn more about quilting and work on projects together, preferably projects that would generate quilts for others. One of their early projects was Quilts of Valor for service members. Then they began sending approximately 70 quilts a year to Lutheran World Relief, which provides hardy 60-by-80-inch quilts for displaced persons around

the world who use them for bedding, shelter or floor coverings.

Someone soon identified Freedom House in



Jan Windemuth works on a quilt for the Sew Gifted Sale.

Detroit as a recipient and began donating around 40 quilts to clients who are refugees, asylum seekers and others seeking humanitarian protection. Then the group began making around 50 quilts a year for Friends of Foster Kids in Oakland County, for young adults who are aging out of foster care.

Through the years, Pieces Be With You has never forgotten its own

congregation, providing baptismal quilts for everyone who is baptized at the church, customized stoles for confirmands and comfort quilts for individuals struggling with health or family issues — plus high school graduation quilts each year.

Longtime member Jan Windemuth credits Wrobel's leadership style with enabling the group

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Brenda Brege works at the long-arm quilting machine, adding decorative top-stitching to complete a quilt for the Sew Gifted Sale.

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Full Circle gala returns to Roostertail Nov. 2

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The biggest fundraiser of the year for the Full Circle Foundation — which works in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs — takes place 6 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at The Roostertail, 100 Marquette, Detroit.

“An Evening Under the Stars” is the organiza-

tion’s ninth annual gala and includes an open bar, sit-down dinner, raffle and live and silent auctions.

Fox 2 Detroit anchor Ryan Ermanni will emcee the event and Lori Stefak will serve as auctioneer.

“Mike LeFevre and Suzie Starnes are our honorary chairs this year,” said Stephanie DiVirgil, program/operations coordinator for Full Circle. “They both just have the biggest hearts. They’re the nicest, kindest, most generous peo-

ple. We’re so lucky to be working with them. Having them on board, being as hands-on as they’ve been, is a huge game-changer.

“They have been amazing at getting new faces and sponsorships, donations, ticket sales, auction donations,” she added. “They’ve made this gala, in the way of auction items, off-the-charts amazing.”

Among 11 live auction items are a two-hour Lake St. Clair cruise on a 70-foot Hatteras yacht with 14 friends, followed by dinner at Watermark Bar & Grille; a six-night, seven-day stay in Umbria, Italy; four days and three nights at Shanty Creek Resort on Torch Lake; a Detroit Red Wings and Little Caesars Arena experience for four; and 12 months of fresh flower arrangements by Full Circle’s TEAM 26.

There also will be more than 50 silent auction

items up for bid as well.

However, the honored guests of the night are members of the Full Circle TEAM 26 program.

“Full Circle young adults are the entertainment again,” DiVirgil said, noting a handful of young adults impersonating Elvis Presley will perform with Eastside Elvis. Another selection of young adults, in partnership with Kercheval Dance, will perform a dance number.

“Also this year we’re debuting the Full Circle Choir at the gala,” DiVirgil noted. “The choir formed in January. They’ll be singing and playing handbells.”

Another addition to this year’s program is a wine pull. For \$25, guests pick a number and receive a mystery bottle of wine.

“Every year we do a paddle raise, too,” DiVirgil added. “The past

few years that’s benefited TEAM 26, for those who’ve aged out of the school system. This year, we’ve hired two new TEAM 26 coordinators who have completely revamped the program. We’ll have a video and they’ll talk about the program at the gala. The paddle raise money will go toward TEAM 26. All other money raised goes to the foundation, but TEAM 26 is a highlight of the night.”

TEAM 26 is a membership-based program that helps young adults acquire skills that encourage and enable independence and meaningful engagement in the community, while strengthening their self-worth and transitioning them to greater personal autonomy.

Curriculum components cover life management, daily living skills, self-advocacy, determination and onsite job-

training skills.

Tickets are \$200 and selling fast, DiVirgil noted.

“This is such a great event and so much fun,” she said. “And it goes to a good cause. When you go to this gala, we bring the young adults, so you see them, you meet them. That puts everything into perspective, what the money goes to. The young adults are the highlight of the night. That’s why we do this, to celebrate them.”

While auction items may be viewed online, bids are accepted in person only this year. Those who are unable to attend may make donations online.

To purchase tickets, make a donation or view auction items in advance of the event, visit fullcircle.home.qtego.us

For more information, call (313) 469-6666 or email fullcirclefoundationgp@gmail.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Family Center

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

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

◆ QPR Suicide Prevention Training, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Question, Persuade, Refer training is for ages 15 and older, and trains people to recognize suicide warning signs, understand ways to initiate conversation and persuade and refer someone to the appropriate resources.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, Holy Innocents & St. Barnabus Parish, 16359 Frazho, Roseville.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Joan Richardson, with the League of Women Voters-Grosse Pointe, speaks about the impact of the passage of Proposal 2 on voting rights. Cost of the breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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WEDDING

McShane—Mangum

Stephanie Ann McShane and Philip Gabriel Mangum were married on a lovely, sunny Saturday, June 17, 2023, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, with Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny officiating.

A cocktail reception took place in the bride’s aunt and uncle’s side yard. A mariachi band led the bride and groom, bridal party and guests from there to the dinner reception, which took place across the street in the backyard of the bride’s parents’ house, where she grew up.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Pamela McShane of the City of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of John and Linda Mangum of Royal Oak.

The bride wore a bridal ivory gown with a form-fitting, strapless, satin bodice, hand-stitched to a timeless and dreamy draped silk chiffon skirt, naturally cascading from a satin fitted waistband and flowing into a soft pool train, designed by Catherine Deane of London.

The bride carried an airy, hand-tied bouquet with a mixture of Gerbera daisies, white daisies, small chamomile, baby’s breath and seeded and silver eucalyptus that looked handpicked.

The bride’s sister, Victoria Niehaus, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom’s sisters, Rebekah and Anna Mangum; and the bride’s friends, Taylor Wanner, Molly McCarthy, Lauren Stirling, Stephanie Sullivan, Nicole Stratelak and Amanda Lelo. The groom’s niece, Endelyn Mangum, served as flower girl.

The bridesmaids wore personally chosen mid- to maxi-length gowns in various shades of green. They carried smaller handpicked versions of the bride’s hand-tied clutch with white daisies, chamomile, baby’s breath and eucalyptus.

The flower girl wore a white, sleeveless top with a sage-colored, tiered ballet skirt and carried a hand-tied clutch with greens and small white wildflowers.

The groom’s brother, David Mangum, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom’s brothers, Jacob and Joseph Mangum; the bride’s brothers, Tommy, Kevin and John McShane; and the groom’s friends, Connor McCarthy, Kyle Knapp and Tom Pierce.

The groom and groomsmen wore tan custom Indochino suits. The groom wore an ivory tie, while his groomsmen wore sage ties. They all wore white



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mangum

Gerbera daisy boutonnières.

The bride is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned degrees in psychology and education from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, as well as a Master of Science degree in early childhood education from the Erikson Institute of Technology in Chicago. She is a third-grade teacher at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Ill.

The groom is a graduate of Royal Oak High School. He earned Bachelor of Science degrees in environmental biology and economics from Michigan State University in East Lansing. He is a product manager for a financial services software company.

The couple honeymooned in Spain and resides in Chicago.

BIRTH



Oliver George Eckert

Oliver George Eckert

Oliver George Eckert was born at 8:50 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 19.75 inches long. His parents are Robert and Raleigh Eckert of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Maternal grandparents are Pete and Peggy Dettlinger of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Nancy Eckert of Grosse Pointe Park.

Maternal great-grandparents are Carol and Marvin Pozdol of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Dorothy Dettlinger (the late Fred) of Harrison Township and formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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MOM'S THE WORD

By Olivia Monette

Pregnancy, the journey to motherhood, and the arrival of a new baby are exciting milestones for a growing family. Jolibump, Grosse Pointe's only maternity store, is now open on the lower level of Apple Blossom Baby to support expectant mothers with the products they want and need. Jolibump's informed staff are well-versed in the products they sell and have done ample research on the items in-store.

The welcoming boutique offers products such as maternity clothing, nursing tops and tanks, blankets, an extensive line of books, diaper bags, fetal monitors, wellness items, and more. We're so excited for this wonderful shop to join the Village that we've curated a few of our favorite products that new mamas will absolutely love! Check them out...

KEEPING MAMA WARM

Kimi + Kai Mia wool blend fold collar coat in camel: Lightweight yet incredibly warm, this sophisticated wool-blend coat is an essential layering piece as the seasons change and mama's belly grows. Feel stylish and chic all through the chilly seasons. After all, you're staying warm for two!



NO-SLEEP SLEEPWEAR

Hatch new mama sleep bundle: The first nights home with a new baby are a blur. Let Hatch make it just a little easier with a thoughtfully-curated box of cozy sleep essentials that'll help the new mama in your life catch some much-needed Zzzzz's (even if it's just three hours.) This sleep bundle includes the Classic Jersey PJ set, the Skin to Skin bra, and the High Tuck brief.

NEW MOM ESSENTIALS

Hatch mama must-haves kit: Combining three of Hatch's best-selling essentials for new mamas-to-be, this gift set gives her foundational pieces to take care of her cute bump + bod. The kit includes Belly Oil for top-to-toe nourishing hydration, Down, Girl, to give those swollen legs and feet some relief, and Nipple + Lip for clean lip care.





FAVE TOP

Ingrid + Isabel peplum maternity button-down shirt: This adorable, flattering top is designed to fit throughout pregnancy and post-pregnancy. Button-front closures are ideal for breastfeeding. The prettiest fashion must-haves for mom's changing body are easy to find at Jolibump!



IN THE BAG

Itzy Ritzy diaper bags: Itzy Ritzy bags were created by two hard-working parents who understand the ups and downs of parenthood. Their modern collection of baby, toddler and lifestyle accessories provide smart, attractive solutions to everyday challenges, from carrying heavy car seats to keeping school snacks under eco-friendly wraps. Whether you're looking for backpacks, diaper bags, cross-bodies, totes and more, Jolibump has you covered!



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SUPER FOOD FOR MOMMY

Boobie Body Superfood for Super Moms: These Superfood meal replacement protein shakes make achieving goals easier in every stage of motherhood. Made just for moms, the real-life superheroes. The shakes come in a few different flavors like Chocolate Bliss, Vanilla Cookie, Vanilla Chai, and Coffee Caramel. Use it for weight management, meal replacement and pre/post workout fuel.

GOOD MORNINGS

Mama Bird Morning Sickness pills: This pregnancy-safe herbal formula gives expecting moms quick relief from morning sickness. Made with ginger extract and whole ginger root, this mixture relieves symptoms of nausea, so mamas can feel like their normal selves again. This gentle formula is safe for both mama and baby and works within hours.



JEAN GENIE

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GPAA

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

◆ “Encaustic on Paper with Candace Law,” 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28.

◆ The deadline for the next GPAA exhibition, “Table Talk,” is Oct. 30. The juror is Alex Trajano of the Moth Story Hour on WDET. For details, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

Friends of GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts its Used Book \$5 Bag Sale — Anniversary Celebration from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For \$5, shoppers may fill a grocery bag with used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles. To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the remodeled Woods branch, the \$5 Bag Sale will take place in both the lower-level sorting area and the first-floor bookstore. Giveaways and candy will be available while supplies last.

Author talk

City of Grosse Pointe resident

Peggy Stanton, author of the recent publications, “The Order of Malta Minutes with the Catechism” and “From the White House to the White Cross: Confessions of a TV News Correspondent,” will sign copies of her books from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at The League Shop, 16847 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Stanton was ABC-TV’s first female news correspondent in Washington, D.C. Her books will be available for purchase at The League Shop.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse

Pointe Shores. Tony Pate will give an update on the war in Ukraine. Guests are welcome.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Jessica Keyser, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, and Lexi Smith, emerging technologies librarian, speak. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Cosmetic Dermatology

Cosmetic Dermatology, 17000 Kercheval, Ste. 215, City of Grosse Pointe, invites guests to a special to-day event Wednesday and Thursday,

Nov. 1 and 2, during which they’ll receive discounts on special packages and treatments, including 15 percent off all **Cosmetic Derm** Professional Skin Care, which offers products for sensitive, acne-prone and photodamaged skin. Clear & Brilliant and Legend Pro microneedling are quick and effective noninvasive treatments to rejuvenate skin with minimal downtime and noticeable results. NuEra skin tightening uses radio frequency technology to tighten skin by stimulating collagen, reducing cellulite resulting in firmer, smoother looking skin with no down time. RSVP by calling (313) 882-5777.

QUILTS:

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to expand and sustain.

“She never says no to an idea,” Windemuth said. “She recognizes that we have lots of leaders. We have strong, capable women who say, ‘I’ll take responsibility for that,’ and then do it. Nobody has to do everything.”

Janet Delsener, one of the newest members of the group, said it’s the ministry focus and

dynamic of the group that keeps her coming back.

“In this group, they don’t gossip about each other. They help people in the community and they help each other,” she said. “Being mission-focused is icing on the cake. I like quilting, but I really like that we’re doing it for other people.”

Devastating changes

As Pieces Be With You became a fixture at St. Paul, the church provided a dedicated space

in the basement and, in 2019, gave enough money to equip its new room with sewing machines, ironing boards, tables, chairs and all the sewing notions they could need.

“We were one of the most active ministries in the church and the church generously supported us,” Wrobel said.

On the heels of that came two enormous hits.

The pandemic closed the church building, which meant Pieces Be With You’s regular in-person work could no longer continue. The group persisted by finding ways to sew together via Zoom.

“The pandemic did not change the cohesiveness of the group,” Windemuth said. “We stumbled a bit, but everyone who was part of the group before the pandemic has remained part of the group.”

Then, the devastating flood of June 2021 hit them — hard. Seven feet of water covered the 15,000 square feet of the basement, inundating the new sewing room. The group lost \$24,000 worth of sewing machines, every piece of fabric,



Margaret Harms, left, and Pat Sierant consult about a quilting project.

every table, every spool of thread. None of that loss was covered by insurance.

“We were devastated,” Windemuth said. “We felt like we had lost everything, but it was only stuff. We weren’t really grieving the loss of the stuff. We were grieving because we were worried we wouldn’t be able to be together any more.”

As St. Paul began to regroup, the church decided the quilt ministry was too important to abandon and allocated funds and offered the group a new location on the second floor of the church.

Word spread quickly through the quilting community about the massive loss and donations poured in. Boxes of fabric and sewing notions arrived. And when Pieces Be With You announced it would have a sale to earn

enough to equip its new space, quilters throughout the area pitched in by donating items to be sold.

In November 2021, the group offered its first Sew Gifted Sale. A generous personal donation rounded out proceeds from the sale and the group had enough funds to equip its new space with 12 Bernina sewing machines, plus a special long-arm quilter that enables sewists to do the decorative top-stitching that pulls the quilt pieces together.

By the end of 2021, the group was fully back in operation and today it is thriving, producing hundreds of quilts each year for various causes. Women meet twice weekly to sew together, learn new quilting techniques and share their final products.

Windemuth teaches regular Learn to Quilt classes, which draw in new members. One long-

time member moved on to create a similar quilting group at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, further expanding the circle of quilters in the community.

In retrospect, Liz Jenzen, one of the original members, said, “We are so lucky we had that flood. Tragedy and difficulty bring people together. We were a nice group before the flood, but the energy that’s been generated since then has just been incredible.”

Pieces Be With You welcomes new members. Church membership is not a requirement to participate. A new Learn to Quilt class will be offered 9:30 a.m. to noon Mondays, beginning Jan. 22, and continuing until March 11.

Contact St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church to learn more, (313) 881-6670 or info@stpaulgp.org.



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Vivian Fritz, left, helps Nancy Heaphy at the cutting table.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday October 9, 2023	7:00 p.m.
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros. Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly.

1. Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2023.
2. Council viewed the presentation of a Mayoral Proclamation for the Daughters of the American Revolution’s “America 250 Patriot Marker” at Joy Bells.
3. Council approved the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Consideration of a request to approve a special event application and road closure for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade on 11/24/2023.
 - b. Recommendation to appoint Holly Litton, 403 Moran to the Beautification Advisory Commission for a term ending 02/2026
 - c. Consideration of a request to approve a resolution designating 90 Kerby Road as the City’s Early Voting Site.
 - d. Consideration of a request to approve September 2023 invoices.
4. Council received the September 2023 Public Safety Report
5. Council held public comment.

Council adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk
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1. Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2023.
2. The Board of Zoning Appeals approved request for a dimensional variance for 15 Rose Terrace.
3. The Board of Zoning Appeals approved request for a dimensional variance for 336 Kerby Road.
4. Council approved the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Consideration of a request from the Public Safety Department to purchase Motorola Prep Radios.
 - b. Consideration of the annual SMART Municipal and Community Credit Contract for FY 2024.
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Correction

The story, “Growing Smiles expanding practice,” printed in the Oct. 19 Grosse Pointe News, should have listed the phone number as (586) 800-GROW.

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Pointer awarded Art Takeover grand prize

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Following the month-long, inaugural Art Takeover Project — during which sculptures, paintings, mixed-media, photography, 3D, interactive and digital works adorned walls and windows throughout businesses in The Village — winning artists were announced at a closing reception at Posterity Gallery Thursday, Oct. 5.

In the contest, open to all Michigan artists, Grosse Pointer Robert Kolinski took home first place for his classic figure works that could be found displayed at Newport.

Coming in second and third place, respectively, were Daquan Wilkinson for her colorful works displayed in the windows at Small Favors and Wendy Fournier for her contemporary surrealist



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

This piece by Grosse Pointer and first place winning artist Robert Kolinski was displayed at Newport throughout September.

art hung in Village Nutrition.

Honorable mentions went to three artists, who displayed their works at Posterity Gallery: David Stricklen for his 3D

reverse perspective illusion, and Debbie LaPratt and Ashley Menth for their collaboration honoring JL Hudson's and Jacobson's department stores.

Of the 67 artists with work displayed at 26 businesses throughout the month of September, the winners were chosen via more than 600 votes by those who enjoyed the interactive walking exhibit.

"We had high expectations for the Art Takeover Project and it far exceeded even those expectations," said Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe, via email. "The feedback we received from visitors, participating businesses and the artists was tre-



Winning artist Robert Kolinski with his 2023 Art Takeover Project trophy.

mendous. From people discovering or rediscovering The Village and all we have to offer, to the increased foot traffic into our shops and restaurants and the relationships built, it was a true community and community-building event.

"The generosity of the artists in sharing their

talents, the openness of those businesses who jumped on board with something new and the energy all the visitors brought really showcased what this community is all about."

The Village's Art Takeover Project is set to return, bigger and better, in 2024.



Below, a piece by second place winner Daquan Wilkinson. Left, a piece by third place winner Wendy Fournier.



Second annual Grosse Pointe Halloween House tour

Houses throughout the Grosse Pointes applied to be part of the Grosse Pointe Halloween House Tour, a self-guided tour that lasts one more weekend, Friday, Oct. 27, through Sunday, Oct. 29. The designated nights, houses on the tour will have their decorations "running" for Halloween enthusiasts to enjoy.

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- ◆ 800 Barrington
- ◆ 1245 Three Mile
- ◆ 1105 Kensington

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- ◆ 687 Washington

Grosse Pointe Farms

- ◆ 214 Fisher
- ◆ 282 McKinley
- ◆ 228 McKinley
- ◆ 206 McKinley
- ◆ 439 Moran
- ◆ 405 Lothrop
- ◆ 415 Lexington

Grosse Pointe Woods

- ◆ 1589 Newcastle
- ◆ 1667 Severn
- ◆ 1862 Severn
- ◆ 1774 Stanhope
- ◆ 1868 Stanhope
- ◆ 19947 West Doyle Place
- ◆ 1807 Kenmore
- ◆ 1415 Renaud
- ◆ 558 Lochmoor
- ◆ 941 Sunningdale
- ◆ 2150 Fleetwood
- ◆ 2181 Hollywood
- ◆ 2003 Roslyn
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A pair of skeletons at 2003 Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods reenact a scene from the movie, "Ghost."

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The Pulse Of The Pointes

Loneliness and social isolation linked to premature death

Dear Gabby: My senior citizen parents seem a bit isolated. I have offered suggestions — they still drive — but I can't seem to get them to follow up. Can you help?

— Worn Out from Suggesting

Dear Worn Out,

Gabby: You are absolutely correct to encourage your parents to get out of the house and socialize with others. While most of us are aware that smoking, obe-

sity and physical inactivity put us at higher risk for premature death, most don't realize social isolation increases a person's risk almost as much.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, social isolation is associated with a 50 percent increased risk of dementia, 29 percent increased risk of heart disease and 32 percent increased risk of stroke.

If you haven't already, take your parents to the

places/activities you are suggesting. Sometimes, simply going with your parents a few times will get them motivated to start doing things on their own.

One place to take them: The Helm. The Helm has a number of activities that are sure to be of interest to them. Programs at The Helm are designed to keep people physically, mentally and socially active. Your parents can join a group for cards or poker, watch a movie or partici-

pate in seasonal gatherings and parties.

They can take an exercise class or attend a lecture. There are opportunities to learn a foreign language or American Sign Language, attend cooking demonstrations, or go on various field trips and lunch outings in the metro Detroit area.

There are groups that help charities — knitting and blanket making — and meet to kibbitz and discuss life's joys and challenges. Your parents



can even stop by The Helm just to relax, have a cup of coffee and read the paper or a book. And, if they want to volunteer, there are plenty of opportunities at The Helm.

The key is to get your parents out and about. Being with other people is important for our health. It's never too late

to make new friends or learn something new!

Visit helmlife.org to see the many activities happening daily at The Helm.

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

Halloween tips and walk on the wary side

DEAR ANNIE: Both my wife and I are in our 80s, and we like to take walks together. Recently, we've noticed a safety issue that concerns us.

As young children, we were always taught to walk facing traffic (i.e., the left side of the road). Older people, like us, seem to have learned this lesson well. But somewhere along the line, this simple safety tip got dropped.

What we see today are more and more young people and their families walking in the direction of traffic. Please tell your readers to be safe and walk facing traffic.

— TWO WALKERS

DEAR TWO WALKERS: Thank you for your observation. I will pass the tip on to my readers. And great job walking! Walking together as a couple is great for so many reasons.

It helps you stay fit while growing closer to each other by having relaxed conversations in the open air.

DEAR READERS: The following are some

helpful tips to keep your children safe, courtesy of Safe Kids Worldwide.

Walking Tips:

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

2. Put electronic

the street.

3. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

4. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Children should walk on direct routes with as few street crossings as possible.

never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

6. Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to trick-or-treat in groups and stick to familiar, well-lit areas.

Costumes for a Safe



devices down, keep your head up and walk — don't run — across

5. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to

Halloween:

1. Decorate costumes



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light colors if possible.

2. Choose face paint and makeup instead of masks whenever you can, as masks can obstruct children's vision.

3. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

4. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size, so as to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Especially Safely on Halloweens:

1. Slow down and be extra alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

2. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

3. Enter and exit

driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

4. Get rid of any distractions in your car -- such as your phone -- so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

5. Turn your headlights on earlier in the day so you can spot children from greater distances.

6. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Quick tip for the pets: Please keep your cats inside for Halloween and hide your candy from your dogs. Chocolate and raisins are poisonous to them.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween!

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Everyone out there wearing contact lenses knows how difficult it is to find the right lenses that work with your eyes. Once you do find a brand and fit you like, it's not likely you'll be trying new lenses

anytime soon. At least that's how it's been for me the past few years.

I started wearing contacts when I was 12 years old. The first time I tried to wear them, it took me over two hours to put them in

my eyes. I think my parents almost left me at the eye doctor's office because they wouldn't let me go home until I could successfully put my contacts in and take them out.

Fast forward 15 years and wearing contacts has become second nature. I wear them every day, all day and I only wear my glasses to read before bed.

I have a favorite brand and I've reordered them every year. Even though things change and products get updated, contacts are expensive and I've never tried something new because it's not worth ordering something I'm not sure I'll like.

At my last eye exam, my doctor made a comment about how blue eyes are more sensitive to the sun. I definitely notice this, being that I am usually squinting

outdoors even when it's partially cloudy. While I wear sunglasses whenever I can, he recommended giving ACUVUE OASYS with Transitions lenses a try to see if the extra sun protection helped at all. He gave me a few pairs and I decided to try them out.

ACUVUE OASYS lenses are notoriously comfortable, soft and have the ability to remain moist for more than 12 hours. The longstanding brand has incorporated some sun protection into their newest type of contact lens.

ACUVUE OASYS with Transitions quickly and seamlessly adapts in response to changing light conditions while reducing exposure to bright light indoors and out. These lenses change from dark to light and back again in less than 90 seconds. They are

able to provide extra protection for sensitive eyes.

First of all, I noticed they feel very similar to my normal contact lenses. While my usual contact lenses are completely clear, these had a tiny hint of gray on the lens. When I put them in the first time, the gray lens color completely went away and the lenses were invisible in my eyes, just like my usual contacts.

After wearing these contacts for a few months now, I have to say I am completely obsessed. My eyes feel equally protected from sunlight and blue light all day long. I am no longer squinting and I don't have eye fatigue after looking at a screen all day for work.

These lenses are truly a game changer!

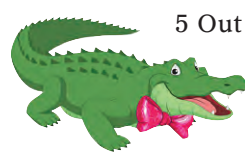
The only downside is that the lenses become

dark in direct sunlight. It is barely noticeable and fades after only about a minute, but if you are looking up close, you can tell there is a shadow on the lens.

Overall, I absolutely love these contact lenses and I just ordered a year's supply. If you have sensitive eyes and want extra protection above sunglasses, give ACUVUE OASYS with Transitions a try!

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

5 Out Of 5



Missing the East Coast Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My husband recently traveled back to Boston for business. He left early in the morning and I laid in bed thinking about the first thing I would eat in October if I was there.

A warming bowl of clam chowder soup popped into my head immediately. So naturally, I made a giant pot for the kids and I.

The clam chowders that we have tried around Michigan are always too thick but this recipe isn't like concrete that sits in your stomach the rest of the day. It does have cream but is much lighter.

I used canned clams which resulted in a briny taste because I added the juice from the can clams. And surprisingly, I don't feel shameful.

Russet potatoes are

added to give the soup its needed heartiness. You can add bacon, dill, leeks or parsley. I believe it was created using salt pork. But I stuck with the basics.

Also, it's amped up with super easy ranch oyster crackers that are a necessity. They are no-cook and very addictive. If you aren't a seafood lover, I get it. But man, this soup is good.

Cheers. Mombeau

Classic New England Clam Chowder with Ranch Oyster Crackers

4 cups chicken broth
2 celery stalks, diced
1 small onion, chopped
2 large russet potatoes
4 cans of diced clams

1 cup half and half
1 chicken bouillon cube
¼ cup flour
½ stick butter
Chives for garnish

In a large stock pot, start by sauteing the celery and onion in the butter. Let the vegetables sweat for five minutes and add in the flour. Stir to make a paste and cook the flour through, three minutes. Add in the broth, bouillon cubes and clams with the juices from the clams.

Peel and dice the potatoes into 1-inch cubes and add to the soup. Stir to incorporate the flour and vegetable mixture and bring to a low boil.

The soup should just slightly thicken. Cook for at least 20 minutes and then add the the half and half. To keep the half and half from curdling I add it in small batches when the potatoes are fork tender. Garnish with lots of chopped chives and ranch oyster crackers.

Ranch Oyster Crackers

1 box oyster crackers
1 pkg, ranch seasoning
½ cup neutral oil (canola)
1 tsp dried dill

Add all ingredients to a gallon Ziplock bag and give them a good shake. It's best to make the night before so all the flavors meld and come together.

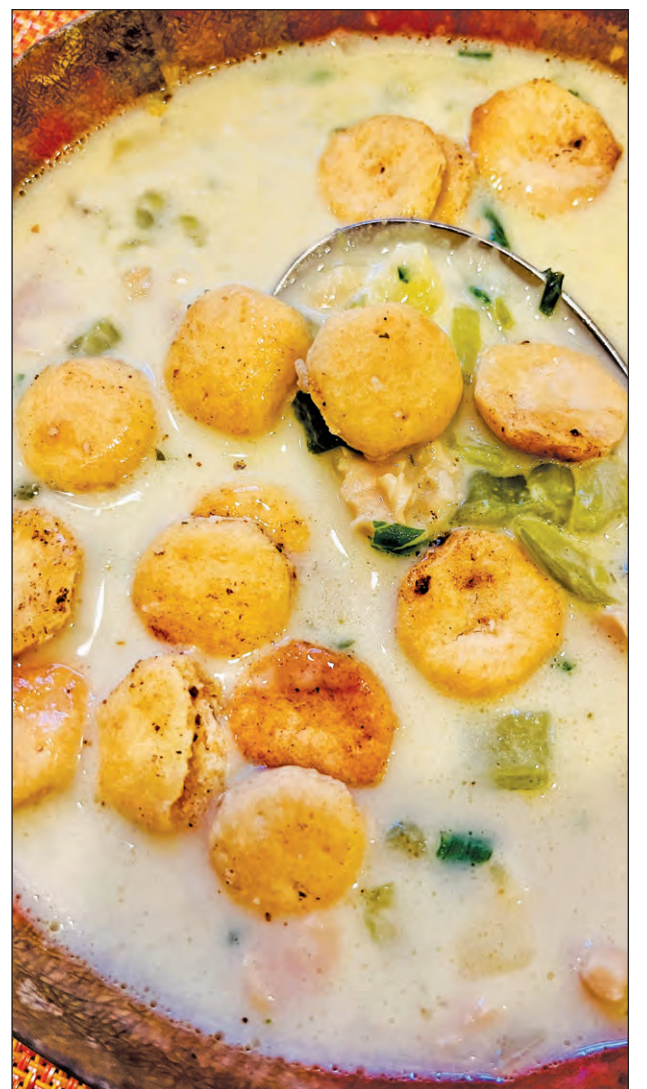


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Big Bottles

One of my worst days as a wine writer came about 10 years ago when I tried to lift a 12-bottle box of wine and heard something in my back that didn't sound very good. It also was painful. The resulting disability has continued to plague me for a decade.

The subject of huge bottles that weigh a lot more than they once did is not a new subject for me, especially since I have suffered over the last several years from a compressed disc that I suspect was caused by excessive weight from lifting oversized cases of wine.

I have avoided surgery, but it was an option suggested by one doctor long ago. When I last wrote about this subject, I pointed an accusatory finger at the marketing geniuses who use ultraheavy bottles as if to imply that the wines inside are better than wines in lighter bottles. They still deserve blame.

Since when did the weight of a bottle make a wine taste better? It need not be said, but bottle weight has nothing to do with wine quality. What's inside is what counts.

After complaining about this issue in print for many years, I have gotten a few apologetic comments from the guilty parties, but I have seen no changes in this waste of money (heavier bottles cost more to make and ship) and disrespect for the environment. For me, one outrageous aspect of this is how it affects humans. My back ailment cannot be the only one attributable to heavy bottles. Years ago, a restaurant server suggested that her carpal tunnel syndrome was the result of her having to pour these dead weights across dinner tables with one arm.

She added that magnums (1.5-liter bottles) are even worse. "I'm not a linebacker, you know," she said.

Most wine bottles once were about 11 to 12 inches high. Now we're seeing lots of high-end cabernets in bottles that are 13 to 14 inches tall. With the added height comes added weight.

The standard flat-bottomed bottle filled with wine once weighed in at 2.7 pounds. A case was just over 32 pounds. I now routinely see bottles weighing four pounds, and one I saw was almost five pounds. All this represents a big added load for consumers who buy cases of wine. Not to mention clerks in wine shops and servers in restaurants.

Today, with bottles that weigh 4.5 pounds each, a case is 54 pounds — and that's if the wine is in a cardboard box. Don't even inquire about wines in wooden cases.

Then there's the issue of bottle thickness. Many wine producers are using bottles with fatter diameters. These do not fit into standard wine racks; some do not even fit into my refrigerator.

Who came up with this preposterousness? Marketing geniuses, that's who. I think it's time for consumers to fight back. Are you concerned about the environment and the wasted fuel to get these monstrosities to market? Are clerks in wine shops fearful of needing surgery just to do their jobs?

Consumers can fight back. If there is a choice between one wine and another, it would probably be a good idea to choose the one in the lighter bottle. Besides, I often find that the reason ultraheavy bottles are used is to make up for the fact that the wine inside lacks something.

If a consumer is buying wine directly from a winery, perhaps before placing the order the buyer should ask the winery how much the bottle weighs. It wouldn't be a bad idea to ignore bottles that weigh in at over four pounds each.

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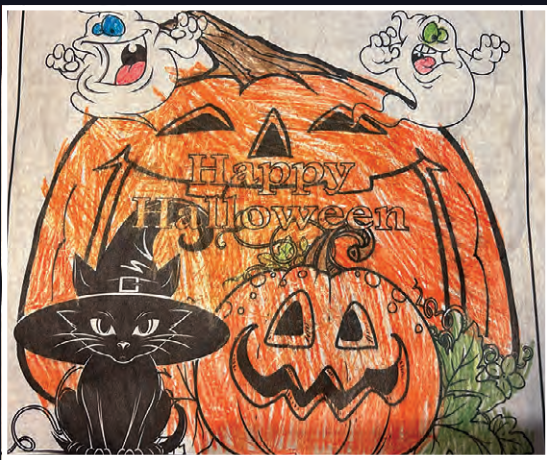
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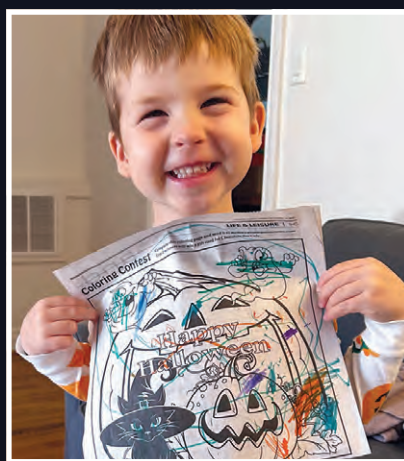
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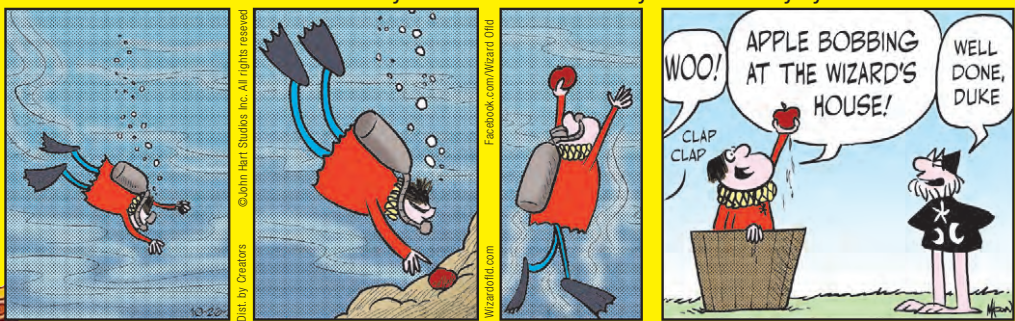
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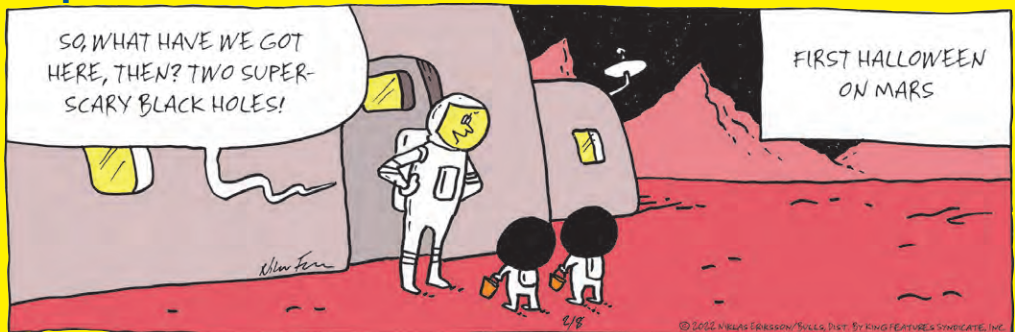
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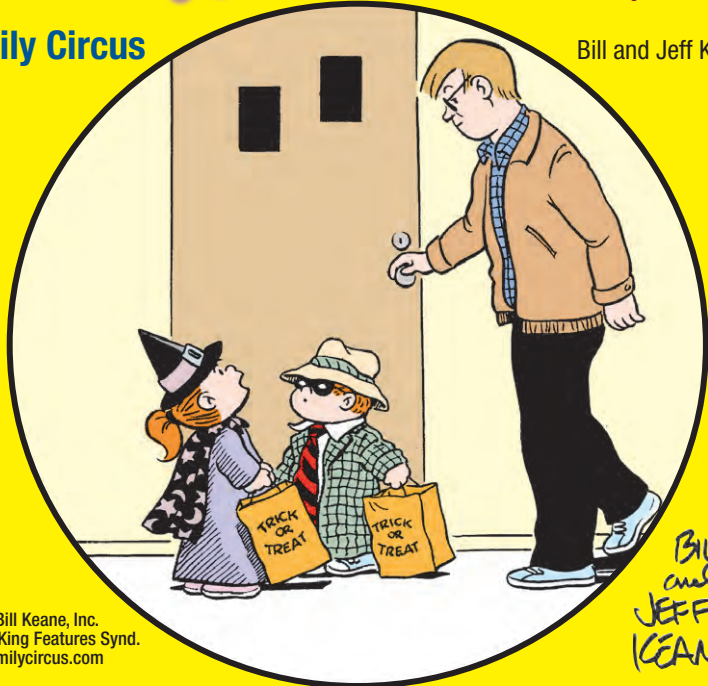
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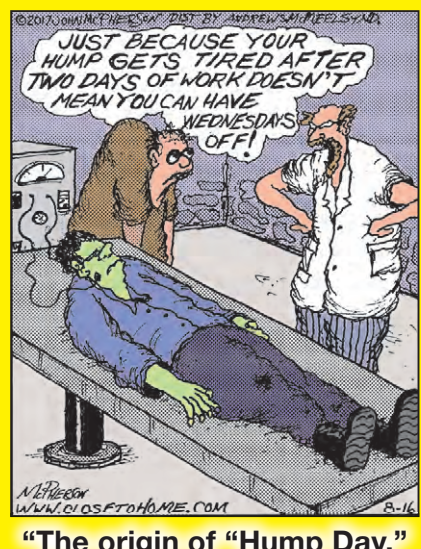
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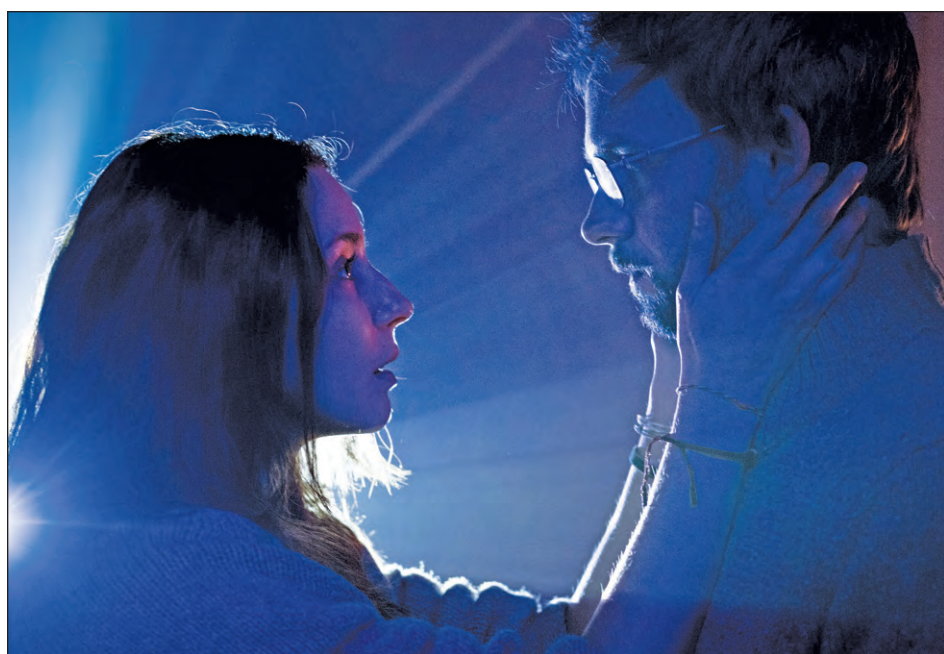
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Above left, Troian Bellisario as Clara and Patrick J. Adams as Dr. Isaac Bruno in the 2018 movie “Clara,” directed by Akash Sherman.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Clara”
2018 - Not Rated
1 hr 45min
★★★★★

One of my favorite movie genres is science fiction. I’ve been a science nerd since I was a kid. So when I first saw the movie “2001: A Space Odyssey,” when I was a teenager, it blew me away. To this day it’s my favorite movie of all time. I’ve probably seen it at least a dozen times. Over the years, I’ve enjoyed numerous other sci-fi flicks like “Contact,” “Arrival,” and “Interstellar” to name but a few. What they all have in common is they’re intelligent movies that are totally believable, they’re well crafted, and they feature great performances.

I recently stumbled upon the film “Clara.” When I saw it described as a romantic science fiction movie I was a bit skeptical, to say the least. After all, romance and science are somewhat opposite notions. But



Clara (Bellisario) and Isaak (Adams) take in some space footage.

that’s one of the main themes in this remarkable movie. It’s the sophomore effort of director Akash Sherman and what an impressive outing it is. “Clara” is a gently paced movie where the story slowly unfolds. You won’t find a lot of action but that’s its strength. What you will find is a beautiful story, sensational acting, and an ending that I can assure you, will take you by surprise.

We first meet Dr. Isaac Bruno (Patrick J. Adams), a professor of astrophysics giving a lec-

ture. The good doctor is not exactly a people person, to say the least. In fact, he’s downright rude and condescending to his students. It’s this attitude that not only gets him in trouble, it gets him fired. At first he’s shocked, but he soon realizes that it’s a blessing in disguise. Bruno has long been obsessed with searching for intelligent life out in the universe, and this newly found free time could prove to be beneficial to his quest.

One day he spots a young woman in the

second event is the future launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, which will significantly enhance the search for new planets.

The race is on for scientists to discover potentially habitable planets using data gathered by TESS. The winner will be the first one to engage the use of the Webb Telescope. Isaac decides to hire an assistant and is a bit miffed when only one person responds to his fliers — Clara (Troian Bellisario), the muralist he noticed earlier. She turns out to be a bit of a

mystery. When he interviews her he discovers she has no scientific training, and in fact, she hasn’t taken any college classes at all. She’s spent the past several years vagabonding around the world. Clara’s been living on the streets with her stray dog, and since no one else applied for the position, he hires her.



wonderful viewing experience.

Note to parents: The film is Not Rated and I thought it would probably garner a PG-13 rating.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also on Plex, Crackle, and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

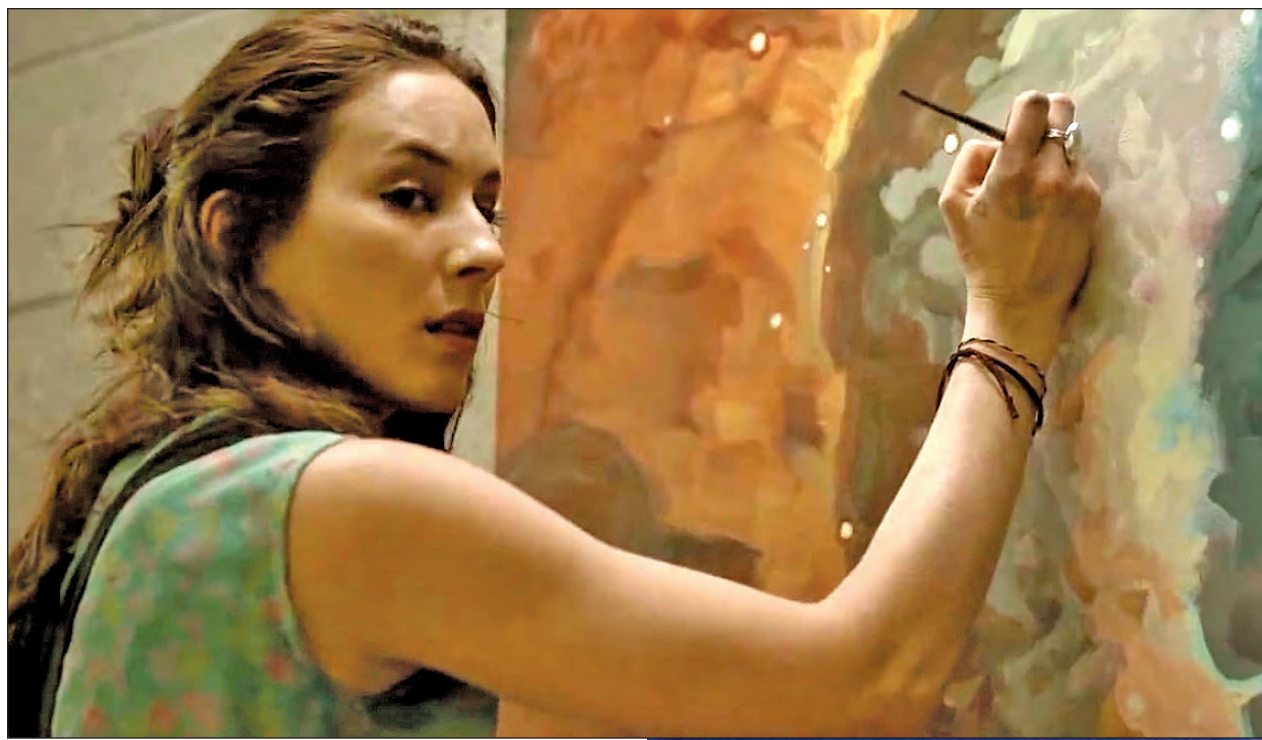
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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



Clara works on her space mural.



Clara & Isaak fall hard for each other.



The mysterious Clara (Bellisario).

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 6:15 a.m. EDT today (3:15 a.m. PDT), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Aries.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, October 26, 2023:

You are ambitious, hard-working and tenacious. You are also well-organized and like to make plans. This is a year of learning and teaching for you. Take time for introspection or meditation. Reflect on spiritual or religious beliefs. Discover what your real values are.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19)
Today the Moon is in your sign, which boosts your energy and also makes you more emotional than usual, especially if you're reacting to things that other people do or say. But also, when the Moon is in your sign, your luck improves! Tonight: You're in charge.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)
Today you're happy to be low-key and do things alone or behind the scenes. You're not interested in calling attention to yourself. Having said that, Venus is in a part of your chart urging you to socialize and have fun! Meanwhile, a gaggle of planets, opposite you, will call attention to partners and close friends. Tonight: Privacy.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)
This is the classic day for a heart-to-heart talk with a friend or acquaintance, probably a female. Because you have such a strong focus on work right now, this talk could be work-related, especially about your long-term goals. But it also might be related to your health, or a pet. Tonight: Interactions.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22)
For some reason, you're high-viz today. People notice you more than usual, especially bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. Be careful and don't get busted. (Certainly, some people seem to know personal details about your private life.) Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Tonight: Be modest.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)
Do something different today. You need some adventure and stimulation. Shake things up a little! Get out of your routine and discover new places and meet new faces. It doesn't have to be a big deal — stores or buildings you've never been to before. A new park. A short drive. Something different. Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You're busy with errands, appointments and short trips. You also want to enlighten others about something. Fortunately, they will listen, because with Venus in your sign, you're charming. Today, issues about wills, inheritances, shared property and the wealth and resources of your partner are prominent. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
For two and a half days every month, the Moon is opposite your sign. This begins today, and highlights your focus on partners and close friends. Actually, the best way to handle this is to be accommodating and ready to go more than halfway when dealing with others. It's just what's happening. Tonight: Listen.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Do one thing today that

helps you feel better organized. This will make you happy. Admittedly, you also might have to work for the benefit of someone else. (Hey, what goes around, comes around.) Explore ways to improve your health. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Do something that you enjoy today. Take a long lunch. Meet friends for happy hour. Reach out to someone and start a conversation. Go outside and walk, jog or cycle. You like the outdoors. Do whatever pleases you. Make this a fun day! Tonight: Socialize!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Home, family and your private life are your focus today. (Especially with a parent.) Some will welcome privacy at home and enjoy relaxing among familiar surroundings. Or you might reorganize and clean your home. It's your call. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today you have something to say and want to talk to someone. Naturally, you want them to listen to what you have to say. You certainly don't want to waste time in idle chitchat. You want a meaningful discussion. Tonight: Learn something.

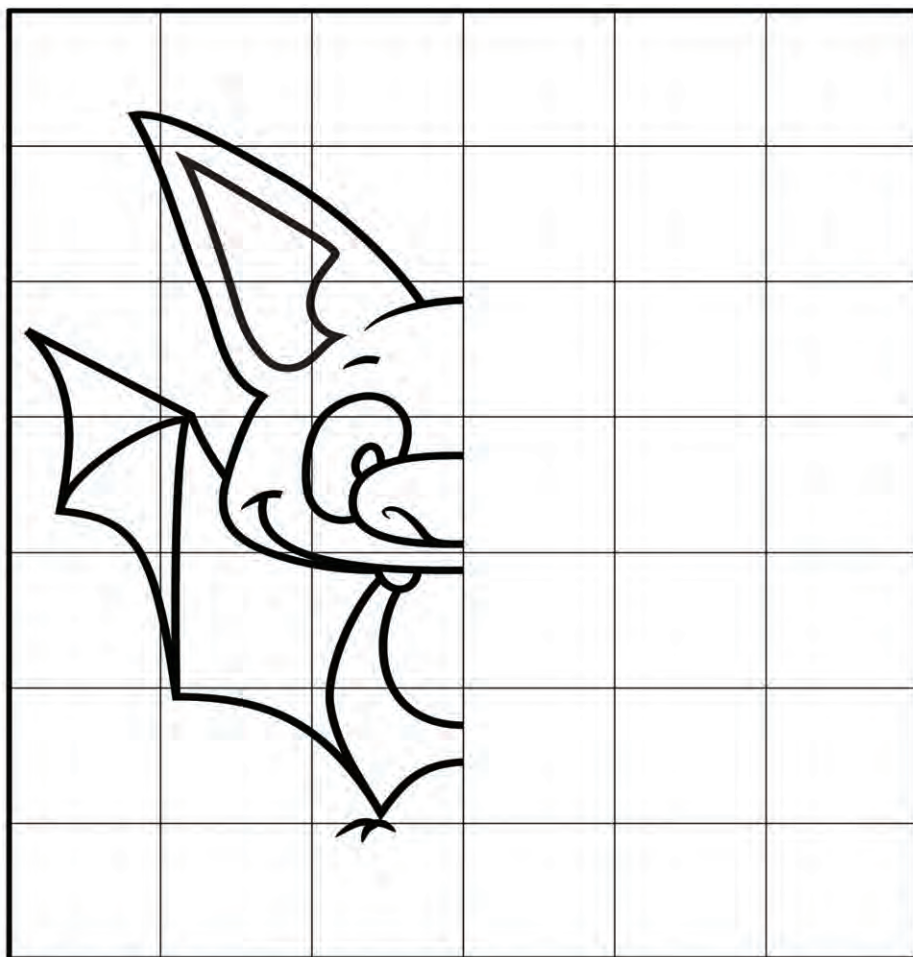
PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)
Cash flow, income, earnings and moneymaking ideas have your attention now. Perhaps a special purchase. However, at a deeper level, you're thinking about your true values today. In other words, what really matters in life? Tonight: Check your belongings.

BORN TODAY

Actor, TV series creator Seth MacFarlane (1973), actor Dylan McDermott (1961), actress Rita Wilson (1956).

Complete The Picture



Find 10 Differences



Contract Bridge

A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 4
♥ Q 5
♦ A K J
♣ Q 10 9 7 4

WEST

♠ K 9 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ 9 7 6 3 2
♣ K 5

EAST

♠ J 8
♥ K J 7 6 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 6 3

SOUTH

♠ 10 7 6 2
♥ A 10 9
♦ Q 10 4
♣ J 8 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 NT	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Entries pose a problem in the play of many deals. In the case of declarer, an abundance of winners in either his own hand or dummy is worthless if there is no way to reach them.

The defenders might likewise be faced with this difficulty. Either defender might have tricks that cannot be taken because there is no entry card in the hand that holds the good tricks. The defenders can sometimes solve this problem if they use their resources expeditiously. Here is such a case.

Let's first assume that West leads a heart in response to East's overcall, and that East covers dummy's queen with the king, which South ducks. As a result of this communications-breaking play by declarer, he makes the contract.

If East continues the suit, South finesses the ten and leads a club. No matter when or how the defenders take their A-K of clubs, East's hearts wind up withering on the vine, and South eventually scores three club tricks to make the contract.

Note that if declarer slips by winning the opening heart lead, he goes down. Whenever he leads a club, West wins with the king and returns a heart to East's jack, and East leads a third heart to establish his suit. East still has the club ace as an entry, and South goes down two.

Note also, though, that East can defeat the contract if he plays the seven of hearts on the opening lead! By allowing declarer to win the first trick with the queen, he maintains a heart contact with West that prevents South from scoring more than seven tricks.

Thus, if declarer plays a club at trick two, West takes his king and returns a heart to East's K-J, driving out South's ace on this trick or the next one. The race for the establishment of tricks is then won by the defense, and South winds up taking second money.

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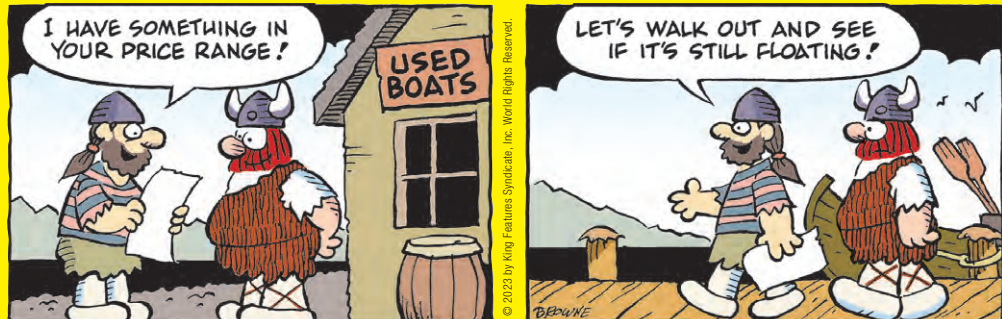
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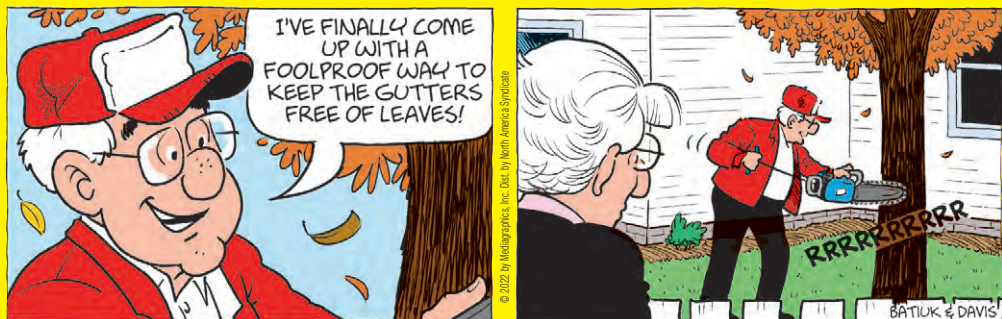
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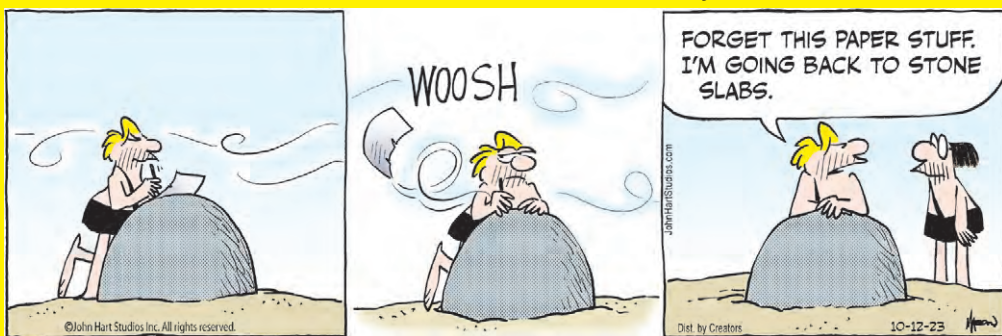
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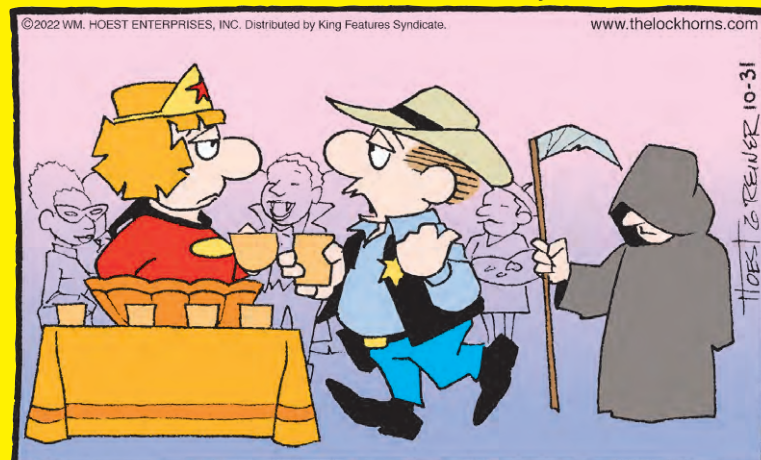
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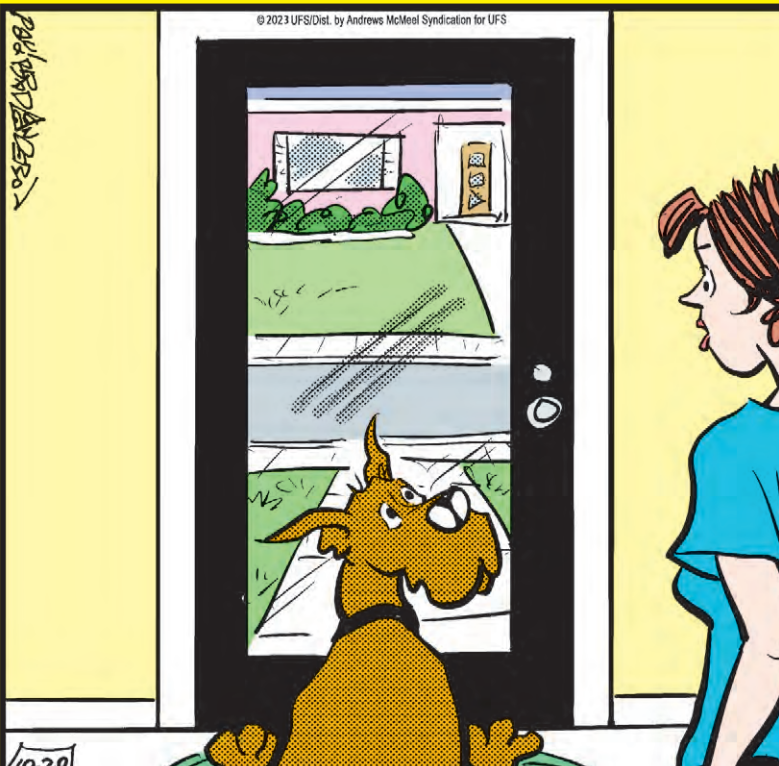
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"Don't you have anything better to do than wait for a dog to walk by so you can bark?"

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Kid Scoop Together

Pumpkin Patch Punchlines

Use the code to reveal the punchlines.

- | | | |
|--------|--------|-------|
| A = 18 | I = 12 | R = 6 |
| B = 17 | L = 11 | S = 5 |
| C = 16 | M = 10 | T = 4 |
| E = 15 | N = 9 | U = 3 |
| F = 14 | O = 8 | W = 2 |
| H = 13 | Q = 7 | Y = 1 |

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

5 7 3 18 5 13

Are black cats bad luck?

8 9 11 1

What fruit do scarecrows like best?

5 4 6 18 2

17 15 6 6 12 15 5

Standards Link: Understand context clues.

SCARECROW'S HALLOWEEN PARTY



Sandy Scarecrow is throwing a big Halloween party down at Whiting Acres Farm, and **YOU** are invited to the celebration! **BEWARE:** There are lots of tricks and treats on this page!



Pie Pathway

Clem Cornwall brought so many pumpkin pies to the party that he's having trouble seeing what's in front of him. Help him find his way to the barn.

Standards Link: Solve problems by eliminating possibilities.



Bats Search

How many bats can you find on this page?



Al Falfa's Orchard Orchestra

There are at least 10 things that start with the letter **H** in the above picture. How many can you find?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify initial sounds in common words.



Dancing Differences

How many differences can you find between these two dancing scarecrows?

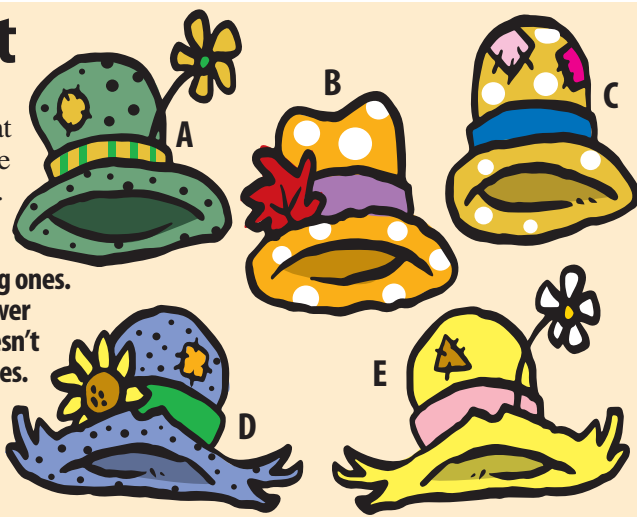
Standards Link: Observe similarities and differences.

Hayley Hayseed's Hat



Sandy Scarecrow's friend, Hayley Hayseed, left her hat at the party. Read the clues to find her hat.

Hayley's hat has polka dots, but not big ones. Hayley's hat has a flower on it. Hayley's hat doesn't have any round patches. Her hat's hatband doesn't have stripes.



Extra! Extra!

Bats & Cats

Draw three pumpkin shapes on a piece of paper. Look through the newspaper to make three groups of words that rhyme. For example: bats, cats, hats, or room, broom, tomb. Cut the words out and paste the groups in the three pumpkin shapes.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Make Ghost Bananas

Stuff you'll need: bananas, chocolate chips, mini chocolate chips, whipped cream.

1. Peel the banana, cut it in half.
2. Push chocolate chips into the banana to make eyes and a mouth.
3. Place a cloud of whipped cream on a plate.
4. Stand the banana in the ghostly cloud on the plate.



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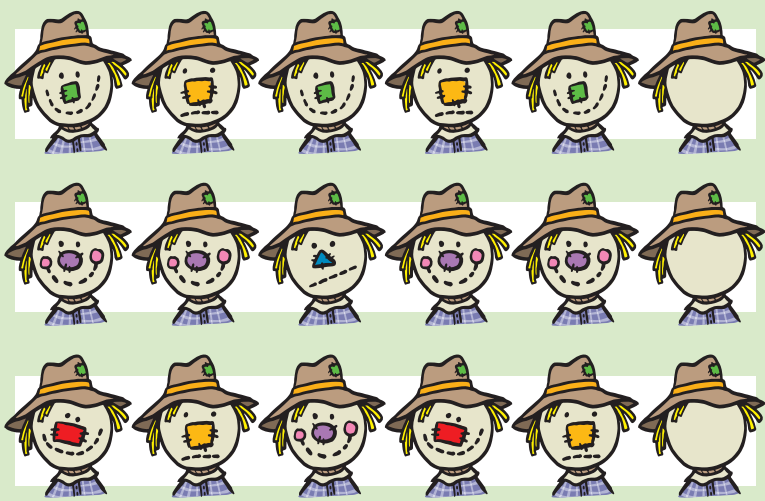
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Scarecrow Smiles

In each row, draw the scarecrow face that continues the pattern.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Identify patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- BARN
- BROOM
- CATS
- CHIPS
- CLUES
- DANCING
- FARM
- GHOST
- HATS
- HAY
- PARTY
- PUMPKIN
- TOMB
- TREAT
- TRICKS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Haunted House Sleepover

Yikes! You have to spend the night in a creepy haunted house all alone. Find 10 things in the newspaper that you will need to make the night more comfortable for you.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use a variety of media.

Why do ghosts like to ride in elevators?

ANSWER: Because it lifts their spirits!

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South pours on the offense to secure 6th consecutive win over North, 42-7

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

A trick play for a touchdown sent Grosse Pointe North fans into a frenzy just over a minute into its annual rivalry game against Grosse Pointe South, but the host Blue Devils locked in and let its loaded offense lead the way to a 42-7 South win in the final regular game of the season, Friday, Oct. 20.

"I believe that we accomplished what we said we needed to do at halftime," South head coach Chad Hepner told his team in the post game. "I think we executed and played a better second half than we did the first half. That's important because we set that bar high and we want to hold you guys to that standard."

"Next week, with whoever we got going forward, we can't go out and have a flat first half like that," he continued. "We gotta come out firing."

The Norsemen received the ball to begin the game and almost



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, the North offensive lines squares off against South's defensive line. Right, Vince Vachon takes a 38-yard reception to the house for the Blue Devils in the first quarter last Friday.

immediately took a big shot. Just over a minute into the game at the 10:54 mark, North put the first points on the board with a double-pass play that had receiver Matthew McLeod take the handoff and throw to a wide-open Sebastian Rouse, who made a dash up the sideline to the end

zone for a touchdown. "We had been working on that for a while and had just been waiting for the right time to use it," North football coach Joe Drouin said. "We noticed that their defensive backs were playing up against the run and the fact that we haven't shown anything like that

earlier in the season set up perfectly for something like that. We were hoping we could get a quick score and get our momentum going with us."

Hepner said the trick play had good design.

"I think they capitalized on the speed with which we run to the ball

and we saw something, so we pursued right to the ball. It was a trick and we got caught a little bit," he said. "The kid had some wheels so we just had to try and catch up to him."



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Liggett soccer goalkeeper shows he can do it all for Knights

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Preston Barr is one of those athletes who can pick up any sport and seem like a natural practically right away. In fact, that is what Barr has done by joining the varsity boys soccer team at University Liggett.

Despite being in his senior year, Barr is playing his first full season of varsity soccer. He also had never played goalkeeper before just a few months ago, but quickly turned himself into the go-to man in net for a team with serious state championship aspirations.

"I dabbled in soccer a little bit when I was younger but stopped when I was around 10 because I became more of a baseball and basketball type guy," Barr said. "...One of my good friends who was a senior last year, Mac



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

Preston Barr has started 11 games this season as goalkeeper for Liggett, a position he never played before this year.

Katz, introduced me junior year...The whole back into the game and soccer program at I joined partway Liggett is outstanding through the season my and I love playing

alongside my guys."

While playing other positions with the Knights in his partial season of soccer last fall, Barr made the move to goalie this season simply because the team needed it. Liggett was without a solidified starting keeper coming into the season and Barr was one of a few players who decided to give the position a try and rotated through reps in practices and some of the early games.

Barr has now started eleven games in goal for the Knights this season. He allowed goals in just three of those games, and posted a shutout in Liggett's 6-0 district championship win over New Haven on Oct. 19. Not bad when one considers that Barr was collecting clean sheets while still getting used to just being a goal-

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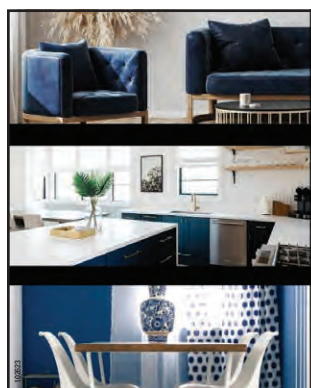
Preston Barr

School: University Liggett
Sport: Soccer

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Keep Raising the Barr

- Playing first full season of varsity soccer and first as a goalkeeper
- Has recorded 8 shutouts in 11 starts as a keeper
- Committed to play Division I College baseball at University of Michigan



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Courtright wins singles title, Knights finish second at tennis states

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys tennis program is one that sets the bar by consistently competing for state championships. The Knights lived up to that standard in large part at last weekend's Division 4 state tennis finals. The team ended the season with the title of state runner-up while senior Sebastian Courtright put the cherry on top of his high school tennis career with an individual state title in No. 1 singles.

"It was a goal from my freshman year on especially because I saw Will (Cooksey) do it a few years ago and coach Mark (Sobieralski) wanted it for me just as much as I did," Courtright said. "...It was a really good feeling to finally win it especially after making it to the finals my sophomore and junior year, getting to win it in my senior year was really special."

Courtright was the top overall seed in the No. 1 singles bracket, which earned him a first round bye. He cruised to the semifinals with wins over Berrien Springs' Phil Seo and Jack Holt from Grand Rapids West Catholic. In the semifinals, Courtright was challenged a bit more by

MacKinley McNalley from Clawson but still got the win in two straight sets.

That set up Courtright with a matchup for the title with Kabir Rajendra from Ann Arbor Greenhills, a team that went on to win the Division 4 state title. Courtright won the first set in a tiebreaker and took the second set 7-5 to take the division's No. 1 singles crown.

"I've worked with him since he was in middle school and this has always been a goal," Liggett boys tennis coach Mark Sobieralski said about Courtright's championship win. "The last two years he lost in the final and so it's great that his senior year he was finally able to win it. He was really focused and played awesome. I was so proud of him. He was mentally strong and very positive and never got down on himself."

For the rest of the Knights, Charlie Cooksey advanced to the semifinals in No. 2 singles before losing to Ludington's Charles Kolb. Tise Courtright also reached the semifinals in No. 3 singles before losing to Greenhills' Charlie Rich, while in No. 4 singles, Charlie Laethem won his first round match before being eliminated in the second round.

The Knights had another shot at a state championship in doubles play. The No. 2 doubles pair of Nicholas Cooksey and Landen Maltby made the state championship match in their flight to become state runners-up, losing to the No. 2 pair from Greenhills.

Tommy Ugval and Luca Marciano made it as far as the third round in No. 1 doubles, where they fell to a team from Glen Lake. Griffin Marchal and Peter Laethem also got to the third round in No. 3 doubles losing to the No. 3 pair from Grand Rapids West Catholic, as well as the No. 4 doubles team of William Ferguson and Davis Ford for the Knights, who lost to Glen Lakes' No. 4 pair.

The state runner-up finish for the Knights comes on the heels of their team state championship win last year. Sobieralski knew that defeating state champion Greenhills would have been a tough task, but is proud of his team's perseverance and hard work all season long to help Liggett tennis remain a respectable force in Division 4.

"We had lost 11 straight matches at one point this year playing all D1 and D2 teams ranked in the top ten," Sobieralski said. "We're so young with

only two seniors and a lot of freshmen and sophomores. It was hard for them to understand why we play such a tough schedule and get our butts kicked, but it's a tradition that we always play the best teams possible so then we go to D4 and are ready for the state tournament... We tasted defeat numerous times and know what it feels like and it makes us hungry."

Liggett was not the only team from the Pointes who got to compete for a state title over the weekend. Grosse Pointe South finished 14th overall at the Division 2 tennis state championships as the Blue Devils closed out the season and Grosse Pointe North was 16th.

South had half of its singles players advance to the second round in the Division 2 brackets. Mikey Kornmeier and Will Gryzenia achieved that in No. 2 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

Shawn Coyle and Chase Bartoszewicz reached the second round in No. 1 doubles. The remaining doubles teams of Matthew Bartoszewicz and Jonathan Holowinski, Joseph Guthat and David Sutts and Oscar DeLuca and Max Prather also made it to their respective second rounds.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sebastian Courtright, left, with fellow Liggett tennis captain Tommy Ugval at the Division 4 tennis state finals. Courtright won the state championship for the Knights in No. 1 singles.

"I was really proud with how the team competed," South boys tennis coach Brian Kean, who received MAC Red coach of the year honors this season, said. "Every match we played hard... Having such a young team, it was a lot of players' first time at states, so it was a great test of everyone's mental toughness."

For the Norsemen,

Louis Macres had the team's best finish in singles play, advancing to the second round in No. 3 singles. Gruhith Yermally and Vasilios Vasilos got to the second round in No. 1 doubles. Stephen Listman and Jack Sendoykas made the second round in No. 3 doubles along with Ethan Hilliker and Douglas Graham in No. 4 doubles.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

Barr leaps to grab the ball for the Knights.

ATHLETE:

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keeper in the first place.

"It was definitely a learning curve for me at the beginning of the season," he said. "My coaches have done a great job helping me through the process and getting the hang of things. They just kind of threw me in there because I'm tall and can move pretty well... It was definitely a challenge to start but I'd say I definitely have the hang of it now."

Early in the season, Barr's coaches admittedly were not quite sure how their goaltending experiment would end up. That was until they realized that Barr

was able to pick up the position quickly and be successful because of his athleticism and attitude.

"He's very coachable and works really well together with our other goaltender Ian Flynn and they're totally teaching each other and making each other better every single day," Liggett varsity soccer coach David Dwaihy said.

Athleticism is certainly a big part of why Barr has been able to step in and take over as a goalkeeper. Barr might be most well known for his play with the Knights on the baseball diamond and is committed to join his brother, Kurt, to play college baseball at the

University of Michigan next year. In addition to baseball, Barr has also spent the last few winters playing varsity basketball, but will not be taking the hardwood for the Knights this winter, to instead focus on training for baseball in the spring.

Being a multi-sport athlete is what Barr feels has made him most confident in his abilities to be a soccer goalkeeper. Being able to combine his hops from basketball and his speed from baseball have made for the perfect goalkeeper recipe.

"Goalie is all about being on your toes and being able to move laterally and jump and kick the ball pretty far," Barr said. "Being able to play other sports has definitely had a positive impact on my abilities to say the least."

His natural abilities as an athlete are certainly a help, but Barr also knows that his transition to being a goalie would not have been any easier without a great defense in front of him. The Knights' defense has been outstanding this year and the unit has done its best to make sure that Barr is rarely being challenged.

"My defense is outstanding," Barr acknowledged. "We have two great seniors, Nick Greene and John Francis... They're very, very good players and make my job a lot easier by doing things like preventing shots in the box."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE - ORDINANCE NO. 458

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 458 that amends and restates Section 10-52 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances. This ordinance allows dog owners an option of obtaining three-year licenses. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 458 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8 am to 4:30 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

Christopher M. Hardenbrook,
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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE - ORDINANCE NO. 459

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 459 that amends and restates Section 28-7 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances. This ordinance provides that the Downtown Development Authority, d/b/a Grosse Pointe Main Street should have a twelve-person Board of Directors. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 459 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8 am to 4:30 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

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Grosse Pointe News

Knights dominate district final, North's playoff run ends

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Boys soccer playoffs continued last week as two teams from the Pointes competed for district titles. The University Liggett Knights continued to look dominant as they cruised to a district championship in Division 4. For Grosse Pointe North, the Division 2 district final saw the team's momentum halted and hopes of a deep playoff run dashed.

Liggett

The Knights advanced to the district final after an 8-0 rout of Parkway Christian in the semifinal round last Tuesday, Oct. 17. Liggett faced off against New Haven for the Division 4 district title two days later on Oct. 19, and rolled to another win 6-0 over the Rockets.

Liggett was in control of last Thursday's district final right from the opening whistle. Senior Claudio Cavallo netted the game's first goal in the very first minute

before many fans had even found their seats.

Cavallo scored another in the 12th minute to grow the lead to two. That was quickly followed by a goal from fellow senior Cass Cooley, making it 3-0 Knights. Freshman Ollie Cooley helped push the lead to 4-0 before the end of the first half.

Coming out of half-time, the Knights struck quickly again on a goal by Bobby Harthorn. With the game well in hand, Landon Wysocki scored another for Liggett in the closing minutes to cement the 6-0 win and make the Knights district champions.

"I was really pleased for the boys to win a district championship, and I thought we played some of our best soccer of the season, especially in the first half of the game," Liggett boys soccer coach David Dwaihy said. "Our passing looked really sharp and we were finding the open player consistently, and it always helps when you



COURTESY PHOTO

The Liggett boys soccer team celebrates with the district championship trophy after defeating New Haven 6-0 to advance in the Division 4 state playoffs.

finish your chances the way we did early in the game."

Liggett faced Everest Collegiate on Tuesday, Oct. 24, after press time in the regional semifinal round. The Division 4 regional final is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, hosted by Shrine Catholic in Royal Oak.

North

The Norsemen punched their ticket to the district final after defeating Marysville 2-0 in the semifinal round. That set North up with a district final showdown against De La Salle Collegiate. This time around, the Norsemen ended up on the wrong side of a 2-0 score as North's playoff run came up just short of a district

title. The Pilots dominated the pace of play for much of the night and had North on its heels defending. The Norsemen defense held off De La Salle at first, but eventually the Pilots broke through and took a 1-0 lead before halftime.

De La Salle scored again early in the second half to extend its advantage to 2-0. That would end up being the deciding goal, as the Norsemen were unable to muster a comeback with their season coming to a close.

North's final record for the season wrapped up at 4-15-2, with two of those wins coming in the first two rounds of the playoffs. The Norsemen also finished fifth in the MAC White Division.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Beckett Rathnaw winds up for a throw-in during the Norsemen's Division 2 district championship game against De La Salle.

Girls XC teams come together to honor North's retiring head coach after MAC championship

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Before facing off at the MAC championship meet Saturday, Oct. 21, at Metro Beach Metropark, Grosse Pointe South's girls cross-country team sent a Norseman home with a special retirement gift to benefit man's best friend.

Set to retire at season's end after three decades, Scott Cooper, Grosse Pointe North's girls head cross-country coach, received a \$250 donation from the Blue Devils in his name to the Michigan Humane Society of Macomb, an organization with which Cooper is

an active volunteer. "The money was raised by donations from the girls," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "They have come to know Scott quite well through our teams' mutual sportsmanship with one another. This has been a special thing (between our teams) over the many years.

"It was a wonderful ceremony to honor Scott's 31 years of coaching at North and an amazing display of honor, respect and unity between the two schools," added Zaranek, who is in his 45th season coaching the Blue Devils.

Calling it an "act of

true sportsmanship," Cooper said he was humbled by the gesture.

"Both teams always cheer for one another and have great respect for each other's programs," he said. "Coach Z is a class act."

But before the heartwarming ceremony, Blue Devils and Norsemen had a race to complete, which combined 33 teams from the Red, White and Blue divisions of the MAC conference.

Competing in the MAC Red, South placed fourth overall in what Zaranek termed his team's "finest team performance of the

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Cross Country teams from North and South teams gather for a feel-good group picture, after the Blue Devils presented North's Scott Cooper with a retirement gift last weekend — a donation to the Humane Society of Macomb, where Cooper volunteers.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) to excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 2, 2023.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128370 through 128454 in the amount of \$259,311.26 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment in the amount of \$24,850.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and replacement of stop boxes at various residential locations.
- (3) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$9,812.00 for the purchase of new 2" Orion compound read water meters. (4) approve payment to G2 Consulting Group LLC in the amount of \$5,302.25 for their quality control observation and product evaluation services in conjunction with our Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project. (5) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,166.50 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (6) . approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$27,182.82 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2023. (7) appoint Mr. Rodd Monts to the Planning Commission for an unexpired year term ending January 2027.
- 2) to accept the proposal dated October 6, 2023, from BDS Environmental in the amount of \$33,800.00 for the asbestos abatement in conjunction with the window replacement project at City Hall.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Liggett tames Tigers heading into playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett football team has been rolling through the month of October and did not stop last Friday, Oct. 20, in the team's regular season finale. The Knights hosted the Bendle Tigers, looking to end the regular season with a fourth straight win, and they did just that taking the victory 40-6.

Thirty three of the Knights' 40 points were scored in the first half. It started less than three minutes into the game when Nikkos Davis reached the end zone on a QB sneak to put Liggett up 7-0. The Knights got another rushing touchdown a few minutes

later with Zach Hill carrying the rock across the goal line. Gary Stacy capped off the first quarter with Liggett's third touchdown, running it in from eight yards out to make the score 20-0. Liggett after one quarter.

The Knights continued to build on the lead as the second quarter rolled around. The next points came through the air with Davis connecting on a touchdown pass to Santino Cicarella. Liggett then lit up the scoreboard on defense with Liam Hurtz picking off a Tigers' pass and taking it to the house, making it 33-0 Knights going into halftime.

With such a big lead on the scoreboard, the Knights only added to it once in the second half.

That came on Hill's second touchdown run of the game, stretching Liggett's lead to 40 before Bendle put up some late points to avoid the shutout.

Up Next In Week 10: Liggett finished the regular season with a 7-2 record and now gets ready for the playoffs. The Knights are set to host their first round matchup in Division 7, where they will take on Detroit Central.

The Trail Blazers qualified for the playoffs despite ending the season with a record of 4-5. Last week, Detroit Central lost 48-8 to St. John's Jesuit from Toledo. Kickoff between the Knights and Trail Blazers is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, at Liggett.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Santino Cicarella (center) celebrates in the end zone with teammates Eddie Narva (No. 5) and Marvin Harfield (No. 1) after catching a touchdown in the second quarter of Liggett's win over Bendle on Friday, Oct. 20.

RIVALRY:

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scoring opportunity when Daylon Doe intercepted Lupo's pass, setting up North with the ball in Blue Devil territory. North could not come up with any points following the turnover, however, and the first quarter ended knotted up 7-7.

South grabbed the lead in the opening minute of the second quarter on a 34-yard touchdown run by junior Matthew Agnone. Soon after, senior receiver Karter Richards got a chance to showcase his athleticism with 7:42 left in the quarter with a spectacular, 21-yard jumping catch in the end zone to extend the Blue Devils' lead to 21-7 going into halftime.

Coming out of the locker room, South came out swinging. The Blue Devils moved the chains

into Norsemen territory, where from the 35-yard line, Lupo again connected with Vachon for his second touchdown of the night at 10:03 of the third quarter. Vachon finished the game with four receptions for 112 yards.

From there, South continued building on its lead. With :48 left in the quarter, Jack Kendall barreled into paydirt from the 8-yard line, making it a 35-7 South lead going into the final frame.

South's sixth and final touchdown of the night came on another run by Agnone with just more than eight minutes to go in the game, sealing the 42-7 victory. Agnone had 22 carries for 140 yards on the night.

As it has been all season, the Blue Devils defense gave the opposing team's offense little room to work throughout the game.

"They are tough, they are good tacklers and they just run to the ball and pursue the ball really well," Hepner said of his defense.

He also had praise for his offense.

"We have some weapons on offense that make it tough for teams to scheme, they're gonna have to choose," he said. "(North) set up earlier to try to stop the run and they did a little bit, but we have so many weapons with the passing game. Vince (Vachon) got MVP, he had a great game, but then you have to stop Hunter Belanger, who can be deadly, and our edge receivers, like Karter (Richards) had great catches too.

"Teams have to pick on what they're going to focus on but we have the ability to spread it around because we have so many playmakers."

While the loss to a bitter rival always stings, the Norsemen are keeping their heads held high. A 6-3 regular season record and a share of the division title has earned them a playoff spot. Most importantly, North knows that facing the kind of talent they did against South served as an important test for what the team might see in coming weeks.

"South was the most difficult opponent we're going to face all season until or if we get deep into the playoffs," Drouin said.

Hepner also recognized North's talent.

"They've got some players and some guys that were hard to deal with that gave us some problems," he said. "I thought they played hard, at times were pretty physical and I wish them well in their playoffs."

Overall, Hepner said, he made sure his players soaked in the special atmosphere.

"We always talk about executing and that the only thing that matters is on the field," he said. "But I told them, you only get a few opportunities to play in this game. At some point when you are out there, take a breath and look

around and just enjoy being a part of this great rivalry that's been played for so long."

North finished the regular season at 4-1 in the MAC Gold division and 6-3 overall. South finished at an undefeated 5-0 in the MAC White and 8-1 overall to end the regular season.

Up Next in Week 10 (Playoffs): The Norsemen face Fitzgerald in the opening round of the playoffs. The Spartans are a familiar foe in the MAC Gold Division, beating North 34-14 just a few weeks ago on Oct. 7, on a day where North admits that it did not bring its A-game.

Having an idea of what to expect with a familiar opponent in the playoffs is something the Norsemen believe can be an advantage.

"It was kind of nice to not have to have a staff meeting because we pretty much had a gameplan we were happy with going into the game against Fitzgerald," Drouin said. "We knew after playing them that Fitzgerald might be on the menu for the playoffs so we already have an idea of what we could do better against them."

North hosts Fitzgerald at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

For South, the Blue Devils also face a repeat opponent in L'Anse Creuse. South hosted the Lancers in Week 4 on

Sept. 15, taking away a 41-7 victory.

Hepner said although his team would not learn who they would face in the opening round until last Sunday evening, his team will be ready.

"With the playoffs... each week the goal is to win and earn some more football. But our approach won't change so much. We will prepare for a couple of different possibilities...I'm very thankful for our senior leadership. They have been a great example for our juniors and they will make sure our players are ready."

South hosts L'Anse Creuse at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

Playoff Tickets

Due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association taking over ticket sales during playoffs, fans must purchase electronic tickets in advance of Friday's games at North and South. Credit card ticket purchases can be made at the main gate only at both schools. No passes or cash will be accepted for entry, including seniors and children. Only "babies in arms" can enter for free.

- To purchase North tickets, go to <https://gofan.co/event/1183256?schoolId=MI9966>

- To purchase South tickets, go to <https://gofan.co/app/school/MI9967>

Fans who have pre-purchased a ticket can enter through the pass gate at South, and do not need to wait in a purchase line.



COURTESY PHOTO



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Top, Karter Richards comes down with the jump ball over a North defender to score a 21-yard touchdown for the Blue Devils. Bottom left, North quarterback Ryan Henderson looks for an open receiver. At right, Henderson hands off to running back Jerome Jones.

Rivalry done right



Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Football fans from throughout town gathered to watch the 54th regular season meeting between Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North Friday, Oct. 20, on the Blue Devils home field.

The exciting game ended in South's favor, 42-7, but fans enjoyed a community tailgate beforehand and a great halftime show where

cheerleaders, dance teams and bands from both schools joined forces, and Norsemen and Blue Devils took the field for the annual tug o' war contest — just more examples of how the schools continue to do this rivalry the right.

When the horn sounded, teams lined up to shake hands, after which some players hugged and coaches congratulated one another for preparing their teams well for the annual battle.

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North's Brady Beers, center, congratulates South's Jackson Rybicki during the post-game handshake.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Brownell Middle School Principal Rodger Hunwick, Grosse Pointe Farms School Liaison Officer Jon Ross and former Grosse Pointe North varsity football and baseball coach Frank Sumbera reunite at Friday's rivalry football game. Hunwick and Sumbera coached Ross, a 2007 North graduate, when he played football there. He also was a student of Hunwick's when he taught at Parcels Middle School. Ross' now father-in-law, Doug Ulmer, also coached Ross at North.

At right, Anna and Sara Runk have fun with the South cut-outs at the tailgate.



Marine SSgt. Dell Daniel awards South's Vince Vachon with game MVP trophy.



North and South varsity cheerleaders unified to perform side-by-side stunts for fans.



South's interim Athletic Director Dan Griesbaum Sr. holds up the game's unique trophy to present to the winning Blue Devils, which encases a football used in the first North-South game in 1969. The ball was housed at former South head coach Russ Hepner's house until the early 2000s, when the family donated it to the school for it to become part of the victors' trophy.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alumni from Grosse Pointe North's undefeated 1973 team were honored in the pregame, performing the coin toss. Led by Hall of Fame head coach Frank Sumbera, the '73 team entered its game against Grosse Pointe South with both teams at an undefeated 8-0. The Norsemen won the game 36-21 to finish the season 9-0 and ranked Class A's No. 3 team in the state. Pictured at center in the red jacket is former player Tom Breadon, who coordinated the team's reunion last Friday, traveling in from Arizona.



North's tug o' war team gets ready to win its 12th straight halftime contest over South.



At the community tailgate, Sienna Mann, Sawyer Baxt and Audrey Wyse watch their Jenga tower come tumbling down.



South celebrates its 41-7 win over North.



South's student section goes all-out for its USA-theme, which aligns with the game's designation as the U.S. Military's "Great American Rivalry series" game of the week.

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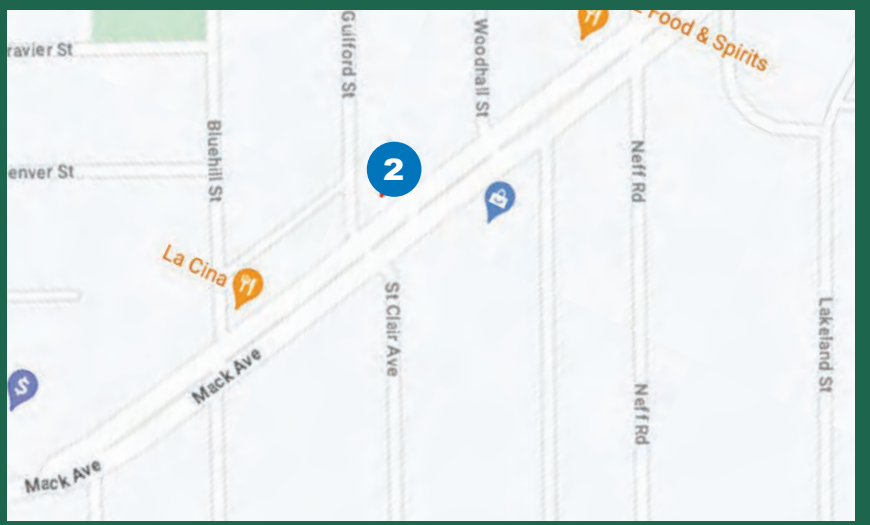
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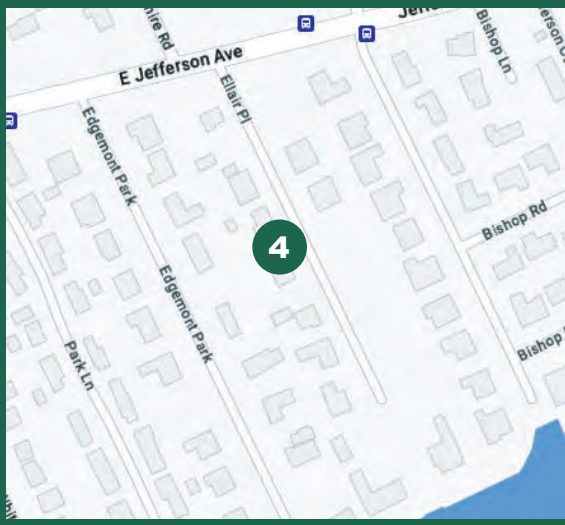
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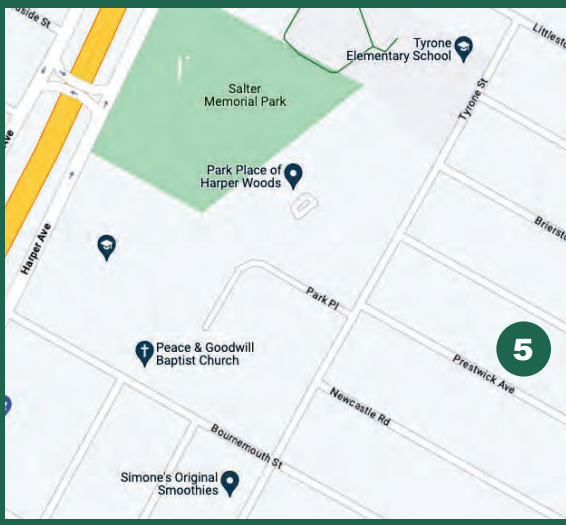
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season.”

“We were at our very best team position at this conference championship,” he said. “We performed extremely well and feel we are primed to be at our absolute best this Friday at the state regional.”

Twenty-one South runners raced to season-best performances last Saturday, including varsity runners Savannah Spangler, Calisse Budek and Grace Campbell. Spangler became the first Blue Devil this season to

break the difficult 20-minute barrier with her time of 19:54.

“Calisse and Grace continue to show dramatic improvement from week to week and this MAC meet was no exception,” Zaranek said.

Budek, a freshman, dropped 45 seconds off her previous best, while junior teammate Campbell dropped 48 seconds off her previous best. South remaining varsity runners, including Morgan Deenik, Chloe Caulfield, Sarah Koval, Adelinia Parikh and Kloie Roy, gave South depth the team needed for its top-five finish.

Both Spangler and Deenik earned All-League honors with their performances.

South’s junior varsity placed second overall, led by freshman Rylee Piornak. Piornak raced to a personal-record performance of 21:33, taking 35 seconds off her previous best time.

Among varsity and JV runners, 12 Blue Devils earned medals, including Spangler, Deenik, Piornak, Emily Przybylski, Hannah Przybylski, Abby Macey, Vivi Ostrowski, Morgan Costello, Erin Korsak, Ruby Verlinden, Zofia Tabaczynski and Morgan

Mannino.

For North, Saturday ended with a top-10 finish, with the Norsemen taking ninth overall among 22 teams in the Red division.

“We had mostly all (personal records) today and seven barrier breakers, which is a special designation when you beat a predetermined goal, usually by beating your last year’s best time,” Cooper said.

North’s top varsity finishers included Lucie Leonhard, who for the last three years has either been North’s No. 1 or No. 2 runner, but is most often in the top spot for

North. Other top finishers were Katie Madigan, Ashlei Anatolio and Zofia Lutoborska, the latter of whom, Cooper said, fought off a leg injury in the middle of the race that hampered her finish, adding: “(I) was so proud of the toughness she showed.”

Hope Fegan, Mimi Trupiano, Nicolina Gusmano and Belle Kalus rounded out North’s best varsity finishes.

Top JV finishers and medal winners included Lilliana Ivanaj and Ellie Darlington.

“Both Ivanaj and Darlington pushed each

other throughout the race, finishing strong for the top JV finishes,” Cooper said.

Remaining top JV finishers included Avery Boutell, Joelle Latta and Mary Bentley.

“As always, I was very proud of all the young athletes for their toughness and determination. These are all tough, strong women,” Cooper said.

Both teams move to more postseason action this weekend when they compete in the MHSAA Division 1 regionals. The meet takes place at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Anchor Bay High School.

HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it’s games, meets or matches, high school fall sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week’s biggest hits and highlights from include:



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SOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Grosse Pointe South girls varsity volleyball captured the MAC White regular season championship by beating Utica on Parents’ Night, Tuesday, Oct. 17, at home. The Blue Devils did not lose a set against conference opponents in the regular season, going 30-0 for a perfect 10-0 division record. South will finish out the regular season with two matches this week, before beginning postseason play Monday, Oct. 30, against Western International at Martin Luther King high school in the first round of district play.

SOUTH GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Blue Devils hit the deck in a tri-meet against swim teams from Farmington and No. 1 ranked Farmington Hills Mercy. South finished the day with solid improvements, but fell short to the Marlins, who finished with 42 points to South’s 32. Farmington managed to score 4 points. The Blue Devils won four events, including the 200 medley relay, 50 free, 100 fly and 100 back.

Lorelei Carr earned her state cuts in the 100 free and 50 free. She earned the 50 free time by leading off the 200 free relay in a state cut split. Vivian Rizer racked up a new state cut in the 200 IM, while Betsy Ropke dropped significant time in the 100, putting a state cut within reach before the November state final. South currently has 10 swimmers who have qualified for states.



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SOUTH GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

South varsity golfers competed in the Division 2 state championship Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, at Forest Akers Golf Club — East in East Lansing, finishing 11th in a field of 18 teams with an overall score of 706. Mercy high school took the top spot, shooting 636. In the two-day tournament that was hampered and delayed by heavy rain, sophomore Lyla Hampton shot a team-best 158. She was followed by senior Cate Hampton (174), Tenley Stiyer (181), Murphy Russell (193) and Maggie O’Brien (226). The Blue Devils finished the 2023 season as MAC Red champions.

Grosse Pointe South girls varsity golf team stays high spirited despite the rain during last weekend’s Division 2 state championship. From left, they include assistant coach Ryan Allemon, Tenley Stiyer, Cate Hampton, Lyla Hampton, Murphy Russell, Maggie O’Brien and head coach Shaun Hampton.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT & SOUTH FIELD HOCKEY

The University Liggett field hockey team defeated Grosse Pointe North 3-0 last Thursday, Oct. 19, in the opening round of the MHSFHL Division 2 playoffs. Also last Thursday, Grosse Pointe South earned a 4-0 win over Mercy in its first round playoff matchup.

In the second round, the Knights faced Detroit Country Day on Tuesday, Oct. 24, after press time. South took on Chelsea in its second round game, also on Tuesday, Oct. 24, after press time.



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NORTH BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Grosse Pointe North’s boys cross country competed Saturday, Oct. 21, at the MAC conference championship meet at Metro Beach Metropark, finishing in seventh place out of eight teams in the Red Division, ahead of Eisenhower.

Overall, North finished 14th among the MAC’s three divisions.

Head coach Diane Montgomery said the team continues to work to return from injuries and illnesses.

“We were without Wes Ramsey in our varsity, but Michael Loporto returned to the line-up after three weeks of battling a hip

injury,” she said.

Norsemen Caleb Kosel finished in 19th place in the MAC Red, earning All-Conference honors for his second straight year. He ran just above his personal best of 16:42 with a 16:43 showing. David Rochon continues to battle the after effects of his hip injury, turning in a solid time of 17:24, good for 39th place out of MAC Red runners.

Sam Parish broke the 18-minute mark for the first time, earning 40th place in 17:46. Rounding out North’s scoring were Paul Stephens, who finished 48th in 18:24 and Michael Loporto, who finished 50th in 18:41.

Up next, North will compete in the MHSAA Division 1 regionals at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Anchor Bay High School.



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KARATE

Peyton and Bradley Stines, show off their first- and second-place medals in their age group for Kata and sparring at the 2023 fall Michigan Friendship Invitational tournament on Sept. 16.

SOUTH BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Grosse Pointe South’s boys cross country team finished fifth in the MAC Red and fifth overall across three divisions in the conference (MAC Red, Blue and White) out of 27 teams Saturday, Oct. 21, at the MAC conference championship meet at Metro Beach Metropark.

Blue Devils runners Jet Miller and Tommy Caulfield finished in 12th and 14th place respectively, and both were named All-Conference in MAC Red for the 2023 season. South moves to more postseason action this weekend when they compete in the MHSAA Division 1 regionals. The meet takes place at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Anchor Bay High School.

