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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Collins joins BoE

By Ted O'Neil
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Terence Collins is the newest member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education after a 4-2 vote by the board at a special meeting Thursday, Oct. 26.

Collins was supported by President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Secretary Ginny Jeup and Treasurer Sean Cotton.

Trustees Valarie St. John and Colleen Worden, who both said they wanted a consensus

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Fresh into fall

After a chilly start to the season, the temperature rose last week just enough to welcome a touch of warm fall weather. Staff photographer Renee Landuyt took advantage of the moderate warmth and visited Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, which is decked out for the unofficial “pumpkin spice season.” Pumpkins, fall flowers and blue skies greet guests of the Ford House grounds and Visitors Center.

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 RENEE LANDUYT

Election Day is Tuesday Parking free-for-all a no-go

THE GROSSE POINTE — Whether or not Pointers are ready, November is here and with the month of thankfulness, comes our local elections. Those who have not already taken advantage of absentee voting may head to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 7.

City of Grosse Pointe

Up to bat in the City of Grosse Pointe are incumbent council members Dr. Seth Krupp, Donald Parthum and Terence Thomas running to retain their seats against newcomer Chris Moyer. Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, running unopposed, will see another term.

Residents also will vote on their first new municipal judge in 25 years, as Judge Russell Ethridge ages out of the position. Running to fill the seat are Sarah Colegrove, David Draper, Thomas Krall and Bryan Sunisloe.

The singular polling place for all precincts this November election will be the Maire Elementary School gym-

nasium, 740 Cadieux Road.

City hall also will be open for absentee ballots and voter registration from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Grosse Pointe Park

Voters in Grosse Pointe Park will choose between first-term mayor Michele

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By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The mayor’s assurance that parking lot construction won’t get carte blanche to replace houses located beside business districts only made things worse for critics of giving parking lot construction carte blanche to replace houses located beside business districts.

“Despite what the mayor said, my fears have not at all been put aside,” Park resident Craig Donnelly said. “If anything, they’re growing.”

Minutes earlier, Mayor Michele Hodges began the Oct. 24 planning commission meeting by denouncing provisions in the first draft of a zoning ordinance update listing parking lot construction as “automatically permitted” in areas currently hosting homes adjacent to commercial districts in the Cabbage Patch sections of Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

Such locations are categorized as transition districts.

“The portion of the draft regarding

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From left, Valerie Brenner dressed as Chuck Barris from “The Gong Show,” Annika Brenner dressed as Weird Barbie and Olivia Armitage dressed as Allan from the movie “Barbie,” during The Village Trick-or-Treat event Oct. 31. Check out next week’s Grosse Pointe News for more photos.

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 RENEE LANDUYT



Five options for Pier Park pickleball court location

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — If an informal poll of engaged community members is any indication, Farms residents want to see proper pickleball courts constructed at Pier Park. Consensus has yet to be reached, however, regarding their location.

An initial proposal to construct two courts on 37 feet of greenspace adjacent to the tennis courts sparked a recent Facebook debate over diminishing lake views

and prompted an informational meeting last week to present five options.

Option A would eliminate the third tennis court — used as a pickleball court for the last two years — and place four permanent pickleball courts in its place.

Of the first three options, this would result in the loss of the least amount of greenspace, at 20 feet. It also would require the relocation of three trees and one grill.

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Planning for Patterson playscape

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's unlikely that citizens will be allowed to replicate their 1990s kumbaya construction of the playscape at Patterson Park.

Although the city could shoulder the liability of volunteers laboring for the benefit of park-going children, most contractors interested in doing the heavy lifting won't have much to do with tag-alongs.

"Out of four companies that gave proposals, three do not use community-build," said Chad Craig, the city's director of parks and recreation.

Park officials somewhat endorsed letting members of the community repair and improve the wooden playscape that many of

their predecessors built by hand a generation ago.

"It worked out great," said Larry Haggart, a 26-year member of the recreation commission. "It was like going to a party. It helped bring the community together and the result was outstanding."

"It's a possibility, after talking with the city attorney," Craig said of allowing volunteers to participate in what is known as a community-build. "It would have to be serious negligence on our end to be held responsible."

Most contractors say no.

"It's more legal and liability things on their end and making sure they have themselves covered," Craig said. "There are minimal things they would allow, but most have

steered away from the community-build."

The topic is relevant because a new \$400,000 playscape donated to Patterson Park was shifted to Windmill Pointe Park because hundreds of residents wanted the Patterson equipment preserved, not replaced nor modernized.

"So, we're back to square one at Patterson," said Michael Bannon, chairman of the recreation commission. "We have to evaluate what has to be done (with the old playscape) — repairing or tearing down and doing new."

The playscape's continued existence testifies to citizens' construction skills.

"It had a 20-year design lifespan," Bannon said. "We are at 32 years now."

An assessment of the playground during the summer of 2022 by Leathers & Associates, a specialist in such matters with offices in New York and Florida, found the facility "well-used."

Wood support posts and framing showed various degrees of wearing and aging. Corrective action is needed in some places, but rarely anything urgent.

"Framing is in pretty good condition," according to the report. "Much of the wooden decking is showing its age. Splintering is common."

Recommendations mainly included replacing worn features, such as handrails and slides, with parts made of comparable material.

"Safety surfacing is in poor condition," accord-

ing to the report. "Pea gravel is not considered an accessible surfacing, making it non-complaint for Americans with Disabilities Act requirements."

Bannon liked Craig's idea of forming a recreation subcommittee to root out ideas. The subcommittee is being formed of committee members and residents.

"This subcommittee will work together to present upgrade options to the commission, (city) council, and residents of Grosse Pointe Park," Craig wrote in a report to commissioners. "Options for consideration should include cost, longevity and accessibility. Projects should also take into consideration volunteer assistance, replacement of main features and inclusive play features."

"This is an opportunity to include folks from outside the commission and to come back with a variety of ideas for us to discuss," Bannon said. "One of the directions from the city council was to help give the community a chance to be heard."

"I support the idea of going outside the committee and getting input," Commissioner Haggart said. "It starts the ball rolling to get the community involved."

"We know safety, accessibility, cost and community ties to the existing playscape will be issues," Bannon said.

The degree of upgrades also is important.

"Once you start making renovations or changes to a structure, you pretty much have to bring it up to code," Craig said. "It might be more of a preservation type of project instead of changing some of the amenities."

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transitional zoning and, in particular, the portion that eases requirements for demolishing houses for parking, is not a fit," Hodges said. "I'll be voting to eliminate that

(from the draft) when the time comes."

Hodges, a member of the commission, cited uniform agreement by members of the city council, none of whom are commissioners.

"My colleagues ... there's a similar will because it does not prop-

erly reflect the needs and wants of our community," Hodges said.

Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Christine Gallagher, contacted after the meeting, agreed.

"I oppose the transition district as written," Gallagher wrote in a text message. "I am a firm 'No' on giving up city oversight on strategic zoning. Existing policy dictates there is no need to rush changes."

"Even as a permitted use, (a parking lot) would still require site plan review and approval," said John Jackson, president of McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultant. "Permitted uses are still

subject to site plan approval. Development of a parking lot would definitely require site plan review and approval by the planning commission. No question about it."

"I appreciate you saying that," Commissioner Devan Stachecki said. "I didn't have the same interpretation."

All aspects of municipal zoning are being reviewed during a rewrite of city codes. Discussions began a year ago among administrators wanting to bring decades-old rules into the new century.

"We were forced to rely on good will rather than good policy," Hodges said of trying to apply antiquated measures to modern situations. "Now, we're getting good policy."

Matters progressed through the Ordinance Review Committee are now main agenda items of the planning commission and require final approval or rejection upon city council receipt in the months to come.

"A zoning ordinance is a living document that evolves with the community," Hodges said. "It goes on to reflect on the draft by the (planning) commission, staff and public to ensure every result is customized completely with the community in question."

"I wish we hadn't rolled off initially something that was so off the mark," Stachecki said. "It shouldn't be easier to tear down a house and build a parking lot."

"Our No. 1 agenda item needs to be this," Commissioner Jimmy Saros said. "A lot of this discourse comes down to communications, to making sure everyone understands the process. It's a confusing process."

The workload is so great and detailed that a three-person subcommittee consisting of Saros, Stachecki and Commissioner Kristin Taylor was formed last month to produce and provide the public written summaries of individual zoning provisions prior to

board discussion.

"My goal is to have an open and transparent process," Chairman Patrick Coletta said. "We've referenced a few times that we're going to have workshops ... so we can get together and have dialogues."

Saros favors requiring developers to meet conditions prior to receiving permits for demolition and parking lot construction.

"I don't think anyone is supporting cart blanche parking," he said.

"We started this process several months ago," Stachecki said. "We haven't done a good job of communicating. We're not close to the end."

"There will be plenty of opportunities moving forward for dialogue," Jackson said. "The (zoning) ordinance, including the transition district, are a work in progress. It's not going to get finished until we have substantial public engagement and discussion to make sure the laws in this ordinance fit Grosse Pointe Park."

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Unruly kids cause of long-term Pier Park game room closure

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Unknown to many, the Grosse Pointe Farms election office is adjacent to the currently closed upstairs game room — containing pool, ping pong, air hockey and foosball offerings — in the Pier Park

Community Building. Farms City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Derrick Kozicki recalls an instance while working in the office prior to COVID, when a group of 12-year-old girls, unaware of his presence, were having contests to see who could scream the loudest. This ceased to be a

problem when the game room was shut down during the height of the pandemic, but now, especially approaching winter, some residents are calling for it to be reopened.

Regarding its years-long closure, Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis cites prior issues of children pop-

ping screens out of the windows and climbing onto the roof, leaving destructive holes in the walls and making so much noise during events taking place in the community room below that, "it sounds like they're going to come through the floor."

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Murder suspect waives hearing

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The suspect in an October fatal shooting waived his right to a preliminary examination before Municipal Judge Theodore Metry during a court appearance Wednesday, Oct. 25.

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 floor of the house.

State law requires defendants be given a preliminary exam within 21 days of arraignment unless they waive that right. Doheny's hearing was rescheduled to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Metry's court. The judge said the postponement was agreed to by the defense and prosecu-

tion to allow them more time to discuss the case.

Metry during a separate hearing last month set Doheny's new bond at \$300,000 cash/surety 10 percent, meaning he had to post \$30,000 to get out of jail as the case proceeds, which he did. The judge 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 Ihrie said during that hearing several factors warranted the reduced bond, saying Doheny is not a threat to the community and not a flight risk.

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

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

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RIP Franky

The Pointes lost a celebrity last week with the passing of Franky, the 90-pound sulcata tortoise that called Lou's Pet Shop on Mack home for 16 years.

"When an animal is expected to live a century, you tend to take for granted all the memories locked in that beautiful shell, like a time capsule ushering in the next decade," Lou's posted on Facebook of the 26-year-old's death. "As each person came to visit, they left a piece of themselves with every shock and wonder at the great presence Franky had. We miss him terribly and we



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lou's Pet Shop owner Donny Cook introduces children to Franky during Fall Fest in Grosse Pointe Woods last September.

will let this be a reminder to cherish those most secure and expected moments of our daily

lives." The post drew more than 1,800 reactions and 554 comments. Franky,

who was not sick, was sent to Michigan State University for testing. — Ted O'Neil

Windmill playscape behind schedule

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Snowflakes are likely to fall before the playscape opens at Windmill Pointe Park.

Construction of the playscape is behind schedule, compared with a mid-October completion forecast that municipal Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig predicted a couple months ago.

"It's hopeful to get

construction done before winter hits," he said. "It's going to be a great improvement on an already beautiful park. The goal is to get as many people going to these parks as possible."

Laborers working behind yellow caution tape graded the playscape site between the kiddie pool and picnic area on the side of the park nearest Windmill Pointe Drive.

"You'll have a great

view from the pool," Craig said.

Two general types of playground equipment are intended to appeal to children ages 2 to 5 years and 5 to 12 years old. Equipment is designed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards.

"The new playground fits perfectly in the existing footprint (and) will be a wonderful upgrade to an area that was in need of it, aes-

thetically pleasing and will be accessible for all children," Crag said.

The \$400,000 facility was donated by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. Installation was intended for Patterson Park but switched to Windmill when residents urged that the Patterson playscape, a generation-old wooden structure with sentimental value, be retained and repaired

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Hodges and first-term Councilwoman Christine Gallagher for the mayoral seat.

They also will select three council members. Candidates are Brent Dreaver, Jay Kennedy, Tim Kolar, incumbent Marty McMillan, Elvis Torres and Heather Ulku.

Park voters also will have their voices heard on four proposals:

◆ Proposal 1 would make Sept. 14 the due date for summer property taxes. It also would implement a late fee, beginning Sept. 15, of 1 percent per month added to the amount of unpaid taxes.

◆ Proposal 2 would eliminate a requirement to hold primary elections for city officers, such as council and mayor.

◆ A third proposal would allow two adult-use cannabis retail establishments to operate within city limits.

◆ The fourth proposal would require local licensing and fees for adult-use retail establishments; set application or selection criteria; and

regulate the operation of two cannabis establishments in the city.

In-person voting is consolidated at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, with precincts 1 and 2 out of the Tompkins Community Center and precincts 4, 5, 6 and 7 out of the Lavins Activity Center.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Incumbents Angela

Coletti Brown, Kenn Gafa and Michael Koester are running for re-election in Grosse Pointe Woods, while Phil Whitman is running as a write-in candidate. Municipal Judge Ted Metry is unopposed for re-election.

Polling locations are unchanged, with precincts 1 and 2 voting at Ferry Elementary School, precincts 3 and 4 at city hall and 5 and 6 at

Monteith Elementary School.

Farms & Shores

The Farms and Shores won't see any contested races on the ballot, but residents who still wish to complete their civic duty may do so at the Farms Pier Park Community Building, 350 Lakeshore, and the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lakeshore.



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

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Woods native soaring to new heights

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Jon Rimanelli has always had a different way of looking at things, whether that was where to attend high school, what college major to choose or what business ventures to pursue.

All of that has led to Airspace Experience Technologies (ASX), a Detroit-based company that builds eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) aircraft.

“Our goal is to democratize air mobility that can advance everything from national security to people’s quality of life,” Rimanelli said. “This is something that can decrease road congestion and emissions.”

Rimanelli, who still lives in the Woods, said he got interested in remote-control cars and airplanes in middle school.

“I always had a knack for building things,” he said. “Especially

machines.”

When it came time for high school, he didn’t want to follow his three brothers, all of whom had gone to Grosse Pointe South High School.

“I wanted to do my own thing,” he laughed.

After attending Grosse Pointe North “for about a minute,” he convinced his parents to pay to send him to military school.

“That made it a lot easier to focus on classes,” he said. “I had a full scholarship for college, but ironically it was for medicine.”

He graduated from Albion College with a degree in economics and management, but followed his passion for engineering by working at a robotics company during school.

He started an electronics company after graduating and eventually bought his own plane.

“I could fly to meetings and be home for dinner,” he recalls. “Then I



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Woods native and resident Jon Rimanelli, founder of Airspace Experience Technologies, thinks his Sigma-6 eVTOL craft will revolutionize transportation for cargo and people.

thought, why can’t everyone do that? Eighty percent of all vehicle trips are under 52 miles. When you’re sitting in traffic, you’re burning time, you’re burning fuel and you’re filled with anxiety.”

ASX’s latest eVTOL

iteration is the Sigma-6, which features a swappable container pod loaded by an autonomous ground vehicle and is pilot optional.

The pods have a variety of applications and can be used to move cargo or people. Rimanelli is

working on testing with the United States Air Force, saying the craft can be used for troop transport or weapons systems. In the first-responder realm, the Sigma-6 can be configured for wildfire suppression, evacuations and

supply delivery, such as food, water and medicine.

“We’re sitting in the cradle of the automobile industry and it’s gotten to the point where vehicles are choking our cities,” Rimanelli said. “We’ve got infinite space above us and we need to leverage that unused capacity.”

He also sees eVTOL craft as a way to connect hubs, such as airports, cities and suburbs.

“Improving life is all about connectivity,” Rimanelli said. “First we had cars, then planes, then the internet. This reinvents the way we move things and people.”

ASX has gone from a concept on paper five years ago to a company expected to generate \$2.5 billion in revenue five years from now.

“This is no longer science fiction,” Rimanelli said. “We’re going to see hockey stick-type growth. This will be a \$1.5 trillion global industry by 2040.”

Stakes placed in the ground at Pier Park show how much greenspace would be lost between options A, B and C. Respectively, they would take 20 feet, 37 feet and 24 feet.



COURTESY PHOTO

temporary court and from tennis players.”

Those who disliked this proposal noted tennis is a varsity sport, while pickleball is not, and diminishing the city’s tennis offerings could be a mistake.

Option B — the proposal

previously presented to the community, which sparked debate — would see the third tennis court designated as a dual-use court on a permanent basis and the addition of a walkway and two new courts to the east.

While this option still would allow for lower profile fencing on the new courts, it would not include separation for ball containment between the third tennis court and the first two.

Reducing greenspace by 37 feet, Option B would require the relocation of four trees, a light post and one grill.

Those who disliked this proposal, aside from the loss of greenspace, cited the confusion brought on while playing either sport when lines for both pickleball and tennis are drawn on the same court.

Option C is the same as Option B, but with the elimination of the walkway. This means only 24 feet of greenspace would be removed, but there would be no ball containment between any of the tennis or pickleball courts.

“I think one of the significant negatives is that it doesn’t provide any separation between courts,” Reeside noted, with agreement echoed from those in the audience.

Despite a warning from Reeside that they likely would cost around \$500,000 more than the first three options, options D and E seemed to go over well with residents.

These are the only options that would not result in loss of greens-

pace, instead placing the courts in various configurations on the parking lot to the west of the platform tennis courts.

The trade-off would be the loss of 18 to 22 parking spaces, as well as the elimination or reduction of the park’s rain garden.

“I think we liked the idea of the parking lot, if it was feasible, because we’d almost be expanding the park,” a parks and harbor committee member said.

“We would be making the park a larger area, not having to worry about greenspace. You’re adding features and no one, I don’t believe, would complain about losing parking spaces.”

The park previously was expanded once when the maintenance area was moved to the parking lot, resulting in a loss of spaces.

“These plans that we’re looking at are in the quarter million to \$300,000 range,” Reeside cautioned, with options D and E estimated at more than double that cost, because they would require removal of a section of parking lot and possibly relocating water, electrical and gas utilities.

It is unclear how much the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation would continue to pitch in were one of the two options chosen.

City administration has written off the greenspace at Mack and Moross — for a number of reasons, including difficulty regulating court usage, a lack of restrooms or shelter and a desire to consolidate all similar activities in one area — but no final determinations have been made, as Reeside said administration would conduct further research on the feasibility of options D and E.

A finalized proposal will need to come before city council at a date to be determined, for final approval.

The presentation slides can be found on the main page of the city’s website, grossepointefarms.org.

OPTIONS:

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By segregating all four pickleball courts from the tennis courts, the current 12-foot fence could be replaced with one at half the height and ball containment — a common complaint — would be addressed.

“One of the advantages for this is the fencing, because with the fencing, you’re able to keep the ball play (separate) from the tennis and vice versa,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “There’d also be fencing within the pickleball courts to contain the ball, which is something we’ve heard a lot about from users of our

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Something borrowed

A Farms woman married in mid-October at Pier Park is pressing charges for larceny against the event coordination company, which she alleges stole the woman's floral arch and gold stands while packing up after the ceremony.

The company's owner has repeatedly denied taking the items. City cameras at the park show they are present when the company begins to pack its equipment and gone when it leaves.

Occupational hazard

A reporter living in the Farms received an email from an unknown sender at 1:43 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, stating the city would be a nice spot to bury him and his mother.

The man said he has never before received a message from the email address, but gets threats often.

DTE scam

A 43-year-old Farms woman became a victim of fraud after Googling the phone number for DTE Energy at 3:17 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, and unknowingly being connected with a scammer.

She supplied the suspect with her name, address, driver's license

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number, phone number, Social Security number and credit card number before realizing it was a scam.

Close to home

A 63-year-old Farms woman berated an officer for stopping her when she was just around the corner from her house, when she was pulled over on Kerby for suspected drunken driving at 5:08 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25.

She admitted to having been drinking at a restaurant in The Village, but refused a preliminary breath test, saying she was an attorney and knew her rights.

At one point, she retrieved a document from the glove box and struck the officer in the face with it while forcefully handing it out the window.

The woman refused to exit her vehicle and was forcibly arrested for operating while intoxicated and resisting police. She also was cited for preliminary breath test refusal.

Residents only

A 42-year-old Woods man offered the officer his park pass when pulled over on Lakeshore for suspected drunken driving at 10:43 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 27.

The man was visibly confused and failed field sobriety tests. He was unable to complete a preliminary breath test, as he failed multiple times to wrap his lips around the straw.

The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated, as well as cited for no proof of registration or insurance and preliminary breath test refusal.

Temper tantrum

When her liquor purchase from a business in the 19000 block of Mack was refused at 5:05 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, a 37-year-old Detroit woman urinated in the parking lot.

Officers arrived to find her inside the store adding hot water to a package of instant noodles.

The woman was advised not to return to the location and that she would be receiving a ticket for urinating in public.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Not again

A quick phone call to City public safety had a group of five juveniles — 13, 14 and 15 years old — stopped in their tracks at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, after they collectively stole \$3,460 worth of clothes from Lululemon in The Village.

Officers pulled them over as they fled northbound on St. Clair in a vehicle belonging to one of their mothers.

"It has nothing to do with the big Lululemon case," Detective Mike Narduzzi said, referring to three thefts from the location in its first week of opening.

An investigation into those incidents, reportedly perpetrated by a single group, is ongoing.

'Steak' out

After stealing \$105 worth of chicken and steak from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 12:50 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, a 65-year-old Detroit man was arrested as he

walked northbound on Notre Dame.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Catalytic converters taken

Two owners reported catalytic converters were stolen from their vehicles.

The first was overnight Monday, Oct. 23, into Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the 1900 block of Stanhope. Surveillance video showed the suspect crawl under the vehicle while it was parked in the street.

The second occurred Saturday, Oct. 28, while the vehicle was parked at Ascension St. John Hospital.

More unlocked vehicles

Golf clubs and spare change were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 900 block of Crescent overnight Wednesday, Oct. 25.

A wallet containing a credit card was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1700 block of Littlestone Friday, Oct. 27. The owner was not

aware until his credit card company contacted him about three charges on the card. The account was closed and a new card issued.

Some friend

A woman undergoing cancer treatment will press charges against a 30-year-old Detroit man after he assaulted her at Ascension St. John Hospital Tuesday, Oct. 24.

The woman told police the man has been showing up for her appointments to support her, but was fired from his job for missing too many days. The two argued and the woman said he punched her in the face, threw her cell phone on the ground and threatened to set her house on fire.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Eight car thefts

See story, "Car theft palooza," below.

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

Car theft palooza

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Everyone roots for underdogs, but it's hard to pity the only thief last week to leave the Park without a car.

Eight vehicles were stolen in the city between Oct. 23 and 27, including four in one night.

The tally brings to 12 the total number of cars or SUVs stolen in the Park during October. The figure is three greater than during all of 2018, equals thefts during the year 2020, and is two shy of 14 vehicles reported stolen during 2017 and again in 2019.

The only failed attempt last week happened at 4:39 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the 1200 block of Devonshire. A witness yelled. Two subjects described only as wearing dark clothing ran away.

Success abounded elsewhere, however. Victims aided all thefts last week by leaving parked cars unlocked and ignition key fobs within.

Car thieves kicked off the week overnight Monday, Oct. 23, in the 1400 block of Buckingham. He, she or they got away with a green 2022 Subaru Forester parked unlocked in a driveway.

Another happened 24 hours later, overnight Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe Drive. A 2018 Ford Expedition was stolen and recovered abandoned in Detroit, according to Park police.

The string unrolled during a third consecutive night Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the 700 block

of Whittier. Gone, a silver 2022 Ford Explorer.

During that same timeframe a couple blocks away in the 1000 block of Whittier, someone took a black 2021 Ford Expedition.

Nothing happened Thursday night, Oct. 26, the rarity of which puts it on par with the dog in the Sherlock Holmes story,

"The Adventure of Silver Blaze," that didn't bark in the night.

Criminal activity returned with gusto overnight Friday, Oct. 27. A combined four thefts were reported on Buckingham, Bedford and Whittier.

"Key fobs (were) left in all vehicles and doors unlocked," police said of

the quartet. "All vehicles (were) quickly recovered after being tacked with track apps. All unoccupied when located."


"Suspects are being developed," Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "I can't speak to the investigation yet, because it is ongoing."





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OUR VIEW

Sign presents Woods council with a 'Pepsi Challenge'

In the final verse of Billy Joel's 1989 hit "We Didn't Start The Fire," the singer/songwriter belts out: "Rock and roller Cola Wars, I can't take it anymore!"

With the recent kerfuffle in Grosse Pointe Woods over a city ordinance that may force the covering up of a 75-year-old Pepsi Cola mural, a cola war of our very own has bubbled up in town.

As reported in the Oct. 26 edition of the Grosse Pointe News by reporter Ted O'Neil, ("The mural of the story"), a painting that once served as a vintage advertisement for Pepsi was discovered in September when an adjacent building was torn down as part of plans for expansion at Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers. Currently, the mural is on full display on the side of Henry's Cleaners on Mack between Oxford and Kenmore. That's less than a block from city hall, ironically, the site of where a decision will be made about this pop star's fate.

Standing in the way of allowing the nearly perfectly preserved painting to stay afloat is a Woods ordinance that does not allow murals, including those of a historic nature.

We call on the Woods council to save this wonderful piece of local history, one that a local expert believes was created around 1948. The sign brings back instant nostalgia, is a nod to the rich history of Grosse Pointe Woods and adds character to a section of Mack Avenue. What's even better is it mentions a beloved business that's still in operation, weaving more visible threads into our historical community's tapestry. Quite simply, you feel good just by looking at it.

Despite its age, the sign also is in excellent shape, another reason to consider why it should stay. The even better news is the sign can remain in its excellent condition, experts say, by sealing it with a UV-resistant clear coat, which won't change its appearance and will protect it from sun exposure.

Unearthing a historical mural in great condition like this after it was covered for so long is something preservationists call a "ghost sign." Whatever you want to call it, we think it's a cool sign and one Grosse Pointe Woods should keep.

Many Woods residents have voiced support for preserving the mural, including Councilman Kenn Gafa, who posted on social media he would support a variance.

Grosse Pointe News readers also overwhelmingly voiced support to keep the sign, as our recent online poll showed 94 percent of respondents are in favor of keeping the mural (see right).

So what's the debate? The city's attorney gave sign preservationist Mark Serra, who is willing to preserve the mural for free, this response when he inquired about the chances of saving it:

"The City has recently adopted a revised sign ordinance. Both the new ordinance and its pre-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Lyla Berg, dressed as Alice in Wonderland, stands with her sister, Ruby Berg, who is dressed as the Queen of Hearts. The girls dressed up to trick-or-treat at the third annual Pumpkins in the Park in downtown Grosse Pointe Park. For more photos from Pumpkins in the Park, check out page 5C.

decessor 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."

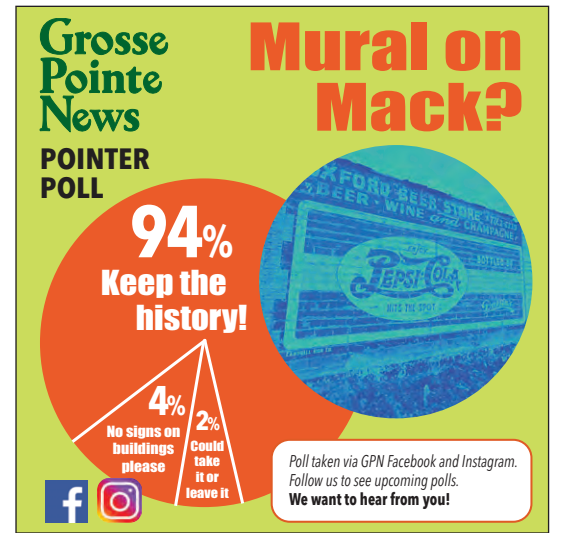
No exceptions? So much for the "Joy of Pepsi" we used to hear so much about.

Discussion at previous Woods 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 told the Grosse Pointe News last week. "It's not allowed at the moment, but it's something we'll look into and consider."

We are happy to hear at least one council member and the mayor see the value in listening to residents to decide this mural's future. Perhaps there's hope after all, especially when reasons not to keep it fall flat. Pardon our pun, but los-

ing this piece of history would make a lot of residents "soda-pressed." Let's see that can-do attitude, Woods council, and reconsider the rules to keep the vintage Pepsi sign.



LETTERS

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

'No' to pot shop proposals

To the Editor:

Evidenced by their lone banner and mailings, the pro-pot shop ballot proposal group "Open Stores in Grosse Pointe Park" is so unfamiliar with our community they misspelled its name. This out-of-area group applied for and received a reporting waiver from the state claiming not to receive nor spend in excess of \$1,000. This relieved them from making public ANY financial information.

So far, they have hired paid petition gatherers and mailed out a "survey" and five pieces of literature. Low and behold, when they finally submitted their campaign finance

report this month, it showed \$23,000 worth of expenditures and in-kind donations so far — ZERO dollars of which were from even a single resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

They are a well-financed machine and ours is not the only metro Detroit community targeted.

Park residents, please don't be fooled by these carpet baggers. Vote NO on BOTH pot shop ballot proposals.

KAROLE AND TOM STEEN
Grosse Pointe Park

Not the right site

To the Editor:

For clarification, the proposed (Chick-fil-A) site plan does include the reacquisition of property and demolition of a playground in use since 1955 (at The Giving Tree Montessori Learning Center). There are currently three separate playgrounds. Regardless of the outcome with Verus Development and Chick-Fil-A, there will still be three separate playgrounds and no loss of equipment or play area.

As Justin with CFA stated, they did offer "playground equipment." There were never any specifics, or a budget, but they were specific on the location. Although hard to believe, it is immediately behind their dumpsters. We thanked them and rejected.

In addition, the "playground" offer is on asphalt over contaminated soil. They apparently want to return this property to the church/school with no site remediation or removal of blacktop.

Last week we learned that 17761 Mack is considered a Part 201 "facility" site with the state. There are high concentrations of lead, arsenic, chromium, etc. It has had a Phase I and Phase II performed, but apparently not a BEA (Baseline Environmental Assessment). We sent this to BSEED (Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department) and others in Detroit as it never came up during the Verus "informational" meetings.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Monitoring freighter traffic



A temporary surge in freighter traffic through Lake St. Clair is anticipated due to the settling of a labor strike on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The labor stoppage forced closure of the Welland Canal between Lakes Erie and Ontario, plus additional lock systems along the seaway that serve as staircases for marinecraft to transit the roughly 550-foot elevation difference between the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Erie.

The strike began Oct. 22, and ended with a return to work at 7 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30.

"The walkout affected about 150 vessels over the one-week period and impeded the movement of grains and other commodities," according to an account posted on devdiscourse.com, a website for international news. "About \$24.5 million (U.S.) in economic activity was being disrupted every day, according to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce."

Around midnight Sunday, Oct. 29, at least 16 freighters sat anchored in Lake Erie off Port Colborne, the canal's southern open-

ing, waiting, waiting, as though husbands with wives in labor, for good news. At the northern end of the canal in Lake Ontario, more than a dozen freighters likewise twiddled their thumbs.

Those included such frequent Pointes passers-by as the 727-foot John D. Leitch and its awkwardly thin forward superstructure, plus Canada Steamship Lines' Baie Comeau, delayed in its voyage to the port of Superior, Wis.

Seven hours later, the strike over, most vessels were underway southbound into or toward the canal, Lake Erie and wherever. Late Monday night, the Leitch registered heading west in Lake Erie at 10.6 knots, destination unspecified. Baie Comeau, 740-feet, headed south about halfway through the canal at 3.3 knots approaching the water bridge over Ontario Highway 58A. Yes, motorists get to drive through a tunnel under passing freighters. Railroad tracks parallel to the highway make for exciting possibilities. The only thing left to complete the experience is a low-flying crop duster.

Most freighter locations and, in most cases, itineraries are updated every few minutes on the Boatnerd website, boatnerd.com, under "vessel locations."

Viewers have their

pick of searching for boats from a bird's-eye view of the seaway and Great Lakes system (chose "AIS map" among dropdown options at the top of the home page) or from various ports or comparable locations along the way (chose "Automatic vessel passages").

The 2,300-mile long seaway is nicknamed Highway H2O.

Boatnerd also is an interesting site from which to monitor freighters seeking shelter in advance of big storms.

Prior to strong winds whipping through the Midwest earlier this year, dozens of freighters could be seen on boatnerd taking shelter in Whitefish Bay west of the Soo Locks in Lake Superior. Remember how those who know of such things predicted the Edmund Fitzgerald wouldn't have floundered if its captain had managed to reach Whitefish Bay.

A popular storm shelter on Lake Erie is east of Canada's Long Point National Wildlife Area peninsula, south of Port Dover. The peninsula juts southeast from Ontario a little more than halfway to Buffalo creating a break from wind coming from the west.

At least nine freighters, including fleetmates Algosea, Algoterra and Algonova, idled away the labor strike in that refuge.

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Our major concern remains safety and traffic. The site, if approved with only a single entrance on Marseilles, will become a chronic public nuisance on Marseilles and Mack. The recent addition of an escape lane from a drive-thru lane onto Mack will do nothing to alleviate; it will only exacerbate the lack of parking already existing in front of 17761 Mack and adjoining Allemon's Nursery.

KEVIN CHOWN
City of Grosse Pointe
Owner of The Giving Tree

Symphony a joy

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra opened its program with a moving capture of Baroque elegance in their performance of Handel's Concerto Grosso, Op. 6 No. 5 in D. Held with strong technical and interpretive lead was concertmaster Sonia Lee. The orchestra as a collective unit gave an excellent performance. A stunning beginning for the musical afternoon.

Next, Concierto de Aranjuez was performed, a composition closer to our times composed by Joaquin Rodrigo, who was blind at age 3, composing all his compositions using Braille. At times some passages

appeared abrupt or harsh in its articulation, but under the orchestra and soloist Steven Dearing, the work became a gem.

The final work was Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor, executed and revealed as cyclical due to one theme repeating itself throughout the work. The theme is distant becoming triumphant in the final movement. In beginning the first movement, the tempo was a bit slow, but these details are left to the conductor and delegated to personal preference. A well-done performance.

Memories are made from such afternoons with lovely music.

LEONA FORBES
Grosse Pointe Woods

Reopen the game room

To the Editor:

Winter is approaching and opportunities for inside games and family fun at our Pier Park Community Building are still unavailable. The upstairs "game room" includes a pool table, air hockey, foosball and ping pong. There are restrooms and nice window views. This is a great opportunity to put aside electronics and spend some time with family or friends, especially during inclement weather.

Alas, this opportunity has been denied residents for quite some time as it closed due to the

pandemic in 2019, but was not reopened. Apparently, after over a decade of having a fun indoor game room, it was decided sometimes it is not soundproof enough for those in the office or during some classes or party rentals.

Take this opportunity to bring back the enjoyment of indoor games at our community building while the master plan is being set. Many residents wanted it open more frequently and they did NOT just mean so they could attend classes or use the restrooms.

Perhaps funds to soundproof the room could be provided by the city and/or Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, as they have for many other park features.

Rules limiting the number of people and conduct could be (re)instituted, as well as closing the game room when there are rentals or classes, if noise is a problem after all these years. Additionally, the game room could perhaps be relocated in a designated room on the lower level during the winter.

If you'd like to see this opportunity to enjoy indoor fun restored at our park, utilizing OUR community building, then let your voices be heard to the city council, for the master plan. When the weather outside is frightful, the games can be so delightful.

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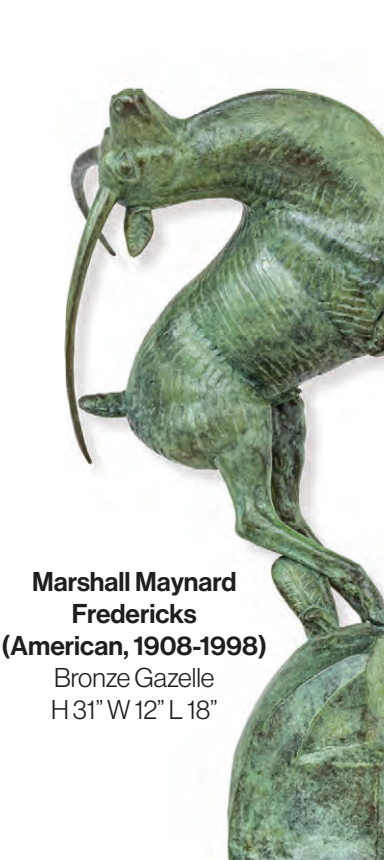
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History crawl planned Sunday

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Learning Collaborative will host a three-stop event 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, aimed at giving students and others a deeper look at what the community was like a century or more ago.

Titled "Turning Pointes in History Crawl," The War Memorial, The Grosse Pointe Academy and University Liggett School will participate.

Those three organizations, along with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, are part of a consortium formed last year to share resources and get students more engaged in the history of the community.

"We want to give students and others a look at how things have changed over the years," said



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The Alger House during its time as part of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Annemarie Harris, coordinator of the GPLC. "The goal is to show them what used to be here so they can get a sense of why things changed."

Stops on the crawl include the Alger House at The War Memorial, with tours at 2:15 and 3:15 p.m., which will highlight the family's history and connection to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Betsy Alexander, historian at The War Memorial,

said the tours last 45 minutes.

"People really enjoy the secrets," she said. "There was a tunnel that went out to the boat ramp so they could smuggle liquor in during Prohibition and then hide it behind panels in the billiard room."

She'll also share photographs of the 1911 visit by the Wright Brothers.

"For \$25 you could go up in a rickety old airplane," she said. "It was

held where the Grosse Pointe South athletic field is now. Some visitors might even have relatives in those pictures."

Tours of The Grosse Pointe Academy will highlight its beginnings as one of the many ribbon farms French settlers established along Lake St. Clair through its days as a convent to today's K-8 school.

Liggett will focus on the geography of the Pointes and include a campus tour. Harris said old maps show the Milk River running near campus by what is now Chalfonte and Grosse Pointe Boulevard extending past Moross.

"We're hoping history teachers will incentivize this by offering extra credit for students," Harris said. "Our plan is to make this an annual event, so hopefully other historical places will want to be part of it in the future."

Maintaining housing character added to City council goals

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City of Grosse Pointe City Council last month updated its goals for 2023-24, including, at the suggestion of councilman Dr. Seth Krupp, to begin the process of advancing the strategies outlined in the new master plan, paying careful attention to maintaining the design and character of the housing in Grosse Pointe.

"There were a number of things where we were going to update ordinances to reflect the strategic direction as outlined in that master plan, so (let's conduct) an identification of what those ordinances are that need updating and revisiting," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. "I think that's maybe a little ambitious to be done by next August, but to at least start that process."

The annually adopted council goals — last updated in March 2022

— provide a roadmap for the strategic direction of the City, helping administrations reflect the objectives in upcoming work and budgets.

Council goals for 2023-24 were separated into three umbrella sections. The first, although not denoting priority, is to provide sound leadership and responsible governance to maintain financial stability.

Specific objectives are:

- ◆ Maintaining a balanced budget without unnecessary use of the City's fund balance,
- ◆ maintaining a AAA bond rating,
- ◆ seeking new and collaborative partnerships to improve service delivery with less cost
- ◆ and adopting a comprehensive multi-year infrastructure asset management program.

The second is to create a strong, positive, supportive organizational structure, under which key objectives are:

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HEARING:

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report, nothing indicates this terrible, tragic incident was anything other than an accident," he added. "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."

James Kehoe, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, asked Metry to place Doheny on home confinement, which the judge did not.

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

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as close to original condition as possible.

"The upside is we have an unexpected, complete Windmill Pointe Park playground that was not on our radar," said Michael Bannon, chairman of the recreation commission.

Once the site is prepared, it will take about two weeks to install the new equipment, according to Craig.

"You're going to see more kids and families (at the park) during the off-season than you would normally see during those times of the year," he said. "And you'll have the option of going to (a playscape at) Patterson Park one day, Windmill Pointe Park the next, back and forth."

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"It's just been one of those (instances) where it was probably not the best-planned space for what's up there, because it's not soundproof," Galatis said. "We're trying to find the best way to utilize that space to not interfere with meetings going on down here."

Even so, the department plans to reopen the game room with stricter guidelines, such as potentially requiring parents to be in attendance with their chil-

dren. The hope is, "by sometime this winter we'll reopen it and allow kids and parents to go up there," Galatis said. "I don't know if it's going to go back to the (way it was) before, where kids can just run up there with food and drinks and trash it, but it is something that we want to reopen."

The director also clarified that currently adult ping pong and pool players are welcome to use the room.

"We have allowed kids to go up there with Mom and Dad if they come and ask," he said.

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- Training of school staff on new equipment

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available to Prime Contractors beginning **Wednesday, November 1, 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. 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)
- Dodge Data & Analytics
- Construction Market Data (CMD)
- Construction Data Company (CDC)

A **Pre-Bid** meeting will not be conducted for this project. 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. Contractor is to perform its own site visit(s) to review the project conditions prior to the bid due date. Contact the Director of Facilities, Mr. Ben Matteson@ (313) 432-3082 to schedule a visit to the site. Unscheduled visits to the site may be rejected at the discretion of the district.

Sealed bids will be due **Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:30 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.

This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct any questions to Marc Chamberlin, Senior Architect / Partner at (248) 244-9710 (ext. 105) or email marc@ehresmanarchitects.com.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) under the provisions of Michigan Compiled Laws, 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, to consider a variance for the property located at 551 Roslyn Road. A variance is required for the proposed enlargement of the residential building due to the nonconforming nature of the building, it does not comply with the side yard setback requirement of the R-1C District. The ZBA hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, at 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. The application is available for inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

G.P.N.: 11/2/23

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC
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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

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Pointe Players changing pace

Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Audiences are in for something a little different with the newest offering from Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Players.

The club starts its new season with three performances of "12 Angry Jurors" at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 to 4, in the school's auditorium.

"It's definitely a change of pace," said Daniel DeMarco, who is in his second year teaching drama, English, speech and debate at South. "It's much more intimate, an ensemble, so no one actor is driving it. The entire cast is the focus."

DeMarco said the play still is popular with high school drama groups, although not as much as it used to be.

"12 Angry Jurors," which comes in at about 100 minutes, is based on the classic movie "12 Angry Men" from 1957, focused on jurors as they deliberate conviction or acquittal of a teenage boy accused of stabbing his father to death.

The movie earned Academy Award nominations for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay and was



PHOTO BY TED O'NEIL

The Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players rehearse "12 Angry Jurors."

voted the second-best courtroom drama ever by the American Film Institute behind "To Kill a Mockingbird."

"Some of the students had already seen the movie and I think most have by now," DeMarco said before a recent rehearsal. "If people have seen the movie, they'll certainly be familiar with the play, but there are some subtle differences."

One, of course, is the jurors aren't all men, although they are still referred to as numbers rather than by name.

"It's a great study in human dynamics,"

DeMarco said. "There are squabbles, alliances, friendships. It's not so much a crime drama as it is about human relationships."

Although the play starts at 7 p.m. each night, those who wish to arrive early are in for an added bonus. Starting at 6:30 p.m. is what DeMarco calls a "pre-trial, pre-show," which features actors playing the defendant and defense attorney.

"It's totally improvised, something they came up with all on their own," he added. "It's about what a conversation between the

defendant and the attorney would look like before the jury starts deliberating."

Tickets, available at the door by cash or check, are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

The cast includes Ellie Sahutske, Leo Neds-Fox, Jack Slawson, Dylan DeMarco, Ashton Fell, Alex Cline, Brady Barbour, Aliana Ritter, Joe Stapleton, Malvina Lubanski, Gabriel Hermann, Chevy McGlone, Syri Ibekwe, Mari Mueller, Izzy Steiber, Jolina Huchingson, Allison Thomas and Hudson

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Production crew is Issa Smith, Sophia Carozza, Raegan Niscoromni, Sophia Carozza, Kai Tibbitts, Ghost Lindsay, El Kester, Jack Sample, Eleanor Schroeder, Jordan Rice, Eden Novack, Ella Johnson, Sage Porter, PJ Veltri, Brennan Hughes, Sam Canuelle and Adam Ferkovich.

The Pointe Players continue their season with their annual one-act plays in February and the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" in April.

Sup't survey still open

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Residents of the Grosse Pointe Public School System have a week left to give input on what qualities they want to see in the district's next superintendent.

An online survey, which can be found at surveymonkey.com/r/gpsearch, is open through 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

"We've had a great response rate so far, but we're always looking to add more," said Jay Bennett, assistant director of executive search services for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The GPPSS Board of Education hired MASB in September to help find a replacement for Jon Dean, who retired in August.

Bennett said the survey has received around 550 responses and he'd like to see it surpass 600.

Bennett conducted six listening sessions with

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candidate the board could unite behind, voted no.

Collins replaces David Brumbaugh, who resigned from the board due to a job relocation. Brumbaugh was elected to a four-year term in 2020 and Collins will serve the final 14 months of that term. Collins in his application said if appointed he intends to file to run for a full term in the November 2024 election.

After interviewing five candidates during a five-hour meeting at Parcels Middle School, board members named a first and second choice. Those who voted for Collins all named him as their first choice, while St. John chose Timothy Klepp and Worden picked Joseph Herd.

Collins, who has been critical of the district's finances and often comments at board meetings, said the district needs better data analytics to refine its budget process.

Worden and St. John both said they felt Collins would not help cure the incivility often seen during board meetings this year.

"The tone of our board meetings is manufactured chaos and a lot is due to you," Cotton told St. John. "Terry always adheres to the truth and his numbers are always spot on."

Lawrence Gannan and Elaine Martin also were interviewed. The five were chosen during the board's regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24.

The board received 11 applications for the seat, although one person — who the district did not identify — withdrew before Tuesday's meeting.

Those who applied, in alphabetical order, were: Collins, Clint Derringer, Gannan, Ray Grant, Herd, Klepp, Martin,



Terry Collins

Brett McMillan, Patrick Nyenhuis, Jim Olowniuk and Sarah Schroeder.

All five interviewees mentioned two specific programs they think could boost the district's falling enrollment: early childhood education and more skilled trades offerings. They also agreed the next superintendent should be innovative and have experience dealing with budgets, but not all said the person hired doesn't necessarily have to have experience as a superintendent. Collins said he does want the person to have been a superintendent previously.

Collins, Klepp and Herd ran for the board in 2022. Collins currently serves on the district's Finance & Facilities Committee. Ismail said Collins has been "a rock star" on the committee and intends to keep him there as each committee can have up to three board members.

Herd, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board in early 2020, and was elected to serve the final two years of that term later that year, was board president when he ran for re-election.

Klepp finished fourth in 2022 for three open seats, 15 votes behind Jeup. A recount last December saw Klepp finish four votes behind Jeup.

When asked by Jeup about his comment at the time he would reimburse the district for the cost of the recount — nearly \$8,000 — Klepp

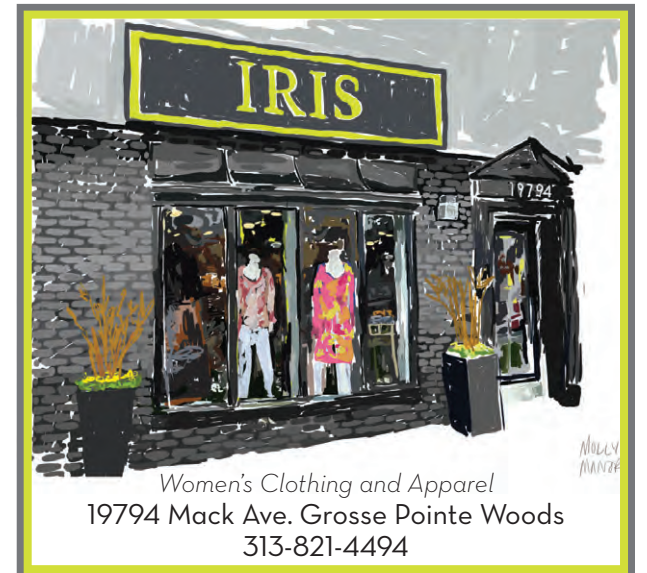
said his intent was to reimburse the district after his legal fees for the recount were paid. He noted his legal bills came to \$13,000, but only raised \$8,000 in campaign donations for the effort.

Gannan, who has lived in the district 30 years, is the retired CEO of a construction company and now does damage assessment of natural

disasters for FEMA.

Martin, a Grosse Pointe native who moved back in 2017, retired from Warren Consolidated Schools and served on that district's board of education almost seven years.

Ismail said he was impressed with Gannan and Martin and hoped they would get more involved with the district.

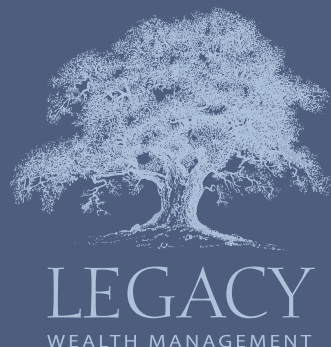


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GPPSS hosts open house Sunday

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — All 13 school buildings in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be open for tours noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

“This is something we look forward to every year,” said Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent for educational services. “It’s a chance to showcase our wonderful buildings and programs.”

Students, teachers and administrators will be on hand to answer questions and give tours.

Bishop noted that while current GPPSS families are welcome to attend the open house, the event is more geared toward attracting new families.

“Everyone can attend, but it’s different from

our back-to-school nights, which are held early in the school year,” Bishop noted. “This is more for families who currently live here but their students go elsewhere or for families thinking about moving into the district.”

According to the district’s consulting firm, Plante Moran, GPPSS has a capture rate of about 85 percent, meaning 15 percent of students who live in the district are enrolled in some other type of educational setting, be it private, parochial, charter or homeschooled.

“This gives us a substantial amount of exposure to those families,” Bishop said. “We get a lot of alumni who are thinking about moving back here to raise their children and they’ll bring them to show them where they

went to school.” Bishop also said a number of real estate agents coordinate their open houses and property showings so families can attend those later in the afternoon.

Bishop at the board of education meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24, gave an enrollment update, saying initial numbers show 6,400 students after the October count day.

“These are very, very preliminary and still have to be audited by the state,” he warned. “We won’t know for sure what the state decides until next May.”

The 2023-24 fiscal year budget was based on an assumption of 6,344 students, down from 6,486 during the 2022-23 academic year.

The district receives more than \$14,000 in state and local funding for each student.



COURTESY PHOTO

GPPSS honors top scholars

The Grosse Pointe Public School System recognized 16 students for academic achievement at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Roy Bishop, deputy superintendent for educational services, said 1.1 million juniors nationally take the PSAT each year. Of those, 34,000, or 2.2 percent, are recognized as commended, while 16,000, or about 1 percent, are named National Merit semifinalists.

Additionally, two students received the National African American Recognition Award, which Bishop said entails maintaining a 3.5 grade-point average or above and scoring a 3 or higher on two or more Advanced Placement tests by their junior year.

Those recognized, from left, were, Vera Bresser (South, National Merit commended), Sean DeGrand (South, National Merit commended), Benjamin Graham (North, National Merit commended), Dagueneau Jewell (South, National Merit commended), Liam Raether (South, National Merit commended), Massimo Todesco (North, National Merit commended), Cassidy Woolums (South, National Merit commended), Madeline Kitchen (South, National Merit commended), Andres Link (South, National Merit commended), Sage Porter (South, National Merit commended) and Kaleb Overton (South, National African American Recognition Award).

Not pictured: Justin Conn (South, National Merit commended), Paul Kaminski (South, National Merit commended), Julia Liagre (North, National Merit commended), Gianna Lloyd (South, National African American Recognition Award) and Aakash Nagori (North, National Merit commended).

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community members in October.

“It’s nothing I haven’t heard before,” Bennett said after the first session. “Pretty much every community has the same expectations when looking at the qualities they want in a new superintendent.”

Bennett also was able

to meet with students from both high schools, teachers and administrators.

The district is accepting applications for the position through Tuesday, Nov. 21. The board plans to interview candidates Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 6 and 7, with the top two finalists back for final interviews Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The base salary is

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

MASB’s base fee is \$10,000. Additional fees could include reimbursement for mileage, lodging, meals, background checks, screening assessments and advertising.

Liggett presents ‘Radium Girls’ Nov. 9-12

University Liggett School recently announced its upcoming production of “Radium Girls,” by D.W. Gregory. The University Liggett School Players will perform this historical drama, which sheds light on the inspiring yet tragic story of the Radium Girls, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, through Saturday, Nov. 11. Additionally, there will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12. During the Sunday matinee, the audience will be treated to a rose ceremony, honoring the school’s seniors.

“Radium Girls” tells the true story of young women in the early 20th century, employed to paint watch dials with radium, unknowingly putting their lives on the line. Their fight for justice against powerful radium corporations serves as a

testament to the strength of the human spirit and pursuit of truth. Through compelling storytelling and remarkable performances, the University Liggett School Players will bring this historical narrative to life, sparking conversations about ethics, justice and corporate responsibility.

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- ◆ Establishing employee retention and recognition strategies,
- ◆ conducting a compensation and personnel policy review to evaluate market competitiveness,
- ◆ continuing staff

training in customer service, internal and external communication

- ◆ and creating operational procedures for internal and external processes.

The third is to promote business and economic development.

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- ◆ Developing an eco-

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- ◆ evaluating the City’s participation in the Redevelopment Ready Communities state program

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Tap into comedy gold with ‘Anything Goes’

GPT performances are Nov. 10-19 at Pierce

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Theatre is cruising onto the next production of its 76th season with “Anything Goes,” a classic comedic musical set aboard the S.S. American. Performances, which take place Nov. 10 to 19, at Pierce Middle School, are directed by Don Bischoff, who’s no stranger to the Cole Porter and P.G. Wodehouse production. “Believe it or not, this is the fifth time I’ve been involved with this production,” said Bischoff, who has acted in it twice and now serves as director a third time. “I love the show. It’s comical,

but really it’s the tap dancing that brings me in the most. I love directing shows with tap dancing — ‘42nd Street,’ ‘Guys and Dolls,’ ‘Anything Goes,’ ‘Crazy for You.’ It’s those old-timey, ’30s to ’50s shows — the Golden Age of Broadway — that attract me.”

“Anything Goes” tells the story of love on a transatlantic ocean liner or, more specifically, a love triangle.

“Basically, a guy meets a girl and she’s destined to marry someone else,” Bischoff said. “Billy stows away on the ship to stop the marriage and get Hope back.”

Along the way, Billy meets Public Enemy No. 13 Moonface Martin,



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The lead cast of Anything Goes left to right Nick Marinello, Kaela Green, Tim Reinman, Danielle Caralis, Mario Simone, Theresa Selvaggio and Bob Montgomery.

who helps him with his scheming.

“The two of them devise different ways to get Hope and Billy together,” he added. “It all ends up OK, because the man Hope was going to marry finds somebody else on the ship.”

Adding more music and dancing to the mix is nightclub singer/evangelist Reno Sweeney, who entertains with the help of tap-dancing sailors, backup singers and a few angels.

The cast for “Anything Goes” reads like a Grosse Pointe Theatre all-star roll call.

“I’ve been really fortunate over the last 15 years of doing shows and

directing shows,” Bischoff said. “When people hear I’m doing a tap-dancing show I can get a lot of the best talent around town to come and do it. I’ve been very lucky that way.”

The director is so drawn to tap dancing — he’s been at it since age 9 — he’ll buckle on his tap shoes for one of the show’s dances.

“I threw myself in a number that looked like fun,” he said.

The musical features timeless songs such as “I Get a Kick Out of You,” “You’re the Top” and “Anything Goes,” the latter of which features an eight-minute tap dance.

“It’s exhausting,” Bischoff said, noting the song, “Blow, Gabriel, Blow” also tallies more than seven minutes of tap.

“I believe those are what the audience is there to see,” he continued. “It’s an old-timey musical, so they’re coming to see dances and singing. It’s classic Cole Porter music — a lot of energy, the characters are spot on and have beautiful voices. Of all the shows I’ve done, this is the most beautiful cast I’ve ever seen.”

Bischoff said he’s also quite pleased with the set design, of which he’s also been a part.

“Our ‘Anything Goes’ set is spectacular,” he

The Details

What: “Anything Goes”

When:

8 p.m. Friday, Nov 10
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11
2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18
2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19

Where: Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park

How: Tickets cost \$35 including fees and may be purchased online at gpt.org/anything or by calling (313) 881-4004. Tickets also will be available at the door.

said. “... We hope the audience feels that they are on the ocean liner with us.”

Assisting Bischoff with directing duties is Stephanie Butler, an onstage GPT veteran who is serving as apprentice director for the show.

“I’m so honored to be helping ‘lead the ship,’” she said. “Having been onstage almost all of my life, stepping backstage these past couple years has brought a new level of creativity and art to my life.”

Bischoff and Butler are among “an army” of volunteers who are working to make “Anything Goes” a can’t-miss production.

“Close to 100 volunteers are working on

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Bob Montgomery as Elisha Whitney and Theresa Selvaggio as Mrs. Evangeline Harcourt in “Anything Goes.”

STAHLs hosts pair of events in support of veterans

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In honor and support of U.S. veterans, STAHLs Automotive Collection is hosting back-to-back events the whole family can enjoy, starting with the STAHLs’ Power Play for Heroes Charity Hockey Game.

On the ice

Friday, Nov. 10, all ages are invited to St. Clair Shores Civic Arena to watch Team STAHLs take the ice against Detroit Red Wings alumni, including four-time Stanley Cup winner Darren McCarty.

Paul Sabatini, a product and business specialist who works in concept development and sports initiatives for STAHLs, said the night promises to be more than just a hockey game.

“It will be entertaining,” he said. “It’s an experience for the whole family.”

From face painting and food trucks to a live auction with DC Sports, there



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PAUL SABATINI

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs recipient Matt McMurray and his dog Cobalt, and Dan Stahl.

will be something for everyone at the game.

“(Former Red Wings defenseman) Jonathan Ericsson will be playing, but he also just launched a new Béarnaise sauce, so there will be tables set up with samples,” Sabatini

said, noting Red Wings memorabilia, gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle also are part of the event, in its seventh year.

“Al Sobotka, the former Red Wings Zamboni driver, will be throwing octopi into the crowd,”

Sabatini said, quickly adding, “not real ones; they’re plush. So there will be interaction with the crowd.”

As is custom, the Michigan Flyers hockey team, for people with developmental disabili-



Paul Sabatini shakes hands with veteran Vince Zerilli as Dan Stahl and veteran Chuck Ferrigno speak in the background.

ties, has been invited to the game and will take the ice afterward for a group photo with both teams.

The main event, however, is the game itself. While the Red Wings alumni are always a big draw, their competitors for this special game include a celebrity or two as well. WXYZ Channel 7 sports reporter Brad Galli will lace up his skates for Team STAHLs, which also features STAHLs employees and their fam-

ily members.

“STAHLs is really a hockey workplace,” Sabatini said. “(Founder) Ted Stahl was prominent in the hockey industry in the past. It is odd, though, that we have enough at STAHLs to form a team.”

Proceeds from the hockey game and all its components will benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, a nonprofit that breeds, trains and

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pairs dogs with veterans and first responders living with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, mobility issues and other disorders. Thanks to the generosity of donors and events like the STAHL'S Power Play for Heroes Charity Hockey Game, dogs are paired at no cost to the recipient.

"All money raised goes toward Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs," Sabatini said. "We'll be having someone there from Guardian Angels and we'll be honoring veterans before the game."

The ceremony starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. The puck will drop shortly thereafter.

"A Guardian Angels recipient and their dog will be participating in the puck drop," Sabatini said.

Admission to the hockey game is \$10, free for ages 10 and younger. For advance tickets, visit stahlsppfh2023.eventbrite.com

At the museum

The following day, the ninth annual Veterans' Day Open House takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at STAHL'S Automotive Collection, 56516 N. Bay Dr., Chesterfield.

During these extended hours, the museum is opening its doors to the community — especially to veterans and current service members — all of whom are welcome free of charge.

"It started basically because we wanted to honor veterans," STAHL'S General Manager Terri Coppens said. "We opened our doors, which usually were limited hours, and extended our hours. We wanted veter-

ans to come in. We worked with a gentleman with military memorabilia, which is not normally on display. It's grown from there."

Guests to the museum are welcome to walk among its nearly 100 vintage vehicles from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, as well as Tucker, Duesenberg, Packard and more. Its premier collection of Brass Age, Depression Era, pre-war and post-war vehicles also includes a few new additions: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; a 1912 Edison, the only survivor of the three electric cars built by Thomas Edison; and a 1963 Chrysler Turbine.

Other amenities of the day include a food truck, 50/50 and other raffles, a display of military items and the opportunity to add a note to veterans to the thank-you wall. Historic military footage and a selection of Bob Hope's USO Tour footage will be played as well.

At 11:11 a.m., a color guard will present the colors and world-renowned organist David Wickerham will play the museum's Wurlitzer theater organ.

In lieu of admission, donation boxes throughout the museum will accept donations, all of which benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. Representatives from Guardian Angels will speak during the event and a veteran who has been paired with a service dog will share about their experience, Coppens said.

"The whole day is for the benefit of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs," she added. "There's no charge. Every



Dan Stahl holds a photo of Babe, one of the dogs sponsored by STAHL'S, as Guardian Angels Founder Carol Borden addresses attendees of the museum's Veterans Day event.

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penny we take in all goes to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. We don't keep one penny."

The cause

Funds raised through prior STAHL'S hockey games and open house events have amounted to enough money to sponsor five Guardian Angels service dogs, which is no small feat considering the cost to sponsor one dog is \$25,000.

"We hope to do that again," Coppens said.

Funds are used to train, house and feed each dog for approximately two years, as well as to pair the dog with a veteran at no charge to the veteran.

"This truly is a difference maker, what these dogs do for veterans," Sabatini said.

Coppens, who visited the Guardian Angels facility in Williston, Fla., said she was struck by the in-depth training she witnessed.

But what resonated with her even deeper was talking to the recipients themselves and hearing their stories.

"I chatted with one of the women veterans who received one of (STAHL'S)

dogs," Coppens said. "To hear her story, to hear how her dog saved her life, was an incredible experience."

Another comment that has stuck with Coppens is the fact that in 13 years, Guardian Angels has a zero percent suicide rate among recipients. Additionally, the divorce rate among recipients is less than 3 percent, compared to 47 percent nationwide.

"Last year, a veteran was (at the open house) who had his dog for five or six months," Coppens recalled. "He said he wouldn't have been able to be here, in this crowd, without his dog. It's a life-changing thing. To see how much these dogs have given to these people is amazing."

To assist in fundraising, sponsorship packages are available that include both the hockey game and open house. Levels range from Bronze (\$50 to \$249) to Platinum (\$5,000 or more) and include perks, including tickets to

the hockey game. "The main reason for all of this is supporting veterans," Sabatini said. "That's why we're doing both days."

Those unable to attend either event still may show support by visiting stahlsppfh2023.eventbrite.com to make a donation. Tickets also are available on the website.

Additional information, including event and sponsorship information, may be found online at stahls-auto.com, which also includes a PayPal link for donations.



STAHL'S volunteer Jerry Drenzek poses with two members of the American Rosie the Riveter Association during a past Veterans' Day event.



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From left, Nick Marinello as Moonface Martin, Kaela Green as Emma and Mario Simone as Billy in "Anything Goes."

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this," Bischoff said. "They're doing it selflessly, for no other reason than they want to be part of this organization, which is a great tribute to their dedication. From painting and building to

making costumes to the play bill, so many people are involved in making a finished product to be proud of."

"Anything Goes" is for all ages, he added.

"Come see a funny, energetic musical. You'll enjoy every minute and leave humming Cole Porter's 'Anything Goes'

and tapping your feet on the way out."

This season, an additional weeknight show has been added to the GPT schedule, with both Wednesday and Thursday evenings available. "Anything Goes" is produced by special arrangements with Concord Theatricals.



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Danielle Caralis as Reno Sweeney in "Anything Goes."

To honor, educate and inspire

Shores man to run first full marathon post-transplant

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Shores resident David Galbenski clearly remembers Oct. 20, 2013. It wasn't the Detroit Free Press Marathon he completed that sticks out most in his memory. It was what happened next.

"The next day I had a medical procedure at Henry Ford Hospital that diagnosed me with a rare autoimmune disease," he recalled.

Galbenski soon learned there is no treatment for primary sclerosing cholangitis, or PSC, and he would die without a liver transplant.

The next 10 years was a rollercoaster of sorts. Galbenski entered end-stage liver failure, then received a life-saving living donor liver transplant — thanks to his brother-in-law, Mark Dybis, of Grosse Pointe Woods — and finally laced up his running shoes again.

This Sunday, he'll run his first official full marathon — the New York City Marathon — since receiving the transplant in 2019.

"It's been 10 years, 2013 to 2023," he said. "I think it's a neat significance — a decade of the transplant journey. I didn't know if I'd be able to run again — to just run in general — but to be able to run a marathon ... it's a huge endurance

test. It's a dream to complete.

"... I'll be using the achievement of the marathon to demonstrate the power and possibility of living organ donation, that you can reach end-stage liver disease or kidney disease and return to the activities that you love," he said.

Honoring his brother-in-law and other living donors while educating others about living donation through his participation in the marathon, Galbenski hopes to inspire people to share their own stories about living organ donation or hopefully become living donors themselves.

"The New York City Marathon is one of the six major marathons in the world," he said. "To have the ability to participate in it and raise awareness around organ donation ... aligns with what we're doing with the Living Liver Foundation, which is to honor, educate and inspire."

In February 2022, Galbenski and his wife, Lynn, started the Living Liver Foundation — livingliver.org — a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is building awareness about living liver donations.

Through additional efforts, April 11 officially has been designated National Living Donor Day, which is recognized

by the Cincinnati Reds and Atlanta Braves.

"They've allocated their games that day for living liver donor awareness," Galbenski said, noting he hopes to add more MLB teams to the roster, including the Detroit Tigers.

Since his transplant, Galbenski has worked his way back up to running long distances through the five Pointes and looks forward to translating that 26.2 miles to the five Burroughs of New York. The race starts in Staten Island, then moves through Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan before looping through the Bronx and ending back in Manhattan.

"There are 50,000 runners and an estimated hundreds of thousands — if not a million — of New Yorkers that line the streets," Galbenski said. "In talking to people who live in New York, some New Yorkers believe this is the best day in New York, because thousands of New Yorkers are supporting it."

"... They tell you to write your name big on your shirt," he added. "New Yorkers will just call out your name and it's amazing, the power of that. They'll yell out, 'Go get 'em, Dave!' or 'You can do it, Dave!' That'll energize me along the route."

Galbenski was pro-

vided entry to the marathon through the Chris Krug Foundation. Krug is a former Olympian who medaled in the 2002 Winter Olympics two years after receiving a liver transplant.

"They are a charity partner of the New York City Marathon and they had an extra bib, so they asked me to run as part of their team," he explained. "I'm excited to be part of that team to build organ donation awareness."

There are other facets of race day Galbenski is looking forward to experiencing.

"When you get a finisher medal, the day after, Marathon Monday, they leave up the finish line for photos and they engrave the medal with your name and time," he said. "I'm going to get a special engraving: 'Dave powered by Mark.' That's the tweak that will symbolize to me what transplant is all about. We're powered by the gift of someone else. That's why this medal will be really special: the power of connectivity and the power of living transplant, because we do it together."

Galbenski said unlike many runners, he's not concerned about his race time.

"That's not why I'm doing it," he said. "I'm doing it to finish it. ... I'll be reflecting, soaking it in, enjoying time with other runners on the route and the fact that I can do it."

When asked how people can show support as



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID GALBENSKI

David Galbenski eased back into running post-transplant through Detroit Free Press Marathon one-mile run.

he prepares for New York, he said, "Send positive energy and prayers. And if there's a specific person who was a living donor or someone who was a deceased donor, as I'm running I'll be keeping a list and I'll be thinking about them."

"Those who are inclined to help us put forward donor awareness can show their support financially at livingliver.org. The first two are key though — honoring people and I'll need all the positive energy it takes to traverse 26.2 miles."

This marathon is just the next in a list of post-transplant accomplishments for Galbenski.

Earlier this year, he participated in his first Transplant Games of America, returning from San Diego sporting nine medals and the honor of having broken three Transplant Games records. But this next accomplishment will bring the last decade full circle.

"From running a marathon, to being diagnosed, leading to end-stage liver disease, to getting a living donor to running a marathon again, it's been quite a journey," he said. "I can imagine the emotions I'm going to feel as I cross the finish line in Central Park."

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods offers Preschool Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. through Nov. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Led by Danielle Mitchelson, parents and caregivers join in as toddlers play, sing and dance. For ages 2 and older. For information or to register, email maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

Ford House

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

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

◆ Sustainability Talk: Fashion, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, with fashion designer Paulina Petkoski. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

◆ Game Night: Trivia Night, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

◆ Family Workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Member cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children; nonmember cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children.

◆ Bird Walk, Sunday, Nov. 5, with Rosann Kovalcick of Wild Birds Unlimited Grosse Pointe and Bill Rapai, president of Grosse Pointe Audubon. Cost is \$8 for

members, \$10 for non-members.

◆ Storytime: The Mitten, Tuesdays, Nov. 7 and 14, for all ages.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

◆ Dia de los Muertos Teen Craft, 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Hustle for Health Dance Class, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ D&D Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Coding@Ewald-Star Wars, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1st Tuesday Book Discussion, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Fall Craft Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Pom Pom Pumpkins, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Appy Hour, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Capture the Holiday Spirit!, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E.

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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.

Ross John Fazio

Ross John Fazio, 94, passed away Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023. He spent his final days surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his children, Ann Marie Aliotta (Jerry), Ross Jr. "Chip," Mary Lutfy (George) and Sarah Walsh; and cherished grandchildren, Sophia Scarpa (Vince), Joey, Francesca, Addie, George, Michael, Giovanni, Jude, Gino, Jack (dec. Sept. 11, 2003) and Giuliana. He was predeceased by Virginia Fazio.

Born in the Italian "old neighborhood" on the east side of Detroit, to Joseph and Sarah Iaquina Fazio, Ross, known as "Roy" to his family, graduated from Campau Elementary School, Greusel Junior High School and St. Joseph High School. He began working when he was 14 years old at Tony's Market on Elmwood.

Ross earned a bachelor's degree and law degree from Wayne State University, where he was president of the Law School Board of Governors and a member of the Mackenzie Honor Society. He was a lawyer in private practice with an office in the Penobscot Building for many years. After retiring from practicing law, he had a second career as a teacher in the Detroit Public School system.

He loved history, told great stories, fed the birds, visited the sick. He indulged his children's every whim growing up and supported every pursuit. He was fiercely proud of his kids and grandkids. He was perhaps best known as a tireless volunteer, friend and mentor who touched countless lives. As a volunteer at Ascension St. John Hospital for more than 40 years, he recently was honored by the Young Survivors Coalition at the Van Elslander Cancer Center for his extraordinary service. He spent years volunteering for the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade and Friends of Belle Isle, both places he took his children to regularly when they were young. In 2012, he received the Metro Detroit YMCA Golden Oldies Award for Outstanding Community Service for his volunteer work with the Friends of Belle Isle. He was active in the dad's clubs of his children's schools (St. Matthew Elementary School, Bishop Gallagher High School and De La Salle High School), as well as the Knights of Columbus and Italian Lawyers Club of Detroit. He also worked with the Dominican Literacy Center, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen and St. Dominic's.

His family and friends were his greatest joy and he was an honored guest at sporting events, concerts, plays, birthdays, holidays and graduations. At those events, he made his legendary origami cranes for any child who asked (he always kept 3x5 cards in his

pocket for this purpose!). He was eager to help others with letters of recommendation when needed and frequently sent meaningful notes of appreciation, encouragement and support.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit. Visitation begins at 10 a.m., with a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, 8642 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202, stleosoupkitchen-detroit.org/donate; or the St. Dominic Outreach Center, P.O. Box 32655, Detroit, MI 48232, stdominicoutreach.org/donate.

Richard G. Fuher

Richard G. Fuher, 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Richard was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Pittsburgh, to Anna and Ferdinand Fuher Jr. He graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles, then earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Detroit. He furthered his architecture studies by working on a master's degree in Athens, Greece.

His career spanned across several firms in Detroit and Los Angeles, where his specialty was large-scale buildings such as hospitals (including the Bon Secours expansion), libraries (including the Wayne State Undergraduate Library) and clinics (including Henry Ford Medical Centers). One of his final projects was converting the Wonder Bread Bakery into the first MotorCity Casino in Detroit. He also won various awards throughout his career.

Richard served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves and was involved with the Men of the Sacred Heart. He loved completing the daily N.Y. Times crossword puzzles with a pen, learned to speak fluent Lebanese Arabic and enjoyed discussing philosophy, politics and religion.

Richard was the devoted husband of Leila. They were looking forward to their 60th wedding anniversary in April 2024. The couple's philanthropy was evident in the 1960s when they organized teens from the Grosse Pointes to distribute donation canisters throughout local businesses and raised a substantial amount of money for the new St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Richard was the beloved father of Christopher (Suzanne) and Michael (Michele); loving grandfather of Jacob and Kenneth; and loving step-grandfather of Andrea. He was predeceased by his siblings, Ferdinand III, Marion and Jean. He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Richard generously donated his body to the Wayne State University School of Medicine for

research to support future doctors. A memorial Mass at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit will be scheduled by the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit, MI 48214, saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online.

Jack Richard Danko

Jack Richard Danko passed away peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at ShorePointe Center, St. Clair Shores.

He was the adoring friend and former husband of Danuta Fadanelli; and loving, proud father of Bibianna Dussling (Russell), Hania, Jonathon (Haley), Julian (Taliah) and Geneva. He also is survived by his sisters, Joann Delia (Thomas) and Julie; and brothers, John (Marina) and Gerald (Mary). He was the proud grandfather of nine, Ronin, Lily, Halina, Augustus, Alexander, Julian, Gracie, Bellamy and Winston; and had many nieces, nephews and cousins aplenty. He was predeceased by his brother, Dennis (the late Joanie); and his beloved English bulldogs, Lulu Belle and Bubba Louie.

Born Aug. 27, 1946, in Highland Park, to John and Eula (nee Miller), Jack began working in his teens "on the line" at Chrysler, working his way up to plant foreman at the Chrysler Detroit Axle Plant. Eventually he worked at Chrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills as a quality control engineer. A proud 1963 graduate of East Detroit High School, he earned a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from Wayne State University's Monteith College and an MBA in labor relations from Wayne State University.

He learned to fly small planes before he drove and enjoyed time caddying at Lochmoor Country Club, becoming the youngest caddy master there at the time. He loved to share his adventures and hijinks: of drag racing on 8 Mile and on Gratiot, his years as a first lieutenant in the Marines (1968-71) — he held the record for the second-highest score on the national military entrance exam for years — as well as his children's travels and exploits.

Jack expressed his creativity through whimsical art, designing his garden and propagating plants (mostly diverse hostas), Koi and chinchilla breeding for color mutations, the VioFire being his proudest accomplishment.

But cars were his first hobby/love/obsession, particularly fast cars. He could identify cars at the age of 4, while standing on a street corner. He kept current with his knowledge of domestic and some foreign cars and tires. He was the go-to person for information on vehicle and tire questions, often without even needing to be asked.



Ross John Fazio



Richard G. Fuher



Jack Richard Danko



Thomas J. McDonald



Eleanor Jane Tacke



Theodore T. Kalkhoff

He was always up for a road trip, ready to grab the most basic essentials — sometimes much to the chagrin of his wife and children. And what better captive audience a road trip offers for sharing about cars, as well as his musical preferences from the 1950s through the early '80s. He greatly influenced his children's musical tastes, educating them on Motown, doo-wop, rock, folk and anti-war songs. "Alice's Restaurant" was a "must listen" every Thanksgiving.

Jack was a prankster. He was a generous soul filled with love, but was plagued by his "dark friend," depression and mental illness. He was cavalier about his physical health, which led to his much-too-late diagnosis of stage 4 melanoma, which had significantly metastasized to his brain. Although he was an adamant agnostic, he welcomed Jesus Christ and was baptized the day before his quick passing. He will be greatly missed.

In his memory, his family requests getting an annual screening by a dermatologist and taking care of your health.

Thomas Jerome McDonald

Thomas Jerome McDonald, 92, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023.

Tom was the broker at Crown Realty Inc. He started working in the family business after graduating from St. Ambrose High School. He went to the University of Michigan Extension Services and was in the first class of the Real Estate Alumni of Michigan in 1951. He was unable to attend his graduation as he had enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He obtained the rank of staff sergeant.

Tom met his wife, Dorothy, after sneaking into a dance at Marygrove College. He and Dorothy were happily married for 59 years before her passing. Tom always said he "married up," as she was her class valedictorian.

He also owned the Thomas McDonald Insurance Agency for many years and went on numerous trips around the globe. He was an usher at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. At the time of his death, he was still a licensed real estate broker, having been active in the business more than 74 years. Tom was

very proud of the fact his five sons all graduated from the University of Michigan while he was earning a living from his little office on Charlevoix.

Tom is survived by his sons, Thomas McDonald (Cindy), Martin McDonald, James McDonald (Debbie), Michael McDonald (Sherrill) and Patrick McDonald (Nancy). He also is survived by many grandchildren.

Visitation will be held for Tom from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. He will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. until his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the I.H.M. Sisters, ihmsisters.org/supporting-the-mission/giving-opportunities/donate, or The Capuchins, thecapuchins.org/donate.

Eleanor "Ellie" Jane Tacke

Eleanor "Ellie" Jane Tacke, 84, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

Ellie was born Feb. 13, 1939, in Detroit, to Harald and Margaret (nee Gillett) Atherton, both now deceased. A graduate of Lincoln High School in Ferndale, she started her university studies at Miami University of Ohio and later graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies, as well as a master's degree in library information sciences.

She was employed for many years as an executive secretary at General Motors. Later, she worked as an archivist at the Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University. Eleanor was active in the League of Women Voters, serving in various leadership capacities for metro Detroit and Grosse Pointe from the 1970s to the 1990s.

From 2000 to 2022, she and her husband retired to the Traverse City area, where she volunteered at the Interlochen Center for the Arts and Friends of the Interlochen Public Library, serving as a trustee. She also served as director of the Women's History Project in northwest Michigan. In addition, she volunteered for the American Association of University Women as a chapter president in the Traverse City area from 2004 to 2008, and was a member

of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a passionate supporter of the arts and public libraries. Eleanor enjoyed swimming, reading and researching genealogy. She loved to travel throughout the U.S., and took notable trips to Russia, Poland, Georgia and Azerbaijan in the late 1980s; Italy and Western Europe in the 1990s; and in 2007, she went to Egypt through the United States-Egypt Education Forum in Cairo (People to People).

Eleanor is survived by her husband, Carl E. Tacke; daughter, Lisa Tacke-Pucylowski (Mark); son, Paul Tacke (Susan); and grandchildren, Olivia Pucylowski and Trent Tacke.

She was predeceased by her sister, Susan Montgomery; and brother, Douglas Atherton.

Visitation will occur at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, with a memorial service at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org/donate; American Association of University Women, my.aauw.org/donation-product-detail; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, stpaulgp.org/give; or Holy Cross Lutheran Church, bit.ly/49gpa5u.

Theodore Thomas Kalkhoff

Theodore Thomas Kalkhoff, 72, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

Theodore was born July 3, 1951, to William and Cecilia Kalkhoff, both now deceased. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1969, and worked as a boiler room operations manager. He loved to fish and spend time with loved ones.

Theodore is survived by his daughter, Valerie Heather Kalkhoff; son, Jeffrey Paul Kalkhoff; grandchild, Hameeda Yaser AlHalemi; and brother, Michael Kalkhoff.

He was predeceased by his wife, Josephine Ann (Imbrunnone) Kalkhoff; and siblings, Patricia Currier, Ann Lynn Bushman and William Kalkhoff.

Internment will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

OBITS:

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Patricia Jane Kozaruk

Patricia Jane (nee Geyman) Kozaruk, 76, passed away Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023.

Patricia was the beloved wife of Larry; loving mother of David (Lisa); and dear sister of Paul (Julie), Carol (Paul) and the late Beverly. She was predeceased by her parents, James and Betty Jane.

Interment will occur at Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan, nationalmsociety.org/Donate.

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at wujekcalca terra.com.

Thomas "Tom" M. Bolz

Thomas "Tom" M. Bolz, 81, passed away Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023.

Tom was the loving husband of 59 years to



Patricia Jane Kozaruk



Thomas M. Bolz

Cecelia (née Gorka), who survives him. Tom and Cecelia were sweethearts for almost 70 years.

Tom attended St. Veronica Elementary School, Notre Dame High School and University of Detroit Mercy. He played football at U of D and later, professionally for the New York Jets. Afterward, Tom began Gerard Thomas Co., in 1969. Gerard Thomas was an international marketing and engineering firm specializing in automotive components.

Tom cast a large shadow. He was a big man in all respects, but was gentle and loved all animals and they loved him back. Tom's good humor and wit made

those around him smile. He will be long remembered by his friends and mentees.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park. A gathering will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. until his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau, Detroit, MI 48212, or macsshelter.org/donate/.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

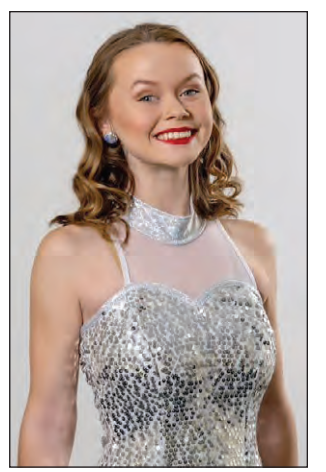
Chorus announces scholarship winner, Christmas concert

The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus, led by musical director Cynthia Ohrt, recently announced that Allyson Nash will receive its 2023 Macomb Community College scholarship.

Nash is a graduate of Dakota High School, where she was involved in show choir and musicals including "Footloose," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Les Miserable." She has an impressive background in music and is president

of The Macomers. After she completes her studies at MCC, she wants to participate in the Disney College Program and then transfer to a university to complete her degree. She would like to become a full-time music teacher.

Nash will be the featured soloist during the Christmas concert of the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Lake Shore High School, 22980 13 Mile, St. Clair



Allyson Nash

Shores. Tickets are \$18 in advance for adults, \$20 for adults at the door, \$10 for ages 4 to 12 and free for ages 3 and younger. For ticket information, call Linda at (586) 482-6056 or visit scscommunitychorus.org.

League of Women Voters sponsors program on FOIA, Open Meetings Act

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe, in partnership with the League of Women Voters Detroit, is sponsoring the program, "From Darkness to Light: How Michigan's 'Sunshine Laws' Impact Your Civil Liberties."

The program takes place 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Michigan's Sunshine Laws — the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) — were designed to make government processes and information more open to the public. Citizens use them every day to ensure transparency.

What can someone do if they believe a local city council or school board isn't abiding by the state's Open Meetings Act? What public records are available and how may they be obtained?

Attendees of this program will learn which bodies are subject to these laws, how to file a FOIA request for records owned by the public and steps to take if it is believed a local government body has violated the OMA.

Speakers include:

- ◆ Christine MacDonald, award-winning Free Press investigative editor;
- ◆ Ralph Sampson, attorney, FOIA expert and former president of ACLU Michigan; and
- ◆ Gouri Sashital, attorney with Keller Thoma and OMA expert.

Attendance is free and open to all, but attendees are asked to register and submit questions in advance.

To register, visit SunshineLaws.eventbrite.com.

For more information, contact Dawn Drozd, vice president for programs, at lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com.

Lunch, Laugh and Learn is Nov. 16

St. Michael's Episcopal Church invites the community to its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn program Thursday, Nov. 16. Guest presenter is historian Arthur Woodford, who will share the story and images of Tashmoo Park and the Tashmoo Steamer. Copies of his book will be available to purchase for \$25.

There is no charge for the lunch

and program; a freewill offering at the door is appreciated. To reserve a seat, call the church office at (313) 884-4820 no later than Tuesday, Nov. 14.

St. Michael's is located at 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, with an entrance off Mack between CVS and the Parcels Middle School playing field.

St. Paul on the Lake offers 'Faith & Wellness Series for Seniors'

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers "Faith and Wellness Series for Seniors," beginning with Mass at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Through "The Wisdom We Share," guests will hear an inspiring message from Father Jim Bilot, reflecting on the wisdom of elders and their vital role in the community.

Then, from 9:10 to 10 a.m., during "Safety, Security and Scam Prevention," Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Jon Ross will provide information and helpful safety and prevention tips about harmful scams targeting older adults and the community at large.

Resources, refreshments and giveaways will be offered in the church assembly room. Reservations are requested, but walk-ins are welcome. Caregivers and friends also are welcome to attend.

Those in need of transportation, more information or wishing to register may call Tricia Kesteloot at (313) 885-4816 or email tkesteloot@stpaulonthelake.org.



Senior services discussed

Krista Siddall, executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center in Grosse Pointe Farms, receives a thank-you gift from Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary President Sherrie Jones. Siddall gave an overview of the numerous classes, programs and services for older adults available in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods area during the Oct. 24 Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meeting at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Mystery memorabilia

I own a beat-up tintype of two grim, slouching people, a man and a woman. They're seated side by side and staring, unsmiling, directly into the camera lens. They aren't touching, aren't holding hands. Her hands are clasped in her lap.

Should I toss it out or should I consider it priceless?

It's hard to tell ages in photos that old. People not only looked old at an earlier age, but they thought old, dressed old and acted old sooner than we do today. This couple might be in their 80s, just like me.

Then again, they might be in their 50s.

When she was younger than I am, my grandmother wore long, shapeless, flowered garments that zipped up the front, called house dresses. While she was working at home during the day — cleaning, cooking and taking care of the household — she rolled her nylon stockings (they came in pairs, in those days before pantyhose) down below her knees and secured them with fat elastic blue garters that made deep dents in the flesh of her calves.

My grandmother never owned a pair of jeans or shorts or a T-shirt or ath-

letic shoes or tights or pantyhose. She wore black, thick-heeled, lace-up shoes and (nearly always) an apron. When she got dressed up she chose a nondescript dark dress, a black coat and a black felt hat with a small brim. She secured the hat by poking a long, sharp hatpin through it, then threading the pin through her hair.

After her five children were grown, settled and successful, they all chipped in to buy her a mink stole for Mother's Day. She wasn't thrilled with it — "Oh, for goodness' sake," she grumbled, "I don't need a fur wrap."

She hardly ever wore it. It was made of five or six whole pelts — complete mink skins — lined up in a row and strung together. The minks had beady little glass eyes, open mouths showing their sharp teeth and shiny leathery ears and noses. Each set of mink teeth was clamped tightly on the tail of the animal in front of it, like circus elephants used to be lined up, trunk-to-tail-to-trunk-to-tail, for parades.

Mink wraps offered wonderful diversions for small children during boring church services. If the lady in the pew in front of you was

wearing one of those pelt parades, you could lean forward and wag the little tails and wiggle the little feet and poke your fingers in the little eyes and stick pencils up the little noses. Until an adult smacked your hand away.

But I digress.

The unsmiling couple in the photo are probably my relatives. I have no idea who they are or why their photo was stored in a box of keepsakes that settled in my basement after my parents died.

The Tintype of the Unknowns. I don't know what to do with these people. Their dark, shapeless clothing is rumpled. The woman's hair is parted in the middle and gathered unattractively in little circlets over her ears, like hairy earphones. She has dark shadows under her eyes and she looks tired. He looks like he needs a shampoo and a shave.

Should I toss them? Should I keep them? Should I sell them on eBay? Should I pass them on to my children, who are yet one more generation removed from knowing who they were?

There is a lesson here. If you have family photos and memorabilia, for God's sake, label everything you can. Write

down the names of the people you know and include a note about where they belong on the family tree. For example: "The lady with the oversized shoulder pads and the bad complexion is Aunt Fritzie. She was Dad's mother's brother's oldest daughter. Married to Grover, who had a heart attack and died young. No children. Fritzie remarried a traveling salesman called Big Al and moved to Poughkeepsie."

In that same box of my parents' belongings, I discovered an 8 mm movie projector and a reel of film labeled simply: "1938." I had it transferred to DVD about 20 years ago, even though I hadn't the foggiest idea what it might be.

To my surprise, it turned out to be a conglomeration of jumpy, grainy, faded movies taken at my parents' wedding. I typed up a commentary, naming all the people in the film I was sure of, the places I could identify and bits of family history I remembered about those scenes. I stored it with the DVD.

Some day I hope my children, grandchildren and maybe my great-grandchildren will watch scenes from an ancestral wedding that took place June 25, 1938, and appreciate the information I supplied.

Perhaps they'll consider it priceless.

The Helm for the holidays

Giving Tree

For more than 10 years, The Helm has been collecting various nonperishable food and other items for its annual gift bags for homebound seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. It's time to switch things up.

"While the gift basket tradition has been well supported by donors and tremendously appreciated by recipients, we've found there are increased dietary restrictions that make this program harder to manage," said Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, director of volunteer services. "We spoke with several recipients who welcomed the idea of a specific gift or gift card, so we decided to create a giving tree. By having gift tags, we're able to give them something they want, need and can use."

Commonly requested items are gift cards to Kroger and Meijer, blankets, sleepwear and stamps.

Gift tags will be available now through Thursday, Nov. 30. Those interested are invited to stop by The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, between 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to select a tag. They're asked to return the new, unwrapped gift or gifts to The Helm by Friday, Dec. 8.

"We are so grateful to be in a community that understands and appreciates older adults," Uhlig-Johnstone said. "If you can't make it to The Helm to select a gift tag but would like to support a homebound senior, pick a tag online at bit.ly/3PjQvf4. And, of course, we always accept cash donations and have volunteers who enjoy shopping."

Volunteers will be needed to wrap and deliver presents as well. Wrapping takes place Wednesday, Dec. 13, followed by delivery Dec. 13 to 20.

Call Uhlig-Johnstone at (313) 649-2107 for more information about the giving tree or to volunteer to wrap or deliver gifts.

Gratiot Loop

Once again for the holiday season, Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service will operate Shop the Gratiot Loop Tuesdays and Fridays during November and December. Shop the Gratiot Loop service is free and runs every Friday throughout the year. The addition of Tuesday service is to help with



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Grosse Pointe Farms Survey Photo Collection



During the late 1910s and early 1920s Grosse Pointe Farms undertook a land survey documented in photographs. The photos are part of the Ignatius Backman Collection from the Farms city offices.

As the collection reflects, by the 1910s, the advent of the car accelerated the development of Grosse Pointe. New inland roads like Oak (now Muir) attracted tradesmen, estate workers and village employees while streets like Beverly lured businessmen and professionals. Estate owners used inland portions of their property for subdivisions; developers replaced farmland with boulevards like Cloverly. Regardless of location, new homes reflected diverse architectural styles including English Tudor, French Renaissance, Italianate, Georgian, Colonial and Arts and Crafts.

Although town marshals in 1911 were still rounding up stray cattle near the lake, by 1925 it was illegal for local farmers to sell fresh produce along the shore. Increased population required enhanced services. Roads were paved and maintained by local contractors like Moran and Teetaert; sewage and waste water pipes were installed. In 1905, the Peninsular Electric Light Company agreed to provide both street lights and drinking water for 10 years. By the midteens, agreements with Detroit and Highland Park further assured water safety.



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Case coordination covers all issues in aging

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Everyone ages differently. Some people know exactly what they want or need, while others need a little help along the way.

Seniors on both ends of that spectrum — and those who are in between — can find the help they need through The Helm's Case Coordination program, which is for older adults who need extra attention.

"It depends on a case-by-case basis what a person's needs are," said Allie Short, case coordinator at The Helm. "I'm the connector piece between the individual experiencing an issue in aging and a potential resource."

Case coordination can cover a variety of needs, from advanced care plan-

ning or medical delivery services to in-home care and more. If Short can't connect people with resources available through The Helm, she'll locate outside agencies, explain what resources are available and how to contact them. The amount of time she spends per client varies.

"Case coordination is like a spectrum," she explained. "Some people may receive case coordination assistance as a one-and-done deal. They know their needs, they know their wants and they just need guidance on how to get that going or where to look first. I start them down that path. I listen to their needs and help open that door."

"Then there's the other end of the spectrum," she continued. "There's more of a crisis or complica-

tion. There are more things going on. Maybe it's a challenging medical diagnosis they just received or their current needs are changing and they're trying to prepare. That's a longer relationship."

An assessment of medical, emotional, social and physical factors gives Short an idea of next steps to take.

"Then I do research," she said. "I find out what The Helm has for any needs that need to be met, as well as other agencies if The Helm doesn't offer those services. Then I come back to them with that information."

The assessment also is helpful for people who may not fall on one side of the spectrum or the other.

"Someone might roughly know what they



need, but I might notice there may be other conversations that would be helpful to have," Short said, noting it's up to the person affected how far those conversations go.

"If they're response is

they're not comfortable going there, I'll back off," she said. "I'm here to support them, not tell them how to live their life or what to do. ... I'm here to help the individual meet their goals; it's not

my goals for them."

It's not always the impacted senior making the call. Sometimes a family member or friend will have concerns and call on behalf of a loved one. In those instances, Short stressed the slogan, "Nothing about us without us," expressing the idea that nothing should be decided by a representative without the full and direct participation of the person affected.

"When family members call on behalf of someone they're concerned about, I learn what their goals are," she said, adding that it's paramount to include the affected party in the conversation. "It's their life; my goal is to help them meet their goal. We live our lives for ourselves,

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The Helm can help with that

Courtesy of The Helm

The Helm is the only senior community, resource and wellness center serving Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointe communities. The Helm has myriad activities, classes and workshops to keep older adults social, healthy and mentally engaged, but it also is the place to turn for information about and assistance with any aging-related topics.

Here are a few questions you may not think about when you think of The Helm — but you should.

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I live in my own home, but it is difficult for me to do certain chores and yard work. Do you have any resources?

The Helm has volunteers who can help homeowners in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe age 60 and above with leaf cleanup in the fall and spring, as well as minor home maintenance issues like changing light bulbs, smoke and carbon



monoxide detectors, or tightening loose door handles or hand railings. Since the program is free and provided by volunteers, scheduling is necessary, especially to get the right volunteer for the job. The Helm also has a list of businesses and individuals who may be able to assist you for a charge.

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My spouse has Alzheimer's and I am the primary caregiver. Are you aware of any programs for Alzheimer's patients and any support groups for caregivers?

There is an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

that meets 5 to 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at The Helm. This is a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to meet and develop a support system and uncover additional support resources for both caregiver and patient.

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My parents are moving back to Grosse Pointe

from out of state. Do you have any resources to help them find housing?

The Helm can provide lists of senior housing facilities in the area. Several area Realtors who specialize in housing for older adults conduct workshops and seminars throughout the year at The Helm about senior housing-related issues, such as downsiz-

ing, decluttering and minimizing trip and fall hazards in the home. Attending these seminars may be helpful, but if the timing isn't exactly right, The Helm can put you in contact with them for direct assistance.

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I am having difficulty making ends meet on my fixed income. Do you know of any assistance programs I might qualify for?

The Helm can provide a number of resources that offer financial assistance or emergency relief, including those through area agencies on aging, the state of Michigan and the federal government. These are not programs of The Helm, but The Helm can direct you to appropriate resources that will determine if you qualify for assistance.

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I no longer drive and need to get to medical

appointments. Can you help recommend any transportation services?

The Helm has volunteer medical escort drivers who can take you to appointments. Requests must be made at least two weeks in advance. Based on the advance notice required and that medical escort drivers volunteer their time and will wait for you at your appointment, this service is best for limited time appointments — a routine checkup, teeth cleaning or follow-up exam. One volunteer who has been serving as a medical escort driver 26 years estimates he has driven more than 130 "unique" individuals — many of them "repeat customers." Additionally, Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service, or PAATS, is another way to get around the immediate area and to specific major

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extra gift and grocery shopping often needed during the holidays.

Shop the Gratiot Loop riders are taken to their choice of five locations along the Gratiot shopping corridor:

- ◆ Walmart at 12 Mile and Gratiot;
- ◆ Meijer at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Kroger at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Target on Gratiot north of 14 Mile; or
- ◆ Macomb Mall at Masonic and Gratiot.

Passengers are picked up between 9 and 10 a.m. at their home, dropped off at their store choice, picked up around 1 p.m. and returned home.

PAATS is a curb-to-curb service with drivers able to offer elbow assistance on and off the bus. Riders must be a resident of Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes and at least 60 years of age or a disabled adult.

Reservations for all PAATS rides must be made at least 48 hours in advance. To reserve a ride, call (313) 394-9712 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The 2023 Tuesday dates for Shop the Gratiot Loop are Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Friday dates are Nov. 3, 10 and 17, and Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. The service additionally will be offered Thursday, Dec. 28.

Due to the holidays, the PAATS buses will not run Thursday, Nov. 23; Friday, Nov. 24; Monday, Dec. 25; Tuesday, Dec. 26; Friday, Dec. 29 or Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

The PAATS mission is to provide safe and reliable transportation, ensuring area residents continue to live their daily lives with independence and dignity. PAATS is funded through the five Grosse Pointe municipalities, as well as the city of Harper Woods. Its office is in The Helm.



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He said the two emotions he anticipates feeling the most are love and gratitude.

“Love for all the people in my transplant journey and disease journey, which of course starts with my family — my wife and my daughter — and the transplant professionals. Also I’ll be feeling incredibly grateful for my brother-in-law and all the living donors who make a choice — while they’re alive — to give of themselves to another to allow them to have these moments.

“As I cross the finish line, it’s not just me crossing the finish line,” he added. “It’s my brother-in-law, Mark, my family and friends, the transplant specialists and other donor families. ... That’s who’s crossing the finish line with me. That’s what makes it extra special. As I raise my arms and cross that finish line, I’ll be thinking of them and this decade-long journey.”

The Helm recognizes military veterans

All veterans are invited to be recognized and celebrated for their military service from 010 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Color Guard will perform its flag ceremony and Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution members will present each veteran a medal to honor their service.

Following the ceremony, those gathered will be treated to a catered breakfast. To cap off the festivities, the Grosse Pointe Men’s Choir will entertain with patriotic songs.

This event, a perennial favorite at The Helm, is free to members and nonmembers. Registration is required and can be made by calling (313) 882-9600. Veterans need to indicate their branch of service when making their reservation.

This free event is possible by the donations of event cohort, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and sponsors, American House Grosse Pointe Cottage and The Medical Team.

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- Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 3D Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ How to Begin Researching Your Family Tree, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- Posterity Gallery**
Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of

- Grosse Pointe, hosts the following programs and classes:
- ◆ The exhibition “Trio of Styles” takes place now through Thursday, Nov. 16, featuring the work of Dan Knighton, Tanya Palazzolo and Cheryl Barill. An artist reception takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.
- ◆ Learn to design a mosaic pendant with instruction for Sue Majewski from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. Tickets are \$50 each.
- Blood drives**
The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
◆ 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.
Register at redcrossblood.org.
- Neighborhood Club**
The Board of Trustees of the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a food drive from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in support of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Nonperishable, non-expired, non-glass food donations are being collected. Those who donate will be entered to win a Neighborhood Club swag bag. A full list of suggested items is available at neighborhoodclub.org.

- Sunrise Rotary**
The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Kevin Williams, owner, producer and engineer with WesMix Studios, speaks. Guests are welcome.
- Rotary**
The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Mark Higbie will speak about the Michigan Central Station Art Program in the newly restored Michigan Central Station, the hub of Ford’s new mobility innovation district. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.
- The War Memorial**
The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.
◆ Make and Take Charcuterie Class with The Cheese Shoppe, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. Cost is \$65.
◆ Veterans Day breakfast, 8:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10. Reservations are required. Veterans eat for free; guest tickets, limit one per veteran, are \$15.
◆ Modern Manners for Kids, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Tickets are \$95.

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not for other people.”

That interaction may look like an in-home visit or a three-way phone call, but it will involve all parties.

“It’s important to engage the individual whose life it is, who’s dealing with issues in aging,” Short said.

“Maybe they have new things going on, transitions, and they need a bit of support, someone to help guide them down some of those paths. Maybe they hit a roadblock on one of those paths. Call me back and I’ll look for another path — and I’ll keep looking until I find what works for them.”

The Helm’s Case Coordination program is for anyone who recognizes an issue in aging in themselves or someone they care for. While The Helm serves people ages 55 and older who live in the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods, Short said she won’t turn away someone outside those

parameters calling for help.

“I’ll do a little bit of research and see if there’s an agency like The Helm in their area or someone like me in their area,” she said.

“Having a case coordinator in the community helps us realize we’re not alone, we don’t have to go through this alone,” she added. “We don’t have to reinvent the wheel. Chances are there are other people who have experienced what they’re going through and have an understanding of potential next steps. Sometimes it’s nice to have a sounding board, too, someone you can say to, ‘Here’s what I’m thinking. Does it make sense?’ Having someone in their corner.”

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medical facilities in surrounding communities and downtown Detroit. Reservations must be made in advance — how far in advance and the cost (\$1 to \$5 each way) depends on where you are going.

The Helm also maintains a list of other transportation services that will serve locations beyond the service area of PAATS or the scope of a medical escort driver — wheelchair accessibility for example.

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I feel overwhelmed. Can The Helm help?

Absolutely! The Helm is a starting point to gather ideas to help you move forward. If The Helm can’t help directly, its staff will direct you to the right sources, but The Helm will continue to be there along the way.

Current situation: The Helm’s information and assistance specialist is working with a client who is losing her vision and unable to drive. She needs help getting her animals to veterinary appointments. Volunteer drivers at The Helm are for human medical appointments only and animals are not allowed on PAATS buses. The Helm is working with local animal shelters and veterinary offices to see if they have such a service.

Most Unusual Request: Several years ago, when The Helm was located in Cottage Hospital offices and several employees were housed in a single room, a gentleman called asking for help on a crossword puzzle. While the request was unusual, because several staff members were near each other, they were able to discuss and get the answer. The man responded with, “That’s why I called. I knew The Helm would help.” While The Helm doesn’t encourage calls for help with crossword puzzles, it does encourage people to call if they are feeling lonely. The Helm has several resources that help with human interaction.

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A special moment is captured during the 2022 Veterans Day Breakfast.

Veterans Day Breakfast planned at The War Memorial

Veterans and active duty service members will gather at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, for the annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 10. Doors open at 8:15 a.m., with breakfast and the program beginning at 9 a.m.

The Veterans Day Breakfast offers a space for those who served America to experience camaraderie through shared stories and hospitality. The program includes a presentation of thank-you cards handmade by local

Grosse Pointe school students, a service song medley, keynote remarks and breakfast prepared by The War Memorial's culinary team.

The keynote speaker for this year's event is U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor, commanding general of United States Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren. Previously, Lalor was commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance School, U.S. Army Sustainment Center of Excellence in

Virginia. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in February 2021.

"On Veterans Day, we take time to recognize those who have served our nation in the U.S. Armed Forces. We honor their commitment, bravery and sacrifices to protect the ideals and freedoms we cherish as Americans," said Maria Miller, president and CEO of The War Memorial. "We are honored to be in the presence of so many at the Veterans Day Breakfast who personify the val-

ues of courage, integrity and duty."

The Veterans Day Breakfast is free for veterans to attend; veterans may bring one guest each at a cost of \$15.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit warmemorial.org/veterans/veteransdaybreakfast2023.

Assumption hosts violin, piano recital

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, presents a violin and piano recital at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, as part of its Fall Cultural Series.

Guests will be treated to a performance by Wayne State University professor Kypros Markou on the violin, along with Dr. Marina Stojanovska, collaborative pianist, from

Oakland University's School of Music.

The program will feature three sonatas: George Frideric Handel's Sonata in E major, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Sonata KV378 in B flat and Ludwig van Beethoven's Sonata Op. 24 in F, "Spring."

Tickets are \$20 per person. For reservations, call (586) 779-6111.

Men's night out is Nov. 8

The Family Center, in partnership with The War Memorial and Atwater Brewery, present a "Movember Men's Night Out," at 6:30 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event begins with networking and heavy appetizers. Beer tasting and a full bar are available for purchase.

At 7 p.m., a panel of men's health experts hosts a Q&A session, moderated by therapist Frank Wilberding, LMSW. The panel includes Keith Bellovich, D.O., chief medical officer at Ascension St. John Hospital; therapist Thad

Galvin, LMSW; certified fitness pro Mick Myslinski, health and fitness manager at Country Club of Detroit; and Craig Reickert, M.D., colon and rectal surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital.

Registration is requested for this free event. Visit familycenterhelps.org, call (313) 447-1374 or scan the QR code.



ASK THE EXPERTS By Audra Balcarcel, M.A., LLC

Building blocks for self-esteem

We all experience highs and lows throughout our life regarding how we feel about ourselves. Some days we may feel confident, while other days we may feel insecure. Some days we might feel somewhere in between.

Self-esteem is how we perceive and value ourselves as human beings and a lot of factors can affect how we feel, including the feedback we receive from others, stressful or challenging life events, our achievements and the beliefs we have about ourselves.

Low self-esteem can prevent us from trying new experiences, disconnect us from our loved ones and potentially lead to anxiety and depression. Building self-esteem takes time and patience, but it's worth it because you're worth it.

Building your esteem can boost your mental, emotional and physical well-being. It also can help you experience life more positively and increase your ability to navigate stressors and challenges more confidently.

Now, how exactly do we build our self-esteem? Below are five ways to get you started. If you find yourself struggling or in need of additional support, you may want to consider talking with a therapist to help you.

1. Be kind to yourself: Being able to identify and challenge negative self-talk is important to building your self-esteem. Challenge negative perceptions of yourself by writing down your strengths, positive traits and moments you are proud of. This will help you remember all the great qualities you possess.

2. Do what you love: Find time for things you love. Spending time doing what you love will help boost your mood and create more fun moments in your life.

3. Surround yourself with positive

relationships: Surrounding yourself with people who are positive and supportive will help you feel more connected and confident. During those hard days when you're feeling low, your loved ones can help boost you up. Setting boundaries with people who do not help your self-esteem is one way to protect yourself and your space.

4. Recognize areas of your life that lower your self-esteem: There may be triggers or situations that lower our self-esteem. Examples can include work, relationships and social media. Monitoring your emotions and recognizing triggers can help you determine where you may need to engage in more self-care and boundaries. Therapy is a great tool to help you better understand your triggers and take steps toward managing those difficult areas in your life.

5. Practice self-acceptance: You can always find areas to grow or change, but it's valuable to remember you are deserving of love and acceptance just as you are. We are all human — we all make mistakes and have areas for growth. It's OK.

Most importantly, be patient with yourself and the process. Setbacks are common and expected during the journey so allow yourself space to learn and grow. Make sure you acknowledge and celebrate the small steps you achieve along the way. They matter as much as the big steps. You are worth the time, effort and investment.

For more information, visit *All Things Possible Wellness* at allthingspossiblewc.com.

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Wearing sneakers to business meetings and office workplace

Dear Gabby: Is it appropriate for one to wear sneakers to a business meeting? I admit that business has gotten more casual, but I'm having a hard time deciding if it's ok for me.

— Conflicted in the City,

Dear Conflicted,

Gabby: Business sure

has changed, in so many ways. From where we work, to how we work, to how we dress. One thing has not changed and hopefully never will — putting forth effort to wear clean, non-wrinkled and properly fitting attire to make a positive impression.

Regarding sneakers: they are fine in most situations given a few guidelines. They should be clean, and they should be paired with “dressier” items such as dress pants or a dress in order to convey a more business-like image, unless it's an extremely casual event or meeting.

Of course, knowing if your office has a dress code or policy is a great

place to start. As long as you are not breaking any rules, and present yourself as work-ready and not gym-ready, you are probably in the right lane.

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



Forgotten gift hurts Grandma's feelings

DEAR ANNIE: I'm a 23-year-old woman living with my parents because the cost of housing is so high. This is creating problems, especially in my relationship with my father. He has been disrespectful to me for a long time, at least since I was 18. He makes disparaging comments about my weight, my friends and my life choices.

This in turn has created a situation in which most of my childhood friends have basically abandoned me. I can't make any new friends because I'm forced to be around him. If I protest, he gets upset and huffy at me. And since therapy is out of the question, is there any advice you could give me? — **STRESSFUL FATHER**

DEAR STRESSFUL FATHER: Domestic abuse is not just physical; it can also be emotional. It sounds like your father is verbally abusing you, and that is not OK. The National Domestic Violence Hotline website will help you find resources to free you from this prison: <https://www.thehotline.org>.

DEAR ANNIE: My son and daughter-in-law just had their third baby, a lit-

tle girl after two boys. She is our sixth grandchild and only the second girl. I was thrilled and had great fun buying newborn clothing appropriate for the season.

about the baby not wearing any of my gifts. Do I just need to grow up? — **SAD GRANDMA.**

DEAR SAD GRANDMA: I under-

stand that your feelings are hurt, but try to look at where your son and daughter-in-law are in their lives.

Having three young children can be very busy and demanding, and I'm sure that if your daughter-in-law did not put the outfit on your new granddaughter, it was not intentional. You could ask your son to see if they did in fact like the clothes. You could also request a photo from your son of your infant granddaughter in her new clothes, should they decide to dress her in them.

DEAR ANNIE: I am 67 and divorced. I raised two daughters and a son essentially on my own while I worked full time as a registered nurse and provided a decent, middle-class home for my children.

The youngest had issues about almost anything. I got her therapy, along with family therapy. She loved her father but barely tolerated me. Babysitters quit. School called. I tried my best to do everything I could. Basically, she did only



never harmed anyone. I am an intelligent, trustworthy and pleasant person. I have lived alone for past three years, and I have been to therapy.

It is hard to look at the other granny's lovely photos of them on Facebook, like for Grandparents Day at school. I understand my daughter-in-law is close to her mom, and we are friends, but I am feeling shut out. — **HURTING GRANNY**

DEAR HURTING GRANNY: Instead of hurting, why not focus on what you do have? You get to go over and spend time with your granddaughter. Obviously something happened if your daughters still won't speak to you and neither will three of your grandchildren. Regardless of what happened in the past, just try to enjoy the time you have with your granddaughter.

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Dear Annie

by Annie Lane



We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I'm a big fan of the “treat yourself” mentality. What's the harm in a few extra Amazon purchases, saying yes to that last glass of wine or sleeping in a few more minutes each morning? The phrase YOLO — you only live once — was built for moments like that.

Unfortunately, my YOLO moments were happening a few times a day and it was time to take a look in the mirror and pump the brakes.

Houston, we have a problem — and the problem is me.

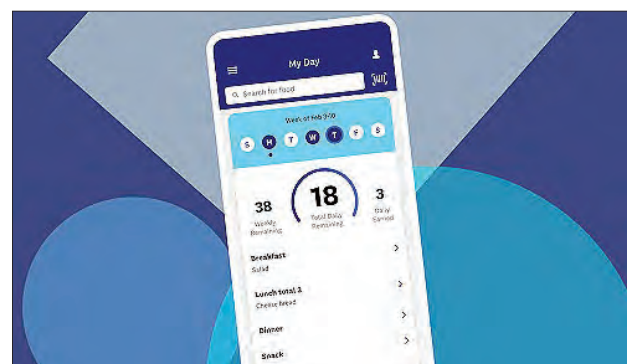
The problem also lies in the fact I've gained a solid 10 pounds and even though it's tough, I do not need to “treat myself” every time I accomplish something.

Once I decided something needed to change, I realized I had no clue what to do.

How do I diet? I hate dieting. I don't even like salads. Can I eat some-

thing other than salads and still lose weight?

The answer is yes and luckily, I happened to be listening to a podcast that day that was discussing the Weight Watchers app.



The podcast actually isn't focused on weight loss at all, but the hosts happened to be talking about their success with the app and how much they love it. So, in my usual YOLO fashion, I downloaded it and got to work.

Essentially, you complete a short intake form and the WW app will give

you a certain amount of points you are allowed to eat every day.

Every food, even packaged items, has a point value assigned to it.

For example, 38 veggie

straws equal five points. Whereas, an apple is zero points.

You simply eat foods that fall within your allotted points for the day and you are good to go.

The best part is, there are a ton of zero-point foods you can have whenever you want.

These foods include

fruit, veggies, certain yogurts, chicken and other healthy foods.

If you have used all of your points for the day and are still hungry after dinner, a bowl of frozen mango is zero points.

The bottom line is, you really never feel restricted because you can have whatever you want. As long as the portions are under control, every food is fair game.

Another awesome thing about the WW app is it offers “Weeklies” points. Weeklies are extra points that can be used throughout the week as a buffer.

Let's say you go over your Monday points by three. No big deal! The three points come out of your Weeklies and you are still on track.

Want a glass of wine and pizza this weekend? Save your Weeklies for your big night out when you know you'll probably use more than your daily points.

It's a system that's built for real life. It allows you to make mistakes and realize you're still on track, and encourages you to keep going.

I have lost more than six pounds in just a few short weeks, eating the same meals I've always loved.

While I do think the app is awesome on its own, it's important to find someone to hold you accountable and stick to it.

I am lucky enough to have a close friend who wanted to try it with me, so we have been doing it together and checking in to make sure the other person stays on track.

Sharing low-point “hacks” for our favorite meals is kind of fun and it almost feels like a game of sorts.

Weight Watchers has many social media accounts that share creative low-point recipes and cookbooks that are easy to follow and fun to read.

While dieting and log-

ging food can be viewed as a chore, I truly believe this system works and seeing the results is so worth it! WW has lots of different plan and pricing options. I joined a monthly app-only subscription for \$23.99 a month. For more information, head to <https://www.weightwatchers.com/us/>.

I'm giving this app 5 out of 5 alligators because it is sustainable and sets you up for long-term success.

If you download the app and give it a try, we'd love to hear about your experience.

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

Fireside feast

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Pork tenderloin is paired this week with the star of the show, a beautiful Moroccan spice using from-the-pantry ingredients and used in both of the meal's components. Pork and apples go hand in hand and I chose to make it as savory as possible.

Gala or Fiji apples won't break down into apple sauce when cooked and that gives this meal a lovely textured component as a sauce.

They're cooked with onions and a knob of butter at the end. The spice is used throughout so everything has a combined purpose. I got three thumbs up!

In my ideal world, I would serve this with a sweet potato mash but that wouldn't ever fly in my household. Instead, I used my favorite boxed stuffing underneath and served it family style in front of a fire. Warm spices, roaring fires and happy eaters make my month.

Cheers, Mombeau

Moroccan Spiced Pork with Apple Compote

Spice Rub

2 tbsp brown sugar

4 tsp paprika

4 tsp cumin

2 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp ground cloves

1 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp salt

2 tsp pepper

In a small bowl, whisk all spices together.

2 pork pork tenderloins

1 tbsp canola oil

Brush the pork with the oil and then add 2 tablespoons of spice mixture to each loin. Rub it all over each side. I like to use a zip-lock bag.

Set in the fridge for at least 30 minutes to marinate or up to two hours. Bake at 375 for 35 minutes or until the internal temperature of the pork is 155 degrees. Let rest and slice to serve. Layer apple compote over the top for the sauce.

Apple Compote

1 tbsp olive oil

2 fuji or gala apples

1 half onion, diced finely

½ tsp Moroccan spice

1 tbsp dijon mustard

4 tbsp water

1 tbsp butter

Salt and pepper to taste

Peel, core and cut your apples into slices.

In a small saucepan, add the olive oil and onion and cook until translucent, about five minutes. Next add the apples and Moroccan spice mixture. Cook for another five minutes until the apples begin to soften.

Add in the mustard and water and stir everything together. Let simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

You don't want the bottom to burn and may even need to add a bit more water, 1 tablespoon at a time.

It shouldn't look like apple sauce because you want the apples to retain their shape.

Once finished, add the butter and combine to gloss the sauce. Spoon over the cooked pork and enjoy.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



Sweet red wines



All things change, and many of the changes may be seen only in retrospect.

Some issues are in structural elements of society that once were this way and now are that way. Sexual mores have certainly changed from the days when a "well-turned ankle" was witnessed as a risqué, eyebrow-raising episode.

Other things are simply gone. Corsets; mustache wax; spats, even the typewriter all have been supplanted.

Most changes in the last two decades have taken place in far less time than change once did. The advent of the internet speeds data flow to all corners of the world in seconds.

One definition of high technology includes the speed with which change occurs. Once an audio cassette or Betamax or a laser disc player is seen as a magical, mystical

invention. But soon they are replaced by computers or the internet whose functions are infinitely greater.

So it is with wine. Over decades, winemaking and grape-growing changes have been nearly as rapid as change in other fields. Yet consumers can't witness the changes. Bottle to bottle, changes are so minute that they don't seem to be changes at all.

Technically, wine is better than ever. We have fewer bottles with the flaws of the past. But wine also is a lot less interesting than it once was.

I'm not suggesting that we need or want the spoilage components of the past. Again, the internet spreads technology to areas where wine once was made with only rudimentary ideas.

A key difference between the wines of the

past and today, at least in California, is the use of sugar or substitutes in red wine. Many red wines today are sweet.

Red wine once was routinely dry. The problem with such austere wines was that they didn't appeal to those who wanted their wines to be tasty immediately. They were referring to wines they could sip without any connection to the dining table.

Great wine such as early 1970s cabernets from Napa had a sort of richness of fruit, but also had the requisite tannins and acids to allow the wines to age. This was fine for the small coterie of us who bought these wines to age.

But as wine buyers grew in number, the age-worthy and dinner-table wines of the 1970s were roundly criticized for their roughness, tartness and their sheer lack of enjoyment in a walk-around setting.

Few people drank cabernet or merlot at pool parties in the 1970s; lighter white wines

seemed all the rage.

As a result, sweetness began to creep into California red wines about 25 years ago. Softness in reds covers up the tannins that always have been part of most California wines. The use of sugar in red wine combined with lower acidity means earlier drinkability.

But then aging is compromised and so is food compatibility. When you craft a wine with a different structural profile, with an emphasis on ultra-ripeness, the result will be a different sort of wine, changing it from classic (food-friendly) to modern (sipping alone).

As a result, we've seen an evolution toward more sweetness in reds and a reduction in the time such wines need in the cellar. Which means that we get less complex wines. The changes we've seen are not necessarily for the better.

No wine of the week.

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Above left, Helen Hunt as Coach Kathy Bresnahn in the 2018 movie "The Miracle Season," directed by Sean McNamara.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



Yarosh and Erin Moriarty. They, along with a fine supporting cast do a great job telling this amazing story.

We first meet our two young protagonists Kelly Fliehler (Moriarty) and Caroline, aka "Line" Found (Yarosh) on their way to school. When they come across a couple of new kids to the neighborhood, Line immediately invites them to a party they're throwing and you can tell she wants the young man Alex (Burkely Duffield), to hook up with Kelly.

She's just one of the most upbeat, bubbly characters I've ever seen in a movie. But apparently, that's the way she was in real life. Line simply exudes enthusiasm and you sense she wouldn't say anything bad about anyone. Her sweetness is infectious. Then tragedy hits. She drives away one evening on a scooter without wearing a helmet. You suspect what's going to happen next, and when we learn she's been killed in an accident, it's not a total shock.

However, the effect it has on the rest of the volleyball team is nothing short of devastating. And it coincides with the death of her mother, who succumbs to her battle with cancer. It's a double whammy for her father Dr. Ernie Found — a

sweet, quiet man who keeps his grief hidden deep inside. As usual, Mr. Hurt turns in an Oscar-worthy performance.

At this point, the volleyball team is totally shell shocked. The question isn't will they repeat as champions, but will they even finish the season?

The girls have a hard time showing up for practice, and when they do, their hearts are clearly not into playing. In spite of the tough love delivered by their talented coach Kathy Bresnahan (Hunt), they're totally apathetic. The inspiration comes from an unexpected source — their teammate Kelly. Up until this point she's a mediocre player at best and has been largely overshadowed by her best friend, Line. However, Line's spirit blossoms within her and she truly rises to the occasion. The team needs a miracle to even make the playoffs. In fact, they need to win 15 games in a row just to qualify. To help propel them to their goal, they, along with the entire school, adopt the slogan "Live Like Line." Everyone catches the positive spirit! It will come as no surprise how the girls do. Let's just say there's a reason they named the film "The Miracle Season."

At the end of the film, there's a scene where the students and the team are all celebrating by singing a certain Neil Diamond song in unison. (You know the one). At first I thought it was over-the-top corny, but when they interspersed footage from the actual event with them singing it, it made me smile. And yes, grab some Kleenex.

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and Hoopla.com (with your library card) and Freevee. Also on Plex.

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.

MOVIE REVIEW
"The Miracle Season"
2018 - PG
1 hr 41min
★★★★☆

I promised myself I wasn't going to get teary-eyed while watching this one. Oh well, the field is littered with broken promises. I'm usually not one to get sentimental and puddle up over a movie, but I dare you to watch this emotional saga without reaching for the ol' tissue box.

"The Miracle Season" is one of those films

where a tragedy hits a sports team. Then against all odds, rises above adversity to accomplish the seemingly impossible. But a few things set this fine, family drama apart from the rest.

First of all, it's based on a true story and from the looks of it, the filmmakers stuck pretty close to the actual events. It involves the West High School Trojan's girls' volleyball team, who won the Iowa state championship in 2010.

Secondly, it's directed by Sean McNamara,

who's no stranger to these types of movies. He directed the fine biopic, "Soul Surfer" which tells the story of Bethany Hamilton, the young surfer who after losing her arm in a shark attack, went on to become a champion and an inspiration to surfers the world over.

The third reason this film is so effective is the remarkable cast. It stars include Helen Hunt, (who coincidentally was in "Soul Surfer"), William Hurt, and the two up and coming actors Danika



Coach Bresnahan (Hunt) hugs Erin (Moriarty).



Ernie (Hurt) encourages the team.



Coach Bresnahan (Hunt) encourages Erin (Moriarty).

READY, SET, LET IT GO!

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The Musings of a Precocious Dachshund

If I could wish upon a star
I'd wish to be upon a par
With humankind that I might reach
My parents through the gift of speech.

I roll my eyes and wag my tail
At times, it seems, to no avail;
I growl or whimper, even bark
At other times to make my mark.

But things don't always go as planned.
Oh, how I wish they'd understand!
To speak among the humankind,
Well, it would simply blow my mind!

I'd rise above the doggerel
With talent both to show and tell!!!
I have so very much to say
If only I could have my way.

Joan LeGro Bushnell

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

Pumpkins in the Park

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Park Business Association hosted its third annual Pumpkins in the Park Saturday, Oct. 28. The event included pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating and lots of creative costumes.



Pumpkin decorating was very popular at the event.



Amandine Otal and her mom, Laetitia Otal, have fun with their costumes when Amandine pretends to take the handle of the knife headband her mom is wearing.



Olivia Petitpren, 4 months old, is a happy little pumpkin at the Pumpkins in the Park.



Naomi Anderson, dressed as Mulan; Morgan Anderson, dressed as a ladybug; and Margaux Meyer, dressed as a kitty cat, had lots of fun trick-or-treating down Kercheval.



Amanda Marler and her sons, Gavin as the lion and J.D. as a firefighter, got to stand on the front of the Grosse Pointe Park fire truck with Grosse Pointe Park PSO Jesse Lafriniere.

Four-year-old Oona Wood told her parents she wanted to be "a macaroni and cheese head" for Halloween because mac and cheese is her favorite meal, so they made her a costume to look like her own brand.



Annalise Pratt-Steele is Winnie the Pooh, Chris Pratt is Eeyore and Chris Steele is Rabbit for a Hundred Acre Wood kind of Halloween.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, November 2, 2023:

You are creative, spontaneous and talented. You love the excitement of change and new beginnings in your own life and in the lives of others. This is a slower paced year for you. Rest and rejuvenate yourself. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness, especially in relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today you want to make changes at home or within the family. You also might have clever ideas about a family business. You certainly have the energy to make things happen; however, when it comes to getting funds and assistance from others, double-check everything. Tonight: Cocoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is a vibrant and optimistic day for you. In fact, you will attract people to you who are energetic and upbeat! You can expect to be successful in dealing with members of the general public. However, be leery of anyone who is making rash promises that seem too good to be true. Tonight: Conversations!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You will accomplish a lot today because you have the energy and drive to work, especially because you're motivated to boost your earnings. Some of you want to spend extra money on vacations, social outings, sports or something to do with your kids. Tonight: Check your possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with fiery Mars, which makes you feel invigorated and ready to act. In particular, you're drawn to enjoyable, social occasions, especially vacations or fun-filled activities. Romance looks promising. Make time to play! Tonight: You're strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

This is the perfect day to entertain at home, whether you have friends and family over, or you have a group meeting at your home for another reason. In fact, group activities that are charitable to others will appeal to you. You'll feel gratified to help someone in need. Tonight: Solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A discussion with a female friend will be lively and to the point today. In fact, if you share your hopes and dreams for the future, this person might give you feedback that will help you with your future goals. This is a great day to make plans because you feel optimistic! Tonight: Friendships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might have some excellent moneymaking ideas, because you're thinking positive and you're ambitious. However, it is possible to overestimate something today. Therefore, if you think something is too much of a long shot, it probably is. Tonight: You're admired.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Life is positive now because Jupiter is opposite your sign. This improves your success in many endeavors because Jupiter

will help you go after what you want in the material world. It will also help you encounter a wide variety of people, most of whom will be helpful to you. Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If you're in a position to do fundraising or to get someone else to lend a hand to help a third party, you can do this today, especially because you want to help those who are less fortunate. Either way, look for ways to benefit from the wealth and resources of someone else. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It's a popular day, and everyone wants to see your face! Many of you will be involved in competitive sports or physical situations related to teams and groups. Whatever the case, you want to win! Enjoy social outings and fun times with others. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You look attractive to others today, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. However, be careful you don't bite off more than you can chew out of sheer enthusiasm. (It will be easy to do this.) Meanwhile, you are pumped to work hard and accomplish as much as possible. Tonight: Work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Accept all invitations to party and schmooze with others. You feel sociable today. This is also an excellent day to travel or make travel plans. You want to go places. Let's hope for the best! Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY

Actor David Schwimmer (1966), actress Marisol Nichols (1973), singer-songwriter k.d. lang (1961).

Contract Bridge

A MOST UNUSUAL APPROACH

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 6 4
♥ Q J 10
♦ A K 9 8 6
♣ 8 5

WEST **EAST**
♠ K Q 10 7 5 ♠ 9 8 2
♥ 7 4 ♥ 8 6 3
♦ J 10 ♦ Q 3 2
♣ A Q J 4 ♣ 10 9 7 6

SOUTH
♠ J 3
♥ A K 9 5 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ K 3 2

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

The principle of avoidance — where declarer tries to prevent the more dangerous opponent from gaining the lead — affects the play of many hands.

For an unusual example, consider this deal where South is in four hearts. He sees that he must lose a spade and a diamond, come what may, and that he is in serious danger of also losing two club tricks, as West is marked by the

bidding with the ace.

One way of trying to escape the two club losers is by playing the A-K and another diamond. If the suit is divided 3-2, dummy's two remaining diamonds become tricks on which two clubs can be discarded. The fly in the ointment is that East could win the third diamond and return a club to defeat the contract.

So, declarer plans his play from the very start to try to keep East, the dangerous opponent, off lead. In line with this, he allows West's king of spades to hold the first trick.

Let's assume West shifts to a diamond, which is the best he can do. Declarer wins with dummy's king and pursues his plan of avoidance by leading a low spade to the jack! West wins and leads another diamond.

Dummy wins with the ace and cashes the Q-J of hearts and ace of spades, on which South sheds his last diamond. He then ruffs a diamond high, leads a trump to dummy's ten and discards two clubs on the 9-8 of diamonds.

West eventually gets a club trick, but South winds up making the contract after a somewhat exciting voyage. In effect, declarer arranges to lose two spades and no diamonds instead of one spade and one diamond.

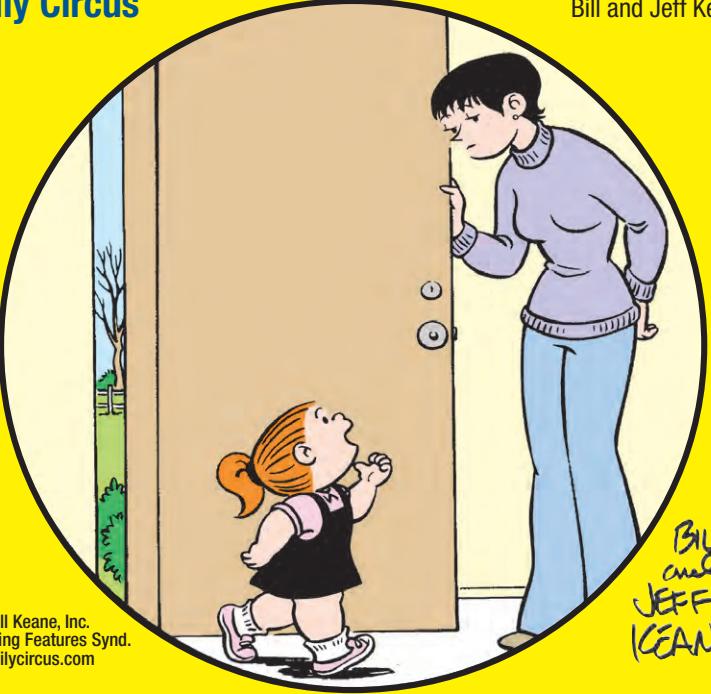
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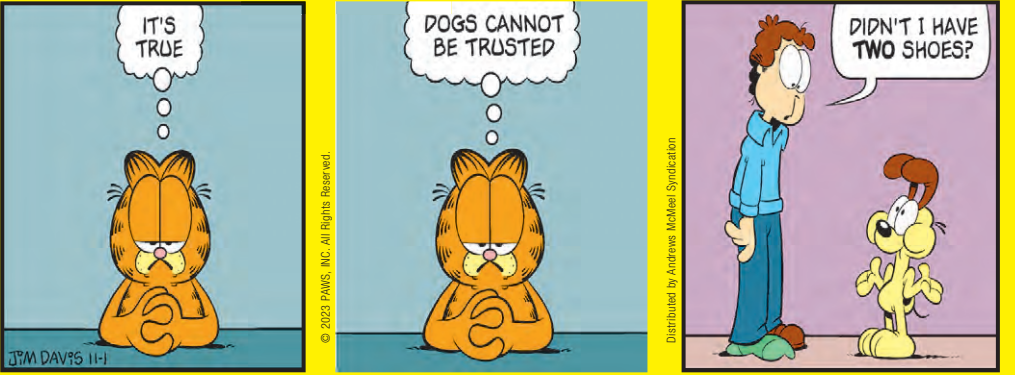
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"If you're lookin' for Daddy, he's over helping Mr. Rice watch the game"

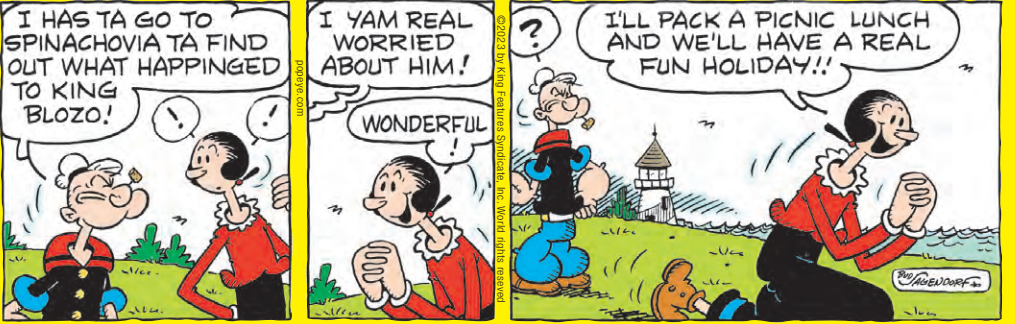
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Jim Davis



Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



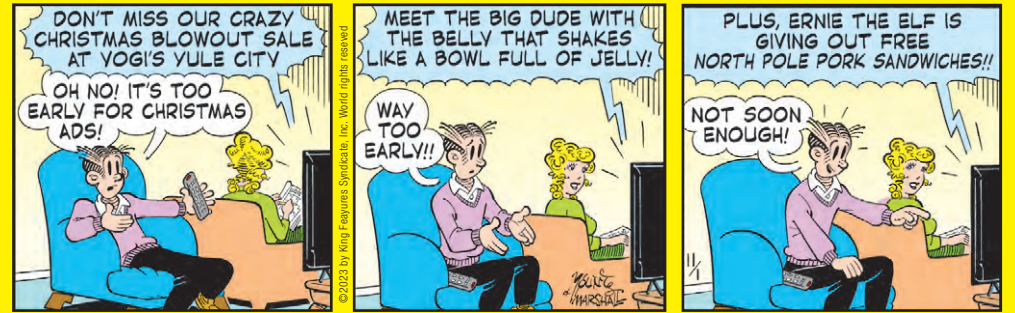
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Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



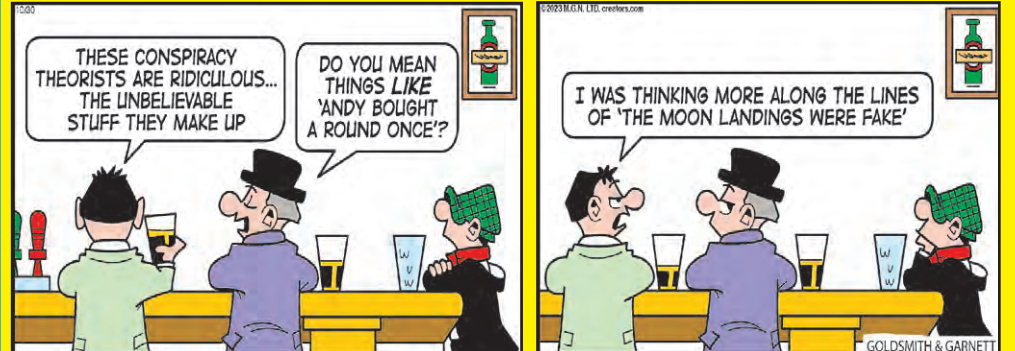
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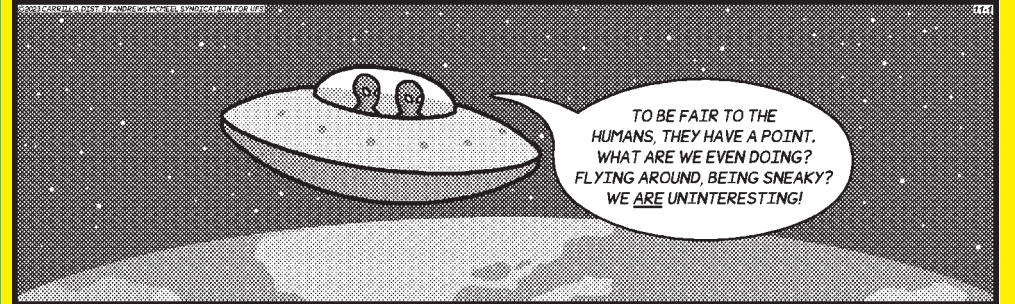
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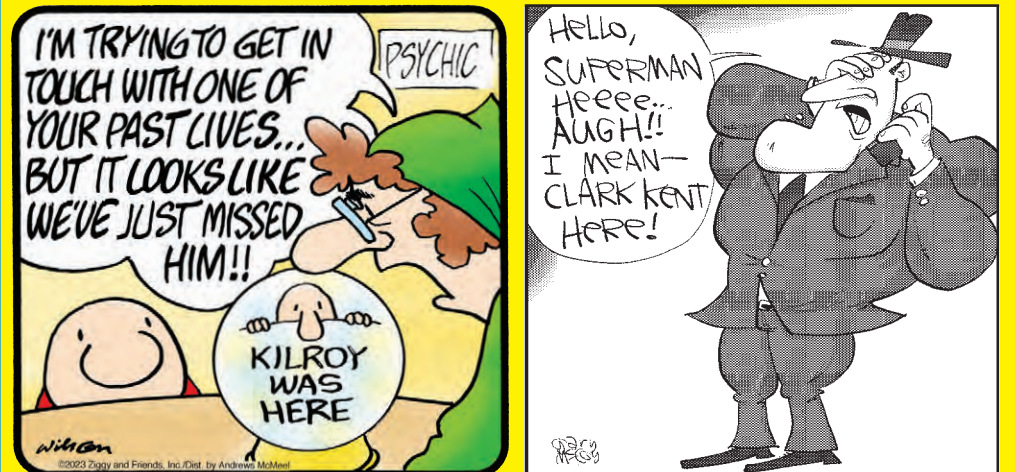


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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| 9 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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10/26 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg November 2, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Parts of a day, briefly
- 4 Foul smells
- 9 What a great song does, in slang
- 14 Aye, in Marseille
- 15 The color of money
- 16 Comes down in buckets
- 17 Rock ___ boat
- 18 Checkbox alternative, on a digital survey (In this answer, note the first 3 letters + the last 2)
- 20 N.Y. baseball mascot with a ponytail
- 22 "Just watch me!"
- 23 "I" as in Ithaca
- 24 Safari sound
- 26 "Take a Chance on Me" group
- 29 Song of the summer, maybe (... first letter + last 5 letters)
- 33 "___ Poetica"
- 34 Reluctant
- 35 "Yeah, sure"
- 37 Small yet vocal subgroup, or a theme hint
- 41 Trolley noise
- 42 Foyer
- 43 Mountain ___ (soda)

- 44 Rams' home (... first 2 letters + last 4)
- 50 One may trail a superhero
- 52 Castle protection
- 53 Hathaway or Heche
- 54 Broadcasting live
- 56 LGBTQ+ book genre
- 58 It covers current events (... first 2 letters + last 2)
- 62 EPA measure affected by smog
- 63 Couldn't get enough of
- 64 What makes dough rise
- 65 "Delicious!"
- 66 Long-eared hoppers
- 67 Taste or smell
- 68 Observe

- 9 Whirled
- 10 Heaps of, casually
- 11 German highway with no speed limit, for the most part
- 12 Ace
- 13 Personal ID
- 19 Expose
- 21 Swordfish
- 24 Mechanical learning method
- 25 "Hamlet" noblewoman
- 27 Champagne classification
- 28 Fire remnant
- 30 Hot dog handlers
- 31 Game with a freeze variety
- 32 Cuban dance
- 36 Peak
- 37 Circum insect
- 38 Force of nature?

- 39 Clueless
- 40 Grocery payment option: Abbr. Org.
- 41 investigating outbreaks
- 45 Forget to include
- 46 Ventures
- 47 Dental fillings
- 48 "___ New York" (tongue twister)
- 49 Personal day, maybe
- 51 Come next
- 55 Nile reptiles
- 56 Rumors, in slang
- 57 Poker stake
- 58 "Hard pass"
- 59 Greek H
- 60 Shirt that may be upcycled into a quilt
- 61 Author and illustrator

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Atom Smasher by Rebecca Goldstein

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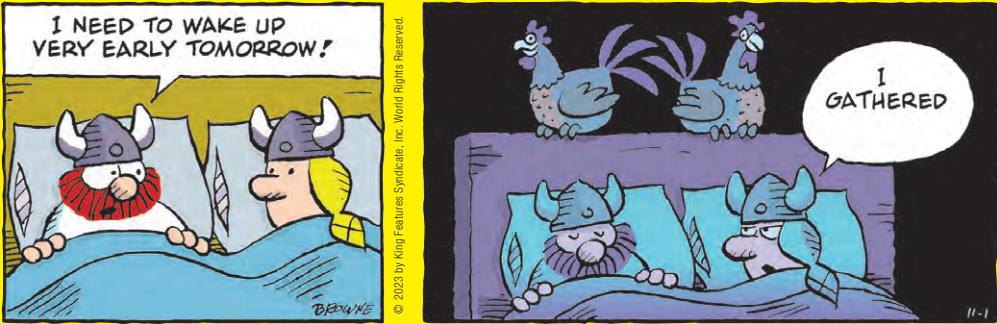
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Charles M. Schulz



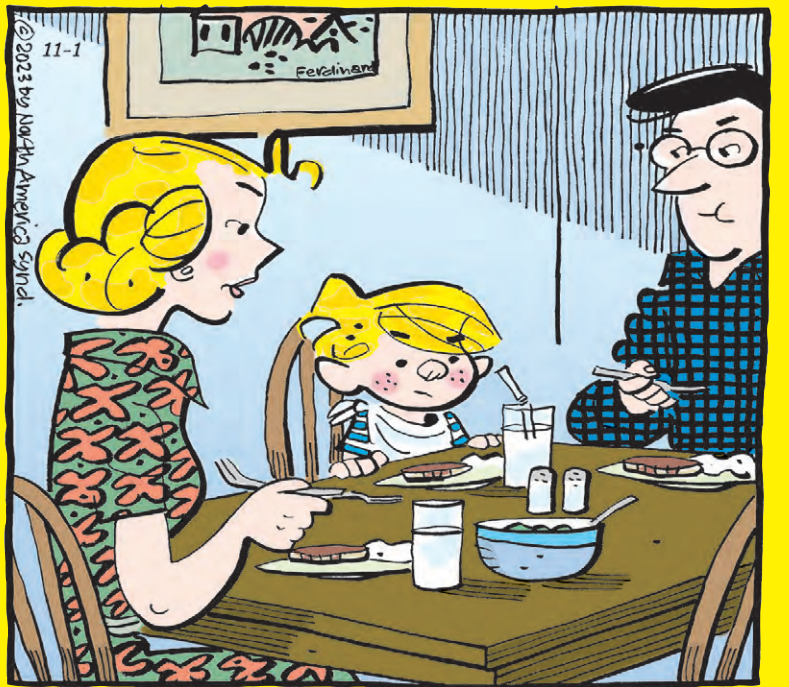
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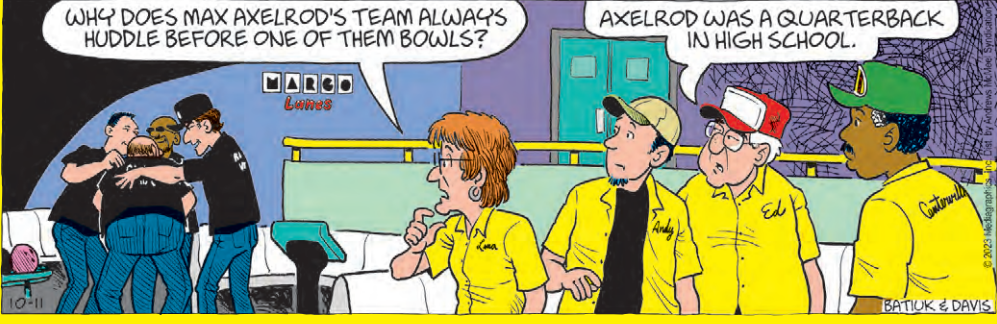
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



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Mother Goose and Grim

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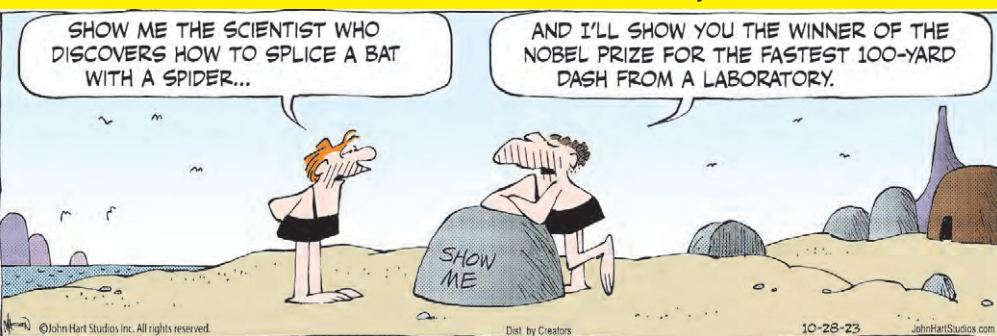
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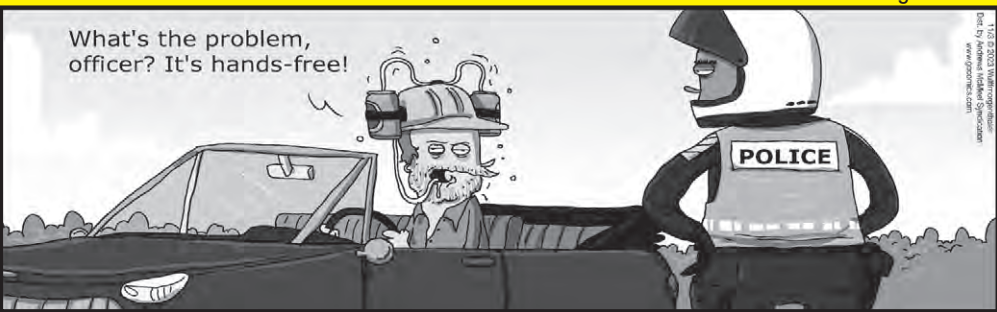
B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



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Reality Check

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Work with a family member to come up with ideas to save money on each of these items.

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Checkout Challenge

You're at the grocery store with your parents. Suddenly, you see something you'd *really* like to have! Snack food, candy bars, toys, magazines and more grab your attention.

What you are feeling is an **impulse** to buy something. An impulse is something you do without thinking about it. (The tempting items are displayed right at a kid's eye level for a reason!)

By skipping these items, you'll be healthier, and you'll save your family a LOT of money over time. It all adds up!

Standards Link: Economics: Students learn to differentiate between wants and needs.

Staying on Track

Kevin loves collecting toy racing cars. But the price of these little cars went up recently. His family is spending more on groceries, too. Kevin wanted to help.



He didn't ask his mom to buy him another car on this week's grocery shopping trip. Instead, Kevin traded some cars with his friends Evan and Oscar. Now all three have different cars to play with from time to time. For each of the boys, it's like getting a new car without spending any money at all!

Find the two identical cars.



Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

What would it cost?

If you bought a \$2 candy bar every week for a month?

If you bought a \$2 candy bar every week for a year?

Standards Link: Math: Solve word problems in two or more steps.

Avoid the Impulse!

Steer this shopping cart to the produce aisle, avoiding the impulse-buy items along the way.



On the Ball

Replace the missing words.

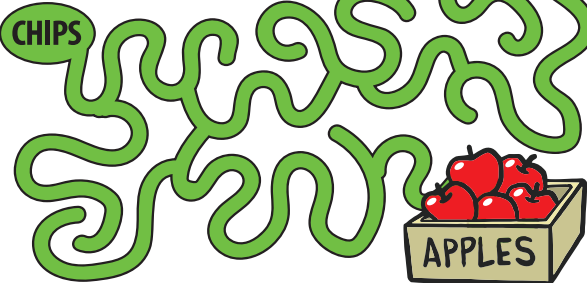
THINK WRONG
GOOD LOOKED
SAVINGS AVOIDED MONEY

Olivia wanted a new soccer ball. There wasn't anything _____ with the one she already had, but the new one had cooler colors. It was expensive, but she had enough money in her _____ to buy it.

Olivia decided not to buy it right away. She _____ making an impulse buy.

Each time she went to the store, Olivia _____ at the new ball but didn't buy it. Instead, she went home to _____ about it. Did she really need it? She found that the longer she waited, the less she thought about the new ball. And her ball was still in _____ shape.

If her ball starts to wear out, she has the _____ saved and can buy the new ball at the store.



You Have the Power!

Circle every other letter to reveal one of the most powerful ways you can help your family save money at home.

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

T U _____ A
E _____
H V E T
_____ O O

Money-Saving Headlines

Cut words out of newspaper headlines to make a message about saving money. Use magnets to post the message on your refrigerator. Example: **DON'T WASTE FOOD**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions.

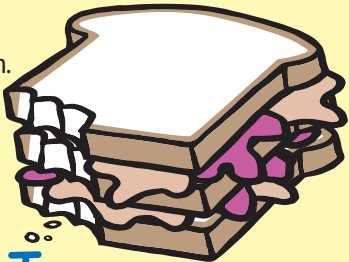
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Waste It!

Steven was hungry. He made a huge sandwich. After a few bites, he was full! Wasting food wastes money. Use the code to discover a shocking fact about food waste.



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SECRET CODE

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| 18 = A | 9 = N |
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| 16 = C | 7 = P |
| 15 = D | 6 = R |
| 14 = E | 5 = S |
| 13 = F | 4 = T |
| 12 = H | 3 = U |
| 11 = I | 2 = W |
| 10 = M | 1 = Y |

Double Double Word Search

- ADDS
- BILLS
- BUY
- CART
- HELP
- HOME
- IMPULSE
- LESS
- MONEY
- NEED
- SPENDING
- STORE
- TEMPTING
- THINKING
- WRONG

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

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **IMPULSE**

The noun **impulse** means a sudden urge to do something.

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Spangler state-bound, keeps South girls XC streak alive for 45th straight season

By Meg Leonard
 Senior Editor

For each of the 45 seasons head coach Steve Zaranek has led Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team, at least one of his runners has qualified for the Division 1 state finals. That streak will stay alive when Blue Devil Savannah Spangler steps up to the starting line Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Spangler will compete in her third consecutive state final, thanks to a 12th-place finish in last weekend's regional meet at Anchor Bay.

Not only did Spangler, a junior, finish in the top 15 individual runners who qualified for the state final, she also led the Blue Devils to a fifth-place team finish at regionals with 142 points from among 15 teams, including the state's No. 1 ranked Romeo. Romeo won regionals with 19 points.

"The team pushed hard

for a top-five finish in this excellent field and we were able to achieve that goal," Zaranek said.

Course conditions did not deter the Blue Devils last Friday, according to Zaranek, despite it being a slow and muddy race. Six varsity runners ran times of 22 minutes and under.

Several Blue Devils missed qualifying, despite solid runs, he said, including senior Morgan Deenik, junior Sarah Koval, junior Chloe Caulfield and freshman Calisse Budek. Freshman Rylee Piornak rounded out South's top six varsity finishers.

"The girls ran their hardest race of the season and worked so well off of each other," Zaranek said. "This was a true team effort."

For Grosse Pointe North, the team finished eighth overall with 220 points, marking the final race for retiring head coach Scott Cooper, who has led the program more than three decades. No individual Norsemen

qualified for the state final.

"We weren't expected to (qualify)," Cooper said, "but we tried."

Boys' XC

Despite each squad earning a top 10 finish at last Friday's regional meet at Anchor Bay High School, cross country seasons ended for boys teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

No individual qualifiers will advance for this weekend's state meet at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

South raced to a fifth-place team finish with 164 points, while North finished seventh with 192 points.

Despite seeing her team's season end, North head coach Diane Montgomery liked how her team battled through the injury bug. "I was happy to have a relatively healthy top seven running in my varsity (at regionals)," she said. "This season, we were hampered by illness



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Savannah Spangler qualified for the state finals for her third consecutive year.

and injuries among our top runners. They were all able to race, but I know a couple of them were not 100 percent. "Overall, I was happy with the guys' efforts," she continued. "We finished seventh in a tough region that features some of the top teams and runners in the state."

Montgomery said one

of her top runners, Caleb Kosel, was hoping to qualify for the state finals, but finished in 25th place. The top 15 runners advance to the state final.

Kosel attempted to qualify at the "Last Chance to Run Fast" meet Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Dakota High School, after press time.

For Grosse Pointe South, senior Jet Miller just missed qualifying for states with a 19th-place finish in 17:15.5. Teammate Jack Martin finished in 22nd place.

"It was a fine season for us," South head coach Mark Sonnenberg said. "It's an honor and a privilege to coach these guys."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

'Playmaker' Belanger overcomes injury to become impact player for Blue Devils

By Meg Leonard
 Senior Editor

A Force. Weapon. Playmaker. Deadly.

When your head coach uses these types of terms throughout the season to describe what kind of football player you are, chances are you also define the term "impact player."

Such is the case with Hunter Belanger, co-captain and starting tight end for Grosse Pointe South varsity football, as described by his head coach, Chad Hepner. Hepner, who knows firsthand what it takes to become elite athlete, as he excelled as a varsity football player and diver at South before becoming an All-Big Ten and All-American diver at Michigan State University.

"He is such a force,"



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South tight end Hunter Belanger shows he has bounced back from a serious foot injury, scoring in the Blue Devils playoff opener last Friday.

Hepner said of Belanger. "I mean, there are not a

lot of players his size that can cover ground and have soft hands like he does. He's just such a weapon."

The football and leadership skills Belanger (pronounced BELL-ahn-JAY) brings have helped lead the Blue Devils to a 9-1 record in his senior season and its second straight MAC White division title.

This Friday, his team will host a second-round playoff game against Roseville High School. The Blue Devils advanced after beating L'Anse Creuse 24-0 in last weekend's playoff opener, where Belanger had three catches for 35 yards and a touchdown.

Though he has played baseball longer than football, the 6-foot, 3-inch,

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Hunter Belanger

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245-pound Belanger has what it takes physically and mentally to be one of the Blue Devils' best on the gridiron.

"I really do think as a tight end, my blocking is some of best out there," he said. "Setting the edge and my hands are really good. That's probably what separates me from most. I move around pretty well for my size."

In addition to his blocking skills, Belanger has 24 catches for 248 yards and two touchdowns on the season. He also occasionally sees time on the

other side of the ball as a defensive end.

But according to his head coach, Belanger's leadership skills are irreplaceable to the 2023 team.

"He's kind of the heart and soul of our team," Hepner said. "We got some other vocal leaders — (fellow co-captain) C.J. Schervish is a very vocal leader — but Hunter is a guy that when he talks, the team listens. He's not always the rah-rah guy, but when he

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Norsemen get redemption in playoff win over Fitzgerald

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

"You don't get a second chance very often," Grosse Pointe North varsity football coach Joe Drouin said about his team's playoff matchup with Fitzgerald. The Norsemen got that second chance against the Spartans Friday, Oct. 27, in the opening round of the Division 3 playoffs just 20 days after North lost to Fitzgerald 34-14. This time around, the outcome favored the Norsemen, who got a 25-22 victory to move on in the postseason.

"We talked after the first game against Fitzgerald about if we could do it all over again, what would we do differently," Drouin said. "...It didn't sit well with us the way we lost that game and there was a lot we could've done differently... We were able to look at the game plan we had with them before and realize what worked and what didn't work and made the adjustments we needed to."

The Norsemen took the lead first on a touchdown pass from Ryan

Henderson to Sebastian Rouse that made it a 6-0 game. Fitzgerald tied the game at six apiece soon after, but the Norsemen managed to snatch the momentum back with a big play on defense. Ethan Bailey-Gonzalez helped the Norsemen get back in front by coming up with an interception and taking it to the house before halftime, making it 12-6 in favor of the Norsemen again.

The game continued to go back and forth, with Fitzgerald finding the end zone and getting a successful two-point conversion to pull back in front by two. Then it was North's turn to take the lead back, with Henderson getting a rushing touchdown in the third quarter that made it 18-14 Norsemen.

North finally got a bit of separation early in the fourth quarter when Henderson connected with Nick Saigh for a touchdown extending the advantage to 25-14. The Spartans did score with just more than five minutes left to make it a three-point game, but the Norsemen were able to hold onto the small

lead for the remainder of the night and close out the playoff win.

While Saigh and Rouse caught the touchdowns, Rocco Cardinale was North's leading receiver with 67 yards on two catches, while Leo Perettie had seven catches for 42 yards. Henderson went 14-19 passing for 147 yards and two touchdowns, making it three scores total with his rushing touchdown.

"I'm going to make a real big fight at the MAC meeting next week for Ryan (Henderson) to be player of the year in the MAC Gold," Drouin said about his senior quarterback. "Last year, all he had to do was not lose a game, and he was 8-0 and our only losses were with a different quarterback. This year, he showed there's a connection between him and all the receivers... He doesn't have a guy he trusts that they're going to find an opening and get open for him."

Up Next In Week 11: The Norsemen now advance to the district

final round of the playoffs in Division 3, where they will take on Detroit Martin Luther King. The Crusaders are 5-5 this season after defeating Port Huron 50-35 in their first-round playoff game last week.

If this playoff matchup was happening last year, the Norsemen would have to go up against King QB Dante Moore, who is now starting games as a true freshman at UCLA. However, Moore's legacy is a testament to the kind of talent that the Crusaders consistently produce, making it a challenge for any team that has to meet them in the postseason.

North has had King in its sights as a potential playoff opponent for weeks now and knows that a game like this could become a pivotal point in the trajectory of the program.

"We had an idea we were going to run into King and I've spent a lot of time last week and this weekend gathering film on King," Drouin said. "...The kids are probably sick of me saying it already, but Dante



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Rocco Cardinale makes one of his many catches as North's leading receiver in last Friday's 25-22 playoff victory over Fitzgerald.

Moore isn't lining up under center this week, it's a different kid, a freshman. With everything we've talked about with King, they're very close to the 2022 Roseville team we played and were in a dogfight with... We're a better

team than we were last year and hopefully with our schemes and what we've learned we should be able to hang with them."

North hosts King for the district final playoff round at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

Playoff march begins as Blue Devils blank L'Anse Creuse 24-0

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Though Grosse Pointe South's varsity football team accomplished its mission of winning its first-round, Division 2 playoff game — a 24-0 home victory against L'Anse Creuse Friday, Oct. 27 — head coach Chad Hepner cautioned his team to clean up penalties and mistakes if they hope to advance further in the playoffs.

"The big picture is we are moving on. How do we think we played?" he asked his team in the postgame huddle. "Not enough for one week from now. The mistakes we made this week will cost us the game next week, no matter who our opponent is. Tonight's effort won't be good enough going forward."

But Hepner stayed positive, letting his team know the night's victory gave South nine wins on the season, the most for the program since 1987. He also emphasized that the opportunity for his team to make a deep playoff run still presents itself.

"The good news is we got a lot to work on in practice this week. ... We are a team," he reminded his players. "We are not an offense and we are not a defense. We are all in."

"There's a lot of good stuff to build on, but once again, we're gonna have to really have our best week of practice," he added.

A strong week of practice will ready the Blue Devils to host a second-round matchup against Roseville at 7 p.m. Friday,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Quarterback Jack Lupu rushes for some extra yardage in last week's playoff opener against L'Anse Creuse.

Nov. 3. South beat the Panthers 16-7 in Week 5 of the regular season, relying on a strong defensive performance, a unit that has continually shut down opponents all season long.

That stealth defense showed up again against the Lancers Friday night, a team they beat 41-7 in Week 4 of the regular season. In the rematch, South's defense kept them off the scoreboard entirely.

"Defensively, once again we're playing fantastic besides a couple small hiccups here and there," Hepner said. "They were really very stout tonight, like they have been all year, and are playing with intensity."

The Blue Devils defense allowed little on the Lancers' opening drive, forcing a punt at 10:31 of the first quarter.

It didn't take long for South's offense to strike.

Setting up on its own 41-yard line, South relied on running back Matthew Agnone to get into Lancer territory. Receptions from tight end Hunter Belanger and Jackson Rybicki kept the chains moving before South found itself with a first-and-10 from the 15.

That's when junior quarterback Jack Lupu found Belanger on a hitch route, wide open up the middle for South's first score of the game with just under five minutes left in the first. An extra point gave South a 7-0 lead.

The Blue Devils showed some aggressiveness on the kickoff, attempting an on-side kick they appeared to convert. But officials determined the Lancers called for a fair catch, where they began their drive at their own 42.

South jumped offside to keep the L'Anse Creuse drive alive, but

the Blue Devils stuffed a fourth down attempt at the line of scrimmage and took over at their own 38-yard line.

From there, the Blue Devils worked their way to the Lancer 24-yard line, where Lupu connected on a short passing route at the 19-yard line to junior receiver Vince Vachon, who shook off defenders and danced along the sideline to take it in for the score with 9:10 left in the second quarter. Another extra point from kicker C.J. Rosati extended South's lead 14-0.

On the ensuing kick, Rosati directed the ball about 20 yards toward the sideline, gaining a high bounce that was mishandled by a Lancer. South junior Noah Hart pounced on the ball to send South's offense right back on the field.

The Lancers stopped the Blue Devils on the drive and forced a punt,

turning their next series into what might have been their most productive drive of the game. Taking some momentum from a few big gains to the South 31-yard line, the Lancers had their best scoring opportunity of the game. But junior linebacker Lex Wilson took that chance away by intercepting a tipped pass and taking it eight yards to the 39-yard line with less than five minutes to play before half.

The drive included nice runs from Agnone and senior Jack Kendall, plus a catch from Karter Richards. Those gains seemingly alternated with Blue Devil false starts and offside penalties. South eventually made its way into the red zone, when Wilson punched it in for the score and a 21-0 lead heading into halftime.

With most of South's scoring done for the night, a Rosati field goal in the second half gave South the 24-0 win.

Calling his team's multiple penalties throughout the game "atrocious," Hepner said he knows at this point in the season his team won't get away with unforced errors as they play tougher competition.

"We did everything," he said. "We lined up offside, we lined up not on the line of scrimmage, we jumped offside, we had holding penalties, we pretty much tried to get every penalty possible on offense."

But, Hepner said, his team knows they have to clean it up before Friday and will look at film, trusting each other to

work hard to correct mistakes before hitting the field against Roseville.

The team also hopes to get a few players back from injury for the remainder of the playoffs, including senior Joey Michelotti, who has shared ball-carrying duties with Agnone, his first cousin, all season.

Hepner praised Agnone, who had 22 carries for 76 yards against L'Anse Creuse, for stepping up in Michelotti's absence.

"We knew that Agnone could do it," he said. "It has really been a luxury with both those guys seemingly alternated with Blue Devil false starts and offside penalties. South eventually made its way into the red zone, when Wilson punched it in for the score and a 21-0 lead heading into halftime."

"We got some other guys we know we can get in there, but we certainly will be happy for us to get Joey back in there."

Up Next in Week 11 (Playoffs, Round 2): This Friday, the Blue Devils not only have the chance to continue their season when they host 7-3 Roseville, who beat Port Huron Northern in their playoff opener last Saturday 30-0, but also the opportunity to secure the team's 10th win of the season, something that has never been achieved in program history.

"It's not gonna happen by itself. We got a lot of work to do," Hepner advised his team last week, noting he had several players taking the

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Two speedy Knights race to 3rd consecutive finals

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Two runners from University Liggett School's coed cross country team made three their lucky number when each qualified for the Division 3 state final for the third consecutive season at the regional meet Friday, Oct. 27, at Kensington Metropark.

Junior Kerith Short finished the humid and hilly 5K in 23:33.6, taking 15th place overall out of 73 runners. She also was the fifth individual qualifier of the race, and will be competing in her third straight state final.

Sophomore Elizabeth Gough finished out of state-qualifying contention, but completed a solid race in 24:47.3,

good for 25th place.

The girls team finished fifth overall in the field of 14 teams with 159 points. Lansing Catholic took first with 31 points.

Short's head coach, Katie Sime said Short is not just a leader on Liggett's team, but also is viewed as such around the league. Sime noted that after many top ten finishes, Short can be seen encouraging other runners in their final kick and across the finish line. Short also currently ranks second on the Knights' fastest female cross country runners of all time, with a best time of 19:36.2.

"Kerith is an incredible multi-sport athlete, she is a runner, she plays basketball and soccer, this fall she dual-rostered cross country and

field hockey and in the spring she dual-ropes with soccer and track," Sime said. "Her dedication to being a part of something bigger than herself is apparent any time you watch her compete."

On the boys side, junior Michael Darlington raced to sixth place out of 86 runners in 18:52.3. He was the fourth individual qualifier, who like Short, will be competing in his third straight final. Freshman Clayton Gady crossed the finish line in 22nd place, giving the Knights two top 25 finishes for the boys and girls teams.

The boys squad finished eighth overall among 14 teams with 183 points. Lansing Catholic won the boys division with 59 points.

"Michael is a driven athlete, he has set goals for himself and puts in the extra work outside of practice to get himself there. Having been on this team for three years now, Mikey has gotten comfortable with his teammates and competitors," Sime said, noting the special camaraderie between opponents in cross country.

"After races, you will see the mutual respect with Mikey hugging and high fiving the other finishers, each proud of the other for putting it all out there," Sime added. Darlington is currently ranked No. 10 on Liggett cross country's fastest males of all time (17:35.4). The state final takes place Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Michigan International Speedway.



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Liggett's Michael Darlington and Kerith Short will represent the Knights for the third consecutive season at the Division 3 state final Saturday in Brooklyn.

Liggett soccer stunned in regional

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett boys soccer team looked to be on the path to playing for a Division 4 state championship all season long. The Knights were consistently ranked as the state's No. 1 team in the division and had a chance to reach the state semifinals last week. Instead, Liggett saw its state title dreams dashed with a 1-0 loss in a penalty shootout to

Bishop Foley in the regional final last Thursday, Oct. 26.

This was not the first high-stakes matchup between the Knights and the Ventures this fall. Liggett defeated Bishop Foley 4-1 back on Oct. 4 to win the Catholic League Cardinal Division championship.

Last week's regional final saw significantly less firepower on offense than in the CHSL championship matchup between the

two sides. The teams fought through 100 minutes of game time all to a 0-0 stalemate. The first half was back and forth with both sides getting some chances. Momentum seemed to favor the Knights more in the second half, with Liggett applying plenty of pressure and creating scoring opportunities.

Corner kicks, free kicks and well-planned runs toward the net still could not help the Knights break through. Liggett continued to try

breaking through up until the final whistle of regulation, including a very close try by Kaden Logan in the last minute that fell just short.

The game then went into extra time. Two ten-minute periods went by with still neither finding the back of the net, sending the game into a decisive penalty kick shootout.

Foley took a 1-0 advantage after the first round of penalty kicks and it remained that way through the second

round as well. Alex Wysocki was the first Knight to score in the shootout, converting his chance in the third round, however the Ventures converted as well and remained ahead 2-1.

Neither team scored in the fourth round of the shootout, making it all come down to the fifth and final set of penalty kicks. Brady Ancona scored on his attempt for Liggett to even the shootout scoring at 2-2. However,

Bishop Foley got the final chance of the shootout and converted, scoring to win the game and end the Knights' playoff run.

The playoff loss was just the second overall loss of the season for Liggett, who finishes the fall with a 17-2-1 record. While unable to take home a regional championship crown, the Knights still added some hardware trophy case this season by winning district and Catholic League titles.

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speaks up, the team knows it's time to pay attention."

As a starting varsity athlete in two sports since his sophomore year, Belanger's story would read like a fairytale on the surface, if it weren't for a devastating foot injury he got in a 2022 preseason football camp at Michigan State University. Belanger broke his talus bone at the base of his ankle, causing him to miss the majority of his junior sea-

son.

"Someone just landed on my foot when I was coming down," he said.

Belanger dedicated long hours with a physical therapist to work on his range of motion, while the bone took its time to heal. But perhaps the biggest mountain to climb in his recovery was regaining the confidence to play again.

Despite how difficult his rehabilitation was, Belanger's perseverance paid off. He not only returned to the football field in Week 9 against rival Grosse Pointe North

and for the team's first-round playoff loss against DeLaSalle last season, but also played a full season of varsity baseball for South. Starting at first base and becoming one of the team's power hitters, he earned All-MAC honorable mention honors and was named to the Division 2 All-District team.

With the injury in his rearview mirror, Belanger now can see the blessing that came out of the grief his injury caused.

"Me playing my junior season of baseball was a really big accomplish-

ment and even playing this season (of football)," he said. "... As the season has gone on, I'm a lot more confident. It's been a long journey."

In his final season of high school football, Belanger is not only a team co-captain, but also was hand-chosen by last year's team MVP to handle the team's game-day tradition of carrying the American flag while leading the Blue Devils onto the field.

"It usually just gets passed down and (former South running back) Egan Sullivan passed it down to me," Belanger said of the honor. "It's not chosen by coaches or anyone. It's just a player thing."

Now that it's playoff time and a single loss

ends the season, Belanger said he tries not to think about it. But he admits when the time comes, he will miss seeing his teammates in South's hallways, at practice every day and "all the stuff we do to get ready."

There's a chance he will add a new chapter to his football career at the next level. He is beginning to get interest from college programs, including Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

He also gets to enjoy another baseball season this spring. For now, all Belanger wants to do is win his next football game.

"I do think we are successful because our team is one of the few I've been on where we have both the camaraderie but are

also all-business," he said. "Everyone loves each other. Even the underclassmen are handed out love by us."

Hepner said his biggest takeaway is the joy Belanger gets from playing, after the injury almost took away the game his player loves.

"You know the best part is, he is obviously helping the team and he is just a great player whose blocking as a tight end is just fantastic," he said. "But the best part for me is just seeing how much fun he is having out there this year."

"I think that he just appreciates it a little bit more."

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Hunter Belanger embraces a long-time South tradition this season by leading the team on to the field carrying the American flag. He was chosen for the honor by last year's team MVP and star running back, Egan Sullivan.

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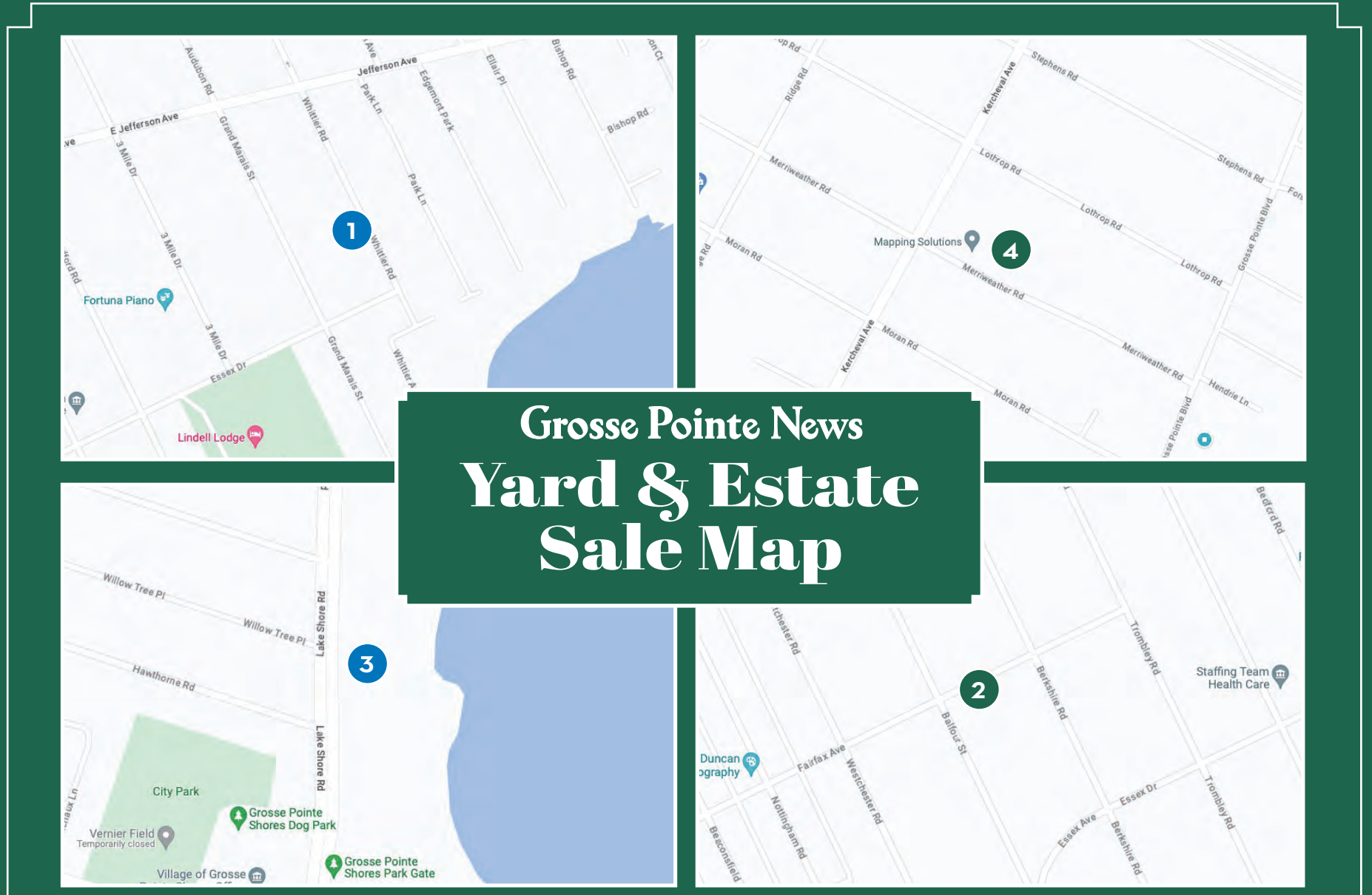
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● = ESTATE SALE ○ = YARD SALE

6D | HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Knights' season ends in playoff opener

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

University Liggett football entered this season looking to begin a new era of success on the gridiron. It was the first year under a new coaching staff that helped lead the Knights to a 7-2 regular season record. However, this season saw the Knights suffer the same fate that they encountered in 2022, losing in the opening round of the Division 7 state playoffs 42-14 to Detroit Central last Friday, Oct. 27.

Despite the lopsided final score, Liggett was the team that got on the scoreboard first on Friday night. The Knights scored midway through the opening quarter when Nikkos Davis threw a touchdown pass

to Liam Kurtz, giving Liggett an 8-0 lead after a successful two-point conversion.

The Trail Blazers from Detroit Central wasted no time striking back after Liggett's go-ahead touchdown. Detroit Central received the ensuing kickoff after taking it all the way to the end zone to shorten the Knights' lead to 8-6. The Trail Blazers then took the lead with another touchdown late in the first quarter to pull ahead 12-8.

It took awhile into the second quarter for either team to light up the scoreboard again. The next points also came in favor of the Trail Blazers, who found the end zone for a third time with just over three minutes to go before halftime. Liggett man-

aged to answer before the half finished with Davis scrambling for a 21-yard touchdown run that cut the deficit to 20-14 going into the break.

While the Knights had managed to make it a one-score game at halftime, the second half was all Trail Blazers. Detroit Central reached the end zone twice in the third quarter and again early in the fourth, while its defense shut-out Liggett through the entire second half.

Liggett finishes the 2023 season with a record of 7-3, with last Friday's game being the team's first loss since Sept. 22. Liggett also finished second in the Catholic League Intersectional 2 Division with a league record of 4-1.

SOUTH:

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SAT and ACT last Saturday morning. "Show up even if you're tired and if you're hurting and have stuff going on, show up ready to work. ... Guys, we're playing more football!"

Kickoff against Roseville is at 7 p.m. at South. Thanks the generosity of an anonymous donor, all students dressed in the Devil's

Den theme of "Winter Whiteout" gain entry to the game for free. You also must provide your student ID.

Stream it live: This Friday's playoff football game between Grosse Pointe South and Roseville will be featured as the STATE CHAMPS! "Gametime Live" High School Game of the Week." To watch the game, click on nfhsnet.com/events/state-champs-sports-network/gamaacc578822

The game also will be available on the STATE CHAMPS! YouTube channel 24 hours after the game's completion.

For fans who enjoy listening to games on radio, South's game also will be featured live on WJR radio (AM 760). In addition to the over-the-air broadcast, game audio also will stream via WJR's app and at WJR.com. For more information, head to wjr.com/2019/06/18/listen-live.

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:

PLAYOFF FIELD HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett's varsity field hockey teams competed in the state quarterfinals last Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the MHSFHL Division 2 playoffs. Both teams saw their state championship hopes end that day as the Knights and Blue Devils both suffered losses.

The Knights lost their quarterfinal matchup 5-1 to Detroit Country Day. South took on Chelsea and lost in a close 1-0 game in overtime. Chelsea would go on to play in the state championship game on Saturday, Oct. 28, losing to Dexter 3-0.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

PLAYOFF VOLLEYBALL

Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North varsity volleyball teams began their playoff journeys in Division 1 on Monday, Oct. 30. The Blue Devils and Norsemen both won their respective matchups in the opening round of district playoffs to survive and advance.

Both teams won their Monday night matches 3-0 in straight sets. North defeated Hamtramck while South beat Detroit Western. On Wednesday, Nov. 1, after press time, South faced Detroit's Martin Luther King, while North took on Cass Tech in the district semifinals. The district championship match is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at MLK high school.



CHEER CHAMPS!

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons varsity cheerleaders were All-Around champions at the ESFL Cheer Championships last week. Red Barons cheerleaders were over-all champs in three different divisions, including varsity, JV and freshman.



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The Pierce middle school runners arrive at the third annual MHSAA Middle School Regional Cross Country Championship last Saturday at Dakota High School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Twenty-four runners from Pierce Middle School raced alongside middle schoolers from Parcels and Brownell to compete in the third annual MHSAA Middle School Regional Cross Country Championship Saturday, Oct. 28 at Dakota High School. Pierce girls finished 15th overall, while the Pierce boys finished in 21st place. Every Pierce runner hit personal season-best times.

The massive meet included 24 middle schools, with four races of 240 runners each. Grosse Pointe's cross country middle school program started in 2019 and has 250 athletes from Pierce, Brownell and Parcels. According to Pierce head coach Ed Lazar, who also is an assistant coach at Grosse Pointe South, the middle school program aims to teach student athletes how to run cross country in preparation for high school competition. It also serves as a strong feeder program for teams at South and North.

Coaches model important life skills to the program's athletes, including respectful communication, financial literacy, good nutrition and community service.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to mleonard@grossepointenews.com.

2023 SPORTS CALENDAR NOVEMBER

2 THURSDAY

- » 6:30 p.m.- ULS Volleyball vs. Academy of the Americas (Districts@DetNorthwestern)

3 FRIDAY

- » 5 p.m.- ULS Volleyball Div. 3 district final (@ Det. Northwestern)
- » 5:30 p.m.- GPS Girls Swim & Dive MAC Red Prelims (@ GPS)
- » 6 p.m.- GPN + GPS Volleyball Div. 1 district final (@ MLK)

4 SATURDAY

- » TBD- GPN + GPS + ULS Boys & Girls XC State Finals (@ MIS)
- » 11 a.m.- GPN + GPS Girls Swim & Dive MAC Red Meet (@ GPS)

5 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

6 MONDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

7 TUESDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

8 WEDNESDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

9 THURSDAY

- » 5 p.m.- GPN vs. GPS Girls Hockey (Exhibition)

10 FRIDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

11 SATURDAY

- » TBD- GPN Boys Hockey vs. Alpena (Exhibition)
- » 8 p.m.- GPS vs. ULS Boys Hockey (Exhibition)

12 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

13 MONDAY

- » 5:30 p.m.- ULS Boys Hockey vs. Allen Park

14 TUESDAY

- » 5 p.m.- GPN @ ULS Girls Hockey

15 WEDNESDAY

- » 7:45 p.m.- GPN Boys Hockey vs. Fraser/Stevenson

16 THURSDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

17 FRIDAY

- » 5 p.m.- GPN Boys Hockey vs. PHN

- » 7 p.m.- ULS Boys Hockey @ Country Day

- » 7 p.m.- GPS Boys Hockey vs. Bay City Central

18 SATURDAY

- » TBD- GPS + GPN Girls Swim & Dive State Finals

- » 6:30 p.m.- GPS Girls Hockey @ Bloomfield Hills

- » 7 p.m.- GPS Boys Hockey vs. Marysville

- » 7 p.m.- GPN Girls Hockey @ Ann Arbor Huron

- » 8:30 p.m.- GPN Boys Hockey @ Romeo

19 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

20 MONDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

21 TUESDAY

- » 7 p.m.- GPS Boys Hoops vs. Bloomfield Hills (Exhibition)

22 WEDNESDAY

- » 7 p.m.- GPS Boys Hockey @ Trenton
- » 7:45 p.m.- GPN Boys Hockey @ St. Clair Shores

23 THURSDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

24 FRIDAY

- » TBD- GPS Boys Hoops Black Friday Super Scrimmage (@ Belleville)

- » 6 p.m.- GPS Boys Hockey @ Bay City Reps

25 SATURDAY

- » TBD- GPS Boys Hockey @ Bay City Reps

26 SUNDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

27 MONDAY

- » No Events Scheduled

28 TUESDAY

- » 4:30 p.m.- GPN Girls Hockey @ OLSM
- » 6:30 p.m.- GPS Girls Hockey @ ULS
- » 7 p.m.- GPS Boys Hoops @ Loyola,

29 WEDNESDAY

- » TBD- GPS Girls Hoops @ Belleville (Exhibition)
- » 5 p.m.- ULS Girls Hockey @ Ann Arbor Pioneer
- » 5:30 p.m.- ULS Boys Hockey vs. Gibraltar Carlson
- » 8 p.m.- GPN Girls Hockey vs. Plymouth
- » 8 p.m.- GPS Girls Hockey @ Livonia

30 THURSDAY

- » TBD- ULS Boys Hockey @ Woodhaven