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Historic mural is history

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A mural on the side of a business along Mack believed to be 75 years old was painted over Thursday, Nov. 2, bringing a close to a short-lived chapter that captured the attention of residents far and wide.

The mural, an advertisement for Pepsi Cola and what was then called Oxford Beer Store, was located on the side of Henry's Cleaners on Mack between Oxford and Kenmore. It was discovered late September when an adjacent building was torn down as part of plans for an expansion at edmund t.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

At the polls

Out of all the Grosse Pointes, Grosse Pointe Park had the most candidates running in this year's election. The Lavins Center in Windmill Pointe Park had a steady stream of voters on Election Day, including Betsy Conlan, putting her ballot into the machine for her vote to be counted. Find election results online at grossepointenews.com and in next week's newspaper.

Free Village holiday parking returns

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Halloween has only just passed, but officials in the City of Grosse Pointe are gearing up to keep tradition alive for the winter holiday season.

For the 13th year, parking will be free in Village off-street parking lots each Saturday and Sunday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It also will be free Friday, Nov. 24, the day of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade.

Specific free parking dates are Nov. 24, 25 and 26, as well as Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24.

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BoE conflict of interest settled

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Questions about a conflict of interest involving two members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education ended up being a non-issue, according to an opinion from the district's legal counsel.

The matter arose when Trustee Valarie St. John in September questioned why there were entries in the district's check register to The Portrait Place for photographs taken by Board President Ahmed Ismail.

At the same time, Treasurer Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, also asked for an opinion to determine whether he had a conflict of interest, since

the district has multiple subscriptions to the paper, pays for ads and must place and pay for public notices as the News is the paper of record for the Pointes.

In a rare 6-0 unanimous vote, the board waived attorney-client privilege so the opinion could be read into the record at its meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24.

The law firm Clark Hill said there was no conflict of interest in either case for multiple reasons.

First and foremost is the fact the board does not vote on the monthly check register, it only gets a copy to review. The opinion said there could be a potential conflict of interest if the board voted on the check register, but Ismail and Cotton could

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PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Pups on parade!

Golden retriever puppies — like Howie and Ceilidh, above — as well as goldens of all ages will be among the participants in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade, which takes place — rain or shine — at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, along Kercheval from Lewiston to Cadieux. To learn more about the goldens' participation, check out page 1B. For more information about the parade, visit grossepointechamber.com or call (313) 881-4722.

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Catherine Johnson

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Shores eyeing new ambulance

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After replacing its pumper truck earlier this year, the public safety department now is looking at getting a new ambulance.

Director Ken Werenski discussed it with city council at its October meeting, noting that a replacement probably

will be needed in the next two years.

“Our current ambulance is a 2007 model and the guys keep it in good shape, but like anything else it has a life span,” he said.

Werenski added that one issue with the vehicle is lack of use.

“It might go five miles round trip between going to someone’s house, taking them to the hospital

and coming back to the station,” he said. “The mechanic is always telling us to take it out on the freeway and just drive for 30 minutes.”

Werenski estimates a new ambulance would cost about \$250,000.

“You can go all the way up to \$400,000, but we’re in a good situation because we can transfer all the equipment over,” he said.

Councilman John Seago said at the meeting the city should start budgeting now for the expense.

“I was excited to hear that and the whole community should be happy about it,” Werenski said. “Our crews do a fantastic job and the people appreciate that. We don’t just go get someone and take them to the hospital. It’s the little things like mak-

ing sure the house is locked, grabbing the person’s cell phone charger, telling the doctors all the medication a person is taking.”

Werenski also told council two new officers will be joining the department at the end of the year.

“I check in with the instructors at the academy and they’ve got nothing but good things

to say about them,” he noted. “They get good test scores and are showing leadership skills among their classmates.”

Another candidate will join the academy in January and Werenski is hoping to get approval for a second.

“If we can get two starting in January, by May we’ll have 17 in the department and that’s fully staffed,” he said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Chene-Trombley Park ribbon cutting

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and other guests celebrated the opening of the newly refurbished Chene-Trombley Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, Oct. 21. Improvements included a new entrance, restrooms, a pavilion, picnic tables and a walking path. The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation and the family of Phyllis A. DeMars contributed \$195,000 toward the total cost. A tot lot within the park is named for DeMars, a Woods resident and longtime educator who passed away last year.

Misguided good Samaritan

Four juvenile thieves caught in the act

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While Pointe officers set up a perimeter, began searching yard-by-yard and sent up a drone looking for suspected car thieves early morning Sunday, a kind-hearted Farms man unintentionally rounded them up for an easy arrest.

After being alerted that four black males — later found to be juveniles, 14 to 17 years old — were seen trying door handles and attempting to break into a white truck on Williams near Touraine at 5:35 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, a white Hyundai Sonata was seen speeding 60 mph on Beaupre. It then was abandoned, all four doors left open, on Chalfonte just off Moran as the suspects fled police on foot.

A trampled yard fence led officers into the 400 block of Lothrop, where they

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AHEE Jewelers that will shift the business’s parking lot south.

Detroit-based artist Mark Serra, who specializes in historic preservation, said clues on the vintage sign, including the style of the Pepsi logo, led him to believe it was painted around 1948, which is when the building was constructed.

“I thought about (saving) it,” said Bert Cook, whose family owns the building that houses

Henry’s Cleaners. “In the long run, it would have been more of a headache.”

Trying to preserve the mural would have included seeking a variance from city council. A letter from the city Serra received in October said ordinances do not allow murals on commercial buildings and have no provision for historic murals.

Discussion at previous planning commission meetings said allowing murals could lead to businesses exceeding the allowable square footage for sig-



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE LAWRENCE

Painters cover a vintage Pepsi sign with a coat of primer last Thursday. Located on the side of Henry’s Cleaners, the sign was unearthed during construction to expand edmund t. AHEE Jewelers.

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nage. “The question is where is the line between a mural and our commercial sign ordinance,” Mayor Art Bryant told the Grosse

Pointe News last month. “It’s not allowed at the moment, but it’s something we’ll look into and consider.”

Councilman Kenn Gafa had indicated on social media that he would have supported a variance.

“My guess is that they wanted to get it done before anyone had a chance to take it to city council,” Serra said. “It’s sad. The influence of a few definitely outweighed the will of the people.”

A Grosse Pointe News online poll saw 94 percent of respondents say they preferred keeping

the mural.

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

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

“It’s what we call a ghost sign,” he continued, “an accidental time capsule we forget was ever there.”

Serra, who recently was appointed to a new sign preservation task force by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, said he would have donated his time free of charge and sealed the mural with a UV-resistant clear coat to protect it from the sun.

There has been talk on social media of possibly recreating the sign inside Oxford Beverage or putting it on T-shirts the store sells.

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shoppers to come on down and to help elevate the opportunities to shop local and support our local businesses during this really critical time for retailers,” said Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street

Grosse Pointe, which will reimburse the city parking fund \$2,500, or half the estimated cost of lost parking revenue.

The free holiday parking program does not include The Village parking structure, which will continue to operate with free parking on Sundays, as well as three hours of free parking

with validation from Trader Joe’s or one hour of free parking with validation from Pet Supplies Plus Monday through Saturday.

“We’re looking forward to a robust holiday season in The Village,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

— Laurel Kraus

Central library branch reopens

Grand opening, 70th anniversary to be celebrated Parade Day

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — “We felt like we were ready enough to open the doors and start serving the community again,” Director Jessica Keyser said, after the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s Central branch reopened quietly and without any fanfare the last day of October.

The branch at 10 Kercheval on The Hill, which has been closed for construction since May 2022, is saving the pomp and circumstance for 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, directly following the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade.

“It is probably my favorite day of the year in Grosse Pointe,” Keyser said. “It has such a special place in my heart, because we moved here in the fall and the first year I was blown away by the sense of community and the celebration. It makes me feel so happy. It makes me appreciate being here so much.”

The grand opening and ribbon cutting also will be a joint celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Central building, which opened in 1953.

Alongside the Scott Gwinell Jazz Orchestra performing in the library



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The 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition allowed Central to double the size of its children’s area.

mark, pad of paper and special logo cookie made by local resident, Julie Donahue of Julie’s Cookie Creations.

“I’m glad that we can attach our celebration to a happy day already,” Keyser added.

Those lucky enough to find a parking spot on the big day should remember the flow of traffic in Central’s lot has

eration of the library’s curbside service during the pandemic, Keyser said, “The main purpose of the drive-up window is to pick up holds. When you place your hold through the online catalog, there’s now an option for the Central drive-up window, so you just select that option and then your hold will be right there at the win-

Saturday, while the book return slot next to it is available 24/7.

Another major factor of the renovation, a 7,500-square-foot, two-story addition to the south portion of the building, allowed for improvements including doubling the size of the children’s area, creating a dedicated lounge room for teens, installing additional bathrooms with better accessibility and moving the staff offices upstairs, making space for a second programming room for community meetings and library programs.

“We also created a special room for our tool collection, for people to actually see what tools we have,” Keyser said. “Those used to all be in the work area and you’ll still have to ask for them, but now when you walk in the front door, you can actually see through the window the tools that we have available. And there will be a QR code that people can scan and pull up the full catalog of tools that are available.”

Bringing the 70-year-old building up to modern standards, behind-the-scenes upgrades included the implementation of a fire-suppression system throughout the building, a second means of egress on the second floor and an elevator.

While landscaping

work is ongoing and the library is waiting on a few pieces of backordered furniture, the project at Central is about 95 percent complete.

“By the end of this month we hope to be 110 percent and really show the community this is the

More than books

Lesser-known resources the Grosse Pointe Public Library offers for free to those with a library card include:

- ◆ More than 100 tools that can be borrowed from the Central branch,
- ◆ computers and/or Wi-Fi hotspots to check out,
- ◆ ancestry.com access,
- ◆ ACT and SAT prep classes through BrainFuse,
- ◆ access to Mango languages — a language-learning site with more than 70 language options,
- ◆ STEAM kits for kids, which are backpacks containing different supplies or activities related to science, technology, engineering, art and math
- ◆ and one telescope per branch available for check out.

investment that you made,” Keyser said.

Hours at the Central branch are the same as prior to construction: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

With the Central branch’s services reentering the community, the Central Annex temporary pop-up location at 120 Kercheval on The Hill now is closed.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, NOV. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Commission meeting, 7:15 p.m.



The drive-up window, accessible off Fisher, is the first to be offered at any of the branches.

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cary Ann’s Clown Caravan will offer face painting and balloon animals for kids. The first 300 people to attend also will receive a goodie bag with a 70th anniversary commemorative book-

been reversed — the entrance into the lot is now from Fisher, with the exit out onto Kercheval — to allow for implementation of the GPPL’s first drive-up window.

Calling it the next gen-

dow. You’ll pull up and somebody will be there — or you’ll press the button if nobody happens to be there — and they’ll check it out right there.”

Hours for the drive-up window are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through



As part of the improvements, teens now have a dedicated space at Central.

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Sommelier brings worldwide adventures back home

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

After traveling the world and being gone two full decades, native Grosse Pointer Catherine Johnson returned home this past summer.

The pull of family — plus the added opportunity for her physician husband's emergency medicine residency — brought the worldly couple and their 9-year-old son to settle in Grosse Pointe Park.

This is a common theme lately — “boomerangs,” who have landed back in the Pointes to enjoy the unmatched and unique family atmosphere, amenities, schools and more after being gone for a length of time. The good news is Pointers get to benefit from Johnson's return, as she brings back with her vast knowledge and contagious enthusiasm for all things wine.

That's something she hopes to share with the community, as well as her wealth of travel experience and culinary skills.

Raised in Grosse Pointe Farms, she is now the sommelier at Village Wine Shop, located at 15228 E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. Her knowledge is so vast that one might need to Google some of the regions around the world she references when having a conversation with her.

Using life experiences to help shape her bubbly outlook and future,



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Above, Catherine Johnson with her son, Rafael, and aunt, Vida, who taught her how to cook and analyze flavors. Right, Johnson and her husband, Steven, enjoy a glass of fine wine at Ladder 4 Wine Bar in Detroit.

Johnson has had a lifetime of cultural immersion and gustatory experiences from which to draw.

She has lived in multiple states and countries, including Mexico and Ecuador, and was guided by her doting father and diverse extended family “full of exceptional foodies and wine lovers from all over the world,” she said.

Add to that a love story with husband

Steven (who was raised in the Dominican Republic) that blossomed over their “shared love of travel, food, wine, culture and adventure,” Johnson seemed destined to become a sommelier.

And though she has an esteemed degree as a Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers — Americas, Johnson affirmed she never wants to stop learning. “I will forever be a

student of wine,” she said.

To that end, Johnson is pursuing further credentials specializing in Italian and French wines through the Wine Scholar's Guild.

Regarding her new position at Village Wine Shop, Johnson is most enthused about bringing back the monthly wine club.

“This is a wine club for people who want to learn about wine regions, grapes, styles, food pairing, etc., but don't want to be locked into a set number of pre-selected bottles per month,” she said. “Because of this, we are able to showcase wines that you just won't see any place else.”

Joining the Village Wine Shop's wine club is as easy as making a call or personally visiting the store.

“Anybody interested in the club can simply call or stop by the shop and we will add them to the list,” she said.

Once the invitations go out, the store will take reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. Events are capped at around 25 people to ensure an intimate experience where all attendees have ample opportunity to



ask questions, talk pairings and anything else they wish to discuss.

When she's not working or spending time with her husband and son — her “razón de ser,” (reason for being) — Johnson also is passionate about supporting Michigan farmers and “promoting slow food, eliminating food deserts and providing early education in nutrition and cooking,” as well as studying languages.

“Language, like wine and cuisine, is a key part of the unique tapestry of culture and ultimately cannot be separated out from its kin,” Johnson said.

Ask Johnson about her favorite wine and you will not get a definitive answer. Her joy comes in sharing the vast amount of amazing wines in the world. However, Johnson admits, “Italy is my great wine love, but that is painting with a very broad brush.”

In the near future, Johnson is excited to launch an online wine program (stay tuned and be sure to follow Village Wine Shop on social media and stop in the store for updates), as well as host small group tours to the wine regions of Europe and “have the opportunity

to continue to specialize more intensely in the regions about which I am passionate.”

In addition, she actively works with Alicia Carlisle, owner of Cabbage Patch Saloon, to expand its focus and make it a wine destination. With an already great wine list, Johnson and Carlisle are refining it together to include high-quality, seasonal features with reasonable pricing.

“We are looking forward to attracting some adventurous wine drinkers,” she added.

For now, Johnson is enjoying being back in Grosse Pointe with her husband and her son, who attends Defer Elementary School.

“He has a wonderful teacher and we are grateful to be able to walk to and from school,” she said.

She also loves the water and being near her family.

“My wonderful sister, brother, father and their partners all live within 10 minutes,” she said. “It is pure magic to have more time with them after being away for so long.”

For more information on Village Wine Shop, head to their Instagram page at @villagewine shop, or call (313) 821-1177.

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Johnson and son, Rafael, at the Elephant Room in downtown Detroit.

City of Grosse Pointe

Attempted theft

An attempted theft of a 2020 Hyundai parked in the 500 block of St. Clair took place between 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1.

A rear window was broken out and the ignition tampered with, but nothing was missing.

Unlocked

An unlocked vehicle parked in the 200 block of Rivard was rummaged through between 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, and 8 a.m. the next morning.

Nothing of value was taken.

Crypto fraud

After logging into an online account she thought was her crypto currency account, a Grosse Pointe woman last week was scammed out of \$239,000 worth of crypto currency.

Stolen suds

A 5-foot, 8-inch black man wearing a black coat and gray knit hat stole \$95 worth of various soap products from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Bah humbug

Christmas lights decorating the front of a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval were damaged between 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, and 9 a.m. the next morning.

Stolen bike

An unlocked gray Giant 21-speed bike was stolen from a bike rack in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Broken window

The rear passenger window of a Jeep Cherokee parked in the 400 block of Bournemouth was broken during an unsuccessful break-in overnight into Friday, Oct. 27.

Unlocked car

Around \$50 was stolen from the center console of an unlocked car parked in the 400 block of Manor between 11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, and 8 a.m. the next morning.

Priorities

A 25-year-old Detroit man, who initially

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ignored an officer's attempts to pull him over for speeding on Moross at 10:20 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, said he did not want to have the car impounded as he was on his way to pick up his girlfriend from work.

The woman had to find other transportation, because the vehicle was impounded and the man was cited for fleeing and eluding, speeding, not having proof of registration or insurance, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and resisting or interfering with a police officer on duty.

Bank fraud

A 54-year-old Farms woman is out \$3,010 after a person claiming to be with Flagstar Bank called her last week, stating there was unusual activity on her account and her information was needed.

Attempted home invasion

A Warner couple believe an attempted home invasion took place Monday, Oct. 30, or Tuesday, Oct. 31, after they discovered the front door was broken at the bottom as if it had been kicked forcefully. Both screens also had been dislodged from the storm doors, but entry was not gained.

Borrowed

Although a Randor Circle resident said she parked her vehicle inside her garage at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, her neighbor a few doors down found it blocking his driveway at 8 a.m. the next morning. The vehicle was left unlocked with its key fob in the cup holder.

Nothing was missing, but a license plate that had not been there before was left inside.

Fool me twice

Twenty minutes after the manager of a store in the 18000 block of Mack declined to press charges against a 56-year-old Detroit man for stealing liquor, officers arrested him for stealing another bottle of liquor from a nearby business at 12:21 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Not here, you don't

Guns and alcohol are

more than the makings of hunting trips up north.

In the wilds of Patterson Park last week, they constituted a recipe that a 67-year-old Park man cooked up on his way to a holding cell.

Shortly before 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, public safety officers responded to a report of someone with a handgun in the parking lot. Police found him in a vehicle.

"He was intoxicated (and) arrested," according to police.

He went peaceably. "(The) firearm (was) secured without incident," an officer said.

Larcenies from cars

As a reward to readers of his "Deerslayer" novel, author James Fenimore Cooper concluded the work with an aphorism beginning, "We live in a world of transgressions and selfishness, and no pictures that represent us otherwise can be true."

By such maxim the public safety report chronicles five overnight larcenies from parked vehicles during the seven-day period starting Friday, Oct. 27, in the 1000 block of Audubon. Whoever started the string got away with nothing but the Audubon victim's business cards or comparable printings of the victim's name.

Although all five incidents are considered break-ins, there was no breaking. All vehicles entered were unlocked, according to police.

◆ Overnight Sunday, Oct. 29, 1400 block of Lakepointe, Social Security card and passport stolen.

◆ Overnight Sunday, Oct. 29, 500 block of Lakepointe, man's wallet containing identification and currency.

◆ Overnight Monday, Oct. 30, 700 block of Westchester, another wallet and passport taken.

◆ Overnight Friday, Nov. 3, 900 block of Lakepointe, miscellaneous change stolen.

Stop & go

At 8:52 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, a sergeant stopped a speeding driver near the intersection of Mack and Cadieux.

No arrest resulted because the driver, underscribed, sped away. Police declined to chase for safety reasons.

Upended & escaped

Three unknown thieves of a 2019 Kia Soul ruined a chance for police to scoop them up and solve the felony they report-

edly committed at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, in the 1400 block of Balfour.

The suspects survived a rollover crash in the Kia in Detroit and fled.

"(They) were not apprehended," Park police said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

ID theft x 2

Two residents reported being targets of identity theft and/or fraud recently.

The first, an 82-year-old male living on Sheldon, said he received an email about a compromised PayPal account and called the phone number. It wasn't until after he divulged personal information he realized he was being scammed.

The man said he put a hold on his bank accounts.

A 49-year-old Vernier resident told officers he received a Walmart debit card in the mail for which he did not apply. The man said he canceled the account and put a freeze on his remaining accounts.

Both reports were turned over to the detective bureau.

Driving in circles

An officer on patrol had an unusual encounter with a drunken driver around 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, on Vernier.

The officer first noticed the suspect's vehicle sit for 15 seconds on northbound Lakeshore at Vernier after the traffic light turned green. The 42-year-old male driver from Clinton Township then turned around and drove south on Lakeshore before turning around and heading north again before turning west on Vernier.

He was arrested after failing several field sobri-

ety tests and registering 0.19 blood alcohol level on a preliminary breath test.

Do not pass go

A 52-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving after refusing to take a preliminary breath test when she was pulled over on Lakeshore near Edgewood around 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3.

Officers noticed several open containers of alcohol in the vehicle, including some within reach of the driver. She also was ticketed for driving with open intoxicants.

— Ted O'Neil

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Doctor who

A doctor at Ascension St. John Hospital told officers his vehicle was stolen from the parking lot sometime between 6:15 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20.

Some \$40,000 worth of surgical equipment was in the vehicle, along with his wallet containing credit cards.

Power struggle

Residents in the 500

block of Hollywood reported receiving a phone call from what they believed was DTE on Thursday, Nov. 2, claiming they had an outstanding balance and power to their home would be turned off in 10 minutes if they didn't pay.

They were sent a bar code and told to go to a local drug store where they paid the scammer \$500 via transfer. The couple realized they had been victimized when requested to pay an additional \$300.

They love unlocked vehicles

Officers received several reports of items stolen from unlocked vehicles Saturday, Nov. 4, into Sunday, Nov. 5.

◆ A pistol, pocket knife and wallet containing credit cards in the 1900 block of North Oxford.

◆ A wallet containing a driver's license and credit cards in the 500 block of Renaud.

◆ Designer sunglasses and a medical card in the 1000 block of Torrey.

◆ A wallet containing a debit card and keys to rental properties in the 500 block of South Rosedale.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Clarification

A public safety report in the Thursday, Oct. 19, edition should have said a representative of Continental Services, which oversees dining services at Ford House, contacted officers about an employee who was let go in May but continued to receive paychecks via direct deposit.



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came across a resident warming up his car in his driveway.

The man told the officers he had discovered four young men in his shed, who said they were sheltering there because they were lost, cold and wanted a ride home to their mothers.

Believing them, the man loaned them coats,

gave them \$46 and was planning on buying them breakfast before driving them home.

Without further incident, each of the juveniles was arrested for larceny from a vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle. All four had pockets full of change, cash, credit cards owned by different people and multiple phones.

A 21-year-old Woods man's wallet was found

in one of the boy's pockets, while a 40-year-old Woods man's wallet was found in the Lothrop backyard where the four were hiding.

The Hyundai Sonata had been stolen out of Detroit, where three subjects were caught on surveillance footage canvassing the area around it at 3:44 and 3:54 a.m.

— Laurel Kraus

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OUR VIEW

Pepsi sig(h)n fizzles out

In last week's editorial, the Grosse Pointe News pleaded with the PTB (powers that be) in Grosse Pointe Woods to keep the vintage Pepsi sign on the side of Henry's Cleaners on Mack between Oxford and Kenmore.

But by the time our latest issue hit front porches and newsstands Thursday, the sign turned into a collective sigh when word got out it had been covered by a thin coat of yellowish base paint.

"So much for history" read the Facebook post by Woods resident Steve Lawrence, who also captured photographic evidence of the sign that was unceremoniously covered up sometime last Thursday afternoon.

The 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.

But alas, this very cool vintage sign has fizzled out.

The majority of commenters voiced disappointment in the sign's cover-up. Some include:

- "So sad."
- "Boo"
- "Shame! Shame!"
- "Noooooooooooo!"
- "Idiots...the Pepsi mural was gold."
- "Leave us alone, we're trying to be boring!"

A handful of posters supported the move, invoking the current ordinance, which was developed years after the sign was created in 1948.

Ultimately, this case of Pepsi was never even brought to Woods council. Despite Oxford Beverage's offer to pay for the sign's restoration and preservation, the decision rested with Henry's Cleaners, which opted to repaint its own building.

Whatever the reason, we are sad to say goodbye to our fleeting pop star.

"I am so disappointed the history of the city has been covered up," Lawrence said. "Some people say it opens a slippery slope. I disagree. The art was installed prior to the ordinance. It is/was a one-of-a-kind."

We couldn't agree more. But if the property owners of the building didn't want to keep it, there's not much that can be done. Now that the sign can't be saved, we are hopeful this situation might serve as a springboard for the Woods to consider more ways to liven up the sleepy aesthetic along Mack.



Poster winner

Savannah Seabrooks, a senior at Grosse Pointe North, created this poster, which won first place in a contest sponsored by the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition. The contest is part of a month-long, collaborative effort called "No Vape November ... or EVER" to remind teens and parents about the dangers of teen vaping. Seabrooks' poster was chosen among 24 entries from local high schoolers because it not only encourages teens to resist peer pressure (one of the key factors affecting teen vaping), she also includes a QR code for teens to access if they need help quitting vaping (see her Guest View below).

In addition to the poster contest, the organization will post information on its social media pages with information about the dangers of vaping and resources on how to quit. Find more on their website, healthygphw.org.

GUEST VIEW By Savannah Seabrooks

Peer pressure: The effects it has on vaping, young adults

It's just flavored water vapor. So what's the big deal? Well, the liquid in e-cigarettes contains nicotine, which is an addictive drug that damages adolescent brain development, including the parts of the brain that control attention, mood and impulse control.

Surely you've heard of that before? Over and over the effects of vaping and what it does to young minds are talked about again and again.

However, do you ever question what causes teens to vape in the first place? Why do teens and young adults start vaping, despite the warnings they've heard beforehand?

Everyone is different, especially adolescents. Their reasoning for vaping can differ from home life or role models to simply just wanting to look cool. But, the most important and common cause as to why teens vape is often overlooked compared to the outcome.

Peer pressure leaves an enormous impact on teens, especially in school, whether it's positive or negative. It impacts the way they dress, the way they act, the way they treat others and, in this case, whether they decide to vape.

In middle school and high school, it's easy to get influenced by the peers around you in order to "fit in." The fear of being judged for being different is present in every student, therefore the need for wanting to fit in makes students believe that being like everyone else will make them happier.

Peer pressure takes shape in many different ways. Direct peer pressure, unspoken peer pressure and indirect peer pressure are all separate ways teens are influenced. Here's how:

◆ Direct peer pressure consists of being put on the spot, having to make a decision right then and there.

◆ Unspoken peer pressure is when a person is in a situation where one or more colleagues are participating in an action where that person

must decide whether they want to follow along, no matter how safe or dangerous that action may be.

◆ Lastly, indirect peer pressure is subtle, but can still have a large impact. Indirect peer pressure is when the mere presence of colleagues partaking in a certain activity can influence someone to want to do the same.

The need for social acceptance drives teens to fall subject to these forms of peer pressure.

Social acceptance is tied to one's self-esteem. Not every student seeks social approval, but those who do tend to take extreme measures in order to gain acceptance. Teens who

feel accepted by their peers feel lower levels of anxiety, stress and depression. While interacting with peers, teens also learn societal norms and values. Depending on who they choose to

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LETTERS

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Many thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation, I would like to thank the community for their support of our recent annual fundraiser to support cystic fibrosis research. In particular, I would like to thank the committee members that helped put on another outstanding and successful fundraiser: Jared and Mary Cantin, Will Conway, Debbie Dailey, Nancy DeGrand, Paul and Betsy Huebner, Dave and Sue Keon, Matthew Kitchen, Robert Kitchen, Sara Koch, Jay and Kate Lytle, Allyson Parker, Emily Rennpage, Barbara Peberdy, Roanne Swaneck and Chace and Liz Wakefield.

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I SAY By Mike Adzima



Primetime returns to Detroit

There's just something that always feels special about a big primetime football game, especially in a city where they don't happen very often. Places like New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or even Buffalo in recent years have grown accustomed to hosting big NFL primetime games at least once a season. However, in Detroit, this has not been the case for a while.

On Oct. 30, the Lions hosted the Last Vegas Raiders at Ford Field for Monday Night Football.

It was the first Lions home primetime game at Ford Field since September 2018, when they hosted the New England Patriots for a Sunday night game. Fortunately, I was able to be in the crowd at Ford Field for this most recent Monday night game and it was one of the most special moments I'll ever get to experience as a Detroit sports fan.

I had never seen more buzz around downtown Detroit than I did that Monday evening. I was able to meet my friends for a couple of pregame beverages at Hockeytown Cafe a good two hours before kickoff and the atmosphere already was

unlike anything I had seen before. People were packed in every bar and down every street around the stadium just ready to have fun at a game where the national spotlight was finally back on our team and our city.

Of course, the energy was even greater once we got inside Ford Field. Lions fans haven't gotten to experience games under the lights often in recent years, so being back in that environment had a special feel to it. It felt as if any big play by the Lions would just absolutely blow the roof off the building (thankfully, it did not, since it was a pretty chilly fall night).

Ford Field that night

was one of the loudest places I have ever been. The Lions capped off the night with a win and everyone, besides the few Raiders fans in attendance, left the stadium feeling like this Lions team had finally helped put Detroit sports back in the spotlight.

Honestly, it was not the best game the Lions could have played. The team made some sloppy mistakes and did not look to be at its best. And if the opponent was anyone but a Las Vegas team that is really struggling this season, the game could very well have had a different outcome. Regardless, it gave the Lions their sixth win heading into the bye

week and put them in prime position to win the NFC North division and contend for a top seed in the conference for the playoffs.

I've written about the Lions and my passion for Detroit sports before. Being at that game was one of those moments that made many long years of disappointment as a Detroit fan feel worth it. There is a completely different energy that consumes the entire area when one of our teams is really good, especially the Lions, since regardless of where you go the NFL is king.

I don't know if this Lions team is a legitimate contender to win a Super Bowl this year.

They are going to reach the playoffs, however, as that seems hardly in doubt now given that the rest of the NFC North division is filled with teams that are currently struggling. That likely means the Lions will get to host a playoff game at Ford Field and, given what I saw Monday night, I imagine it would be hard for any other team to walk into that environment and win on the road.

Who knows where this Lions team will end up going this season. Right now, I'm glad to be enjoying the ride with so many other Lions fans who have been hungry to have a winning team for so many years.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

MARINE HERO TO BE GIVEN NEW AWARD: "Marine Day," which will be celebrated Nov. 10, will have a special meaning for one family well known in the Pointe area. Word has been received that another medal is to be awarded to Maj. Arthur J. Berk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Berk. The Bronze Star, which will be presented to Maj. Berk on the 173rd anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps, will be the seventh he has received in the last several weeks.

NEWEST ADDITION TO VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER: The newest addition to The Village Shopping Center in

Grosse Pointe will become activated when the A.S. Beck Company opens its beautiful new shoe store in the building at 16844 Kercheval, with the newest Winkelman store in the greater Detroit area in the other half of the structure. The ultra modern, one-story store incorporates many new architectural and decorating features and has been designed not only to make it an attractive addition to the community but to afford customers maximum shopping comfort and convenience.

SQUIRRELS KEEP POLICE ON JUMP: With the coming of cold weather, the squirrels which abound in Grosse Pointe are showing an increasing desire to get into the houses. Last week the Park police, responding to a summons from a

householder south of Jefferson, captured one which had done a lot of gnawing damage in a game room.

1973

50 years ago this week

DUCK HUNTERS ARRESTED: Lakefront residents who have been battling it out with duck hunters for the past month finally scored a decisive victory with a little help from a pair of federal agents. Not only did agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service make three arrests, but they made City police and the public aware of a law that should ensure some measure of protection for residents who make a habit out of feeding ducks.

ELECTION WINNERS REVEALED: The Woods has a new mayor,

Benjamin W. Pinkos; the Park has a new municipal judge, John R. Urso; and both cities now have women council members — Joan M. Mullan in the Woods and Camille Peterson in the Park — after reported unofficial results from the Nov. 6 election.

1998

25 years ago this week

WOODS SAYS YES TO DOGS IN PARK AS OF PRESS TIME: As of 11 p.m. Tuesday, the vote was too close to call whether to allow dogs belonging to boat owners inside Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park so that boaters can take their pets on their boats. With only the absent ballots counted and two precincts reporting, 2,683 voters had said yes to the

proposal, while 2,521 had rejected the idea — a 162-vote difference.

ELWORTHY BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS NEAR COMPLETION: A Pointe-wide effort to transform two workmanlike baseball fields at the north end of Elworthy Field into diamonds of distinction has fashioned a modern facility that will soon be wrapped in dressing that hits at the golden age of old-time ball parks. A \$125,000 project by the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League has nearly transformed the relatively featureless playground into a place that will have bullpens, covered dugouts, a 10-foot-deep warning track and graded infield.

2013

10 years ago this week

911 SWITCH WORKS: City of Grosse Pointe public safety dispatchers remain on staff through this week, the first week emergency 911 calls are being shifted automatically to the combined dis-

patch center in Grosse Pointe Park. If joint operations go as planned, the public won't notice a difference, representatives of both cities have been saying during months of preparation.

ROTARY'S FIRST CABLE SHOW SPOTLIGHTS COAT DRIVE: "Rotary in the Pointes & Around the World" — a new cable show sponsored by Grosse Pointe's morning and afternoon Rotary Clubs — debuted Oct. 21, on WMTV. The first topic explained Operation Warm, Rotary's second annual children's coat drive. Both initiatives — the cable show and the coat drive — are the brainchildren of Michael Carmody, executive secretary/director of the Rotary of Grosse Pointe afternoon club.

SOUTH TEACHER'S LEGACY LIVES ON: Jeff Nardone, who spent 20 years at Grosse Pointe South High School as a journalism teacher and adviser to The Tower, the school's award-winning student newspaper, passed away Nov. 3, from T-cell lymphoma. He was 48.

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surround themselves with, teens conform themselves to those norms whether they are negative or positive. Despite their choices, peer groups offer opportunities to explore personal growth, navigate conflicts and interact with others.

As a community, we've addressed the problem, but how do we fix it? To start off, we could make an environment that encourages teens and young adults to be vocal about their addictions. By creating a positive

domain where teens and young adults can be open and honest about their addictions, we could hold a peer-led program that actively discourages negative influences such as vaping. The reason why teens and young adults vape is just as crucial as the outcome. Creating positive influences within the peers around us would be a great and efficient way to fight the battle against vaping.

Savannah Seabrooks is a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School and resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. A former staff member of Northpointe student newspaper, Seabrooks won first place in the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition's "No Vape November ... or EVER" anti-vaping campaign poster contest.

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In this season of giving thanks, The Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our generous community for their continued support.

STEPHANIE LISTMAN
Event Chairperson

Editor's Note: For a complete list of sponsors and contributors, read this letter in its entirety online at grossepointe-news.com.

Some stark differences

To the Editor:

In our Letter to the Editor last week we mentioned there was "apparently not a BEA" on the proposed Chick-Fil-A site. After the print submission deadline last week, we received our response from FOIA requests with the state. In

the material was a second BEA from a second environmental firm dated 10/11/23. The results from the two different environmental firms are not in agreement.

In addition, the timing raises questions. A very important official, not

"informational," meeting was held with BSEED on 10/18/23, with everyone involved in attendance. Although there was discussion of demolition, as the application contains a demolition request, there was no mention of any remediation, moni-

toring or any of the seemingly stark differences in the BEA assessments and associated requirements and recommendations.

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Co-owners Mark Adamo and Stephen Simon.



Sidecar Slider Bar opened last week at 17051 Kercheval in The Village.

The bar features an arcade room with a foosball table, claw machines, pinball machines, a boxing machine and more.

Halfway there

Sidecar opens, Shift to follow late this month

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — During a friends and family trial run for Sidecar Slider Bar at 17051 Kercheval last Wednesday, a handful of Pointers slipped in off the street to inquire whether it was open and were in-

cluded sliders, pizza, fries and seafood. invited to stay, being treated to a preview of the months-awaited neighborhood bar.

All others, who weren't in the right place at the right time, had to wait until Thursday, Nov. 2, for the soft opening of the newest restaurant in The Village. A sample of its customizable menu

includes sliders, pizza, fries and seafood.

"We want to be the neighborhood bar," said co-owner Mark Adamo, who 15 years ago opened Salvatore Scallopini on Mack as its general manager. "And when I say bar, I don't want to be selective and exclude families. My thought would be, we are the family spot during the day and then once you hit that hour where most families are probably not coming out — 8 (or) 9 o'clock — then we become just a bar."

Featuring TVs in its booths and an approxi-

mately 500-square-foot arcade in the back — a foosball table is surrounded by claw machines for children, as well as pinball machines and a boxing machine — Sidecar is open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

"We know that it's probably going to be scarce, but unlike most of the people that have come to the City and tried to offer late-night offerings, we're going to do it for the first year," Adamo said, "and if we go eight months and there's just zero business after 10, if the rumors are



true that Grosse Pointe shuts down at 10 o'clock, then we'll adjust.

"This is the more family-oriented, shopping district part of the (Grosse

Pointe) downtowns and we want to offer that late-night service to this community here."

As a dual concept with a shared kitchen, Shift Kitchen and Cocktails — a more upscale concept — will occupy the other half of the space formerly known as Marais Market. It is anticipated to open near the end of November.

"Unlike some of our other locations, where they have a shared main door and then it splits off (like) choose your own adventure," Adamo said, "we have two dedicated entrances that can feel like you're at a completely different place."

"... We could ultimately see the same people come in two, three times a week and they'd feel like they're at a different place every time."

Approved by city council in March, an outdoor dining platform that will be shared by both concepts and take up two parking spaces along Kercheval will not be constructed until spring. While city council also gave approval for a second platform along St. Clair, Adamo said it is yet to be determined whether it will come to fruition.

The Kercheval platform's completion likely will coincide with a ribbon cutting and grand opening for the dual concept restaurants.



Fairfax Market owner Zack Assaf is pleased to announce the reopening of the iconic neighborhood grocery store.

Fairfax Market reopens

After being closed for nearly a year, Fairfax Market has a fresh new look and officially reopened its doors Monday, Nov. 6. Village Wine Shop owner Zack Assaf knew Fairfax was a beloved fixture in the community and wanted to bring it back — and did he ever.

The market, located at 899 Beaconsfield, has never looked better and has added several exciting options for patrons such as fresh, authentically prepared in-house Mediterranean food; delicious take-away dinner options — including chicken picatta and pulled beef brisket, along with homemade soups

daily — a deli case; high-quality meats; slushes and candy for kids and kids at heart; produce; groceries and more.

Rolling out over the next few weeks are several new options such as coffee and pastries from Boulangerie Le Rouge and a choice beer and wine selection. Pizza and sandwiches will be back by next month.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 926-6473 or find them on Facebook, fairfaxqualitymarketGPP or Instagram @fairfaxmarketgpp.

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Chef Robert Imesch dishes up an order of Monday's dinner selection to go. The dinner menu will rotate every day with choices of entrees and sides for \$17.99.



Clean Up Clear Out offers services

Clean Up Clear Out, a Grosse Pointe Farms-based business, will provide, through Nov. 27, the following services for residents of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and other areas upon request: remove and replace batteries for smoke and car-

bon monoxide detectors, remove and replace burned-out light bulbs for exterior porch lights, remove and replace interior ceiling light fixtures, inspect and replace if needed furnace filters. A service fee of \$39.95 plus the cost of materials will apply. Additional ser-

vice requests, such as the purchase and placement of kitchen fire extinguishers, second-floor fire ladders, interior night lights, additional carbon monoxide/smoke detectors and more are available upon request.

Call (313) 886-3330 or email info@cleanupclearout.com to schedule an appointment.

School board adds budget committee

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — After a nine-hour meeting in May that focused primarily on two competing proposals, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has created a budget committee to help streamline the process.

The motion was approved 4-2 at the board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24, with President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Secretary Ginny Jeup and Treasurer Sean Cotton voting in favor. Trustees Colleen Worden and Valarie St. John objected.

The committee will

include seven members: the superintendent, deputy superintendent of business services, deputy superintendent of educational services, director of human resources and the board president, vice president and treasurer.

The committee's main function will be to create a proposed budget for presentation to the full board.

"Based on what we went through last year with the budget, this is an improvement," Ismail said.

The fiscal year 2023-24 budget was passed by the board June 20, just 10 days before the district was legally required



to have one in place.

"I still don't see the necessity for the micro-management of the administration," Worden said in explaining her opposition. "Board policy is that the administration comes up with a budget and the board approves it."

The lengthy process last spring involved two competing budget proposals, one developed by Cotton and the other by former trustee David Brumbaugh, who resigned in October due to a job relocation.

Cotton's proposal, which cut spending by \$4.6 million, passed 4-3, with Brumbaugh, St. John and Worden voting no. Brumbaugh's proposal, which would have reduced spending by \$4 million, was defeated 4-3, with Ismail, Papas, Jeup and Cotton voting no.

The new committee also will establish parameters for negotiating with the district's bargaining units. The board approved one-year contracts over the summer with unions representing office personnel, paraprofessionals and maintenance workers.

The most contentious negotiations were with the Grosse Pointe Education Association, which represents more than 500 teachers. A tentative agreement on a one-year contract was reached Aug. 17, two days after the previous two-year contract expired, and approved Aug. 29.

St. John said she prefers the entire board set

negotiating parameters. Cotton said there would be "robust interaction" between the committee and board on those matters.

Worden also said the new committee might negatively impact the district as it searches for a new superintendent.

"The candidates are going to be looking closely at our board," she said. "Are we telling our future superintendent we don't value their expertise?"

The committee's first meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in what the district refers to as the Morningside Board Room, located within Grosse Pointe North High School.

Star of the Sea welcomes new principal

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A passion for hockey led Brian Barker back to the classroom, and that has now led him to the principal's office at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School.

"I played growing up and in college and was hoping to do it as a career, but that didn't work out," he laughed, a large Detroit Red Wings pennant hanging behind his desk. "I got a communications degree and bounced around some sales jobs before a former teacher of mine encouraged me to go back to school and become a teacher."

After graduating from



Brian Barker

Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Barker played hockey for two seasons at Northern Michigan University before transferring to University of Wisconsin-Superior. He helped lead the Yellowjackets to the NCAA Division III

Frozen Four, including the championship game in 1997.

"I love hockey and wanted to coach, so becoming a teacher was a way to get my foot in the door," he said.

Barker did return to school, earning a master's degree in educational leadership from Madonna University and then a master's degree in theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He spent 10 years teaching theology and serving as director of campus ministry at De La Salle Collegiate High School. Barker also has coached hockey at Dearborn Divine Child and Orchard Lake St. Mary's and most recently was assistant principal at St.

Lawrence Catholic School in Utica, where he lives with his wife, Jacquelyn, an elementary school teacher in Utica Community Schools.

"I have a longer commute now, but I'm happy and excited to be here," Barker said of his first two months at Star. "I've met some great folks."

Barker did say, however, he misses the interaction of being in the classroom.

"When you're teaching, that room is your area and those are your students," he said. "I still try to get out and about as much as possible in the school between administrative responsibilities."

Barker said as princi-

pal it's his job to work with staff to grow.

"I want to help them because when we do better for ourselves, we do better for our students," he explained. "I'm so impressed with our staff."

Barker said the school's enrollment is holding steady and he hopes to increase it, especially through word of mouth.

"The Grosse Pointe community is very blessed to have so many great educational options," he said. "All the schools have great academics, they're safe and there are plenty of social opportunities. But parents who choose us are putting faith first, as it should be."

South band, orchestra fundraiser is Nov. 11

The Grosse Pointe South High School Band and Orchestra hosts a fundraiser collection drive from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the high school, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Students are collecting clothing, shoes, purses, accessories and jewelry. Items should be gently used or new and must be free of stains, rips and wear.

Toys, books, household items, bedding, pillows and sports equipment will not be accepted.

Bagged donations should be placed inside the collection trailer.

Each donation will translate into funds for the band and orchestra.

For more information, call (313) 232-5313.

Monteith, Great Lakes Ace partner for fundraiser

Great Lakes Ace Hardware, 18165 Mack, is donating \$5 from every copy of "Oliver the Ornament" sold in its Heart & Home Boutique Store to Monteith

Elementary School to coincide with World Kindness Day.

The effort began Wednesday, Nov. 8, and runs through Monday, Nov. 13, which is World

Kindness Day 2023. The theme this year is the importance of kindness in child development.

The money will go toward Monteith's peer-to-peer program.

"Oliver the Ornament" author Todd Zimmerman visited Monteith Nov. 8, and was at the store for a book reading and signing later that day. Monteith students drew

pictures, which will be on display at the store, about what kindness means to them.

The Monteith pledge begins with the line, "I will be respectful and kind to others."

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students were named to Kettering University's summer 2023 Dean's List:

◆ **Peter Hoffmann** of the City of Grosse Pointe, majoring in engineering.

◆ **Noah Spriet** of Grosse Pointe Woods, majoring in computer engineering.

◆ **Shane Wegener** of Grosse Pointe Park, majoring in mechanical engineering.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?

Grosse Pointe North High School students, directed by Anna Fluery, will perform "SpongeBob the Musical," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the school's Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center. Attendees can meet SpongeBob and his friends after the 2 p.m. show Nov. 18. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$18 for adults in advance, \$8 for students, \$20 for adults at the door. Buy tickets online at search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/gpndramaclub/buy-tix

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"Fairy" Vania, submitted by the Bourgeois family.

Smashing pumpkins!

Monteith Elementary School had a pumpkin decorating contest during the week of Oct. 23 to 27. A student could create their own pumpkin masterpiece or the entire family could get in on the decorating. Only one entry was allowed per person or family. Everyone at Monteith had one vote and Grosse Pointe Public School System administration and school board members also came to Monteith to cast their votes.

This is Monteith's 21st year hosting this contest and this year there were more than 128 entries. The entry fee was \$5 and funds raised went to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

There were two ways to win. Principal's Choice, where one student was selected from each grade, from young 5's through fourth grade. Winners receive a Coney Island lunch with the principal.

The other way to win is three top winners for the overall vote, meaning whoever received the most votes among all who voted.

The first-place winner received a \$25 TCBY gift card, second-place winner received a \$25 gift card to Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy and the third-place winner received a \$5 Wally Frozen Custard's gift card and a \$15 gift card for Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream.

The contest raised a total of \$635 for GPFPE. — Renee Landuyt



A rainbow fish pumpkin was entered by the Eshman family.

Donut Love, submitted by the Gouin family. These small gourds were made to look like doughnuts and placed in a Yellow Light doughnut box.



Don the Pumpkin, submitted by the Spayde family.



Madame Leota, submitted by the Muklewicz family.



Gary, the pufferfish, made with candy corn, submitted by the Shuboy family.



Crunchberry, the Cereal Monster, submitted by the Gagnon family.

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avoid that by abstaining from any particular vote on monies paid to either the Grosse Pointe News or The Portrait Place. Both state law and district policy allow for such an abstention.

As for The Portrait Place, the opinion noted it is under the umbrella of Creative Imaging Services LLC, which is owned by Ismail's wife, Mary Ann. Ismail is not an officer or director of the LLC. In the last three years, the district issued 19 checks to The Portrait Place totaling \$8,274. Only one, however, for \$200, involved tax dollars.

The rest of the checks came from what are known as "trust and agency" funds. That is money raised by groups such as booster clubs and student groups that

the district agrees to maintain, but no public funds are involved.

Ismail said the check for \$200 was for a graduation expense. All 19 bills to the district included a discount equal to what The Portrait Place would make in profit, meaning the services were provided at cost.

With the Grosse Pointe News, founded in 1940, the opinion notes its status as the paper of record for the Pointes far predates Cotton's ownership.

"I respect the opinion, but this was brought up to me by community members," Trustee Colleen Worden said. "This isn't a legal issue, it's an ethical and moral issue. I don't think it's ethical or moral for a board member to take money from the school district."

Ismail said he does not solicit the work and

would be fine if the clubs and groups sought out a different photographer to take pictures at games, plays and concerts.

"Words can't express the appreciation parents have for the pictures he takes," Vice President Lisa Papas said. "He did this before he was on the board and the time he was off the board." (Ismail was first elected to the board in 2004 and again in 2008, but resigned after a stroke in 2009. He ran again and won in 2014, but chose not to run in 2018. He was elected to another four-year term in 2020.) Papas called the issue "a political agenda," and said, "word on the street is someone is looking for a judgeship."

Worden, an attorney with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office, called that "preposterous" and said she enjoys her job.

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Fundraisers will help equip hospital in Uganda

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dr. Cynthia Browne has spent the last 23 years of her storied career helping cancer patients as a board-certified radiation oncologist with Ascension St. John Hospital.

Now, she's extending her reach overseas with Building Up: Partnering in Health and Wholeness. The 501(c)3 corporation, which got its start during the pandemic, already has accomplished much, but needs the community's help to do more.

"It started with the pastor at a church in Ann Arbor," Browne said. "She started giving services and training by Zoom to people in Uganda. Then she went there to preach."

What the pastor found was a population with no food, no shoes and little education. She returned to the Ann Arbor church and asked the congregation if they'd be willing to help.

The congregation's efforts quickly snowballed from raising money to purchase pigs for villagers into funding a small medical clinic, which they initially figured would cost around \$65,000.

"The first thing we did was build wells," Browne said. "Nothing changes the health of a commu-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of Building Up: Partnering in Health and Wellness traveled to Sayyi, Uganda, early this year to open the Tsiyon Family Hospital.

nity like clean water. It's sort of like the Dark Ages there, but they're just the nicest people. They will share anything with you. They're phenomenal. It makes you feel good to do something for other people."

Brown, who serves as vice president for Building Up, said next they hired an architect in Uganda, who got to work planning the clinic.

"We said, 'Tell us what you want and we'll raise the money,'" she recalled. "Then they began asking for more and more. It ended up being this five-story hospital."

"... We ended up raising over \$600,000 during COVID," she added. "They built it in 10

months. The bricks were made by hand and laid out in the sun to dry. ... Partly the reason it was done so fast was because they were quarantined. The workers couldn't go home, so they stayed on site and worked."

The Tsiyon Family Hospital in Sayyi, Uganda, in partnership with the Rev. Elia Musasizi and the Tsiyon Family Healing Team, was completed in July 2022. The medical and dental facility focuses on family medicine, especially preventive measures such as vaccines, personal hygiene, nutrition and pre- and post-natal care. Treatment also is offered for infectious diseases including

HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

"It's been really rewarding to watch the building go up and the people are so excited,"

Browne said.

"But, it has no equipment."

The need

"We went down at the end of February to open the hospital," Browne said. "We saw 451 people in two days."

"They were thrilled," she continued. "They were walking 10 miles or more to see us. We offered free care for two days, but we didn't have much (equipment)."

The few tools the hospital has include a stethoscope, pulse oximeter, scale and thermometer, as well as a laboratory to test for malaria and diabetes.

"Mostly we saw high blood pressure and malaria — and we could treat those," Browne said. "We saved lives. We helped a lot, but if we get

more equipment we'll help so much more."

The hospital currently is open 24/7, but due to its lack of equipment, the Ugandan government won't recognize it as a hospital, Browne said.

"We added an ultrasound machine and a microscope (this year), but they're right," she added. "They don't have much."

A list of needed equipment spans from centrifuges and a hemoglobin machine on the low end to much costlier X-ray and dialysis machines. The current goal of Building Up is raising another \$300,000, Browne said, which would include installing an elevator and funding equipment, salaries, electricity and pharmaceuticals.

"Donations are not coming in much anymore," she said. "We've done so much already, but we have so much left to do."

Fundraisers

Local efforts to raise money have included a charity run in May called Safari Run to Uganda, during which participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite African animals; prizes are awarded for costumes, not race times.

In July, the nonprofit

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Funds still are needed to finalize the five-story hospital.

Golden pups prep for first Santa Claus Parade

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A handful of golden retriever puppies are preparing for their first time prancing through the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade, which kicks off at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, along Kercheval Avenue, from Grosse Pointe Farms through the City of Grosse Pointe.

Among them is 4-month-old Howie, adopted in September by the Horcan family of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We had just lost our lab/hound mix," Jackie Horcan said, while wrangling a restless Howie during a pre-parade interview. "He was the love of my life, our first dog. But it was too quiet. ... We literally made it two weeks before getting a new dog."

Horcan said she's always liked the breed and was looking for a puppy that would "walk a lot and fit into our lives."

Howie has settled right in to the Horcan household.



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Golden retriever puppies Ceilidh, left, and Howie hit it off in advance of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade.

"He's been very good," she said, adding that when a friend suggested the family sign up Howie to participate in the parade, Horcan didn't have to think twice.

"Why wouldn't I?" she asked. "We're also newer

to Grosse Pointe, so we're trying to emerge in some Grosse Pointe traditions."

Also preparing for her first Santa Claus Parade is 10-month-old Molly, who will walk with her rescuers, Andrea and Jim

Krausmann of Grosse Pointe Park.

The Krausmanns are no strangers to the parade; they've participated regularly since 2007. This year, along with Molly they'll bring their parade veteran,

6-year-old Lexi, the golden they adopted in 2021. Lexi and Molly are the couple's sixth and seventh golden retrievers.

"We've always had them," Andrea Krausmann said. "It's such a good family dog. And let's face it: They're the mascot of Grosse Pointe."

The Krausmanns rescued Molly seven weeks ago through the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, or GRROM.

"She was being surrendered by a 12-year-old boy," Krausmann said, noting Molly recently finished six weeks of obedience school, but is so full of enthusiasm she may have to reenlist.

"She's a lover at home," Krausmann said. "I think it's just excitement. She doesn't know what to do with all that excitement."

The Krausmanns, as well as Park residents Rick and Marie McManama, volunteer for GRROM. The goldens' participation in the parade is meant to raise awareness of the nonprofit, whose mission is

to "locate suitable adoptive homes for homeless and displaced golden retrievers and to provide them with shelter, food, companionship and medical attention while they are in foster care."

There will be a nice representation of goldens at the parade, as two weeks before the event Rick McManama said 59 dogs had been registered. He anticipated many more joining the pack the day of the parade.

"Not all of them are rescue dogs," he noted, "but this is all for GRROM."

The McManamas have been recruiting participants since taking over the effort in 2019, from previous organizer Rosalba "Ro" Arabia, who passed away.

"When we started back up, we had 23 dogs that first year," he said. "Now we've got 59 registered. Another 20 people who walked last year haven't confirmed yet."

He said he hands out flyers to everyone he sees

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Open doors, open hearts

Couple welcomes guests, questions about Young Life

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Louise and Noah Davey had every opportunity to meet during their formative years, but somehow managed to elude each other. They attended Brownell Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School without having a single interaction.

It wasn't until they both were involved with Young Life they made a connection and their lives haven't been the same since.

Formally introduced in 2019, they got engaged in 2022 and were wed this past May. Even their wedding was a Young Life event; students Louise Davey has mentored served as her flower girls and fellow Young Life mentors gave readings and prayers during the ceremony, which was officiated by Noah Davey's mentor.

In June, the Daveys, both 24, moved into the Young Life house, located on Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School. She serves as area director, he as a volunteer leader.

The mission of Young Life, an international nondenominational youth ministry geared toward high school and middle school students, is to build personal relationships with students,

provide them with fun and life-changing experiences and introduce them to Jesus Christ.

"It's not a church," Louise Davey said, adding that her goal is to reach students who are not affiliated with a church and introduce them to faith life. "We meet them where they are. ... I want them to know they are so loved. The end goal is that they accept their faith as their own."

That's what attracted Noah Davey, a lifelong Pointer, to the organization. Young Life and its middle school counterpart, Wyldlife, have been a part of his life since sixth grade.

"My two older brothers were really involved, so I went to everything with Wyldlife in middle school and then Young Life in high school," he said. "Then I came back (in 2021) and led. ... I had really awesome leaders and mentors through Young Life. I wanted to be that for kids."

Though his current job is working for the non-profit Eagle Sport, providing affordable and quality competitive sports programs for children in Detroit, he devotes much of his time as a volunteer leader for Young Life and Wyldlife; coaching football and basketball, primarily working with freshmen

at South; and coaching middle schoolers on the junior varsity Red Barons team.

Louise Davey, who has lived in the Pointes since age 10, became interested Young Life in 2015, her junior year of high school.

"I came in, tried it out, loved it and literally haven't stopped since," she said, noting she became a leader in 2017. "When I went to Wayne State, I stuck around (Young Life) even when I was living downtown. I've been on staff now a little over a year.

"It turned my life around in such a cool way," she continued. "Even when I was (at Wayne State) and doing this on the side, this was the thing I cared about the most. I see it breathe life into other people. It was a natural progression to stay involved."

Being involved these days goes beyond a 40-hour-per-week commitment. As area director, "I do everything," she said.

"My main job is spending time with students," she continued. "I plan events and put on events. I do a lot of reporting behind the scenes, strategizing to keep things moving and growing. I do some fundraising, engage the community in different ways. ... I wear as many hats as you can



COURTESY PHOTO

Louise Davey is the area director of Young Life Grosse Pointe, while her husband, Noah Davey, is a volunteer leader.

possibly imagine."

Louise Davey called Young Life a "bridge between disinterest and walking out in faith."

To build that bridge, she provides activities that are interesting to students, attends their events and gets to know them.

"I go to football games, plays, musicals," she said. "I go where they are

and get to know who they are. It's a relational-based ministry."

The Daveys mainly work with students at South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School, but also welcome students from other schools and communities.

"Anyone who it makes sense to be here and doesn't have Young Life

close to them," Louise Davey said. "It's for anyone who wants to be here."

To keep the program running, the Daveys recently embarked on a year-end giving campaign with mailers reaching homes this month. Online donations are welcome through Young

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hosts a golf outing in Dexter.

Two upcoming fundraisers also are planned.

Sunday, Nov. 12, Detroit's Empress of Jazz, Renee King Jackson, will perform at 3 p.m. at Aretha's Jazz Cafe at the Music Hall Center. She'll pay tribute to Detroit legends, Aretha Franklin, Alma Smith and Dinah Washington, as well as perform show tunes, accompanied by pianist Brendon Davis. Tickets are \$65 each and include hors d'oeuvres and one drink. Parking is available in the Music Hall parking lot. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

A second fundraiser underway is a raffle for an all-expenses-paid, 10-day trip to Italy, including Rome, Florence, Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast.

"It's a trip for two, with a private guide for 10 days," Browne said. "Airfare, housing, food, transportation — it's all covered."

There are only 40 tickets left out of 250 tickets being sold for \$100 each. The winning ticket will be drawn Saturday, Nov. 18. To purchase tickets, email cynthia.browne@ascension.org.

"We have so much in this country," Browne said. "We have to give back. I was raised to give back. ... I've got shoes overflowing from my closet while there are people there who have no shoes. They're picking up worms from the dirt because they have no shoes.

"Why do we have so



COURTESY PHOTO

Ugandans walk 10 miles or more to receive care at the Tsiyon Family Hospital.

much and they have so little?" she asked.

Browne plans to return to Uganda next October and urged those interested to do the same.

"If others want to go, the fifth story is so groups can come and stay there," she said. "It's all housing. It's luxurious by Ugandan standards. There's indoor plumbing. I stayed in a private room with a private bathroom. Sometimes there would be warm water and the electricity goes on and off, but it's clean. Even the CEO of the hospital — we helped him build a house closer to the hospital — has no running water or electricity."

Sustainability of the hospital will be supported through partnerships with colleges, universities and other organizations by providing internships, work

study and study abroad programs set up through Stone & Compass, a Building Up partner. Visiting medical teams will be organized to provide services and training for clinic staff as well.

"We're always looking for people to join us," Browne said, noting though no board positions are open, anyone is welcome to serve on the advisory council. "We meet by Zoom every quarter. All we ask is that you tell our story, see if you can get donations, think about fundraisers and help out when we do have a fundraiser. ... Every little bit helps. Even some of my patients have gotten involved. It makes them proud that their doctor is going to Africa to do things."

To learn more, visit buildingup-phw.org

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 Farm. 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.

Library

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

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

◆ Reader Dog @ Woods, 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Craft-to-Go: Autumn Leaf Puppets, all day Monday, Nov. 13, all

branches.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Girls Reading, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, via Zoom.

◆ Weather Watch! A Michigan Science Center Hands-On Workshop, Session 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Weather Watch! A Michigan Science Center Hands-On Workshop, Session 2, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Weather Watch! A Michigan Science Center Hands-On Workshop, Session 3, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Helm

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

following:

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

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

◆ Vision Board Party Workshop, 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 10, with instructor Julianne H. Phillips, M.D. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Out-to-Lunch Bunch, noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. The group dines at The Continental at Ford House. Guests are responsible for the cost of their own lunch. Bus fare is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers.

◆ Navigating Different Insurance Groups, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, with Tom Mercer, agent/owner of Farm Bureau Insurance.

◆ Thanksgiving Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie, "Race," is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and include snacks.

◆ Field trip to Meadow Brook Hall for lunch and a tour, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Cost is \$70 for members, \$75 for nonmembers.

◆ Field trip to Zehnder's and Bronner's, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

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Kick off the holidays with Hollyfest

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is keeping tradition alive with its 23rd annual Hollyfest, beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Supporters of The Family Center, whose mission is to build happier, healthier families, are invited to browse silent auction items during the opening cocktail reception, then take their seats for the 7 p.m. seated dinner and program.

"Hollyfest is all about gratitude — for the families who trust us for resources and support," said Jennifer Bingaman, The Family Center executive director, "and for our donors, Association of Professionals, community partners, board of directors and ambassadors who make our service possible."

"It's always a fun night," said MaryJo

Harris, The Family Center director of programs and administration. "To me, it kicks off the holiday season, having fun with other people and giving."

New to the event is a raffle, featuring three top prizes. First prize is a 14k white gold circle pendant necklace featuring chocolate and white diamonds, valued at \$2,850 and donated by LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists.

Second prize is the winner's choice: either \$1,000 cash or a five-night beachfront vacation for two to either Los Cabos or Puerto Vallarta. Third prize is a \$500 Apple gift card.

"We're super excited about the raffle," Bingaman said. "And we're very excited about the wide variety of gifts and experiences in the silent and live auctions."

Among this year's auction items are a custom Christmas light display for the home, courtesy of Best Choice Home

Services; four tickets to a

Detroit Tigers game with Tigers Den access and a parking pass; four tickets to a University of Michigan football game with padded seats; a Parade Company tour for 10; and a West Village shopping package featuring Eugenie, FAIRCLOTH and Sister Pie.

One popular item up for bid again is a ride on a Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department's ladder truck during the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade.

"The family who won it last year had a blast," Bingaman said, "and I'm so excited to offer that again."

Those unable to attend the gala have the option of bidding online at Hollyfest.cbo.io. The website goes live Thursday, Nov. 9.

Tickets to the event, raffle tickets and sponsorships also are available on the site.

"Sponsorships are always welcome," Bingaman noted.

Hollyfest is The Family Center's only fundraiser of the year. Proceeds help support a variety of programming offered to the community throughout the year.

Looking back

Hollyfest will wrap up The Family Center's busy fall schedule, which most recently included a Men's Night Out event Nov. 8, a counterpart to its Women's Night Out event in March.

"It's about mental and physical health," Bingaman said. "Isolation is at an all-time high. This is way of getting them out."

"Our fall programs really touched on so many different age groups and topics," Harris added, noting programs such as community yoga, Preschool Playgroup, town halls on opioids and vaping, a drug addiction and prevention program, community baby shower and community book club, to name a few.

"Our winter program-

ing hasn't been scheduled yet, but we'll talk to the schools to see what they feel is needed," Harris said.

Bingaman added The Family Center's community book club, Preschool Playgroup and community yoga will return after the holidays.

The Family Center also this fall hosted three Narcan training sessions and recently began facilitating the Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition.

"The January meeting of the coalition will focus on resources for people with disordered eating," Harris added. "And this fall, the coalition updated signage for drug take-back boxes, to promote it year-round, for safety."

Rather than saving unused medications for twice yearly "drug take-back days," Harris and Bingaman encouraged year-round disposal to keep medications out of the hands of people who have no medical use for them.

Drug take-back boxes

are located at the public safety departments in Grosse Pointe Woods, Park and City.

Raising such awareness is just one of the ways The Family Center is here to help.

"Often people who turn to us for help are overwhelmed by their situation," Bingaman said, "and whether they read an article on our website or call the office for assistance or come to one of our programs, knowing that they're not alone is as comforting as finding the information or support they were looking for."

"Sometimes The Family Center deals with really hard things, helping families who are struggling and providing crisis support in the community, but it feels good to be able to provide relief and hope in those situations," she added. "I recently saw an interview with Michael J. Fox where he said, 'Gratitude is what makes optimism sustainable.' I think that's true."

Neighborhood Club open house is Nov. 11

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It still surprises Neighborhood Club Facilities Manager Kevin Zizio that despite its current facility having been open more than a decade, some people have yet to step inside the Neighborhood Club, which offers a variety of professionally organized recreation programs and wellness services for families and individuals of all ages.

"I'm amazed when I talk to people who say, 'I saw the building being built, but I've never been inside,'" Zizio said.

For anyone who's passed by or is curious about offerings at the Neighborhood Club, but has yet to check it out, the nonprofit is hosting its annual open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, welcoming all ages to sample some of its programming free of charge.

"The pool will be open,

so people can come and swim," Zizio said. "And we'll have open gym."

Half the gym will host the Bizzy Bees program, for parents and children ages 4 and younger, while the other half will showcase the NC Fit Academy, for ages 3 to 14.

Both programs are included with a family membership, Zizio noted.

"We'll show parents what it's all about," he said. "Parents can drop their kids off and work out for 45 minutes or an

hour while their kids do this."

Other open house offerings include 15-minute chair massages; Family Zumba from 1 to 1:45 p.m.; POP Pilates from 2 to 3 p.m.; and Zumbini, for parents and kids ages 4 and younger, from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

"We'll have a lot of things going on," Zizio said, "raffles, facility tours, light refreshments."

"This is an opportunity to stop in and check us out," he added. "We'll

have people here to explain our membership types, the equipment and programs. It's a good day to stop in, get a tour and see all the Neighborhood Club has to offer."

For those who see something they like, the enrollment fee is waived when they sign up for a membership during the open house. The offer is

valid Nov. 11, for new members only.

"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 11th, from 1 to 4," Zizio added.

The Neighborhood Club is located at 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit neighborhoodclub.org or call (313) 885-4600.



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Support for Ukraine

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club recently presented a check to Anthony Pate, a representative from United Support For Ukraine. Pate spoke to club members Tuesday, Oct. 31. Pictured with Pate is Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones.

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Life's social media channels as well.

"And we'll have our spring fundraiser in May, which is to be determined," she said.

"The cost of doing ministry with kids keeps going up and up and up," she added, noting most of the costs are associated with food.

"My main goal is the health within the team and for the students," she

said. "I want to reach as many kids as I can and learn how to reach them in the way they want to be reached. I want to have a healthy, happy team doing it together. And my goal is to have every single kid in Grosse Pointe hear about Jesus."

She encourages people unfamiliar with Young Life to reach out to learn more.

"I want people to know us, to meet us, come and see us, ask questions," she said. "There are often misconceptions and peo-

ple don't gravitate toward what they don't know about. Come over. I'll tell you what we do, what our intentions are, why we do what we do. Once you know the people, your opinion changes. Stop by the house and knock on the front door. We'd love for people to learn more about what we do."

The Young Life house is located at 475 Fisher. Louise Davey may be reached at (586) 808-9301 or louisebrady.younglife@gmail.com.

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Questions? Contact Jen@FamilyCenterHelps.org or call 313.447.1374

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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.

Betty Earlene Stansbury Young

Betty Earlene Stansbury Young, 83, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.

Betty was born Nov. 11, 1940, to Earl and Helen Stansbury. She grew up in Upper Arlington, Ohio, playing the violin and French horn. She graduated from The Ohio State University in 1962, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Betty chose to pursue a career in marketing communications that took her to Toledo and Grand Rapids before she finally settled in Detroit, where she met her husband of 55 years, Robert A. Young, of Grosse Pointe Park. They raised two daughters, Elizabeth and Jeanne, in East English Village and Grosse Pointe Park.

Betty's entrepreneurial pursuits in the culinary arts included food styling, educating and helping usher in culinary technology via microwave ovens by organizing trade shows and demonstrating recipes in Hudson's stores throughout the metro Detroit area. By the 1980s, Betty found what would be her life's work and passion in helping local businesses build their brands. For decades, Betty developed relationships with the local community, connecting people to businesses and services in "Heritage" magazine and myriad club publications. Building relationships ultimately led her to add the title of publisher for state and regional masonry association magazines, "The Story Pole," "MasonryEdge" and "Smart | dynamics of masonry."

She cared deeply about people and small businesses, which led her to open her own advertising agency, bsYOUNG & associates, in 1988, out of her sunroom before proudly moving into the Punch & Judy Building. Through a business program at Grosse Pointe South High School, Betty was able to provide business experience to students. In all, she helped launch the careers of dozens of young adults in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding area for four decades.

Betty cherished her community at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and found purpose and joy in singing in the choir, serving as a deacon, member of the communications committee and marketing advisor. Betty will be remembered for her service, elaborate dinner parties, bold fashion choices, big laugh and positivity.

Betty is survived by her husband, Rob; and daughters, Elizabeth (Wayne Lin) and Jeanne. She has four grandchildren of whom she was exceedingly proud: Elizabeth and Wayne's sons, Freddie and Henry, both student-athletes at Swarthmore College; and Jeanne's sons, Rahsaan and Ronin, both students at the University of California, Merced.

She also is survived by her sister, Jane Measel and husband, Paul Measel; Jane's sons, David Moselle (Anne) and Eric Moselle (Jerrilyn), and their children, Natalie and Jake Moselle; sister-in-law, Vahine Young and her daughter, Rhea Young (John Ho), and their son, James Ho; nephew, Bill Young; niece, Ann Gilligan (Bryan) and their children, Kellen and Maguire Gilligan; and great-nieces, Hannah and Adelaide Young.

Betty will be interred at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Columbarium with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

In Betty's honor, the family requests that people "spread joy and positivity to those around you."

Beate M. Vreeken

Beate M. Vreeken, 96, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 30, 2023.

Beate was the cherished wife of Gerrit A. Vreeken for 65 years; loving mother to Klaus Mende (Jeanne), Percy Vreeken (Charisse), Ilja Vreeken (Kelley) and Steven Vreeken (Ginette). She also was the adored grandmother of 12, great-grandmother of 12 and great-great-grandmother of two.

Beate was born April 11, 1927, in Rellinghausen, Essen, Germany, to Aloysius Karrenberg and Gertrude Hoffmann. She spent her early years as an only child enjoying dance and ballet. However, her years were clouded and made extremely difficult during the war when her father was drafted — never to return — and she had to learn to survive with her mother, moving to various locations while being bombed and left to find shelter.

Her post-war years included the completion of a business services education and the start of a promising career as a secretary, later leading to an executive role at a major electric utility. She even modeled in her limited time. Her resilience, open heart, class and wonderful spirit made her the love of her peers in the work environment. Her social circle and group of friends grew ever larger. Beate's first son, Klaus Peter Mende, was welcomed into the world in 1947.

Beate loved to travel and a voyage aboard a merchant marine vessel with her future husband, Gerrit, as its officer soon flourished into an adventure of a lifetime. Gerrit certainly understood the star quality of Beate. After their marriage, they moved to Holland and thrived in the small community of Heiloo near the North Sea, where their sons, Percy and Ilja, were born. Stories abound of Beate learning Dutch and Dutch cooking.

In 1966, they made the huge decision to move to Canada, where Steven was born, and then eventually moved to

Michigan. Beate was introduced to Grosse Pointe through the Welcome Wagon, where she made lifetime friends and also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. She also volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital.

Beate was always friendly, curious, upfront, charming, caring and a friend you could trust and count on. She was a great cook (her nasi-goreng meals were unbelievable) and could entertain and match every social event with her wit and humor. She was ever supportive of Gerrit in his work and career, deeply caring and devoted to every one of their children. She loved cruises with Gerrit and always talked about their adventure to the Antarctic. She loved reading about and following the lives of movie stars and aristocrats, watching operas and enjoyed being with friends in the Bahamas. She never forgot birthdays and always tried to brighten everyone's day. She even worked part-time into her 90s at the family company, where she was regarded as the real boss. Even there she was a great listener, a trusted advice giver and a symbol of true love and devotion.

Beate treasured each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren with all her heart. She also leaves behind her adored cats. She will be greatly missed.

Services for Beate were held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Stephen McAlister Keating

Stephen McAlister Keating, 49, of Canton, passed away Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, after a brave fight with cancer.

He was born July 5, 1974, in Royal Oak. He is survived by his beloved wife of 20 years, Lisa Morris Keating; and his children, James and Claire, whom he adored. He also is survived by his parents, Mary Lou and Michael Moore, and Edward J. "Ted" Keating and Steven Oaks; his sister, Katherine Keating Edsey; and brother-in-law, David Edsey.

Steve was raised in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a 1992 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, where he formed a group of lifelong friends. He attended Albion College and graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He later earned an M.B.A.

Steve was a 23-year employee of Ford Motor Co., serving in several areas of logistics, product launch and management. He was proud to work in his role of material flow engineering supervisor until his last days.

His family was his passion and Steve fought for them every day of the past four-and-a-half years. He relished vacations with his wife and children, especially when they involved a lake or ocean view.

Steve's darkest days



Betty Earlene Young



Beate M. Vreeken



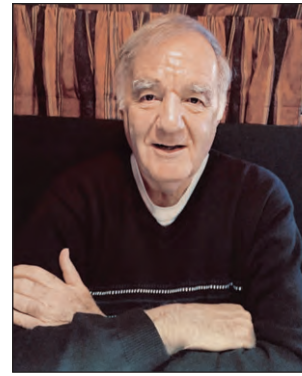
Stephen M. Keating



Patricia Ann Kurtz



Christine Bookmyer



James Anthony Johns

turned out to be his finest hour — using his time to guide and support others with similar diagnoses. Steve volunteered with the Patient and Family Advisory Committee at the University of Michigan's Rogel Cancer Center. He was featured in a series of orientation videos for new cancer patients.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him. His dependability and integrity were well known, as were his kindness and mentoring those he worked with. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Steve's family received guests Nov. 6, at McCabe Funeral Home, Canton.

In lieu of flowers, Steve requested two things: supporting a cancer-related charity of choice and getting screened. He was adamant about not delaying colonoscopies and similar tests and urged all to visit a doctor about issues they are deferring.

Share memories, funny stories, anecdotes and photos of Steve with his family at steve.memories74@gmail.com.

Patricia Ann Kurtz

Patricia Ann Kurtz, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Patricia was the beloved wife of the late Walter "Wally" Kurtz; dear mother of Kurt, Kevin, Kerri Sue Dougherty (Wade), Keith (Carolyn), Karl (Connie), Kyle (Susanne), Kelly Montagne (William) and Kris (Catherine); loving grandmother to Andrea Nelson (Eric), Dana Dougherty (Mike Ngan), Heather Dougherty, Erin Love (David), Lisa Kline (Evan), Jeff Kurtz, C.J. Kurtz, Carly McCall (Jake), Evan Kurtz, Sarah Jacobs (Ethan), Emma Kurtz, Matthew Kurtz, William Montagne Jr., Elizabeth Wenz (Brian), Heidi Montagne, Patrick Kurtz (Carolyn), Colin Kurtz, Abigail Kurtz, Katelyn Kurtz and the late Scott Kurtz. She also was a cherished great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her two older sisters, Phyllis Carr (Ray) and Marilyn Zednik (Al).

Pat was born June 24, 1933, in Lakewood, Ohio, to H. Dayton and Elva Tobey, both now deceased. She met the love of her life, Wally, in

high school and they were married for 54 years until his passing in 2008.

Pat enjoyed volunteering at the Cottage Hospital gift shop (now Henry Ford), as well as golfing, bowling, watching the Detroit Tigers, playing cards and doing jigsaw puzzles. Most of all, Pat loved being with her family and close friends. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation for Pat is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, until the 4 p.m. funeral service at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Christine Roney Bookmyer

Christine Roney Bookmyer, a longtime resident of Birmingham, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas W. Bookmyer and a cherished mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

Chris was born Aug. 18, 1937, in Grosse Pointe, where she attended Academy of the Sacred Heart. She graduated from the University of Michigan and was a proud member of Delta Delta Delta. Chris and her husband, Tom, resided in Birmingham, where they raised their five children. They enjoyed spending summers with family and friends at Stony Lake — her Camelot.

Chris' passion for community service was profound. She dedicated herself to making a difference by volunteering with the Birmingham Junior League, leading the Great Books Program; serving as past president of the Birmingham PTA, where she played a pivotal role in the Neighborhood Watch Program; and as a longtime employee and unwavering supporter of the Birmingham Community House.

In her journey, Chris was predeceased by her husband, Tom Bookmyer; parents, John and Christine Roney; and brothers-in-law, Lewis Echlin and Donald Brosnan.

Chris' legacy lives on through those who survive her, including her children, Thomas Bookmyer (Laura), Christine L. Bookmyer (Susan), John Bookmyer (Frey), Amy Hayes (Jeffrey) and Ann Lattie (David); grandchildren, Conrad (Maddy), Lindsey,

Jennifer, Chloe and Jack; and sisters, Elizabeth Echlin, Kingsley Croul (John) and Patricia Colett (Gary), who all continue to hold her memory close in their hearts.

The family would like to thank her devoted caregivers, the Mathews family, Rubie and A&M Home Care.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham. The family will greet friends prior to Mass from 9 to 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207 or Oceana County Animal Shelter, 2185 W. Baseline, Shelby, MI 49455.

James Anthony Johns

James Anthony Johns, 80, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023.

Jim was born Aug. 23, 1943, in Detroit, to Paul and Georgia Johns. Jim loved cars, baseball, working in his father's restaurant as a boy, going to the family cottage in Lexington, spending time with his grandparents and being an altar boy at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. He attended the Grosse Pointe Public School System and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1966, and was a Vietnam War veteran.

After being discharged, Jim was a member of the U.S. Air National Guard for many years. He graduated from Wayne State University and owned Como's Collision in St. Clair Shores for 30 years. He enjoyed his cottage on Lake Huron and trips to Canada in his free time. During retirement, he was a member of the V.F.W. Bruce Post in St. Clair Shores, where he was also a member of the Ritual Team, performing military funerals to honor war veterans.

A funeral service was performed at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores. Burial took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Jim is survived by Cheryl, his wife of 50 years; as well as his daughters, Hilary Johns and Alison Johns; sister, Mary Ann Brand; and grandchildren, Chloe and Aiden.

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Janie Holley Fleckenstein

Janie Holley Fleckenstein, beloved mother, wife, artist, aunt, sister and friend, 58, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, after a 20-year battle with depression. Her strength and resilience were nothing short of remarkable, a testament to the courageous woman she was.

Janie was born March 5, 1965, in Grosse Pointe, to Danforth and Jane (nee Taylor) Holley. She attended The Grosse Pointe Academy through eighth grade. After graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School, she went to the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design.

Janie was an immensely talented visual artist. In addition to her lifelong passion for art, she also was a long-time philanthropist in Detroit and Flint. From age 21, she served as a trustee of the Earl-Beth Foundation, founded by her grandparents, Earl and Beth Holley. In 2000, she started the Edelweiss Foundation, which focuses on grants to support the arts.

As a member of the Holley family, Janie was very proud of her family history and their role in shaping the Detroit automobile industry. On her wedding day to John Fleckenstein in 1988, she rode in the bright red Holley Motorette with her beloved father, Danforth. The Holley Motorette was built in 1902, by her grandfather, Earl, and great-uncle, George Holley, the founders of Holley Carburetor.

Janie was a pillar of the Point Lookout community in Au Gres, where she founded the Fourth of July parade for children. The parade is now a cherished tradition that takes place every summer. She also was an avid tennis player and often competed in the annual Calcutta tennis tournament, taking home a trophy in 1998.

Throughout her life, Janie held an unwavering love for art, philanthropy, children, tennis, skiing and gardening. Her patient demeanor and nurturing spirit allowed her to teach art



Janie Holley Fleckenstein

to both children and adults. Her sweet, generous and loving nature was her hallmark, embodying the very essence of gentleness and grace. Her shy smile and sweet laugh will be greatly missed.

Janie's adoring family was her pride and joy. Janie leaves behind her husband, John; children, Ashley, Andrew and Kristi; siblings, Deborah Palms (Jeff), Danforth Holley, Scott Holley (Whitney) and Mark Holley (Lupita); mother-in-law and father-in-law, June and Lou Emmert; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Danforth and Jane (nee Taylor) Holley.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, 9057 S Saginaw, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Janie Fleckenstein Art Therapy Memorial Fund, which helps children access healing through art therapy, nacoa.networkforgood.com/projects/209459-donate-to-the-janie-fleckenstein-memorial-art-therapy-fund.

Michael Mumaw

Michael Mumaw, 49, died unexpectedly Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at his home in Roseville, of a possible heart attack.

He was born Nov. 9, 1974, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, to William Mumaw and Whitney Neiman Hadley.

After graduation from East Detroit High School, Michael acquired a license from Michigan College of Beauty in 2004, but lost interest in pursuing his own salon. In 2007, he acquired a license from Divers Academy International on the East Coast and worked in Houston as a hard-hat hazardous site diver. Two years later he



Michael Mumaw

returned to Michigan and continued his career in agriculture.

Michael loved fishing and collecting vintage fishing poles. He also loved sporting clays, skeet shooting and trap shooting.

Michael is survived by his father, William Mumaw; brother, Ben Mumaw (Jessica); niece, Vivian; and nephews, Ike and Harrison. He was predeceased by his mother, Whitney Neiman Hadley.

William Riordan Connolly

William Riordan Connolly, 77, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023.

Bill was born May 9, 1946, in Detroit, to Anne Riordan Connolly and Walter Briggs Connolly. He was raised in Grosse Pointe and attended St. Paul Elementary School and Austin High School in Detroit. While in high school, Bill played basketball and tennis. He graduated from Holy Cross College in Wooster, Mass., in 1968, then received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Texas in Austin and MBA from Arizona State University in Tucson. Later, Bill attended Walsh College and received a master's degree in taxation.

In 1998, Bill started William R. Connolly and Associates PC, specializing in tax consulting. He had a long and successful career until his health forced him to recently retire.

Bill was a longtime member of the Detroit Athletic Club and enjoyed squash, and later, racquetball, as well as the many social activities the DAC has to offer. He enjoyed golf and played until his health forced him to retire from the game.

He is survived by his wife, Josie Connolly; daughters, Mary Darnell (Terry) and Claire Connolly; grandchildren, Ma'ire and Alana Darnell; and sister,



William Riordan Connolly

Geraldine Connolly. He was predeceased by his three brothers, Walter, Michael and Richard Connolly.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Catholic Church. His final resting place will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham. Memorial contributions are appreciated to Hospice of Michigan, hom.org/donate/, or the William R. Connolly Endowment Fund, foundation.walshcollege.edu/connolly.

Anne Murphy

Anne Murphy, 95, of Tipton, passed away at home Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Anne was born July 26, 1928, in Detroit, to Clement and Margaret (nee Droelle) Waldmann. Anne married Eugene Murphy at St. David's Church in Detroit. They were married 59 years until his passing in 2017. She will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother. Her greatest joy came when she spent time with her grandchildren and her newly born great-granddaughter.

Anne was a part-time hygienist, working her entire career in Grosse Pointe. After retiring and relocating to the Irish Hills 35 years ago, she volunteered as a life coach and mentor at Boysville, volunteered and led tours at Hidden Lake Gardens, served as president of the St. Joseph Shrine Parish Council and served as president of the Evans Lake Association. In her leisure time, she enjoyed sewing, gardening, genealogy and spending time on the water, even tubing. She loved family vacations and traveling around the world.

Anne is survived by her children, Sean Murphy (Suzy), Macaire Carron (Rich), Mary Ellen Murphy and Kevin Murphy (Fran); her brother, Clement Waldmann; grandchild-



Anne Murphy

dren, Melissa Kaczay (Drew), Richard Carron (Claire Fisher), Daniel Carron, Molly Murphy, Clare Murphy, Erin Murphy, Luke Murphy and Elizabeth Murphy; great-granddaughter, Isla Grace Kaczay; and many nieces, nephews and special friends she met and worked with over the years. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Gene; son, Timothy; and daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place Monday, Nov. 6, at St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Church. Fr. Zachary Mabee served as the main celebrant.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Joseph Shrine Catholic Church. Leave a message of comfort for Anne's family or sign her guest book at einederfuneralhomes.com.

Judith Ann Launs

Judith Ann Launs, 89, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at her home in Harbor Beach, with her family by her side and under hospice care. She was formerly a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Born March 26, 1934, in Highland Park, Judy was the daughter of Harold and Ruth (nee Crandall) Stanley. Judy and Ronald Launs were united in marriage Aug. 15, 1959, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Detroit. Judy was a graduate of Michigan State University, with high honors and on the Dean's



Judith Ann Launs

List, and was an active member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She had a passion for teaching and touched the lives of many students of all ages, from grade school children at Peace Lutheran School to teens at Bay City High School. Her dedication extended to teaching theater to children, a pursuit she cherished.

Judy was actively involved in numerous Bible study groups and treasured spending time with her family. She recently became a great-grandmother.

Judy is survived by her loving husband, Ron Launs of Harbor Beach; and her children, Brad Launs of Orlando, Fla., Wendy Hoekwater (Phillip) of Manteo, N.C., and Susan Graves of Columbus, Ohio. Her legacy lives on through her grandchildren, Joshua (Tori), Christian, Andrew (Brie), James (fiancé Angela) and Alexandria (Zachary); and great-grandchild, Oliver Hudson. Another great-grandchild is expected soon. Judy was predeceased by her parents and her daughter, Tracy Ann Launs, in 1985.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, alz.org/donate.

Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

CHURCH EVENT

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn program at noon Thursday, Nov. 16. Historian Arthur Woodford will discuss Tashmoo Park and the Tashmoo Steamer. 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 by Tuesday, Nov. 14.

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Registration and payment are due by Monday, Nov. 20.

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.

◆ 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.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Coleman Yoakum, executive director of Micah 6 Community, speaks. Cost of the breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required. First-time guests eat free.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit presents its annual Herb & Holly Boutique from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. It features lavender products, herbal teas, dried spices, soup mixes, culinary creations and more, for sale via cash or check only. For more information email hsgrossepointeunit@gmail.com or visit hsgrossepointeunit.org or facebook.com/HSAGPU.

Kids on the Go

Kids on the Go hosts Trivia Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Encore Banquet Center, 21801 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. In addition to trivia and bingo, the night features a silent auction. Ticket and sponsorship information may

be found at kidsonthego-camp.com/events.

Questers

The Fox Creek Questers invite the community to shop at the vintage store, located in the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. This "Second Saturday," the house is open to guests who want to tour the 200-year-old property and do some vintage shopping.

Ford House

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

◆ Storytime: The Mitten, Tuesday, Nov. 14, for all ages.

◆ Holiday Main Residence Tour, offered various dates Friday, Nov. 24, to Sunday, Dec. 31. Costs vary.

◆ Accessible Holiday Tour, Tuesdays, Nov. 28, and Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Costs vary.

◆ Cookies with Santa, 2 p.m. Dec. 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13 and 16. Cost is \$20 for member children, \$30 for nonmember children.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Steve Ahles of the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention speaks. Guests are welcome.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 24, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

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

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, The Lake House, 23500 Pare, Ste. 1, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross-blood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Jennifer Boettcher, president and executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Lecture

The work of popular Grosse Pointe architect Robert O. Derrick will be discussed during a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Ewald Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Guest speaker Paula Draper will discuss Derrick's pivotal role in transforming the architectural scene in Grosse Pointe in the 1920s and '30s. Among his work are 211 Vendome, The Little Club, Punch and Judy Theater and several schools.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce sponsors a networking event 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, The Nott, 15324 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

GPAA

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

◆ Studying Andrew Wyeth: a watercolor class with Nancy Philo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.



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Kids at heart

Not only did children have fun gathering treats on Halloween, but 34 bridge players enjoyed playing for "tricks" at The War Memorial last Tuesday, Oct. 31. The game was held in the Alger Center and directed by Jane Hall. The bridge club meets every Monday and Tuesday at noon. Call The War Memorial at (313) 881-7511 for more information.

Selfridge intel officer to keynote Men's Club meeting commemorating veterans

Maj. Kyle A. "Brail" Bruckner will keynote the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe luncheon meeting commemorating Veterans Day, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The program will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m.

All are invited to show their appreciation for the sacrifices and contributions made by the nation's veterans of the armed services. The program will pay a special tribute to the many club members who have served the country over the decades.

Registration is \$20 per person. Reservations may be made by calling Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or emailing gpmcattendance@gmail.com.

Bruckner is the director of intelligence at the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base. In this role, he is responsible to the wing commander as principal advisor for intelligence matters and support



Maj. Kyle A. Bruckner

affecting base personnel and its A-10C attack and KC-135 air refueling missions. He also serves as the senior intelligence officer for the 127th Operations Group, responsible for all aspects of tactical intelligence support to the Wing's A-10C attack pilots and group personnel.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Bruckner will emphasize the importance of Selfridge as he delivers an unclassified look into the current events around the world and how the 127th Wing and Michigan fit in. Bruckner received his

commission and graduated from Michigan State University's James Madison College in May 2010, with a degree in international relations. Upon graduation and commissioning, he was assigned as an intelligence officer to the 20th Fighter Wing. There, he served as deputy chief of intelligence analysis, responsible for reach-back analytical support to the wing's subordinate fighter squadrons. Ultimately, he was assigned as intelligence officer-in-charge for the 55th Fighter Squadron, where he deployed numerous times, including to the Republic of Korea. Prior to his current assignment, Bruckner was a juris doctor candidate at Wayne State University Law School and received his Juris Doctor degree in May 2017, before then serving as an assistant attorney general for the state of Michigan.

He is well traveled, widely experienced, often published and highly recognized.

GOLDENS:

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walking their golden down the street, so he anticipates — depending on the weather — more showing up on parade day.

For those concerned about their precious pups being able to handle the entire route, McManama assured the goldens group typically is stationed toward the front of the parade, making it easier on all involved.

"We'll have lots of older dogs who can't make it the whole way and the puppies, too, some can't make it the whole way," Rick McManama said. "... We're bringing a wagon in case they get tired."

The McManamas — who for 10 years walked with their golden, Maggie, who recently passed away — will introduce perhaps the youngest pooch on the parade route. They adopted 10-week-old Ceilidh (pronounced CAY-lee) around two weeks ago.

"We're loving this bundle of fun," Marie McManama said. "She's keeping us on our toes."

"We had our choice of two; there were two left in the litter," she added,



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

10-month-old Molly likely will walk in her first parade with Andrea and Jim Krausmann of Grosse Pointe Park.

"a quiet one and a not-so-quiet one. We picked the quiet one, but she's not so quiet. ... She was quiet the first day, but she's exploring now."

Those interested in having their golden participate in the parade may call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or Rick

McManama at (313) 682-4905 or email rickmcmamana@hotmail.com — or just show up the morning of the event.

Anyone with a golden is welcome to join the fun.

For more information about GRRROM, visit grrrom.com

The Helm hosts cooking demo

It's that time of year again when thoughts turn to hearty, stomach-warming and filling comfort foods. The Helm has it covered.

From 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 13, Chef Rhoda St. Luce demonstrates some of her favorite soup and chili recipes and a surprise dessert. Samples will be available for tasting.

There is no charge to attend the demonstration, but registration is required. Register at helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

St. Luce, who operates her business, The Platinum Chef, out of the commercial kitchen in The Helm, is a

personal chef and clinical nutritionist. She integrates her culinary experience, lifelong passion for good food and training in clinical nutrition to create healthy, plant-based diet and "island-inspired" creative recipes. Her mission is to teach clients that food is medicine and can impact health and help manage chronic illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol, gastrointestinal issues and inflammation. St. Luce provides nutritional coaching, personal chef services and private cooking classes. Visit theplatinumchef4you.com for more information.

Dirty Dog unveils original compositions of 'Angel of Jazz'

Dirty Dog Jazz Café presents a two-night event for jazz lovers and aficionados, featuring the original compositions of the late Gretchen C. Valade, known as the "Angel of Jazz." This unique event takes place Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, with two seatings each night.

Valade, a visionary jazz patron and advocate, was long celebrated for her commitment to the world of jazz. Her original compositions, brimming with soul and passion, are a testament to her deep love for the art form.

"This evening is a tribute to the soul of jazz and the passion of a remarkable

woman," said Stix Hooper, co-founder of the Jazz Crusaders, a seminal group that formed in the 1960s, and the producer who established this event to honor Valade.

The melodies penned by Valade will be brought to life by songstress Kimmie Horne and pianist Eugene Maslov.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the 6:30 p.m. performance and at 8:30 p.m. for the 9 p.m. performance. The cover charge is \$65.

For reservations and additional information, visit dirtydogjazz.com, call (313) 882-5299 or email willejones@dirtydogjazz.com.

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The author and his family enjoy time at scenic Lake Tahoe.



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Lake Tahoe

A family, fishing and food adventure

By Brian Owen
Guest Writer

This past June, my dad and “mom” treated my twin sister and I, along with our families, to an unforgettable adventure at Lake Tahoe. Of course, I had to try to sneak in a fishing trip while we were there, but that proved to be a little more challenging than I had anticipated. My son, Benjamin, and nephews, Greyson and Crosby, also wanted to fish so I packed a few children’s poles along with my fly-fishing rod and some reels in case we had the opportunity.

Unfortunately, the rod carrier didn’t make it to the airport in Reno in time and we couldn’t wait around for it. Over the years, I’ve learned to not make fishing the focal point on a family trip as not everyone is as passionate about it as me, or so I thought. My nephew Greyson definitely is. Not only did he ask to go fishing ahead of the trip, but also every hour, on the hour, during the trip. I knew I had to make something happen, but fishing reels without poles made it a bit more difficult. So did the gale-force winds that greeted us in South Lake Tahoe.

My dad booked a beautiful house in the mountains with breathtaking lake views. It’s hard not to see the lake from above as it spans 191 square miles, trailing only the five Great Lakes in volume. It also is the second-deepest lake in the country with average depths more than 1,000 feet and sharp drop-offs that presented another challenge. Any shore fishing would require a great deal of line that your standard Snoopy pole will not accommodate. Luckily, there were plenty of other activities to keep Greyson and me

distracted until we could figure out a plan. After all, this was not a fishing trip. The nearby hiking trails provided hours of adventure along with pinecone and rock hunting opportunities and Heavenly Mountain Resort features everything from dining attractions and shopping, to gondola rides up the mountain and live music. The kids and the adults got a kick out of straddling the line between Nevada and California and ascending the trail to a lookout view of the lake above the many species of pine trees.

On Father’s Day, I got online and reserved a fishing charter with Tahoe Sportfishing as a gift for the dads: me, my dad and brother-in-law, Brian. We had a huge boat all to ourselves and Captain Dan provided us with a wonderful tour of the south end of Lake Tahoe and put us on some Mackinaw trout.

The fishing was tough, but we were able to put three nice trout in the icebox. The bite was light and at times we would have over 800 feet of line out, making it tough to feel a strike 150 feet below the surface. Luckily, it was a beautiful day and we had as much fun talking and taking in the views as we did fishing.

We still had to take the kids fishing, but where

and how? There was no way those boys would have been able to reel in a three-pound fish with 800 feet of line and a 10-ounce sinker. They wouldn’t even be able to hold the pole let alone crank the reel 1,000 times. Even if I had bought new kids poles, shore fishing was quite dangerous and the fish were 150 feet deep. Tahoe Trout Farm to the rescue!

A quick Google search solved all our problems and I could finally tell Greyson we were going fishing the next day. He could hardly contain his excitement. The next morning, the dads loaded up the kids in the truck and made the 15-minute drive to the historic, award-winning trout ponds. We were the first group in line. All the gear was included and the rules were pretty simple. Catch a fish, bonk it on the head and put it in the ice bucket. They even had a few young helpers to assist with hook removal and knocking out the fish, although the boys were surprisingly willing to handle that on their own.

First to catch a trout was my son, Ben, followed by my nephew, Crosby. With fish in the bucket, they were more interested in playing with the worms and getting a can of pop. Greyson was a bit discouraged, but determined to get one on the hook, so he made his

way over to the “trophy” pond. The fish were much bigger. Keep in mind, you paid only for what was caught and they charged by the pound. All of a sudden, wham! Fish on! It was a big one, maybe a 4- or 5-pound trout. Luckily, it jumped off the hook as Greyson screamed with excitement. That would have been an expensive one.

Greyson and his dad (who was carrying my niece, Marlowe, on his shoulders) made it back over to the regular pond and continued the quest. He launched his worm into a new spot and waited patiently. Wham! Another bite, but this one wasn’t about to come off. His dad quickly grabbed a nearby net and scooped up the fish. Greyson was screaming with excitement. His first fish!

With a haul of three nice farm-raised trout from the pond and three nice Mackinaw on ice from the day before, the only thing left to do was have a fish fry. MacDuffs Pub was recommended to us by both Tahoe Sportfishing and the Tahoe Trout Farm as the place to do it. Not only did they clean the fish, they prepared it three ways (fried, blackened and with a sherry cream dill sauce) served with a giant platter of steamed veggies and fries. It was one of the best fish fries I’ve ever had and everyone agreed.

DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

Kids caught in the middle

Q: Our family situation seems hopeless. I’m not looking for intervention or treatment help. I’m worried about my two grandchildren, who are growing up in an alcoholic household. Their parents seem to think alcohol and drug use has no effect on the kids, but the children are 7 and 9 years old and I know they see what’s going on. Is there any help I can find for the children? This situation breaks my heart.

A: Jerry Moe, formerly of the Betty Ford Center, has been a pioneer in helping children affected by addiction. He teamed up with “Sesame Street” to create a series of videos that are fantastic: sesameworkshop.org/topics/parental-addiction/

These videos have probably done more to help kids struggling with a parent’s addiction than anything we’ve come across.

We interviewed Jerry on our “Best Minds Podcast” here: lovefirst.net/dont-forget-the-children-with-jerry-moe/

Jerry said, “Children are the first hurt and the last helped. They may not understand everything that’s going on, but they feel the stress, the instability, the difficulty and the unpredictability that’s going on in the family. So, we need to have them be part of the recovery process.”

The podcast with Jerry is worth a listen.

The biggest voice for children is NACoA, the National Association for Children of Addiction. They’ve also worked with Jerry Moe and “Sesame Street,” and have several new projects in the works. Headed by Denise Bertin-Epp, NACoA has created special kits to be used by schools, treatment providers and other organizations that can help kids cope with the stress of living in an addicted household.

NACoA’s Children’s Program Kit is an online training program that just

launched in September. It’s available at 40 sites nationwide, with a campaign called Children Deserve Recovery Too! Some sites, like De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren, already support children in under-resourced and under-represented communities. NACoA’s Children’s Program Kit provides more than 100 skill-based and developmentally appropriate lesson plans and everything needed to offer a strong and effective educational support program to school-age children, from K-12. We hope to see more organizations take advantage of these resources. Learn more at nacoa.org.

The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, based in Minnesota, also has been a leader in providing services for kids affected by addiction. It offers in-person and virtual programs for kids with an addicted parent.

“We provide children a language to talk about all kinds of complex experiences like trauma and divorce, but prior to the Children’s Program, there was no language for kids to talk about addiction in their families,” said child psychiatrist Joseph Lee, M.D., president and CEO of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. “Now children have that language.”

It’s been our pleasure to work with Jerry Moe, NACoA and Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation over the years. Their dedication to children is second to none. If you’re concerned about children who are affected by the alcohol and drug use of a parent, we urge you to access their resources. The kids can’t do it alone.

Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families face addiction for more than 30 years. They are the authors of “Love First: a family’s guide to intervention,” 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them with questions at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Long overdue cooking tips for Mom's efforts

Dear Gabby: My mom's cooking is terrible. I am trying to pretend it's not bad, but I can hardly eat it. How can I suggest that she get some cooking lessons or order from a restaurant?

—Starving in the Shores

Dear Starving,

Gabby: Cooking does not come easily to some, and a lot of work goes into it.

How about you come up with a couple of recipes you might enjoy and help your mother plan, shop and prepare the meals together? I think it would be a great bonding experience for you both, as

well as a way for you to experience the full workload of what goes into making a meal.

Best of luck, and be sure to send us a follow up note if this helped!

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



Estranged father in the ICU

DEAR ANNIE: For years, my natural birth father and I had a difficult time getting along or seeing eye to eye. He had remarried a wealthy woman who had a daughter, and from the time I can remember, they have been first in his life. My sister and I came second.

His wife and her child became his main priority, including when my stepsister, "Chrissy," gave birth to her children. I had three sons of my own, and he was present for their births, but shortly after the third was born, the father of my kids and I split up because he was always in trouble with the law and went to serve prison time.

I moved on with my life and tried not to ask for help, and be as independent as I could, though I did along the way have to call my father in need of rent help when I couldn't find a job. He reluctantly helped, but the sad part is that he hardly sees or knows his grandsons. He did little to stay in touch, and that was only when I begged him.

Later, I met a wonder-

ful man and got remarried, but my father wouldn't come to my wedding, claiming I wasn't at his second wedding, which was true because I had to work to support my sons as a single parent. The list goes on. I basically went on with my life and didn't beg my father anymore to visit with us or his grandchildren.

Recently, my father was hospitalized in the intensive care unit for heart issues, and we were called upon to help with his grocery and care needs. And we were only invited to do so at times "he'd requested" because my stepsister Chrissy had birthday parties going on for her kids and I guess we just weren't good enough to be present more than what he wanted.

As the holidays approach, I want to let things go and just temporarily be there for him, because he is my father and elderly now. But I'm feeling upset and resentful more and more. I know no one owes their grown children anything, but the lack of communi-

cation from my dad, or any kind of visits when we asked, have led me to just feel like closing the door. I can only handle so much rejection and hurt, and I'm not sure of the proper way to handle this. Any feedback, thoughts or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. — HURT IN OHIO

DEAR HURT: If you can, suspend your resentment of him while he is in poor health, and focus on whatever good he did — such as being there when each of your sons was born. But keep in mind that no one can make you feel inferior without your consent. Stop giving your father consent to make you feel rejected and hurt.

Yes, his actions have been hurtful.

Acknowledge his limitations for love with you, and move on to finding people who fill your cup and will gladly help you.

The front windshield is much bigger than the small rearview mirror. Stop looking in the rearview mirror and forge forward to a better life filled with people who support and love you.

DEAR ANNIE: I've been married for 11

years and together with my husband for 20. Around two years ago, we began experiencing loss after loss, and our marriage seemed just OK. We lost his father and a son to suicide. It was more than we'd ever lost before.

I started to notice my husband wanted to stay all night at his brother-in-law's more often. Around two weeks ago, I busted him texting a girl, "I want to see you." He said it was a friend of theirs and that their relationship was never more than hanging out and drinking between 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. I called the girl and she insisted they are just friends as well.

A week ago, I realized while I was at the hospital with my dying dad that it was one of the evenings my husband stayed there at his brother-in-law's and hung out with this woman. He swears it is never more than hanging out. In my head, I'm so back and forth and am not sure what to believe at this point. — TRYING TO TRUST

DEAR TRYING: Even if your husband is just friends with this woman, as he claims, his priorities are far off from where



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

they should be. His father-in-law is in the hospital dying and he's out drinking at all hours with another woman? Completely inappropriate.

With how much loss you two have experienced, counseling is a must. Instead of shutting you out and turning to another woman in his grief, you and your husband should be looking to each other to commiserate and get through the hard times together, coming out even stronger than before.

DEAR ANNIE: I cannot believe that I am asking for advice. I was always told that you solve your own problems, but this one, I cannot.

I am going on 59. I have no children and never married. I was engaged a few times to younger men. I was so busy having fun that I didn't plan for the future. I have no siblings; my brother passed at 41. My own mother left when I was 3. I have my wonderful father, who is 84. He will likely leave this earth,

not now, but before I do. I won't have anyone but myself. I am in a nine-year relationship. His family will forget all about me if he should pass (God forbid!).

I am so angry at myself for having so much fun but never looking at the big picture. All I have is myself and a lot of great memories, but memories won't be there for me as I age and need company. — FROM FUN TO IT'S DONE

DEAR IT'S DONE: It's easy to be hard on yourself when you have the luxury of hindsight, but do be gentle. All of the things you've done and decisions you've made — good, bad or otherwise — have made you into the person you are today. While there are things you might regret not having done, there are also so many things you have yet to do.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



If there's one thing I'm good at, it's finding work-appropriate clothes that feel like pajamas.

I don't want to look like a slouch, but I have zero interest in wearing tight pants and uncomfortable shirts that cut off my circulation.

Over the years, I really feel like I've tried every option out there from every possible store. Trousers, nice jeans, khakis and other formal pant options have all made it through my rotation.

I begrudgingly wear the item once, hate it for the entire day and then it collects dust at the back of my closet for the rest of time.

Being that I am very vocal about all of my problems, one of my friends saw a TikTok video promoting pants from Athleta and sent it to me, hoping this would be the answer to my work wardrobe woes.

I promptly ordered a few joggers and trousers online and crossed my fingers

that they would be all they are advertised to be.

Right away, I noticed a few great things about Athleta's website.

All of their pant options are available in regular, tall and petite inseam lengths. They also have a wide size selection, from size 0 to 26.

Being that I am pretty tall, most pants off the rack are too short for me, so this was a great perk. When the pants came in the mail, I immediately was blown away by the Stellar Trouser.

They have the smooth fabric, structured, are fitted yet stretchy and do not wrinkle. As I tried them on, I was literally shocked at

how well they fit and how professional they look.

They look polished and pulled together for work, yet you could easily wear



They wash and dry like a dream, no ironing needed, and work for so many different occasions.

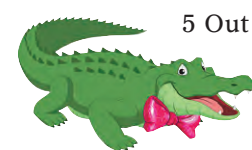
I don't know how I lived so long without knowing about Athleta's pant selection.

There are so many cozy and stretchy clothing options that are perfect for the office, casual wear and beyond.

I'm giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators because it's one of the best products I've tried all year. Now that I have these pants in two colors, I don't think I could live without them!

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



them on a cross-country flight and feel as comfortable as you'd feel in sweat-pants.

Old Ebbitt Grill

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Old Ebbitt Grill is my favorite restaurant of all time. And I was lucky enough to share lunch with my daughter there on her birthday this past weekend. It was a truly special occasion for me to be able to experience the ambiance and history of this legendary saloon located across the street from the White House.

It has an extensive and interesting history and has been visited frequently by most presidents beginning in 1856. Mahogany is lined everywhere and politicians are everywhere. Some say Alexander Hamilton even donated his carved wooden bears from his private bar. And Teddy Roosevelt gave the animal heads and beer steins to the bar.

Now to the food, it's absolutely 5-star dining. Oysters, crab and lobster are at the forefront. But I come for the chili. It's unlike anything I've ever had. Maybe it tastes so good because you're in this incredible establishment or maybe it's just that good.

I decided to find the recipe and cook it at home. It was absolutely fabulous. This recipe uses chili beans and chili

sauce which makes it a bit sweet. Worcestershire sauce is their secret weapon to balance out the sweetness from the chili sauce.

There is a lot of chili powder involved, but again it is chili.

It has to be paired with sour cream, shredded cheddar and diced white onion.

I decided to go the extra mile and make cheddar jalapeno corn muffins. It was a great success to say the least. I'm just counting the minutes until I can go back.

Cheers, Mombeau

Clyde's Chili

1 ½ lbs ground beef

2 carrots, peeled and finely diced

1 medium onion, chopped

¼ cup plus 2 tbsp chili powder

3 cloves minced garlic

2 16 oz cans of mild chili beans

1 12 oz jar of chili sauce

2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Salt and pepper to taste

In a large stock pot, brown the beef. You could drain the fat but I don't because I think it adds more flavor. Once browned, add the onions and carrots and cook for about five minutes or until soft.

Add the garlic and chili powder and stir to combine. Then throw in all the other ingredients and check the seasoning for salt and pepper. Let simmer for an hour.

Serve with an ice cold beer, sour cream, diced white onion and cheddar cheese.

Cheddar Jalapeno Cornbread Muffins

2 boxes Jiffy cornbread muffin mix

2 eggs

1 jalapeno, seeded and diced

¾ cups whole milk

½ cup sour cream

1 cup grated mild cheddar



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Preheat oven to 400. Dump everything into a large mixing bowl and gently mix everything

together. Don't over mix. Line a 12 cup muffin tray with baking cups. Coat with cooking spray and

divide the mixture evenly between. Bake for 15-17 minutes or until puffed and golden.



Zinfatuated

Clumsy, foppish, lugubrious, doleful, gloom-imposing.

These are just a few of the terms that I had either used or thought of when writing about zinfandel in the late 1990s, a somber time for anybody who really liked zinfandel as it once was.

It once was charming, a sprightly, fun-loving jokester who never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything. Zin was a casually-dressed chum who was content to be paired with victuals like pizza, burgers, hummus and hot dogs.

It was a jocular red wine that was simply, uh, simple. Loaded with raspberry and strawberry fruit, it had a crisp level of acidity, balanced alcohol (usually 13.5 percent to 14 percent), and it improved in the bottle for a few years even though that wasn't its thing. In most cases, you just bought it and drank it. Ceremony be damned.

But all good things must end. The end, roughly 20 years ago, was when I began to see most zin producers make what I then decried as stupid wine. I didn't like what zin had become: a besotted alco-

holic oaf. It had lost its engaging sprightliness and became weighty. What a bore!

I once asked winemaker Randall Grahm for his opinion of most of the high-alcohol zinfandels of that era. He paused, thought about the question, and then replied, "It's kind of like trying to evaluate the quality of an orchestra based on how loud it plays."

The major change in zin's personality began almost entirely as a result of the mindlessness of people putting scores on these things. If ever there was a wine that didn't want to be comparatively evaluated, it was zin. All it wanted was to be playful, wear jeans and a T-shirt, and create smiles. It hated tuxes, spats or upturned pinkies.

Most of the 100-point zins had 16 percent alcohol (or more!), as well as layers of new French oak. A few actually smelled more like port or creosote than wine. Any relationship to the zin I once knew had been stripped away.

The highest scoring zinfandels of the Stupid Era had so much alcohol

you needed an antacid before each sip. As such, zins resembled Amarone. As for its compatibility with food, that had evaporated. It was less a beverage than it was a pollutant. Its best role probably was as front-bumper bug solvent.

Fortunately for those of us who love the flavors of this uniquely American red wine grape, times can change more than once. One result of zin's Stupid Era was that even hardcore zinfandel lovers eventually got fatigued trying to slug these behemoths down. So, they stopped buying them.

That, to be sure, was a message that winemakers and winery owners understood. When sales suffer, something has to change. And it's in process as we sip.

Sure, plenty of 17 percent alcohol zins remain on store shelves. Some people still feel macho enough to enjoy them. (Are the buyers also those who buy

Hummers and demand 40-inch wheels?)

However, recently I've seen a new zin trend: balanced zin! When it's appropriately handled in the vineyard, it can produce a tasty, balanced wine! Huzzah! It may be that we'll have to put up with 14.5 percent alcohol, but at least that's manageable.

When zinfandel stays well below 15 percent alcohol, retains good flavors of blackberry and raspberry, and also has good structure so it is compatible with food, it can be an absolute delight, as is our Wine of the Week.

Wine of the Week:

2021 Dry Creek Old Vine Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley (\$45) — Aromas of blackberry jam, raspberry, and plum feature in the aroma and the mid-palate is medium-full with a lot of fruit intensity. A full, rich finish makes it great with spicy sausages.

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SETTING the mood

Festive mix-and-match place settings for Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving table is the centerpiece of this beloved American holiday, and hostesses tend to go all out ensuring their dining space is warm, welcoming and reflective of the love that goes into the celebratory meal.

Our style editors partnered with The League Shop to showcase some fall place settings that embody the spirit of gracious Thanksgiving hosting. Utilizing some family heirloom items along with pieces from The League Shop, the Grosse Pointe News style team came up with some delightful spins on mix-and-match tableware and decor in the year's most beloved fall colors.

Grays, taupes, browns and

golds are accented with pops of mauve pinks, blues and wine red. The feel is a juxtaposition of elegance and comforting rustics, with lots of textures in form of velvet, natural and faux plants as well as feathers.

Drawing on familiar family pieces invites a feeling of tradition — and adding new treasures from The League Shop helps create new ones that spur fresh memories.

The League Shop is a local favorite for elegant tableware and home goods for holidays and beyond. They are located at 16847 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe. They can be reached at (313) 882-6880 or theleagueshop.com.



Creatively display silverware in wooden caddies, above, to set a warm and casual rustic theme guests will love.

WIN a \$100 gift certificate to The League Shop

Enjoy some beautiful holiday inspiration with the place settings labeled on these pages and then enter to win a handy \$100 gift certificate from The League Shop to help you create your own magnificent Thanksgiving table.

Just email media@grossepointenews.com with your favorite setting from these pages to be entered to win. Please include the title or letter of your favorite setting, along with your name, city and contact phone number. Put "Favorite Setting" in the email subject line. That's all you have to do for your chance to win — and explore all the amazing tableware at The League Shop — on us!

Entry deadline is Nov. 13, 2023. Winner will be announced Nov. 16.



"Golden Day"



"Amber Waves of Grain"



"Gray Majesty"



"Plymouth Rock"



"Blue Birds of Happiness"



"Pilgrim's Pride"



"Gilded Quail"



"Family Circle"



OH, SHOOT!

Family makes paper turkey target practice a Thanksgiving tradition

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

For the Turco family, no Thanksgiving would be complete without their infamous Turkey Shoot.

The annual shoot includes a revolving door of neighbors and friends, a full spread of food, and a fun turkey-themed game.

Upon arrival, each guest receives a sheet of paper with a turkey target on it. After writing their name on the sheet, each one is affixed to hay bales arranged against the back fence.

Every participant takes their best shot with a BB gun and the person with the closest shot to the bullseye secures the title of Grand Champion.

"It's our favorite day of the year," Monique Turco said. "We have friends and family stopping by all day. People are able to mingle with friends and neighbors that they haven't seen since last Thanksgiving, and the friendly competition always makes it more fun. Guests keep track of the leaderboard and if there's a tie for first place, the top two participants will come back and do a shoot off. It's pretty funny."

The shoot, which takes place on Thanksgiving morning, is a family tradition that dates back to Monique's husband, Mike Turco's, childhood.

"My husband, Mike, grew up with a family who hosted a similar event," Monique stated. "They used to do a big shoot and write everyone's score on the inside of their garage. In 2014, he decided to start it in Grosse Pointe with our family."

To make the shoot a success each year, the prep work starts early.

The Turco family prepares the menu, prints the canvas leaderboard from last year's shoot, orders the prizes for the champion, and arranges the house for the event.

As visitors arrive, they see posters and outdoor signs adorning the yard. The signs list everyone that has participated in the shoot throughout the years. Funny moments and photos from each shoot are also included.

Upon walking inside their friendly and inviting home, everyone is welcome to stay as long as they'd like, enjoying drinks and food with friends and family.

"We have a big breakfast spread and bonfire going during the shoot," Monique said. "The goal is for everyone to mingle and have fun. People bring their entire families, even guests that are visiting from out of town, and make a whole morning of it. It's really special."

Once the winner is announced, the notoriety lasts all year.

"The winner gets their name engraved on the trophy and they will be listed as the top scorer on our leaderboard," Monique said. "They get an engraved Yeti and a bright orange Grand Champion t-shirt. Most of the winners will wear their shirt back the next year. They walk in super proud to hold the winning title."

The Turco's three daughters, Emma, Mia, and Calyx, are heavily involved in preparing

and spreading the word about each year's shoot.

The girls invite friends and remind people the everyone is welcome.

Family friend, Angela Dusina, looks forward to the event each year and attends with her parents and three siblings.

"I love the amazing food and the competition," Angela said. "It's also great getting to see so many new and old faces every year. My family and I look forward to the shoot every Thanksgiving!"

There is always something in which to be thankful, and the Turcos have found a way to incorporate the joys of the holiday into their most cherished family tradition.

"The turkey shoot is just the best, said Monique. "I get to see and check-in with people I haven't seen in months. Connecting with families that we met when my kids were young and visiting with my children's high school friends, their parents, and siblings, it's what it's all about. My kids love it and we really enjoy hosting this event."

After all, The Turkey Shoot is everything a Thanksgiving tradition should be; the perfect mix of family, friends, food, and friendly competition.



Above, top: Each guest receives a target as they enter the party. Above and right: attendees show off their skills as they vie for top honors.



Everyone is welcome at the Turco Family annual turkey shoot, where friendly competition, laughter and warm hugs rule the day.

Top of page: Attendees check the results of a guest's target.

At left, the official trophy, which bears the names of winners from every year the event has taken place.





Ready, aim, fire! Turco family and friends gather each year to line up the perfect shot in a bid to earn the championship title along with some great prizes. The annual event is something that attendees look forward to all year long.



Above, Mike Turco, past Grand Champion, eyes the target before taking aim and defending his title. The lighthearted event takes place every Thanksgiving morning, along with a robust breakfast and favorite celebratory beverages.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TURCO FAMILY

Above left, bragging rights take the form of a champion T-shirt as loved ones take time out for hugs and champagne to honor the special occasion. Above right, scores are displayed from a past annual turkey shoot event, which began on Thanksgiving 2014.



Pumpkin pillow perfection

Everyone seems to love paying special attention to their homes during Thanksgiving. The aromas of cinnamon and spice, the readying of each room for entertaining, or maybe it's the season of gratitude for a home they enjoy sharing. Small Favors has the sweetest seasonal pillows that will add a special touch to your holiday. The assorted pumpkin pillows, above, are the ideal accent to grace your home with adorable seasonal elegance and charm. Small Favors is located at 17112 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe. Call them at (313) 887-1774 or visit shopsmallfavors.com.



Simplify the feast by slow cooking your turkey

Side dishes abound on Thanksgiving dinner tables, but turkey still takes center stage. That reality can put some pressure on hosts tasked with preparing the meal for their family and friends. Unlike some other dishes that require a laundry list of ingredients and lots of prep work, turkey is a relatively hands-off main course. However, home cooks know a dried out turkey is not on anyone's holiday wish list. Slow cooking can help to avoid such a result. This recipe for "Holiday Turkey," courtesy Andrew Schloss' "Cooking Slow" (Chronicle Books), calls for slow cooking the bird. Such an approach should result in a delicious and mouth-watering main course that satisfies anyone who's anxious to sit down at the Thanksgiving dinner table this year.

Holiday Turkey

Makes 15 servings

1 fresh turkey, about 15 pounds

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 quart apple cider

2 teaspoons dried poultry seasoning

Coarse sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Remove the giblets from the turkey and discard (or save for another use). Rinse the turkey inside and out and pat dry with paper towels. Rub it all over with salt and pepper. Refrigerate, uncovered, for at least 12 hours and up to 24 hours. During that time, the surface of the turkey will become visibly dry and the skin will tighten; this encourages a nice crisp skin on the finished bird.

Remove the turkey from the refrigerator 1 hour before you plan to start roasting. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

Put the turkey on a rack set in a large, flameproof roasting pan. Drizzle the oil over the top.

Roast for 1 hour. Reduce the oven temperature to 175 F. Pour the cider into the roasting pan and sprinkle the poultry seasoning in the liquid. Continue roasting until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of a thigh (but not touching bone) registers to 170 F.

Transfer the turkey to a carving board, tent loosely with aluminum foil, and let rest for about 15 minutes (see tip). Meanwhile, skim the fat from the surface of the liquid in the pan. Put the roasting pan over two burners and bring the pan drippings to a boil over high heat. Cook until the juices reduce and thicken slightly, enough to coat a spoon, about 10 minutes. Taste for seasoning. Carve the turkey and serve with cider pan juices.

Resting tip: Slow-roasted meats need far less resting time (pretty much none) than those that are traditionally roasted. The reason for resting meat that has been roasted at a high temperature is to allow juices that have collected in the cooler center time to migrate back into the dryer (hotter) exterior sections after it comes out of the oven. Because slow-roasted meats are cooked evenly and a temperature that keeps most of the juices in place, a resting period is largely unnecessary. A brief resting time does allow the meat to become a little firmer as it cools, making it easier to carve.

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Above left, Marcia Gay Harden as Jane and Oscar Jaenada as Juan in the 2015 movie "After Words," directed by Juan Feldman.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "After Words"
 2015 - TV-14
 1 hr 31min
 ★★★★★

The plot of "After Words" is pretty basic. A shy bookworm goes on an exotic vacation where she's reborn into a whole new person. It could have been made into a predictable comedy where the main character becomes a wild and crazy gal. In the hands of director Juan Feldman and with a star as formidable as Marcia Gay Harden, the story is transformed into a touching, memorable film that is sure to move you.

Jane (Harden) is a dowdy, serious, middle-aged librarian whose only joy in life is reading. One day, due to budget cuts and the impact of the Internet, she loses her job at a branch of the LA public library. Ms. Harden is such a fine actor, she conveys a sense that she's merely muddling through life. Her hair is a bushy rag, she wears little to no makeup, and her facial expression is mostly, well, expressionless. I can think of few actors who could pull off this spirit of malaise as well as her.

After she's terminated, she packs up her bags and surprisingly, heads to Costa Rica for the vacation of a lifetime. When we spot her add-

ing a couple bottles of pills, we sense that something's up. In fact, Jane has decided to take her life. However, she needs to do a little living so she'll have some actual memories to flash before her eyes, before she meets her maker.

Upon arrival, she makes arrangements to have a tour guide to show her the exotic flora and fauna of Costa Rica. And what a tour guide she meets! Juan (Oscar Jaenada) isn't your typical local. He's a part-time gigolo who services American tourists on the side. He's also handsome, funny, charming and full of life. In short, everything Jane isn't. At first he tries to woo her, but sensing she's not interested in romance, works hard to share with Jane everything he knows about his native land.

We also learn that he has a young daughter that he's paying dearly for to attend a private school to get the education he's never had. Anna (Jenna Ortega) is a cute, brainy sweetheart — not at all irritating like so many other precocious child actors. She quickly takes to Jane and is partly responsible for her gradual transformation.

Juan and Jane embark on a weeklong journey around Costa Rica. The country is absolutely breathtaking — from the

gorgeous beaches to the dense jungles, it's unlike anything I've seen before. In the able hands of cameraman Salvador Lleo De La Fe, the scenery is presented in such rich detail, it will make you want to hop on the next flight and check out this exotic land for yourself.

One thing I especially appreciated about this movie is the slow and subtle transformation depicted by Ms. Harden. There isn't an "aha!" moment where she's suddenly a bouncy, cheerful woman who's broken out of her shell.

If there's a pivotal scene in the story, it's perhaps the outing where she's about to ride a zip-line into the dense jungle from a fair height. At first she's terrified and is about to bail. She soon realizes she'll miss out on a unique experience and what would be the point of holding back? It's at this point we see a slow change in Jane.

The chemistry between these two totally mismatched characters is just wonderful. Juan is constantly trying to educate and better himself, and he clings to every word of wisdom Jane offers up. Which is to say, things she's learned from books. In return, Jane learns about life and living in the moment from Juan. It all adds up to an unforgettable little

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film that will make you savor every moment here on the planet. Well, maybe that's pushing it, but "After Words" will certainly stick with you, for a good while after you see it.

Note to parents: There's some brief nudity and a pot-smoking scene.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy.com (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Plex, The Roku Channel, and Prime Video.

films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

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For movie trailers, visit youtube.com.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at:

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.

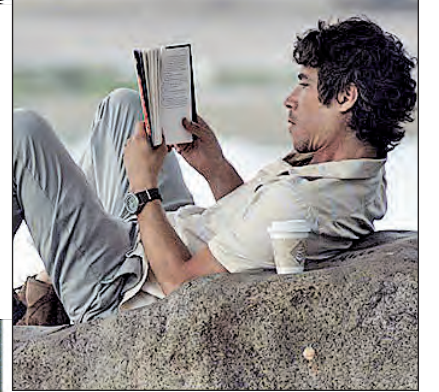
★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on



Above, Jane (Harden) writes in her journal.



Right, Juan (Jaenada) absorbed in a book.



The beauty of Costa Rica.



A trip deep into the jungle.

Above left, Marcia Gay Harden as Jane & Jenna Ortega as Anna.



Juan (Jaenada) with his daughter Anna (Jenna Ortega).



Jane & Juan observing nature.



Trick or Treat in the Village

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe City Parks and Recreation Department and Main Street Grosse Pointe held their annual Trick or Treat in The Village on Halloween along Kercheval. More than 200 costumed kids showed up to ask for candy, which was handed out by Village business.



Aghost from Posterity Gallery handed out candy to trick-or-treaters.



Riley and Keira Ward had their own transportation for the event.



Grosse Pointe City Public Safety Officer Austin Giarmo handed out 1,900 pieces of candy to trick-or-treaters who came by the fire engine on Halloween.



May Wilborn dressed as a cat with a tail injury — hence the blue collar around her neck — and her brother, Jack Wilborn, dressed as a \$100 bill.



Grosse Pointe City Public Safety Officer Austin Giarmo, Kurt Tech, Kurt Tech III, Oliver Tech and Lt. Alan Gwyn pose in front of the Grosse Pointe City fire engine.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 3:30 a.m. EST today (12:30 a.m. PST), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Libra.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, November 9, 2023:

You're a risk-taker. Your approach to life is physical. You're intelligent, witty and enthusiastic. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to take inventory and let go of people, places and things in the past that have held you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is a lovely day to schmooze with others. It's also a wonderful day or evening for a sweet date. Keep in mind that the Moon is in Libra for two days, which puts it directly opposite your sign. This means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with people. Tonight: Cooperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Today you will attract someone to you who is strong and forthright. (Generally, those are ephemerisms for "pushy.") Perhaps this is why you will find yourself in a position of having to work on behalf of someone else or having to perform a service for someone. Fortunately, life flows smoothly today. Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

This is a fun-loving day! Enjoy social outings, the arts, museums, galleries, bowling alleys, sports events, theater, movie houses -- whatever pleases you. You will also enjoy playful times with children. It's an excellent day for romance and dating! Tonight: Play!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

This is a great day to entertain at home; however, it's also a great day to cocoon at home and relax. Basically, your choices are wide open, because you can work and accomplish things today, or you can socialize with friends or just goof off. Perhaps all of the above. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You'll enjoy talking to others today, especially siblings, relatives and neighbors. Positive vibes are in the air, and you're in a good mood. Not only that, you feel warm and affectionate to others. You appreciate your world and your surroundings. (Lucky you!) Tonight: Conversations!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You can attract money to you today, which is why it's an excellent day for financial negotiations or exploring moneymaking ideas. When talking to others, you will be particularly convincing. You will also enjoy shopping for beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a lovely day because the Moon is in your sign along with your ruler Venus. (What's not to like?) This means you can schmooze with the best of them! Enjoy warm interactions with everyone. This is a good day to discuss finances. Tonight: You win!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You're raring to go with both the Sun and fiery Mars in your sign. Today in particular, you might want to explore financial numbers and discuss financial matters with

others. Respect your moneymaking ideas. Meanwhile, this is an exciting day for romance, especially secret love affairs. Tonight: Solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Mercury moves into your sign today to stay for three weeks, which means you have something to say! Although you have a strong inclination to be low-key and work behind the scenes, today you'll enjoy schmoozing with friends. (A friend might become a lover.) Tonight: Friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Do be aware that you're high-viz today. People notice you. In fact, some people will know personal details about your private life. It's important to know this in case you have to do some damage control. Fortunately, you will schmooze well with bosses and have lively exchanges with friends. Tonight: Be modest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are strong, powerful and ambitious today. Don't hesitate to go after what you want. Conversations with younger people could be meaningful. Grab any opportunity to travel or expand your horizons. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Financial negotiations will favor you today. Meanwhile, this is a lovely day for personal relationships, especially intimate situations. Romance is blessed, which is why interactions with others are so affectionate and easygoing. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Actor Eric Dane (1972), actress Scottie Thompson (1981), actor, bodybuilder Lou Ferrigno (1951).

Contract Bridge

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East dealer.
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NORTH

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♥ K 7 2
♦ A Q 10 7 6 5
♣ 7 4

WEST

♠ 8 3
♥ J 10 9
♦ J 8 2
♣ A J 10 5 3

EAST

♠ A 7 4
♥ A 4
♦ K 9 4
♣ K Q 9 8 2

SOUTH

♠ Q J 10 9 5 2
♥ Q 8 6 5 3
♦ 3
♣ 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
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2NT	3♠	4♣	4♠

Dble
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

This hand was played in a rubber-bridge game many years ago. The heroine was Ruth Sherman, winner of several national championships in the '40s and '50s.

Sherman reached four spades dou-

bled as shown, and West led the jack of hearts. Declarer played low from dummy, and East took the ace and returned a heart to dummy's king.

It was obvious to Sherman that East had started with a doubleton heart and was poised to ruff the next heart lead. Had declarer led a trump at this point, East would have taken the ace and put West in with a club to obtain the heart ruff that sets the contract.

But Sherman found a way to prevent West from ever gaining the lead and thereby circumvented the heart ruff. East's two-notrump bid marked him with both the king of diamonds and ace of spades. So, at trick three, Sherman cashed the ace of diamonds and then led the queen. This forced East to cover with the king, whereupon declarer discarded her singleton club!

East returned a club, but the chicken had flown the coop. Sherman ruffed, forced out the ace of spades, ruffed the club return, drew trump and ran her hearts to make the doubled contract. Her only losers were a heart, a spade and a diamond.

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Charles M. Schulz



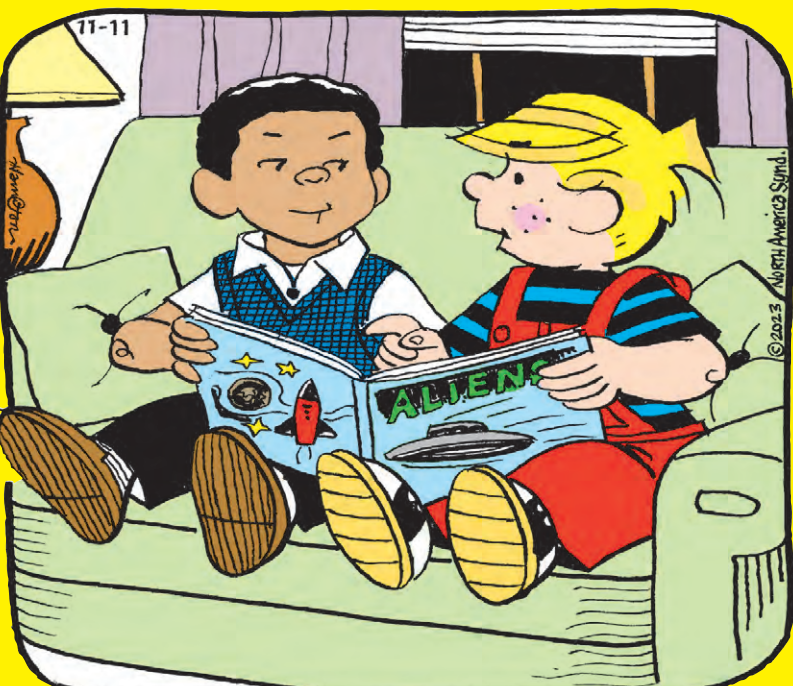
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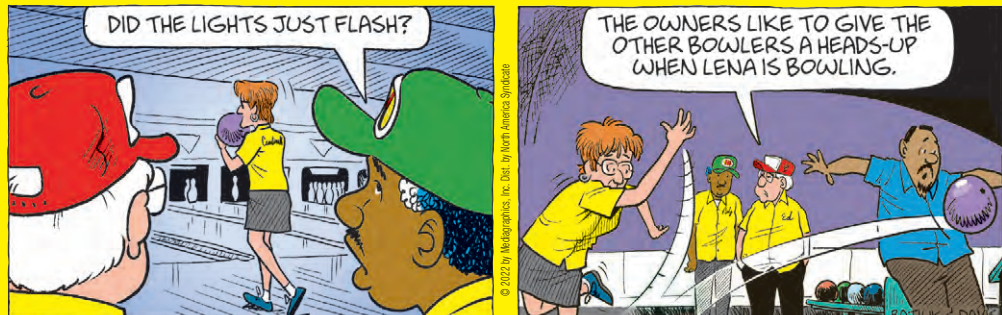
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



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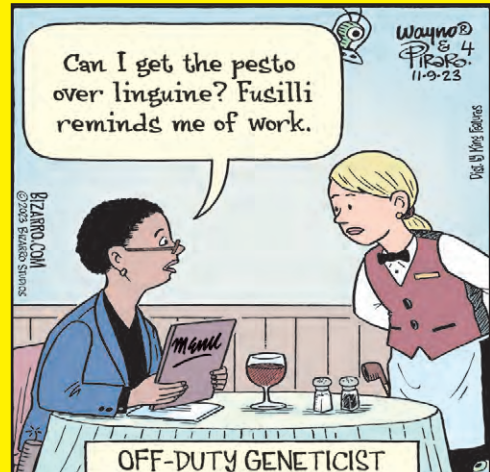
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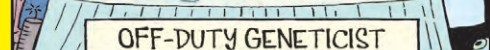
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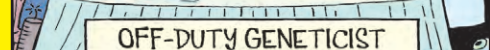
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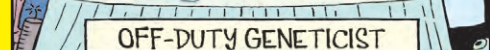
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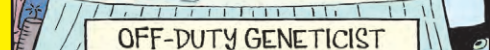
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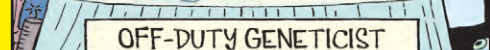
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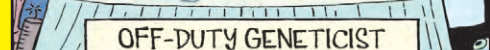
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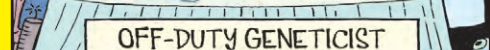
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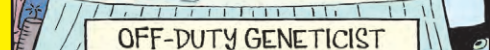
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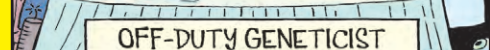
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Random Rocks of Kindness

Read the news story below. Fill in the missing words on each blank line using the words in the word box.

In 2018, Tiffany Lester of Regina, Saskatchewan in Canada wanted to do something kind for _____ in her community. She and some friends started painting rocks and _____ them around the community.

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What do they do with the rocks? Most of them _____ them again, to keep the fun going.


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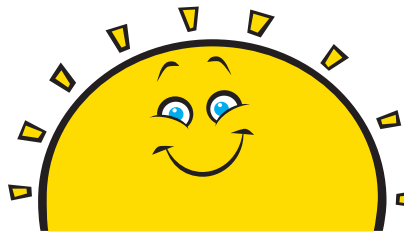
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This week's word: **KINDNESS**

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Try to use the word **kindness** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



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LATER

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Thanks, little buddy!

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Discuss these questions:

1. What unexpected acts of kindness did the lion and the mouse each do?
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Kid Scoop Puzzler

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— Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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

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

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Kind News

Look through the newspaper for examples of people being kind to people, animals or the planet. Select one example and write a summary about it.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries; Research: Use the newspaper to locate information; Civics: Recognize character traits.

What's the longest word in the English language?

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Rishmawi named South's new AD

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe South has named Andy Rishmawi as its new athletic director, the school announced Friday, Nov. 2.

Rishmawi brings more than two decades of experience as a Spanish teacher and varsity head coach for both boys and girls programs at Flushing High School. He also served as men's varsity soccer coach at Saginaw Valley State University, his college alma mater, where he was a scholar-athlete in soccer and track and field.

He will start his new position leading Blue Devils athletics Wednesday, Nov. 15.

South's interim AD, Dan Griesbaum Sr., who stepped in when Brandon Wheeler left his position in late August, will remain in his role through Friday, Nov. 10.

"Mr. Griesbaum has done a wonderful job at the helm of South athletics the last two months," South Principal Moussa Hamka said in a letter to



PHOTO BY AHMED ISMAIL/THE PORTRAIT PLACE

New South Athletic Director Andy Rishmawi, right, takes in South's playoff football game against Roseville last Friday alongside South Principal Moussa Hamka. Rishmawi also stopped by South girls swim and dive's MAC Red championship meet in the Boll Center before the game.

the South community last Friday. "His commitment to our students, community and our programs is unwavering. We are grateful for his service."

Rishmawi joins South's staff with an extensive teaching, coaching and athletic resume. A 1994 graduate of Flushing High School, Rishmawi excelled as a three-sport

athlete in wrestling, soccer and track and field. He moved on to become an accomplished two-sport collegiate athlete at Saginaw Valley State University.

During his last two years of college, he began coaching at Flushing and joined the teaching staff in 1999, after his college graduation. He later added the

role of men's varsity soccer coach at SVSU, living out a teaching and coaching career he describes as "the passion of his life."

He also has taught numerous levels of Spanish, including AP, over the last 25 years, while serving as head of the world languages department. He holds two master's degrees

from SVSU and completed the Greater Flint Educational Consortium Administrative Leadership Academy.

Rishmawi said he is enthusiastic about taking advantage of various leadership development opportunities and has further honed those skills by serving as Flushing's summer school principal for five years and athletic operations assistant for three years.

A self-described "sports junky," Rishmawi said he also places great importance on providing life lessons to his students and athletes.

"I spent time teaching them Spanish, but sometimes I felt like that was the least important thing going on in my class," he said. "It was them learning about life, learning how to treat people, how to respect people and how to be accountable for themselves. Learning about grit and perseverance."

"I feel like (I emphasized) those same lessons when I was coaching. They were getting more life lessons out

of me than the sports sometimes."

Upon his hiring announcement last Friday, Rishmawi didn't waste a second getting his feet wet at South. He attended the girls varsity swim and dive MAC Red championship meet in the Boll Center before heading over to watch varsity football's playoff game against Roseville, where he met as many athletes, coaches, students and community members as possible.

"I am definitely a people person," he said. "I definitely like being around people and I'm willing to do anything to help people," adding that he values others' expertise.

After a busy Friday, he woke up at 6 a.m. Saturday to text more coaches, most of whom he met during the interview process. He is setting up one-on-one meetings with them, where he will ask a set of 12 questions he created to help him get familiar with each coach and program at South.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Liggett's Courtright finally reaches tennis mountaintop in No. 1 singles

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Years of victory, defeat, blood, sweat and tears all led to one final moment in Sebastian Courtright's high school tennis career on Oct. 21. Courtright, a senior at University Liggett, had made it to the No. 1 singles state championship match in Division 4, marking the third year in a row he would be competing for a singles state title, but the first year he would actually win it all.

"It was frustrating for me both of those years," Courtright said about his previous championship appearances. "The opponents I played were better than me and were very talented, top players in the country...It was really frustrating to play those and not win, so this year it made me



realize that this was my last year and my last chance to go out and win it."

Courtright did take advantage of that last chance, defeating Kabir Rajendra from Ann

Arbor Greenhills in two sets to become the No. 1 singles state champion. It was the culmination of years of hard work and filled Courtright with the greatest sense of relief and accomplishment he has ever experienced.

For his entire high school career at Liggett, Courtright had been part of the varsity tennis program. Before that, he was more focused on other sports, not even thinking about picking up a racket until decid-

ing to act on some advice from a youth soccer coach.

"Growing up I was always a soccer player," Courtright said. "One day, years ago, a coach of mine told me that the footwork I have in soccer would translate well to tennis so I decided to pick it up."

While he is a tennis champion, Courtright has remained an avid soccer player as well. He continued playing club soccer for several years, and this fall was allowed for the first time to double roster in fall sports with both the boys tennis and soccer teams at Liggett.

While playing two varsity sports in the same season, Courtright had the added responsibility of being a captain of the tennis team. It was the first time he had been named a captain and got to serve in that role alongside longtime friend and teammate Tommy Ugval. Courtright certainly made the most of his season as a captain, but his leadership role with the Knights was always present even before he



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

Liggett senior Sebastian Courtright is the 2023 captain of the Knights' boys tennis team and is the reigning Division 4 state champion in No. 1 singles.

earned the official title. "I've felt like a leader for most of my years playing," Courtright said. "So did Tommy (Ugval) and we were both always playing up higher, this was just the first year we had been

named captains. I think we did a really good job. We got the younger guys developed and having fun and enjoying the sport."

Courtright and Ugval
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King of the Court

- 2023 Division 4 No. 1 singles boys tennis state champion
- Played in a state championship match in 3 consecutive seasons
- Co-captain of Liggett boys varsity tennis



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Panthers out-duke Blue Devils 24-17

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Like two heavyweight boxers, football teams from host Grosse Pointe South and Roseville absorbed hit after hit in an intense playoff game Friday, Nov. 3, but a Panthers interception on the Blue Devils' final drive delivered the knockout punch Roseville needed for a 24-17 win and the 2023 Division 2 district championship.

"There's so many emotions," South head coach Chad Hepner said about his team's season ending. "Things come to an end and for a lot of these seniors, it's the last time they're gonna put the pads on."

The Blue Devils, who beat MAC White division foe Roseville 16-7 in Week 5, kept pace with the Panthers' size and athleticism throughout most of the game. Coming in with a defense that was allowing a stingy 5.2 points per game, South made several key stops, but the Panthers broke through for a few big plays that forced the team to play from behind for much of the game and for one of the few times this season.

"We can go in hindsight and come up with a better game plan, but they've got some players on that team that are hard to deal with," Hepner said. "We talked about how good our athletes and receivers are, but (Roseville) can match up with that."

"They can play us in one-on-one coverage because of their team speed and you know that they can stack the box and bring pressure and blitz guys. We caught them on a couple things, but they are a big and fast and strong team."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South linebacker Lex Wilson wraps up Roseville's star junior running back Desmond Straughton.

Starting on their own 37-yard line on the game's opening drive, Roseville running back Desmond Straughton powered through South's defense, firing off two big runs, quickly moving the chains to South's 45-yard line.

A pass interference call in the endzone kept the drive alive, but after failing to get it into the endzone, the Panthers kicked a 32-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead early in the first quarter.

Things stayed the same until 8:09 in the second quarter when Roseville drove down to the South 25. Quarterback Jordan Simes handed the ball to Bryan Weathersby Jr., who raced past Blue Devils defenders for the touchdown. The extra point gave the Panthers a 10-0 lead.

With just under two minutes before halftime, Roseville began driving again. An illegal procedure penalty took a

Panther touchdown off the board. The Blue Devils defense stopped them on fourth down and took over on downs at their own 30-yard line. South drove down into Panthers territory but came up empty, ending the half down 10-0.

Despite the deficit, Hepner said his team showed no panic.

"We told them we would rather be up than losing at half, but we told them that this was going to be a game that was gonna be won or lost in the second half and probably in the fourth quarter," Hepner said. "... We felt like our conditioning was really solid and we could rely on that in the fourth quarter."

Both teams came out in the second half ready for a hard-fought finish. South had a quick three-and-out to open the quarter and Roseville punted after its first series. South earned solid field position after a Vince Vashon return and late

hit set South up near mid-field.

An interference call on a pass intended for senior wide receiver Karter Richards moved the chains to the 11-yard line. Richards caught a short pass at the 6, but the offense couldn't get it into the endzone. Senior kicker C.J. Rosati finally got South on the board with a 23-yard field goal for a 10-3 game with about six minutes to go in the third quarter.

The drama heightened on the very next series, as Roseville began its drive near its own 40-yard line. A muffed exchange between Simes and his running back resulted in a fumble, which South junior linebacker Josh Lemanski scooped up and brought in for a touchdown that tied things up 10-10 after Rosati's extra point, with 5:42 left in the third.

From there, the heavyweights kept at it. After Roseville moved the ball to its own 45, the

Panthers decided to go for it on fourth down. But on the incomplete pass, officials flagged South, giving Roseville a first down. They took quick advantage, throwing a 41-yard touchdown pass to go up 17-10 with 1:27 remaining in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter looked a lot like the 12th round of a heavyweight bout. The Blue Devils wasted no time getting into the red zone, thanks to a nearly 60-yard run from senior Joey Michelotti, who just returned from an ankle injury suffered two weeks ago in the season finale against Grosse Pointe North.

Quarterback Jack Lupo scored on a keeper from the 3-yard line, knotting things back up at 17 at 11:46 of the fourth quarter.

Hepner said he was not surprised at how Friday's game unfolded.

"I told the team, when you play a team for the

second time, rarely does it go the way the first game went," he said of the 16-7 defensive battle between these teams earlier in the season. "...we were prepared for this game for whatever way it was gonna go."

Roseville got the ball back, and connected on a deep pass to junior Eric Slater at the South 19-yard line. Roseville got another first down, setting them up with first-and-goal from the 7-yard line. Weathersby Jr. took the handoff on the next play, breaking into the endzone for the touchdown, with an extra point that moved the Panthers ahead 24-17 with just under nine minutes to go in the contest.

South methodically drove the ball, helped by two big first downs on the drive. The first was earned by freshman Sam Rouleau, who stepped in as quarterback for the designed play, and the other coming off a pass to tight end Hunter Belanger, who took three Roseville defenders with him to advance to the Panthers' 38.

Facing fourth down and a single chance to keep their playoff hopes alive, a pass intended for James Michelotti bounced off the receiver and into the hands of the Panthers' Anthony Scott with just 1:51 left to play.

Roseville's Straughton got the all-important first down on the ensuing series, sealing the win for the Panthers and the 2023 district championship.

"They (just) made a couple of more plays than we did," Hepner said after the game. "I thought we would be playing more football for another week."

Looking back on the '23 season: Despite the

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King knocks North out of playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North football knew it had a tough task on its hands going into last Friday's playoff game against Detroit Martin Luther King Jr. Friday Nov. 3. The King Crusaders are on a quest for their third consecutive Division 3 state championship, and the Norsemen could not stop them on their path as King rolled to a 48-0 win.

"I thought we had a good game plan going in looking at some of the things they did," North varsity football head coach Joe Drouin said. "...Once we got into the game, we had a couple breakdowns and started playing from behind... It's difficult to come out from behind and have a game plan like that. They have kids who are going to be playing on Saturday next year and some that will probably be eventually playing on Sunday, and for a lot of our guys that was probably the last time they're putting pads on."

The Crusaders struck first almost right out of the gate. Busted coverage in the North secondary left King's Ka'Von

Matthews wide open in the end zone to put the Crusaders up 6-0, as the extra point was missed.

King made it 13-0 late in the first quarter with freshman QB Darryl Flemister running the ball into the end zone. Just a few seconds later, the Crusaders got the ball back after a North turnover and scored again as Flemister tallied his third touchdown and second of the game through the air. The Crusaders led 20-0 after the first quarter.

"The best thing about these guys is they never gave up. We stayed with effort, enthusiasm and toughness"

JOE DROUIN, GROSSE POINTE NORTH VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

Into the second quarter, King kept piling on. Flemister ran for another score in the opening minute of the second frame that moved the lead to 27-0. Flemister had his third passing touchdown of the game moments later when he hit running

back Michael Dukes on a screen pass that was then taken 80 yards to paydirt. The first half ended with an exclamation point as Flemister made the most of a last second 40-yard heave to the end zone, which was caught by Matthews to put the game at 41-0 King at halftime.

The lopsided score at halftime meant a running clock for the entire second half. The third quarter went by quickly and saw no movement on the scoreboard for either side. The only points of the second half came in the fourth quarter with about five minutes left, when King's Arnezz Garrett ran for a touchdown that put the finishing touches on a dominant 48-0 performance.

Despite the season-ending loss being out of reach for much of the night, Drouin found pride in the way his players kept their chins up no matter how tough the game got.

"The best thing about these guys is they never gave up," he said. "We stayed with effort, enthusiasm and toughness and throughout the whole game our sideline was positive. I think we



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Sebastian Rouse tries to shake off a tackle from a King defender after catching a pass in last week's playoff loss for the Norsemen.

knew we were out-matched, but our guys kept fighting to the end and I think that's a tribute to the culture we have as a team."

Looking back on the '23 season: The 2023 season comes to an end for the Norsemen with a final overall record of 7-4 between the regular season and playoffs.

North also earned a share of the MAC Gold Division title, the second year in a row where the team has won at least a share of the

league crown.

Back-to-back seasons with winning records and division titles has been a major leap for the North program after four straight losing seasons from 2018 to 2021. For head coach Drouin, this fall felt like a season where the Norsemen truly restored their reputation as a program to be respected.

"It's kind of like what you hear the Lions talk about going from being the hunters to the hunted," Drouin said.

"Last year, we were the hunters and wanted to go out and prove we were a team to beat. This year, we were the hunted and we found teams were coming after us and a lot of teams brought their A-game for us and we learned what it's like to be in games where teams are looking to knock you down."

"That's what the team has really built itself on and that's the level we want to be at all the time."

South, Liggett volleyball repeat as district champs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is officially time of the year for playoff volleyball. Last week the teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett began fighting their way through the brackets in the district playoff round. North and South once again found themselves in a rivalry showdown for the Division 1 district title, with the Blue Devils victorious, while the Knights won a district championship in Division 3 over Detroit Central.

North-South

Both the Norsemen and Blue Devils faced little challenge in their respective roads to facing each other in the district championship. North defeated Cass Tech in three straight sets (25-18, 25-13, 25-23) last Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the district semifinal round to punch its ticket to the championship match. That same night, the Blue Devils dominated Detroit King for their own three-set sweep (25-6, 25-11, 25-8) to set up the district title rematch.

South got the better of North in last year's final and came into this year's rematch looking to reign supreme in the district for a 10th year in a row. While last year's playoff

match took four sets, the one last Friday, Nov. 3, only took three as the Blue Devils took the win.

The first set was won by the Blue Devils 25-17 while North made things much closer in the second set, which South won 25-22. The third and final set was still close, but the Blue Devils maintained the advantage taking a 25-19 win to seal the match.

"We're trying to continue to build a culture in our program of being competitive and we've been fortunate enough to be able to do that the last several years," South volleyball head coach Janeil DiVita said. "North works really hard as well and gives us a run and it's always a lot of nerves going into districts. This is a special group this year. They want to work hard and push each other and go out and compete."

The win marked the 10th consecutive district title for the Blue Devils, who continued their playoff run into the regional round. South faced Fraser in the regional semifinals on Tuesday, Nov. 7, after press time. The Division 1 regional final is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, hosted by Cass Tech.

Liggett

Much like the Blue

Devils, the Knights did not drop a single set on their way to a district title in Division 3 last week. Liggett faced Academy of the Americas last Thursday, Nov. 2, in the district semifinal and got a 3-0 win with three dominant sets (25-6, 25-10, 25-14).

The next night, Liggett met up with Detroit Central in a match for the district title and was equally dominant. The Knights won 3-0 yet again and did not let Detroit Central score more than 10 points in any of the three sets, winning 25-6, 25-7, 25-3.

"This is the most cohesive team that I have coached in 16 seasons at Liggett," said Liggett volleyball coach Dan Sullivan, who began his second stint at the helm of the Knights' volleyball program this fall. "...Everyone on the team understands their roles and it has led to great cohesiveness"

Sullivan also praised the offensive efforts of Gabi Szajenko and junior Lydia Fedewa, who have been nominated for All-Region recognition.

The Knights faced Riverview Gabriel Richard on Tuesday, Nov. 7, after press time in the regional semifinal round. The Division 3 regional final, hosted by Clawson, is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARYBETH DAVEY

Grosse Pointe South volleyball gathers around the district trophy after beating Grosse Pointe North 3-0 last Friday, Nov. 3, in the district championship match. The win marked South's 10th consecutive district title.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett Knights dominated Detroit Central for a 3-0 victory last Friday, Nov. 3, for a second straight district title in Division 3.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sebastian Courtright has a moment of celebration and reflection after winning the 2023 Division 4 No. 1 singles tennis state championship, his first title after making it to the championship match for a third straight year.

ATHLETE:

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helped lead the Knights to a state runner-up finish as a team to go along with Courtright's individual title. Liggett finished second to Greenhills, who won seven out of the eight state championship flights, with No. 1 singles being the only exception.

Being state runner-up as a team and earning an individual state title made it a strong finish to Courtright's high school

tennis career, especially with a program like Liggett that finds consistent success. He has not yet made a choice on where he will be attending college next year, but Courtright does want to continue playing tennis wherever he goes.

No matter what challenges he might face going forward, the lessons Courtright learned from the highs and lows of his high school tennis career are sure to help him in whatever path he takes.

"I learned a whole lot from those (champion-

ship) matches," Courtright said. "Especially my sophomore year. That was a year where it was a close race with Traverse City and obviously I didn't win, but I learned that I needed to work hard and keep my mind straight in those finals because there's a lot of pressure. And I think that's why this year was different because I didn't let any pressure get to me in the final."

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SOUTH:

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disappointment of the season-ending loss, South finishes the year with the most wins the program has won since 1987, with a 9-2 record, falling one game shy of earning a program-first 10th victory. The team also won its second consecutive MAC White regular season championship and its sixth division crown in eight seasons (the team was in MAC Red for two seasons).

The team also earned the biggest point differential in school history and allowed the least points overall since the 1987 season.

Hepner, who is in his second season as head coach, called the 2023 campaign "the most fun I've ever had as a coach." He said he also likes the culture his program has established.

"I think that I'm most proud of their work ethic and the way they prepared week in, week out and that they took practice seriously and put in all of the work," he said. "Also, I'm just proud of their team character and the way they conduct themselves in games."

Hepner also said a key to the team's 2023 success revolves around leadership from the senior class.

"Our senior leadership was great and that was a model for our underclassmen," he said. "I think it was a huge benefit to have about 10 freshmen and sophomores brought up for these last two weeks for playoffs, and for them to be a part of this team culture, to see the leadership and how to go about practicing, preparing and how we conducted ourselves. Those are some of our top players in the younger classes who someday will be our

juniors and seniors."

Throughout the offseason, Hepner will continue meeting with the program's leadership council of players to reflect on what went well this season and develop ways to replicate and build on that.

As a former defensive coordinator, Hepner also made note of how the team established good defense as one of its main assets, a unit that allowed an average of 6.9 points in 2023, less than one touchdown per game.

"It was nice to get back to playing great defense, as far as X's and O's type stuff," he said. "That was something we struggled with last year and we got back to where we want to be this year. I'm proud of that team culture, the ability of these guys to want to be with each other. They love playing together and there were no factions."

"I think that was pretty magical."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's defense mobs linebacker Josh Lemanski in last week's playoff game after he recovered a Roseville fumble and ran it in for a touchdown.

South swim & dive wins 27th MAC Red since 1997, North takes 2nd

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

The meaning of the word “dynasty” is “a succession of rulers of the same line of descent,” at least according to one definition found in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

Locally speaking, another way to define a dynasty could be Grosse Pointe South’s girls swim and dive team, thanks in part to its most recent conference crown at the MAC Red championship meet Saturday, Nov. 4, which marked the program’s 27th division title since 1997.

South earned the championship by outpacing the four other teams with 614 points, including Grosse Pointe North, Macomb Dakota, L’Anse Creuse North and Eisenhower, respectively.

On its way to victory, two South swimmers qualified for the state

final. Lilian Irby did so with a time of 1:02.43 in the 100 fly and Betsy Ropke swam to a qualifying time of 1:02.78 in the 100 back.

In addition, conference coaches named South head coach John Fodell MAC Red Coach of the Year, while his team earned the meet’s sportsmanship trophy.

Grosse Pointe North finished second overall with 383.5 points and junior Avery Beal was named Swimmer of the Meet, thanks to winning the 50 free and 100 free, as well as anchoring the first-place 200 free relay.

Fodell said the meet was a success for South, not just for winning the conference, but for adding more swimmers to the state team.

“When you graduated all those swimmers, we had 15 at states last year, and getting all those new ones to the state meet, that’s been the goal,” he



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South girls swim and dive celebrates the program’s 27th MAC Red championship.

said. “The older kids are bringing the younger ones up and helping them develop and that just means better things for next year, because you will have those returning state swimmers.”

Now, he said, all eyes are focused on the upcoming Division 2 state meet Nov. 17 and 18, at the Holland Aquatics Center.

“Getting those extra state cuts (at MAC Red) is huge going into this next stage of the season,” he said. “... It’s about what we thought we could do, but it’s great to finally get there.”

Of the meet’s 12 events, South won eight and North won three. The only event not won by the Blue Devils or Norsemen was 1 meter diving, which Macomb Dakota’s Rebecca Pliech won over South’s Alayna Okonowski and North’s Penny Roustemis, who finished third and fourth, respectively.

In five of the events, North and South finished in first and second place, dominating the other teams in the field. Those 1-2 finishes included:

200 free
◆ 1st place: South’s Heidi Bryan (1:57.60)

◆ 2nd place: North’s Cailey Hard (1:58.97)

50 free
◆ 1st place: North’s Avery Beal (24.39)

◆ 2nd place: South’s Whitney Handwork (24.63)

100 free
◆ 1st place: North’s Beal (53.17)

◆ 2nd place: South’s Handwork (54.33)

200 free relay
◆ 1st place: North’s Addie Wakefield, Mia Melham, Cailey Hard and Beal (1:41.80)

◆ 2nd place: South’s Lorelei Carr, Bryan, Keira Collins, Charlotte Bedsworth (1:42.88)

400 free relay
◆ 1st place: South’s Mischa Eng, Bryan, Hannah DiDio and Handwork (3:41.43)

◆ 2nd place: North’s Hard, Kennedy Hasting, Wakefield and Beal (3:45.18)

South also won the 200 yard medley relay (Eng, Collins, DiDio and Handwork), 200 IM (Eng), 100 fly (DiDio), 500 free (Bryan), 100 back (Eng) and 100 breast (Collins).

South’s Bryan said the Blue Devils were a little tense going into the meet, but used that energy to

stay focused and cheer each other on.

“My goal was to swim as fast as I can, but to pull people to their state cuts and pull people to get their best times,” she said. “People were definitely nervous going into this and for the second day for finals, people were definitely more nervous than at prelims. We got a lot more state cuts today and I think that really helped people loosen up and get people more excited.”

For Beal, she said she and her North teammates can use momentum from MAC Red for the upcoming state final.

“For the team, I really wanted us to hold our second place (overall) and I felt like that was a good goal and a really good standard for us,” she said. “And I also just wanted our team to get together and have fun (for our last whole team meet).”

As Swimmer of the Meet at MAC Red, Beal said the award was an unexpected but happy surprise.

“I was actually proud and happy I got it,” she said. “It was really nice and a good boost of confidence.”

After the meet, Beal

only had a few hours of rest before playing viola later that evening at North’s Pops and Pastries concert. She said she views the next few weeks as all work.

“For my prep, I usually tell myself these are the final, last few practices I have to work at and they will all pay off at states,” said Beal, who also tries to eliminate sugar from her diet before big meets: a common, “clean-eating” concept for swimmers. “So I just keep telling myself, ‘You gotta push, you gotta try.’”

Fodell said he will use this final push to achieve a top-five state finish.

“I really hope the focus will be there. We have an outside shot of getting a top four at states, so that is on the radar and how do we focus to get to that ... depends on how other teams do across the state, but we’ll see if a top four is a real possibility,” he said.

“I think Mercy is going to run away with it pretty easily, but then who’s next, who’s next, who’s next,” he added. “And if we’re in that realm, then that’s a fun little battle to be swimming for when you’re (at finals).”



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Avery Beal stands on the podium to accept her Swimmer of the Meet medal at the MAC Red meet.

App opens for MHSAA Scholar Athlete Awards

Applications are open for the 35th Michigan High School Athletic Association’s (MHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Award, an honor won last season by Brendan Downey, a 2022 Grosse Pointe South graduate and boys varsity cross country and track and field standout.

The MHSAA has partnered with Farm Bureau Insurance and will present 32 recipients with \$2,000 scholarships to top student-athletes at member high schools during the 2023-24 school year.

Students applying for Scholar-Athlete Awards must be graduating during the 2023-24 school year, carry an unrounded 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) grade-point average and have won a varsity letter in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament, including

baseball, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys bowling, girls competitive cheer, girls and boys cross country, football, girls and boys golf, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, girls and boys lacrosse, girls and boys skiing, girls and boys soccer, softball, girls and boys swim and dive, girls and boys tennis, girls and boys track and field, girls volleyball and wrestling.

Applicants will be required to show involvement in other school and community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

The application can be found on the MHSAA website, along with information — including answers to a number of frequently asked questions — at <https://www.mhsaa.com/>

about/awards/scholar-athlete-award.

Applications are available in digital format only and must be submitted online by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

Since the award’s inception in 1988-89, Farm Bureau Insurance has presented \$1,024,000 in scholarships through this program.

A committee composed of school administrators from across the state will select finalists and winners in late January, with the winners announced throughout February.

All applicants, finalists and scholarship recipients will be announced on the MHSAA website. The 32 scholarship recipients will be recognized during the 2024 MHSAA boys basketball finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing in March.

— Meg Leonard

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“I love the grind,” he said of his penchant for multi-tasking.

As athletic director, Rishmawi will draw from his own coaching, high school and college athletic experiences. In high school, he was a first-team all-state wrestler, a second-team all-state soccer player and an all-league runner in track. He then earned a scholarship at SVSU to play soccer and run track, where he became the soccer program’s all-time leading goal scorer, first-team all-league for two consecutive seasons and team MVP.

Rishmawi will not hold an administrative role as assistant principal, as his predecessors have. He also will not hold a teaching position at South.

That was an important aspect of applying for this job for Rishmawi, who relied on the counsel of three of his best friends, all of whom have served as assistant principals and athletic directors and spoke to how hyper-demanding a dual

role like that is.

They also advised him to seek out a good community in which to work. It’s apparent Rishmawi found that in Grosse Pointe, where he and his wife of 24 years, Debbie, a preschool teacher, and his four kids, Aaron (19), Owen, (16), Peighton (13) and Justin (10) are making plans to move next summer. He will commute from Flushing during the current school year.

‘We always have talked about an AD position and how it would look ... They were over the moon excited for me (to get this job)’

ANDY RISHMAWI, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, ON HIS FAMILY’S REACTION ABOUT HIS NEW ROLE

“(Moving here) was a big topic of discussion in the house,” he said. “... They’ve grown up watching me coach and visiting me on the sidelines and coming to practices at 6

a.m. just to hang out with me, so they know this has been a main aspect of my life. We always have talked about an AD position and how it would look, so they have all been super excited. They were over the moon excited for me (to get this job).”

But, he added, he has one family member yet to convince — his teenage daughter.

“It’s a 5-1 vote in the house right now. My seventh-grade daughter is not the happiest with it (at the moment),” he quipped.

With a true athlete’s mentality, Rishmawi said he plans to finish strong at Flushing, completing this week’s parent-teacher conferences. He also said while he will miss being in the classroom, he hopes to continue nurturing students and making connections with them.

“When you are a teacher you get to see those moments (of growth) so often ... (and) even as a coach you see those moments of connection happen in front of you and that’s an amazing thing. ... It’s a special bond and one I still want to keep.”

WE TRIED IT! SPORTS EDITION

Testing out North's new golf simulator

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

From the outside, it looks like just a regular storage closet used by the athletic department inside Grosse Pointe North High School across from the gym. On the inside, however, is now a fully functional golf simulator that serves as a new year-round training facility for the Norsemen boys and girls golf teams.

The simulator was installed recently with the help of the Grosse Pointe North Athletics Booster Club. Boys varsity golf coach James Hansinger helped pitch

the idea to the boosters months ago and is now getting ready to have his team and North's girls golfers, coached by Greg Normand, practicing on the new simulator one to two times a week throughout the offseason.

Coach Hansinger and North Athletic Director Michelle Davis were kind enough to give me a tour of the new simulator facility last week and let me get in a few off-season practice swings of my own to see how the technology works.

This was actually only my second or possibly third time ever using a golf simulator since I am more the type of golfer

who leaves their clubs in the basement from October until around April. However, being familiar with golf simulators, North's facility was pretty on par with what I had expected, and in a good way.

North's new facility uses software by the Michigan-based company OptiShot. It comes equipped with a practice range and then a selection of different courses from around the world, including the Detroit Golf Club.

Coach Hansinger got everything set up and then it was time for me to take some shots on the practice range. It became quickly clear that what North has now has put the school up there with the best in terms of the resources available to the golfers for training.

There is a few second delay between when the ball makes impact with the screen and when you see it actually tracked on the simulator, but that is pretty standard in almost any golf simulator. After every shot, I was able to see tons of different statistics about my swing and how the shot ended up. Coach Hansinger pulled up a page that showed the carry, club speed, ball speed, launch angle, backspin and more from each shot that I took, a tool that he thinks is going to be tremendously valuable in

coaching his Norsemen golfers.

After some swings on the practice range, it was time for me to play a few holes at the (virtual) Detroit Golf Club. I had taken my practice range shots with a five iron, but needed to use my driver for tee shots on the actual course. This is where one slight downside of the simulator came into play, as coach Hansinger told me that the technology does not always get distance correct when hitting a driver off of a tee, but the direction of the ball is still very accurate.

The direction of the ball was definitely accurately picked up by the simulator since a few of my shots ended up far to the left or right of the fairway among the trees. However, the simulator was also rewarding when I made the right shots to get out of difficult lies. When you are stuck in the rough or in the sand, the screen will tell you that the speed of your shot will be reduced by a certain percentage to help you gauge just how hard you need to hit your next shot.

When my ball finally reached the green, the simulator would add however many strokes to the score based on how many putts it thinks I would need to reach the hole from where my ball landed. Honestly, this did not bother me too



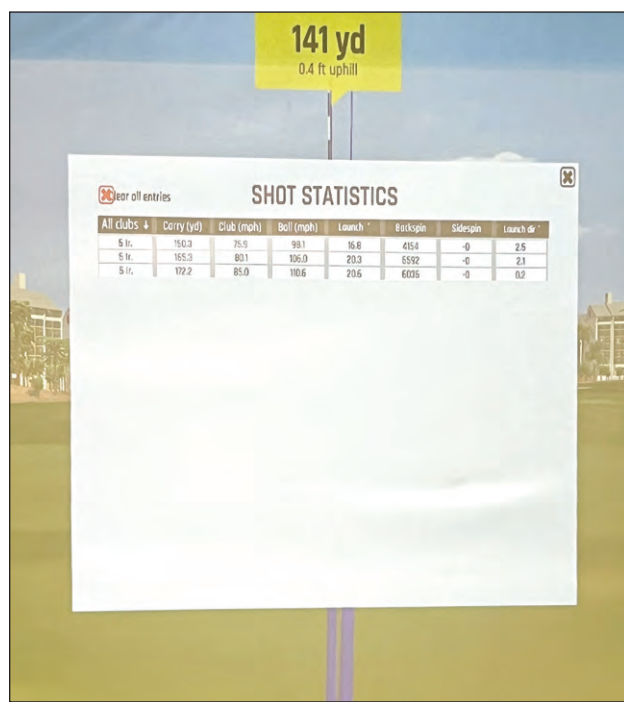
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Grosse Pointe News Sports Reporter Mike Adzima tests out the new golf simulator installed in Grosse Pointe North High School with the help of the school's Athletic Boosters Club.

much as the few golf simulators I have tried before that include putting make it feel even more frustrating than putting in real life. Coach Hansinger told me that he plans on installing a practice putting green inside the same facility. It will not be tied to the simulator but will still provide a place for North's golfers to work on their putting year-round.

I played out a few more

holes at Detroit Golf Club before wrapping up my visit, and overall I can say that North's golf programs are going to absolutely love having access to this new facility. Having this training technology at their disposal will be a huge help to the girls and boys teams at North for years to come, and it may just be a sign that the rest of the MAC Red better watch out for the Norsemen soon.



Shot statistics shown by the new golf simulator technology inside North can help golfers track things like swing speed, launch angle and more.

Cleats tradition ties Pointes football programs

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Last Friday night in a darkened stadium, roughly 18 seniors from Grosse Pointe South's varsity football team walked somberly back onto the field after a tough playoff loss to Roseville to perform a special, time-honored tradition very few know about.

The seniors lined up their cleats at the 50-yard-line, leaving them behind for good to symbolize their four-year effort of "leaving it all on the field" on the night their high school careers came to a close.

But this unique Blue Devils tradition came to fruition from a person players and fans might least expect — current Grosse Pointe North varsity head football coach Joe Drouin.

In 2004, Drouin was an assistant and offensive line coach at South under former head coach Mike McLeod. Before the Blue Devils' last home game that year, Drouin told the South team about U.S. Olympic gold-medalist Rulon Gardner.

A Greco-Roman wrestler, Gardner won the gold medal at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney by beating Russia's three-time reigning Olympic gold medalist Aleksandr Karelin. Known as the Russian Bear, Karelin was previously unbeaten for 13 years in international competition.

"(Gardner) was not supposed to be in the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Roughly 18 pairs of cleats sit at midfield in the darkened stadium at Grosse Pointe South last Friday night after Blue Devils varsity football lost the district final to Roseville 24-17. The tradition takes place after the last game of the season and was started by former South assistant coach and current North head varsity football coach Joe Drouin.

Olympics. He had been in a horrible accident," Drouin said of a snow-mobiling accident that left Gardner with an amputated toe.

"He gave everything he could on the mat. When his final match ended, he took his shoes off and left them on the mat," Drouin said of the moment Gardner retired after the 2004 Olympics.

"That signified he left everything he could manage (out there). So I challenged the seniors in our last home game, 'leave everything you have.'"

Drouin told the team that there would be nothing better than to see the seniors' shoes left on the 50-yard line after the game.

"We were walking off the field and it was, I want to say, it was Dave DeBoer, who pointed to the field, and all their cleats were lined up," he said. "And they started doing that every year."

Now the head coach of North's football program, Drouin said the Norsemen have not followed suit.

"It's a South thing," he said, emphasizing

how organically the tradition came about for the Blue Devils.

For North, the program has embraced the term "Valhalla," a "majestic hall" akin to heaven in Old Norse mythology. There, the god Odin presides and chooses warriors who die in combat to enter it for eternity.

"For us, Valhalla stands for effort, enthusiasm and toughness," Drouin said. "We go with the whole Viking lore of Valhalla, and the idea that's where you wanna be. So we approach every game

with that. We put it on our helmets and our T-shirts."

Drouin also said that during his first year as North's head coach, the team adopted another unique tradition that the team does each week before breaking the huddle on Thursday nights and before Friday games.

"My first year, I broke down the team and said, 'Faith whispers to the warrior, 'beware the storm,'" Drouin said, pausing to note the emotion of that moment.

"Having no idea what

was going to happen, the kids answered back, "I am the storm."

Drouin said the team has continued building on the concept over the years and uses the tradition for motivation, emphasizing that when the storm hits the hardest, that's when his team performs at its best.

"(Traditions) are not things you just decide to create or say, 'we're gonna go out and now do this.'" he said. "When they happen organically, they become something really special."

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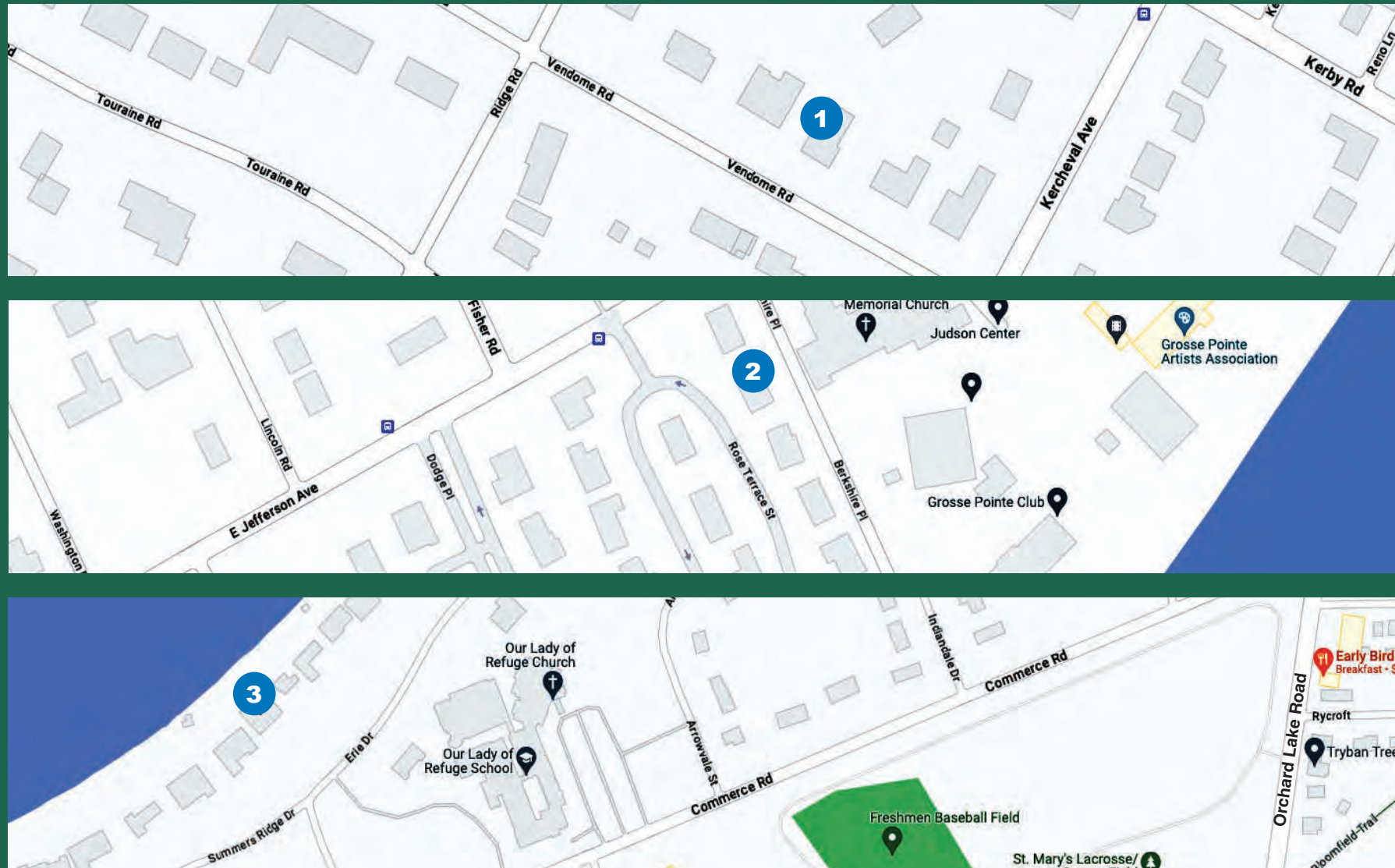
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THIS WEEK

1. 168 Vendome, GPF

2. 29 Rose Terrace, GPF

3. 3752 Erie Drive, Orchard Lake

See Classifieds for more details

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:



CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South's Savannah Spangler finished in the top 100 of 261 runners in the Division 1 state championship meet last Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway (MIS) in Brooklyn, breaking the all-important 20 minute mark in 19:38, a full 16 seconds off her previous best.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

Also at MIS last Saturday, in the Division 3 boys state championship, Liggett's Michael Darlington ran a personal best, finishing 121st out of 253 runners in 17:34.

In the Division 3 girls race, the Knights' Kerith Short ran her best race of the season, finishing in 134th place out of 248 runners in 21:24.9.



In our 11/2 issue, the photo at left of North receiver Rocco Cardinale was credited as a courtesy photo. Specifically, it was taken by freelance photographer George Spiteri, who was on assignment for the Macomb Daily.

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RED BARONS

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons varsity team won the 2023 ESFL varsity championship on Saturday, Nov. 4, 6-0 in a dramatic finish with a Hail Mary touchdown on the final play of the game.

The Red Barons' JV and freshmen teams finished second in their divisions, losing their respective championship games. Flag football ended its season in fourth place.



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2023 SPORTS CALENDAR NOVEMBER



9 THURSDAY

» 5 p.m.- GPN vs. GPS Girls Hockey (Exhibition)

10 FRIDAY

» No Events Scheduled

11 SATURDAY

» 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

» No Events Scheduled

16 THURSDAY

» No Events Scheduled

17 FRIDAY

» 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

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

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

