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**Complete news coverage of all the Pointes**

Peter Fontes was among attendees of the annual Village Tree Lighting last Friday and was excited when the Christmas tree was lit in all its glory. He shared some of his enthusiasm by wearing a red nose that lights up like Rudolph's nose. Find more photos from the tree-lighting event on page 3A.

## Lighting it up!



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



## Housing help returns for school staff

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

program for GPPSS teachers and staff.

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation is renewing its program to help Grosse Pointe Public School System employees move to the Pointes.

“Our foundation has a long-standing commitment to supporting the educators and staff members who contribute tirelessly to the educational development of our community,” GPHF President Jon Cotton said in a letter recently announced it has reopened its grant

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## Budget committee examines COVID costs

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

left in ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) dollars and how that impacts the fiscal year 2024-25 budget.

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's Budget Committee recently got its first look at the challenges it faces as the federal COVID relief dollars dry up.

Keith Howell, executive director of teaching and learning, told the committee that with no changes to personnel, the district is facing a \$4.4 million budget shortfall next year. That

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## Win big for shopping small

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25, not only will feature deals and specials offered by Village businesses as a thank-you for the community's year-round support, but also kicks off a new local contest: It Takes a Village.

Small Business Saturday really isn't about getting things dirt cheap like on Black Friday,” Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said, although there still will be deals galore. “Shopping small is the importance of supporting local businesses and what they mean to our community and how they help build the place that we all want to live.”

nesses are so important to the community and why the community is so important to our small businesses,” Willcock said. “The benefits of shopping small (are) the personalized service that you get, the care that they take into curating the goods they carry (and) the relationships they build with their customers, so that they can help you find just the right gift or the right thing for yourself.”

Each time a purchase is made at a Village business Saturday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Dec. 24, shoppers can take a selfie with their purchase or at the business and share it on Facebook and/or Instagram with #thevillagegrossepointe or #shopthevillagegp to be entered to win gift cards to Village businesses.

When consumers shop local, nearly 70 cents of every dollar is reinvested back into the community, she added.

It Takes a Village winners will be announced the first week of January.

“It's a good way for people to be able to treat themselves after the holidays if they win a prize,”

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## LEDs shine toward sustainability

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The switch to modern light-emitting diode street lights does three things right off the bat.

benefit is helping the Park inch up the ranks of the Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

The challenge is an optional benchmarking program for environmental stewardship administered by Michigan Green Communities, a statewide network of local governments that share information to promote sustainability.

“LEDs use one-tenth of the electricity of older lights and last 10 times longer,” said Brian Colter, a member of the Park Beautification Committee.

The committee is charged with promoting and publicizing the city's sustainability efforts and accomplishments.

“Switching to LEDs is going to save us so much

money,” Colter said.

“High-intensity discharge lights, such as mercury vapor, use too much electricity, require more frequent, costly service than LEDs and provide lower-quality illumination,” according to “Michigan Street Lighting: Ten Tips for Local Governments,” posted March 21, 2021, on the Michigan Municipal Association

for Public Utility Issues website, mi-maui.org.

DTE Energy crews are in the process of replacing the city's mercury vapor lights with LEDs.

“DTE expects substantial completion by the end of November,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “With this proposal, we are going to save about \$110,000

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**Kathy Smith**  
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms  
Love of teaching and sports helps create opportunities for all



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# Single-car accident on Ridge results in fatality

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A nearby homeowner reported officers knelt at the scene of a tragic single-car accident on Ridge near Moran last Friday night, in which the passenger died at the scene and the driver was left in critical

condition.

A 2021 white BMW X3, being driven by a 16-year-old Grosse Pointe boy, was traveling on Ridge toward Fisher at a high rate of speed at approximately 9:18 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, when it lost control and left the roadway, striking a light pole and shearing it at the base. It continued to strike a tree

before coming to a stop in the 100 block of Ridge near Moran.

The passenger, an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe boy, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver was transported to an area hospital and, as of Sunday, was listed in stable condition. Both boys were wearing seatbelts.

While officers have not yet secured the exact rate of speed from the vehicle's black box, Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins reported it was "highly excessive."

"A witness who was trying to back out of his driveway ... could see that they were going at an extremely high rate of speed," he said.

No substances were found in the vehicle and the hospital reported there was no evidence of alcohol use.

"We have to look into any charges that would pertain, because given the speed and the fact that somebody died, the driver could be facing charges," Hutchins said. "That hasn't been deter-

mined yet. That would have to be approved by the prosecutor. (The first thing you have to do is make sure the young driver's going to live."

In nearly identical circumstances, 30 years ago, in almost the same location, a young driver was killed after driving at excessive speeds and losing control.

## Modest marina proposal

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — An upgraded municipal marina at Windmill Pointe Park will look a lot like the current one if a no-frills recommendation from the Recreation Commission passes muster with the city council.

Although the cost of marina improvements aren't yet known, a united commission this month recommended the council accept the barest of three renovation concepts presented by the

design and construction firm, Abonmarche.

"This is a necessary step before council moves forward," Commission Chairman Michael Hindelang said.

Proposed changes mainly involve:

- ◆ widening boat slips on Pier 1, which forms the marina's eastern, outer breakwall and main walkway;

- ◆ replacing dockside electrical and water lines and outlets on all five piers,

- ◆ raising the marina's inner wall to better pro-

tect the park against flooding during periods of high lake levels and

- ◆ making structural improvements as needed, including those revealed by divers scheduled to conduct an underwater survey toward the end of this month.

Wells in piers 2, 3, 4, and 5 remain configured as of now.

If the council approves the plan, the next step is firming up the design and finding how to pay for construction.

"Funding is premature to talk about because

until we get construction quotes and bids, we're throwing darts at a dart board by saying it could be this or that," Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

He and other Park representatives participated in a teleconference last week with an Abonmarche designer.

"We are a municipal marina, the Holiday Inn of harbors," Caulfield said. "I want a replace-as-is estimate to make sure the existing structure is sound and the marina, including electrical, is safe."

The marina operates from an enterprise fund. Revenues and expenses

exclusive to the asset are paid by marina users, namely boaters that rent wells, and accounted independently of general city operations.

Some features attending the marina, such as perimeter fencing and the inner breakwall, are matters of the overall municipal budget because they protect members of the public from falling into the lake and park property from erosion and flooding.

"We well holders are going to be financing this because it is an enterprise fund," said Fred Ferry, a boater at Windmill for nearly 20 years.

He supports the plan, particularly replacing the electrical system.

"The electrical system is (vintage) 1950," he said.

Record-high levels of Lake St. Clair until a couple years ago damaged dockside electrical equipment and forced what was supposed to be temporary replacement of water service pipes. Temporary pipes remain.

"For the past six years, at the well I've had, the electrical box was submerged," Ferry said. "The entire system was flooded. On the outlet receptacle box to my

See MARINA, page 4A

# Newberry construction delayed until next year

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Reconstruction of the last road on the Farms 2023 Road Improvement Plan — Newberry — will not come to fruition until 2024.

"It's on our radar," City Manager Shane Reeside assured residents. "We had hoped to have gotten it done. I think because of some of the delays, that will be our priority road for spring of next year and we will have a solution for that road."

The noted delays refer to work on Kercheval — which has been more extensive and costly than anticipated — while mention of a solution points to complications arising from the fact Newberry is a fully concrete road.

The initial plan was to patch the street by replacing deteriorated sections for an estimate of \$164,705, but council earlier this summer requested further review by the city engineer,

upon which it was found more substantial work and funding are needed.

While patching remains an option, there is concern over whether it would properly meld with the cement road or hold long term.

"There might be another option that we're looking at, where we would actually mill the whole surface of the road," Reeside said, "so it would be an even asphalt surface similar to other streets within the city."

Council members previously have called the state of Newberry "atrocious" and "embarrassing."

"On the 2020 PASER report, there were two roads in red," said a resident who broached the topic during public comment at the Farms November council meeting. "Kerby and Newberry. I don't understand why Kerby, Vendome, Cloverly, Fisher, Kercheval and Ridge have all been done, when Newberry was red in 2020, and probably even prior to that."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Reconstruction options still are being evaluated for Newberry, which is a uniquely concrete road.

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on The Village Facebook page — bit.ly/SBSGP — and includes Apple Blossom Baby, BOLD Flow Yoga, The Campus Shop, El's Boutique,

Glitter & Scotch, JoliBump, J.McLaughlin, Newport, Posterity Gallery, Ridge Crest Outfitters, Savvy Chic Boutique, SideStreet Diner, Small Favors Gift Gallery, Susie at Home, Village Nutrition and Village Palm.

## LED:

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per year."

He said the city's normal streetlight bill totals roughly \$400,000 annually. Not for much longer.

"Our number should be about \$290,000 after this (switch) is completed," Sizeland said. "It will be paid off in about a year

and a half. This will help with our Beautification Commission, which is working on the Michigan Green Communities Challenge."

MGC is supported by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, numerous state agencies and the Michigan Municipal League.

Only 48 Michigan cities are recognized on the Michigan Green

website, migreencommunities.com, for achieving one of three levels of stewardship: bronze, silver and gold.

The Park two years ago was at bronze status. Last year it made silver.

"We're going for gold," Colter said. "LED lighting will help us with that."

Other accomplishments that qualified in

recent years were installing low-E (emissivity) glass windows at city hall, constructing a new public works headquarters to meet current energy standards, installation of energy-efficient windows at the pumping station next to city hall and approving construction of a rain garden next to the entrance to city hall to catch rainwater runoff.



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# Signs of the season

Last Friday, the City of Grosse Pointe helped kick off the holidays with its annual tree-lighting event in The Village. The evening included marshmallow stations, carols sung by the Grosse Pointe South High School choir, cocoa courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, a photo backdrop designed by Michelle Boggess-Nunley, owner of Posterity Art & Framing Gallery, an outdoor movie courtesy of Anne Murphy, owner of Apple Blossom Baby and Decor, and more.



Brooklyn, Paige and Griffin Valentine — City Manager Joe Valentine's children — flip the switch to light the tree.



Families roast marshmallows before the lighting of The Village Christmas tree.



Above, the Grosse Pointe South choir sang carols before the tree lighting. The choir was directed by former South student Cinderella Ksebati, left, who is studying at the University of Michigan for master's degree in opera. Left, Izzy Burns stands with her mother, Laura Burns, as they pose with Bumble and Yukon Cornelius.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Woods Foundation raffle next week

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Residents and others have the chance to win one of 13 prizes in the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation's annual raffle, with winners to be drawn at noon at city hall Thursday, Nov. 30.

Tickets are available at city hall until the day of the drawing and cost \$20 each or three for \$50.

"This is one of our main fundraisers and everything we raise goes right back into the city," said Lisa Fuller, foundation president. "We get so much support from our Mack Avenue merchants and we're very appreciative."

Top prizes are a

Shinola men's watch with a leather band and a David Yurman silver and 18k gold bangle bracelet, both donated by Edmund AHEE Jewelers.

Two ticket buyers will win a private, one-hour Polar Express Tour for up to 24 guests from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday or Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9, or Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16. The first winner drawn gets first pick of dates, with the second winner choosing from the remaining dates.

A one-year reserved parking space at Lake Front Park also is up for grabs, with the winner's choice of being closest to either the pool or pickleball courts.

Themed packages from businesses along Mack include Date Night

on Mack, Breakfast on Mack and Get Fit on Mack.

"It's a nice partnership because it gives those merchants more exposure and as we donate money for city projects that brings more people to the area," Fuller said.

Those projects include the recently refurbished Chene-Trombley Park, to which the foundation donated \$195,000. Fuller said the foundation also is raising money to pay for a water station and play equipment at the new dog park being built next to city hall and an adaptive swing for Ghesquiere Park.

The foundation in the past has paid for Avenue in the Woods light post banners on Mack and the clock tower at city hall,

plus a mini golf course and fitness trail at Lake Front Park.

Fuller said the foundation sent a mailer to 6,100 residences in the Woods promoting the raffle.

"The funny thing about Michigan law is, you can't sell raffle tickets online," she said. "You can bet on any sport you want, but no selling raffle tickets, which would be a lot easier."

Fuller said aside from buying tickets at city hall, people can email the foundation at [info@gpwfoundation.org](mailto:info@gpwfoundation.org).

"If anyone emails us, we'll make sure to get them a ticket," she added.

Visit [gpwfoundation.org/2023-fundraising-affle](http://gpwfoundation.org/2023-fundraising-affle) for more information and a complete list of sponsors.

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, NOV. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores tree-lighting ceremony, 9 a.m.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 28

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education training session, 5:30 p.m.

## Snippets from around town

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Ninety percent of the playscape at Windmill Pointe Park should be installed by the end of this week.

"The other 10 percent will be done soon thereafter," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

"There are still a few items to install," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. "Netting for some items is on backorder."

"A concrete curb will be poured in place and an engineered fiber surface will follow," Sizeland said.

Engineered fiber is a manmade, soft surface similar to fake wood chips.

"We hope that by the

end of November or in December the entirety will be completed," Sizeland said.

"If we get a few warm days in December, people will be able to come down and enjoy it," Craig said.

The children's playground, however, is a no-go until next year.

"I talked to our contractor," Craig said. "We had discussions about if they could do the work this fall. They preferred to do the work in early spring. They feel more comfortable with warmer weather."

The city is crawling with news.

### St. Clair lot

Construction of the new parking lot at St. Clair of Montefalco is finished.

"Not only was this a great public-private partnership where the city replaced the water main, St. Clare of Montefalco completely reconstructed their parking lot as well as added stormwater drainage into their site," Sizeland said. "Kudos to the Archdiocese and St. Clare. I hope there will be more of this. This is what we aspire for. We're looking to reduce stormwater efforts in our community."

### EERV

The extreme emergency relief valve remains under construction at Patterson Park.

"Things have been working well," Sizeland said. "There've been no unexpected delays. We hope to complete the project by the end of this

year. All soft restoration regarding grass and trees would be in the spring."

In response to stormwater flooding during summer 2021, residents approved a 10-year millage to fund the flood-control valve and other water-sewer infrastructure improvements.

### Water-sewer loans

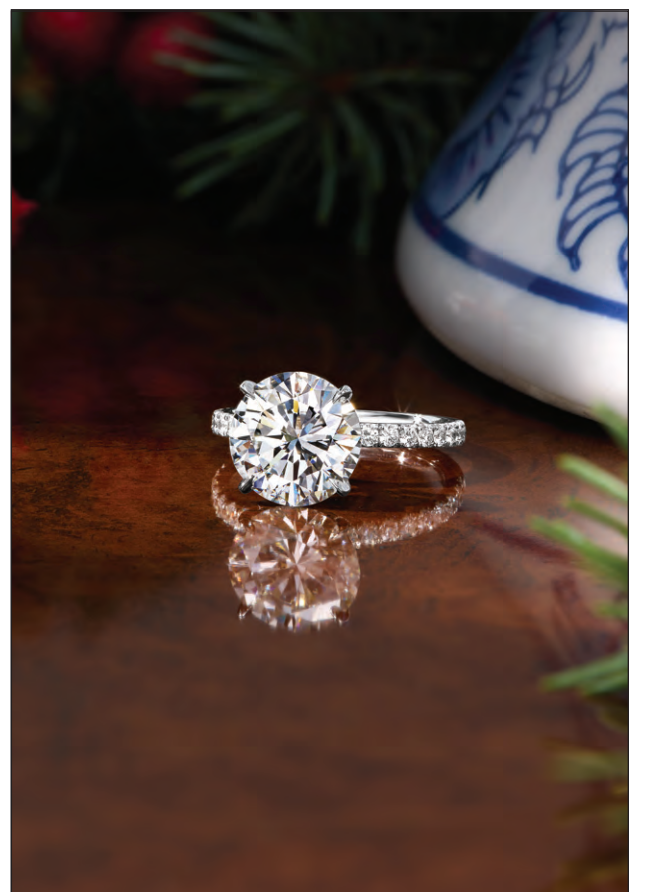
The Park failed again to qualify for another round of loans offered through the Clean Water Sewer Revolving Fund and Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

"These are loan programs the city applies for from (the state)," Sizeland said.

Both funds are typically awarded to economically weak jurisdictions.

"We were not funded for either, but we submit-

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## South teacher dedicated to creating opportunities for others

By Mike Adzima  
Staff Writer

Kathy Smith has dedicated much of her life to helping others, whether through her career or volunteering. Throughout years of working in the community she grew up in, Smith's love for teaching and a lifelong passion for athletics have resulted in the growth of opportunities for children with special needs to become more active.

"I have always had a passion for being involved in the community from a young age," Smith said. "I went to St. Clare of Montefalco and was involved in CYO athletics and went on to play at South, enjoying softball and basketball. Being active and health conscious has always been one of my goals in life and I still enjoy to this day playing softball and pickleball. I feel like I kind of found my path through recreation and leisure."

Smith has an extensive background working in special education and pairing it with recreation. She spent 18 years working in therapeutic recreation for Clawson Public Schools and now is in her third year teaching physical education at her alma mater, Grosse Pointe



COURTESY PHOTO

**Kathy Smith, far right, with husband Steve Smith and daughters Ellison and Evelyn. Smith is in her third year teaching physical education at Grosse Pointe South and is one of the coaches of the school's unified basketball team.**

South High School.

Since beginning her career at South, Smith also has become one of the coaches of the school's unified basketball team, creating a team for students with special needs to get the same experiences as many varsity high school athletes.

"When I came back (to South) in 2021, one of my personal goals was to get involved in the peer-to-peer program," she said. "... We made the peer-to-peer a priority and that's when we got involved with Special Olympics.

There was a component of the program where we applied to become a Unified Champion School."

The program began a couple of years before Smith began teaching at South, but slowed down in 2020 due to the pandemic. In 2021, Smith, along with other South teachers, helped get the program back up and running.

With the growing involvement of students, teachers and the community, the unified basketball program at South

already has grown a tremendous amount in the last few years. Seeing that growth and support has meant everything to those involved, especially Smith.

"We had an informal meeting in the gym after school," Smith said. "I walked in and one section of the bleachers was totally full. I had to walk out, turn around and gain my composure. I realized what an amazing community of support we have here. All those students in the stands have a genuine connection and

heart that wanted to support and share their experiences and have everyone be able to have that experience here at Grosse Pointe South."

The support for the unified basketball teams at South has grown so large that Smith had to create a third category of involvement in the program beyond the athletes and volunteers. "Fans in the stands" now have become the third official part of the South unified athletics program.

The growth and support the program has had in recent years is opening more doors for the athletes involved. What Smith has seen the basketball program do in recent years has built up her optimism that more inclusive, unified teams in different sports will start to blossom.

"I can eventually see us maybe branching out into another sport like track and field and even just making connections with coaches," Smith said. "Our athletes are viewed as just that: athletes. ... We had a couple of students who participated in track and field in the spring after the basketball season. It's giving our students a sense of comfort and serving as a stepping stone to other opportuni-

ties." Smith's involvement in helping children with special needs become active and engaged in sports goes beyond her duties at South. For years, she has worked with programs like Special Olympics and Kids on the Go, volunteering to help kids become athletes.

Her life volunteering and teaching in special education has given Smith a feeling of fulfillment she almost never could have imagined. For her, the best part is seeing what her students can accomplish outside of school.

"Watching the students grow socially and with their independence," Smith said. "Seeing those relationships begin on the court or making connections in the classroom, but then taking it out where these relationships can naturally grow. ... Seeing the kids sitting in their stands with other friends at a football game or walking in the homecoming parade hand in hand with other friends. One of the most eye-opening and rewarding things is seeing them grow and have that independence that you want every high schooler to experience."

## Farms master plan to be approved in December

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — If all goes to

plan, the Farms is one month out from completing its master plan update process that began in mid-2022.

With its required 63-day public comment period now complete, a final public hearing on the draft was held earlier

this month, after which council was expected to adopt the plan.

While a total of 39 comments were received during the 63-day period, three resulted in edits to the draft.

These are:  
◆ The addition of the intersections of Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Moran, as well as Chalfonte and Fisher, as conflict zones that should be prioritized for improvements;  
◆ a recommendation

to include more bicycle racks on The Hill and Mack Avenue;

◆ and a suggestion the City may want to investigate widening some sidewalks where appropriate to accommodate more pedestrian traffic.

"While there were many comments, most of those made didn't pertain to the breadth of the master plan and were smaller policy updates that have been shared with the administration for their review," said

Jane Dixon, an associate planner with McKenna, which led the update process, "and others were voicing support for the plan."

While all 39 comments will be incorporated into the final document as an appendix to the public survey results, they were not yet a part of the document presented to council during the public hearing.

As such, Councilman

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## MARINA:

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pier, the faceplate's falling off."

## Fewer wells

If boat slips on Pier 1 are widened from the current 8 1/2 feet to 10 feet to accommodate newer, wider boats,

something's got to give. "We're going to lose 12 wells (on Pier 1)," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

The reduction means the total number of wells in the marina will go down from the current 270 to 258.

Wells on Pier 1 rent from \$883 to \$1,156 per boating season. Eliminating 12 wells means losing at least \$10,596 annual revenue.

Should the plan go through, Craig doesn't anticipate having to expel many, if any, boaters. An average 10 boaters drop out every year anyway.

"I don't think we're going to run into a big issue," he said.

## Schedule

Caulfield intends to report the commission's recommendation to council at its Dec. 11 meeting.

Upon accepting a final design, contracting a builder and lining up financing, construction is forecast to require seven months divided over two boating seasons.

"We've narrowed it down to two phases so we're not disrupting, not only the marina, but the park," Fraser said.

"Approximately one year from now, if we get approval through the council and this committee, we'll probably close the marina a month earlier, in early October of 2024."

Craig said a best-case construction timeline is October 2024 through spring 2025, then fall 2025 through spring 2026, with the marina open and fully functional in summer 2026.

## Rejected ideas

Abonmarche designers, fulfilling a contract to provide the city a range of options to modernize the marina, proposed replacing permanent docks with floating ones that rise and fall with fluctuating lake levels.

Yet, floating docks are wider, necessitating the loss of 60 to 80 slips.

"I said, 'no,'" Fraser said.

"We don't need floating docks," Craig said. "Let's fix what's there."

A survey of boaters showed no great enthusiasm for floating docks.

"The survey did surprise me," Commissioner Christine Buchanan said. "They weren't looking for state-of-the-art. They were looking for what they have now, safe and reliable."

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Pit stop

Officers responded to a report of a blue Ford Mustang parked in the middle of Waterloo at 6:08 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Upon arrival, a 23-year-old Pontiac man was observed sleeping in the driver's seat. He was awakened and fled at a high rate of speed into the Farms where he crashed and fled on foot.

Officers pursued him and he was taken into custody blocks away.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Planning ahead

After catching an officer's attention by driving in the parking lane along Mack with his vehicle's hazard lights on at 9:41 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, a 31-year-old Warren man said he believed he was on Gratiot and that he was not currently drunk, but planned to get drunk once he got to his mother's house.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.156 percent and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving while license not valid.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Meal pass

After a 44-year-old homeless man admitted to consuming a Rice Krispies Treat and juice box he had not paid for from a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 10:42 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, the store attendant said he did not want to press charges for retail fraud, but wanted the man cited for trespassing and advised he is not welcome back.

## Pride flag

A pride flag was pulled off a house in the 200 block of Cloverly, damaging the flag pole bracket, between 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, and noon the next day.

A "We Believe" lawn sign also on the property was torn and left in the yard within the same time frame.

While the homeowner has two security cameras on his property, they did not capture the incident.

## Brownell bikes stolen

Three bikes were stolen from bike racks outside Brownell Middle School last week.

◆ An unlocked silver 24/26-inch Trek mountain bike with black writing was stolen from

the bike rack facing Williams between 7:40 a.m. and 3:13 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

◆ An unlocked black Trek Wahoo mountain bike with 24-inch wheels was stolen from a rack behind the school Tuesday, Nov. 14.

◆ A black Giant Maxxis boys bike was stolen from the bike rack near Chalfonte between 8 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. It is unknown whether the bike was locked.

## Utility pole

A Nixle alert was sent out to residents last week after a 23-year-old Pontiac man tried to flee officers at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, and crashed into two cars before colliding with a utility pole at Chalfonte and Kerby.

The Farms officers were in pursuit because City officers shortly prior had approached the man when he appeared to be passed out behind the wheel in the middle of Waterloo with the car running. He fled when they attempted to wake him.

After crashing into the utility pole, the man took off on foot, but was located and arrested for fleeing or eluding police,

obstructing police and operating under the influence of alcohol, as well as cited for failure to stop and identify after an accident, driving left of center, expired plate, no proof of insurance or registration and driving while license suspended.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Cooling off

Officers rescued an unidentified person from Lake St. Clair around 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, after they fell into the water at Osius Park. The person was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

## Helping hand

Officers provided mutual aid to Grosse Pointe Woods to help extinguish a kitchen fire in the 2000 block of Hollywood.

## False alarm

A faulty carbon monoxide detector was cause for officers to be called to a house in the 500 block of Shelden.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Car B&amp;E

Credit cards stolen this month from a man living in the 1300 block of Maryland got a workout.

"(They) were used several times by (unknown) suspects," Park police said.

The cards were in a wallet stolen early Thursday, Nov. 9, from the resident's unlocked vehicle parked roadside.

Officers logged the incident at 1 a.m.

## Car fire

Fire destroyed a 2023 BMW X5 parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of Whittier the night of Monday, Nov. 13.

"Park officers responded to the loca-

tion (at 10:38 p.m.) on a report of a vehicle fire called in by (the) resident," a public safety officer said. "(The vehicle) was engulfed in flames."

No injuries were reported.

"(The) cause of (the) fire is unknown at this time," police said.

## Two shot on Mack Ave.

A man and woman in their early 20s survived being shot on Mack in Detroit across from Grosse Pointe Park a week before Thanksgiving.

The couple were shot while in a white vehicle near the intersection of Beaconsfield, according to Detroit police.

The incident happened around 10:50 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

Victims consist of a 22-year-old man and 23-year-old woman.

"They were transported to a local hospital and were listed in stable condition," a Detroit officer said. "No further information is available at this time."

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Woods women file suit over KKK flag incident

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Je Donna Dinges and her daughter, India, filed a lawsuit Tuesday, Nov. 14, in federal district court over a 2021 incident that drew national attention.

The suit claims actions by Ryan Wilde, a neighbor of the Dinges family on Wayburn Street, violated Michigan's Ethnic Intimidation Act and a Reconstruction-era law aimed at protecting the property rights of black land owners.

Dinges, who is black, claims issues arose with Wilde, who is white, soon after he moved next door in 2017, their houses separated by a five-foot walkway. The suit alleges Wilde fired multiple shots from a handgun into the air from his back porch one evening in December 2017. It goes on to say Wilde the following day was pacing up and down the walk-

way, staring at Dinges and blocking her entry to her home's side door after she returned from shopping.

The suit also says Wilde in January 2021 placed a full can of gas in Dinges's recycling bin.

"We felt terrorized in our own house and feared for our lives," Dinges said in a prepared statement. "I thought the days of the KKK forcing black families out of white neighborhoods and threatening to burn down black homes was a thing of the past."

Police at the time advised Dinges to install a security camera, which she did. Wilde complained to police the camera was aimed at his dining room and was told to put up curtains. In February 2021, he hung a KKK flag in the window facing Dinges's house that was not visible from the street.

Hundreds of people marched in support of Dinges later that month.

Dinges, who ran for the Grosse Pointe Public

School System Board of Education in 2022, moved to the Woods in December 2021. She is represented by the Civil Rights Litigation Initiative at the University of Michigan Law School.

"We are encouraged, but saddened that in 2023 we had to file this lawsuit," Dinges said on social media. "We want to send a message to our former neighbor and anyone else who feels it is acceptable to target people because of the color of their skin. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE! This lawsuit sends a STRONG message that racism, hatred, bigotry, ethnic intimidation, and the acts of violence that come with it have no place in our community, in our state, or in our country!"



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Dog park coming

Finishing touches are being put on a new dog park located next to Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall. The park will be 17,000 square feet and feature benches, waste receptacles and a water station. It's expected to open in December and will be the city's second dog park, joining the existing one at Lake Front Park.

## TOWN:

Continued from page 3A

ted an intent to apply for both of those again for fiscal year 2024 projects." Sizeland said. "We're going to keep continuing to apply and hope that in the future we'll get some funding."

## Patterson restrooms

Members of the Recreation Commission are unsure what to do

about the restrooms at Patterson Park.

The men's restroom could use a paint job and better lighting, but is serviceable.

"A urinal is a urinal," Commissioner Roy Edmonds said. "The floor and wall tiles aren't in bad shape. The hand blower works."

Edmonds is a gentleman.

"I didn't go into the women's (restroom)," he said. "I don't know the condition of it."

## PLAN:

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Lev Wood made a motion — which passed unanimously — to table final approval of the master plan update until the council's December meeting, so the body can vote on a fully complete

document.

"I'm in favor of Mr. Wood's suggestion, only because I'd like to have a complete document with those suggestions in it," Mayor Louis Therot said. "We're not on a time frame to have it done today. It's just that public comment is closed today. So I think if we can post

the final, final on the city website with these last few comments in it, rather than just an addendum, I think peo-

ple can read it in total." Farms city council is expected to pass its master plan update Monday, Dec. 11.

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### OUR VIEW

## The only place to be is the 'D' on Turkey Day

Millions of Americans share a similar Thanksgiving morning ritual — pouring that much-anticipated first cup of coffee, throwing a turkey into the oven, grabbing a warm blanket and getting cozy by a fire to settle in to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

But if you're a Detroit, you know we don't need (or want) New York. A Detroit Thanksgiving brings us an early-morning Turkey Trot, followed by America's Thanksgiving Day Parade down Woodward Avenue, a tradition here since 1924. These events mark an action-packed holiday that centers around family and friends cheering in our living rooms during a nationally televised NFL game, featuring our Detroit Lions.

These events combine to create the perfect recipe that gets the whole country into the holiday spirit. And lucky us, we get to be at the heart of it all, as we enjoy great food and gather in the company of our loved ones.

Simply put, the "D" is the only place to be on Turkey Day.

Let's start with how thousands of equally active-yet-crazy Detroiters begin their Thanksgiving Day — with exercise. Before sunrise, running enthusiasts, friend groups and families will head to the "parade before the parade," better known as the Turkey Trot, now in its 41th year. Last year the Turkey Trot was Michigan's second-largest race with 19,002 timed finishers, plus 1,000 more who ran the Mashed Potato Mile.

On Thursday, these brave and healthy souls once again will wake up in the wee hours of Thanksgiving morning, some in fun costumes including turkey hats, feather boas and tutus, to complete races with seasonal names like the 10k Turkey Trot, 5k Stuffing Strut, Cranberry Combo or the aforementioned Mashed Potato Mile. To boot, 500 volunteers will see that these races go off without a hitch.

Masses of Detroiters also take part in a 97-year tradition that is a great source of pride, the Thanksgiving Day parade. Nearly 1 million hearty Detroiters brave the elements to watch it in person, making it one of the country's largest spectator parades. Elaborate floats, paper mâché bigheads of celebrities, a clown corps, high school marching bands and dance teams drum up early-morning excitement, serving as our city's special rite of passage to kick off the holidays.

Others make the parade "Must See TV" from their living rooms. Some of us of a particular age remember watching former hosts Mort Crim and Carmen Harlan bring us the parade play-by-play, while the newer generation gets to enjoy Grosse Pointe's own Devin Scillian and his co-host Kimberly Gill to help get us into the holiday mood.

The fanfare of our annual parade and related festivities serves as the perfect warmup to the Detroit Lions game, a coast-to-coast broadcast that has most of America tuning in. But this year, our Motor City Kitties aren't the butt of the joke. We're finally one of the NFL teams that's making headlines for all the right reasons.

Kickoff is at 12:30 p.m. — the Lions versus NFC North foe, the Green Bay Packers. This year, we greet this game, dare we say, with a bit more swagger than normal. A confidence that our men in Honolulu Blue and Silver will emerge victorious — and eat the proverbial John Madden turkey leg when the clock hits zero. Currently sitting on top of the division at 8-2, this

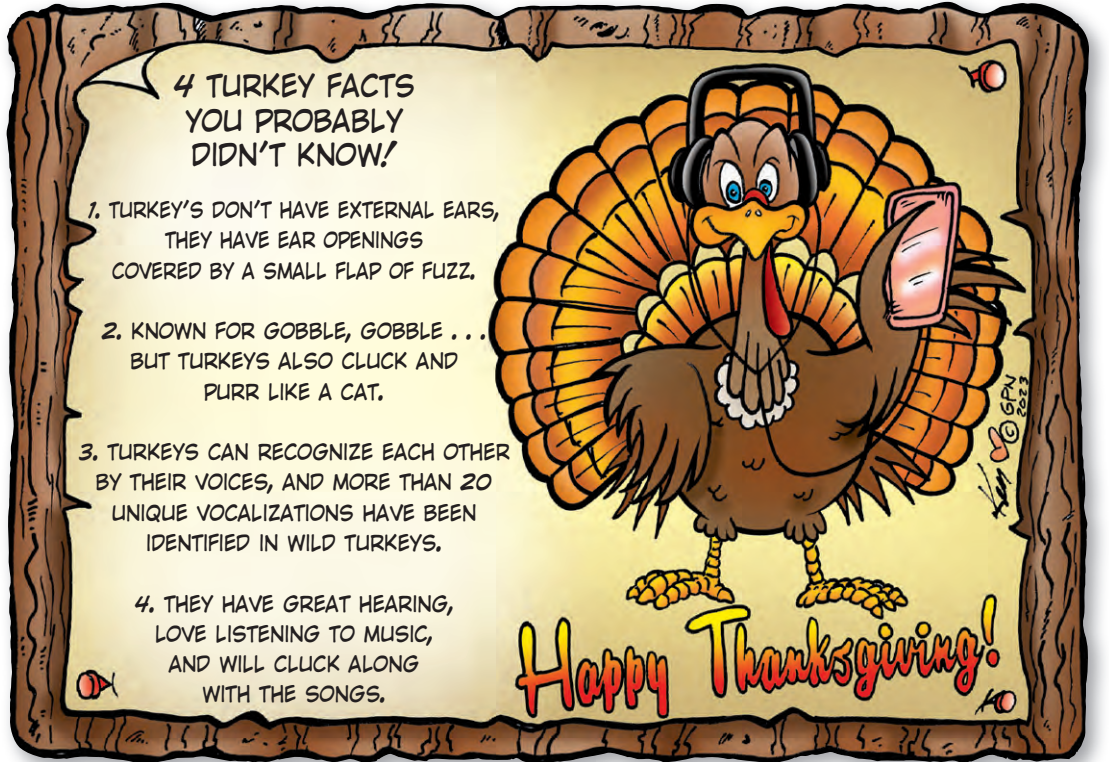


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### OUR VIEW

## Belle Isle aquarium is America's 'most beautiful'

We are happy to see the country is taking notice of yet another outstanding landmark in our "pleasant peninsula" here in Southeast Michigan — Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit, which visitors just named America's most beautiful from among 175 aquariums around the country, according to a recent analysis by Aquarium Store Depot.

The national blog and information source analyzed hundreds of aquarium reviews on Tripadvisor to determine the country's most beautiful aquarium. Nearly 30.7 percent of visitor reviews referenced the Belle Isle Aquarium's beauty, based on the prevalence of specific keywords related to aesthetics, including, "beautiful," "breathtaking," "stunning," "pretty," "gorgeous," "cute," "picturesque" and "scenic."

Aquatics expert and author Mark Valderrama analyzed the survey, ordering the rankings according to the percentage of reviews that contained any of these keywords. (Aquariums with fewer than 100 total reviews were omitted from the ranking.)

He said of our local gem: "Belle Isle Aquarium is not only one of America's oldest aquaria, but also one of the country's most beautiful to experience. This stands to reason, given that the historic building hosts a range of aquatic life from all over the world, giving visitors the chance to not only admire the exhibits, but also to learn about both local Great Lakes species and those from further afield."

Our gorgeous aquarium outpaced the

Butterfly House & Aquarium in Sioux Falls, S.D., which placed second, with 30.1 percent of reviews mentioning its beauty, and the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla, Calif., which placed third, with 25.8 percent of reviewers remarking on its beauty.

The remaining top 10 most beautiful aquariums, in order, include:

- 4.) Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash.
- 5.) Seacoast Science Center in Rye, N.H.
- 6.) VIA Aquarium in Schenectady, N.Y.
- 7.) Sea Life Park Hawaii in Waimanalo, Hawaii
- 8.) Mississippi Aquarium in Gulfport, Miss.
- 9.) Aquarium at the Boardwalk in Branson, Mo.
- 10.) Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in Brewster, Mass.

First opened in 1904, Belle Isle Aquarium is one of the oldest aquariums in America, containing more than 200 different saltwater and freshwater species. The historic building hosts fish from all over the world, with the majority of species coming from the Great Lakes region. The aquarium shut down in 2005, but was reopened in 2012, after the community showed there was enough demand to support it.

We encourage all Grosse Pointers to patronize one of metro Detroit's jewels over the holidays. The Belle Isle Aquarium is located on the island in the heart of Detroit at 3 Inselruhe Ave. It is open year-round from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission is free, though a \$5 donation is encouraged.

For more information call the Belle Isle Conservancy Office at (313) 331-7760, or email [info@belleisleconservancy.org](mailto:info@belleisleconservancy.org).

team has taken on the personality of its head coach, Dan Campbell, a former NFL tight end who no longer is just talking about breaking kneecaps, but doing it by mowing down teams like the Kansas City Chiefs, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Baltimore Ravens... well, we'll skip that Ravens game and forget it ever happened.

We'll keep focusing on our wins and hope for yet another one this Thursday. Our pumpkin pie will taste even sweeter if a victory comes at the expense of the loathsome Pack.

And Grosse Pointers, don't forget that we get

bonus miles Friday morning after Thanksgiving when we get to see some of these fantastic floats, including a new sleigh for Santa, and spectacular performers in our parade from The Hill through The Village, along Kercheval.

So let's get excited. Take advantage of all of the sights and sounds Detroit offers on Thanksgiving Day. It's our version of the Oscars, Super Bowl, an Emimem concert and Oprah's Favorite Things, all rolled into one. Let's show the country what Motor City pride looks like this Thanksgiving and why we are thankful for being Detroiters this holiday.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# ‘From Drug Dealer to Hope Dealer’



**A**t 12 years old, Jamie Carzares was doing cocaine, running the streets of Chicago with a pistol as part of the Latin Kings and sleeping in cars. His mother — helplessly witnessing him turn away from the

belief and principles she had tried to instill in his life — prayed God would reach him.

And she never stopped. Not when he, at 29 years old, shot up a strip club and led police on a 26-minute, high-speed chase until they took out his tires with spike strips. And not when he was released from prison after six years only to be caught three months later dealing drugs with his young daughter in the back seat.

“I’d get up there in front of prosecutors and trials and on paper I look

ugly,” Carzares says in his testimony. “Robberies and gun charges and shoot outs and no matter what they said, my mom never saw me different.

“She was always praying for me and thank God. That’s why I always tell the moms, ‘Don’t stop praying. Don’t stop.’ I was 35 and I’d already been to prison five times and that’s when God woke me up.”

You can still Google his name and find headlines such as “Man captured after 100-mph chase,” and “Chase

through midtown yields arrest of shooting suspect.” If you do, you’ll also find a mugshot depicting a man with what I could only describe as lifeless eyes.

The same man who later would spend 18 hours a day in solitary confinement reading a Bible until he fell asleep with it on his chest, only to wake up and start again the next day. The same man who today, in his 40s, leads a men’s ministry for hardened felons and is more faithful than any born-and-raised Christian I’ve ever

known.

The story of God’s transformative power on Carzares’ life, which I recently came across on a podcast, is genuinely one of the things I’m most thankful for at the moment as we stop and reflect this Thanksgiving week.

It’s emboldened my own faith and served as a precious and very real reminder that not only is no one ever too far gone for God, but also that answers to prayer can come after decades.

A wise friend of mine recently reflected that

sometimes waiting may be God’s way of giving us more time to pray.

She also has said that perhaps God allows us to hit rock bottom to remind us — while we’re so busy focusing on worldly things that bring us such fleeting happiness — that He is all we need.

Anyone interested or curious can hear Carzares’ story straight from him on a podcast episode called “From Drug Dealer to Hope Dealer,” on The Way of Love podcast by Alex Liu. It’s on both YouTube and Spotify.

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

**CHURCHGOERS SEE DREAMS COMING TRUE:** At the conclusion of the morning worship Sunday, Nov. 14, the congregation of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, meeting in Richard School, adjourned to their new church site at Chalfonte and Lothrop for a ground-breaking ceremony in preparation for the erection of their new edifice.

**FARMS OFFICIALS START MOVE TO HAVE FLUORINE ADDED TO WATER SUPPLY:** If a move initiated Monday night by the Farms council is carried to fruition, Grosse Pointe will be one of the world’s leaders in a new health program. It is a proposal to add sodium fluoride salt — popularly known as fluorine — to the Farms water supply as a method of reducing tooth decay.

**WINKELMAN’S NEWEST STORE OPENS:** Today marks the opening of the beautiful new Winkelman’s Grosse Pointe store, 16834 Kercheval, near Cadieux, in the Village. The formal opening will be at noon with open house extending throughout the day. The new store will carry fashionable styles in women’s apparel, accessories and millinery. Each woman visiting the store today will be given a rose.

**BUS COMPANY REQUESTS RATE HIKE:** An increase in bus fares looms for Grosse Pointers who commute to downtown Detroit via the Lake Shore Coach

Lines buses. This was disclosed at City, Farms and Woods council meetings this week when letters from the coach company president, Walter Schweikart, were read asking a parley on the subject.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**TEACHER PAY FIGHT FACES TWO HURDLES:** Another bargaining session was set by the Board of Education and the teachers’ association representatives for Nov. 21. Two major stumbling blocks remain to be hurdled. One is a teachers’ demand for a commitment from the board for a “no-cut” of staff through the 1975-76 school year regardless of predicted declines in enrollment. The other is a demand by the teachers that \$100,000 be earmarked by the board for curriculum development and program enrichment during the three-year life of the agreement.

**REPORT GOOD HAPPENINGS OCCURRING WITH STUDENTS AT NORTH, SOUTH:** There’s something good happening this year with the students at North and South high schools. There’s an intangible feeling among administrators, teachers and the students themselves that things are better this year than in the past few years. But attempts to identify exactly what has changed produce a variety of responses. Some call it “less radicalism,” others “a quieter atmosphere,” and one sums it up by saying, “the students are now trying to

work within the system.” Persons close to the situation, however, readily cite examples of how they think the student body has improved.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**WOODS COUNCIL MAKES BUSINESS WAIT WHILE IT DEBATES SIGN POLICY:** A simple request for a sign variance on Mack by businessman Brian Freshwater sparked a policy discussion by the Woods City Council that left Freshwater on hold for the duration of the debate. Cathie and Brian Freshwater are planning to open a Breadsmith fresh bread bakery in the 19400 block of Mack. They requested that the council allow them to put up a sign on the roof of their building. Current city ordinances forbid roof signs and require businesses to place them on the front facade of the business.

**HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR METRO:** When it comes to Metro Airport, it’s a matter of good news and bad news. The good news is that when the \$2 billion in renovations to the airport are completed, Metro will be one of the most modern airports in North America. The bad news is that the work isn’t scheduled to be completed until 2001.

**VILLAGE STREETScape PLANS READY:** In a sign of how much the Village shopping area means to the Grosse Pointes, more than 150 people disregarded last week’s storm to participate in a com-

munity workshop on the business district’s streetscape improvement project. Undaunted by high winds that littered the community with tree limbs and downed wires, interested residents went to the Neighborhood Club to review the project and offer suggestions.

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**FARMS NIXES GOVERNMENT RADAR:** The city council this week refused the installation of a shore-side surveillance radar station. Federal agents wanted the radar to detect illegal cross-bor-

der activity on lower Lake St. Clair. The denial ends efforts by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection Division to place a 10-foot radar atop a 60-foot camera tower on land leased from the Grosse Pointe Club in Grosse Pointe Farms.

**K-9 RALEIGH WAS A FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY:** Raleigh the police dog, 9, was euthanized last week, a few days after being diagnosed with cancer. Raleigh and his one-and-only handler, Sgt. Michael Almeranti of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, were partners in crime-fighting since October 2005.

**PARK TIGHTENS ORDINANCE:** Officials have put the final touches on a new ordinance that tightens control the city has over rental units, landlords and tenants in the Park. The new law grew out of concerns expressed by residents that landlords were allowing large numbers of people to occupy rental units and there was little enforcement of existing regulations determining the upkeep of rental units. The murder in May of a Wayburn resident highlighted the problem, when it was revealed that a suspect in the case was living in an attic of a rental unit with five other members of his family, including small children.

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# GPPSS updating playgrounds after federal complaint

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System will spend up to \$577,500 to upgrade playground equipment at four locations after receiving a complaint from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

The district received notice last November that playground equipment at Kerby, Defer, Maire, Ferry, Mason, Monteith and Richard elementary schools and Barnes Early Childhood Center were not in compliance with the

Americans with Disabilities Act.

The complaint alleged the district is "discriminating against children and adults with physical impairments, vision impairments and mobility impairments on the basis of disability." It went on to say the playgrounds at those buildings do not have equipment that is accessible or an accessible route inside the playgrounds.

The OCR correspondence does not identify who originally filed the complaint.

In response to the complaint, the district outlined several steps it

would take and laid out a timeline to accomplish those steps, including a self-evaluation to include a review of policies and procedures that govern the programs, activities and services at the playgrounds; a determination of physical barriers at each playground; steps to rectify problems and a timeline for completion.

The GPPSS Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, approved a contract for \$525,000 with Great Lakes Recreation Co. of Holland — including a contingency of \$52,500 — to upgrade playgrounds at Defer,

Monteith, Ferry and Barnes. The motion passed 6-0, with Secretary Ginny Jeup unable to attend the meeting.

Ben Matteson, district director of facilities, said issues at some playgrounds mentioned in the complaint have been resolved.

"It was determined Maire didn't have any issues and at Richard we just needed to put in a walkway to the merry-go-round," he said. "We were able to take care of some things internally with some concrete repairs and new mulch."

Kerby unveiled a new playground over the

summer and the Mason PTO continues to raise funds to install an accessible playground.

A progress report is due to the federal government by September 2024, with all work scheduled for completion by September 2025.

At the same meeting, the board approved a contract for \$350,000 for PEA Group of Brighton to perform civil engineering work for parking lot improvements. PEA's bid was the lowest of four firms.

Matteson said the plan is to do repairs next year at Mason, Defer and Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, with

Kerby, Monteith, Richard and Parcels Middle School to follow in 2025.

"We did a full evaluation of all our parking lots in 2022 and this will address the ones that scored lowest," Matteson noted. "And in some cases it won't be the full parking lot, just the worst areas, such as the backside, or the Morningside lot, at North."

Interim Superintendent Chris Fenton said the costs will be about \$150,000 less expensive by going directly with an engineering firm, rather than hiring an architect who would then subcontract the civil engineering portion.

## St. Paul Educational Trust honors McGanns for 46-year 'Legacy of Learning'

The St. Paul Educational Trust board recently celebrated the 46th anniversary of its establishment and used the occasion to honor Tom and Lynn McGann, founders of the Educational Trust.

"We mark the beginning of the Educational Trust with its incorporation in 1977, but it actually started much earlier when Tom and Lynn became alarmed by the closing of St. Paul High School in 1971," said Kathleen Conway, chair of the trust. "They had four young daughters, all

of whom they had planned to send to St. Paul for both grade and high school and now that wasn't possible. In 1971 alone, 56 schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit were closed and the McGanns worried that closing might become the fate of the elementary school as well."

There were many reasons for the school closures, but most were owing to financial concerns. Recognizing this situation, the McGanns looked for ways to ensure the long-term viability of St. Paul Elementary

School, spending more than three years researching the developing of endowment funds and convincing the archdiocese of the need and justification of establishing one for the St. Paul parish school.

Once permission was given, an additional year was spent establishing the trust, drawing up articles of incorporation and bylaws, as well as recruiting prominent members of the parish — with a variety of skill sets and who were leaders in the wider metro Detroit community — to serve on the



COURTESY PHOTO

Tom McGann shows the commemorative plaque to guests.

founding board.

When the trust was formally incorporated, the board selected Tom McGann as chairman — a position he held the next 38 years.

"Tom has been indispensable in promoting the fund, recruiting addi-

tional board members as people retired and overseeing the investments for more than 40 years," Conway said. "He has served as chairman emeritus for the past seven years and has been solely responsible for keeping all trust records up to date

and in order."

Since its beginning, the fund has donated well over \$2 million in direct grants to the school, as well as tuition assistance and merit scholarships to parish students. Each

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to the GPPSS Board of Education. "We are confident that this program will contribute to the growth and success of both our educators and

the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods."

Jon Cotton is the brother of Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News and school board treasurer. He, as well as their mother, Shery Cotton, serve on the board of the founda-

tion.

The letter, coincidentally, is dated Nov. 16, 2023, the same date the foundation was started in 2010.

"The generosity of the Cotton family never ceases to amaze me," Board President Ahmed

Ismail said. "Their dedication to bringing the best and the brightest staff to our schools by way of the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation is just one example of their generosity that ultimately touches all of our students and families throughout our school system."

Grants are available to teachers and staff who meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Move from outside the district boundaries and enroll a student or students into kindergarten through 12th grade at a GPPSS school; or
- ◆ Currently live in the district and transfer a student or students from a non-GPPSS school to a GPPSS school.

To qualify under either criterion, the student or students must not have been enrolled in the district during the previous three years.

Grants include \$200 per month as a base, plus \$200 per month for each qualified student enrolled in GPPSS. The minimum grant is \$500 and can be used for rent, mortgage payments or any other housing-related expenses.

Grants will continue for the duration of the staff member's employment with the district and are contingent on the continued enrollment of the staff member's student or students.

"We believe this initiative will not only enhance the bond between educa-

tors and the community, but also contribute to the overall well-being of our staff," Jon Cotton said. "By providing financial support for housing, we hope to alleviate some of the challenges associated with living expenses, allowing our educators to focus more on their passion for teaching."

Teachers who have received grants in the past, including nine from the previous program, have gotten \$254,000 to date.

The foundation has given out more than \$2 million in grants to students from numerous local colleges and universities and employees in the service industry.

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# Superintendent survey results in

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Most respondents to a survey about what stakeholders prefer in the next Grosse Pointe Public School System's superintendent want someone who has been a superintendent in another school district.

Some 429 respondents out of 846 people who took the survey said being a superintendent in another district would prove most valuable, followed closely by building principal (409) and teacher (407). Another

385 chose assistant superintendent.

Jay Bennett, assistant director of executive search services with the Michigan Association of School Boards, presented the results of the survey at the GPPSS Board of Education meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14.

"That's one of the higher numbers I've seen," he said, regarding the number of respondents.

The survey was open more than a month, and a week before it closed Bennett said there had been 550 responses. Bennett also held several

listening sessions around the district and met with teachers, staff, administrators and students.

"There were a lot of comments to comb through, so we created a word cloud," Bennett said. "The strengths came through loud and clear, those being the teachers, the schools, parents and students."

Challenges facing the district include funding and enrollment.

Almost 70 percent of respondents said they have lived in the Pointes 10 or more years, while almost 20 percent were district employees.

Respondents also were spread across a variety of backgrounds, including parents, grandparents or guardians of current or former students, alumni and members of civic organizations. Some 25 respondents were current students, although only three board members filled out the survey.

Respondents also want the new superintendent to have expertise in curriculum development, budget development and contract negotiations. Specific skills include the ability to develop and oversee an effective management team,

proven success at raising student achievement and demonstrated ability to develop creative solutions to complex problems.

Personal characteristics receiving high marks were honest and ethical, transparent and approachable.

Bennett said the results of the survey would be added to the job posting and those who applied before Wednesday, Nov. 15, would be given a chance to update their resume and cover letter. Applications were due Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Board members at their next meeting, Tuesday,

Nov. 28, will finalize interview questions and narrow the field of candidates, with interviews Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 6 and 7. Two finalists will be brought back for second interviews Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Bennett said an optimal number of candidates selected for interviews would be six or seven, with each interview scheduled for one hour. Only the names of those selected for interviews will be made public. A closed session at the Nov. 28 meeting is possible to discuss any internal candidates.

## South choir presents 'Sounds of the Season'

The award-winning choirs from Grosse Pointe South High School kick off the holidays with their annual "Sounds of the Season" Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Show times are 7 p.m. each night, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday. Pointe Singers, South Singers, Concert Choir, The Suspensions and solo performances will

be featured, along with tap-dancing Santas and the Hallelujah Chorus.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and free for 5 and under. See [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org) for information.

Choir students also will be caroling in the community Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16. Email [caroling@gpsouthchoir.org](mailto:caroling@gpsouthchoir.org) to schedule an ensemble for your event.

Future shows include The Winter Spectacular in January and "Broadway," featuring senior solos, next spring.

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year the trust funds 21 scholarships, as well as thousands of dollars in grants to St. Paul School. During the past 46 years, hundreds of parish children have benefited from tuition assistance from the St. Paul Educational Trust.

The McGanns were presented with a commemorative plaque and a memory book containing letters and photos from past scholarship recipients, board members, a former pastor and former principal. During his 46 years of board service, Tom McGann has worked with six pastors and seven principals at St. Paul parish and school.



COURTESY PHOTO

The board of trustees of the St. Paul Educational Trust with Tom and Lynn McGann. Pictured back row, from left, are Bill Hanigan, Mary Scott, Jennifer O'Donnell, Ellen Gormley, Kristin Mixon and Brian McCabe. Front row from left are John Capuano, Lynn McGann, Tom McGann and Kathleen Conway.

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comes before any increases must be accounted for in costs for wages, benefits, supplies or purchases services.

"This is why we created this committee in the first place," Board President Ahmed Ismail said. "We need to go into the budget process with less angst and less drama than last time."

The district has almost \$3.6 million in ESSER money remaining, which must be spent by September 2024. The district also has about \$701,000 in state grants in the current budget meant to offset ESSER funds and could potentially receive another \$130,000 for next fiscal year.

The district has received some \$15 million in federal money over the course of the pandemic. Expenses included equipment to reopen schools, reducing class sizes, running summer school and hiring paraprofessionals.

"The money early on was used to safely reopen schools and address learning loss," Howell said. "Currently, much of it is going toward social workers and school

nurses."

At issue is what are considered legacy costs and extra costs. Howell said the district was spending around \$2 million from its general fund before the pandemic to pay for what grant dollars have covered and there's \$2.4 million now being spent only because of the grant money.

"So basically we either have to take \$4.4 million from our fund equity or we have to cut somewhere else," Ismail said.

The current fund equity is just shy of \$9.8 million. During its fiscal year 2022-23 audit report, Plante Moran noted districts that used ESSER funds to pay for legacy costs face future budget issues.

"We've got \$2.4 million in extra costs and \$2 million in legacy costs in our

budget and we have to look at those closely," Board Treasurer Sean Cotton said. "Those federal dollars are definitely not coming back."

"I find it concerning that Plante Moran talked about districts being in a tougher spot that used COVID dollars to pay legacy costs," he continued. "That money was supplanting dollars that should have come from the general fund. It's something we really have to think about."

After a protracted budget battle this past spring, Ismail said he wants to speed up the process. The board passed its current budget June 20, just 10 days before the start of the new fiscal year. Ismail said he'd prefer to have the next budget in place at least a month earlier.

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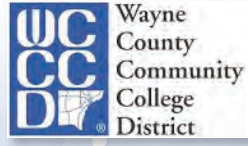


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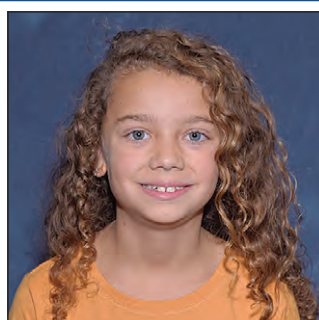
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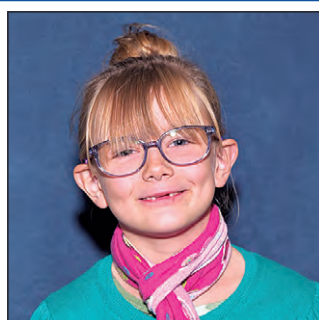
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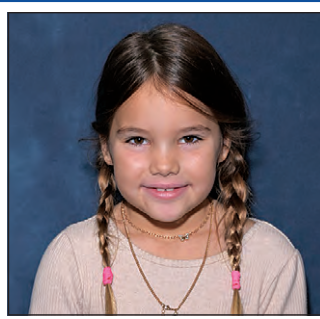
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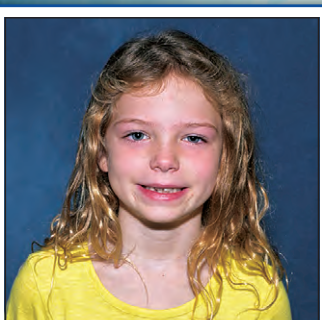
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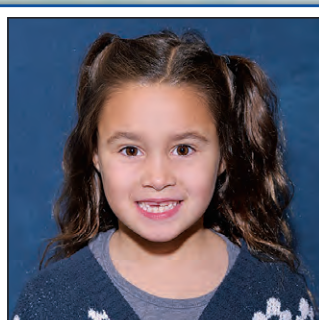
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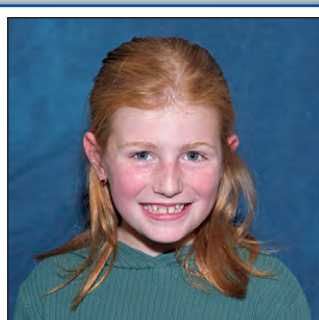
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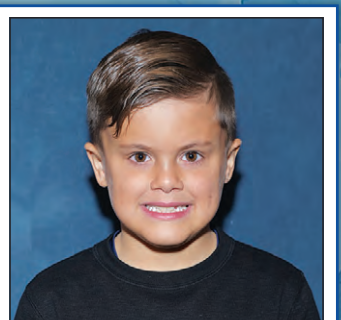
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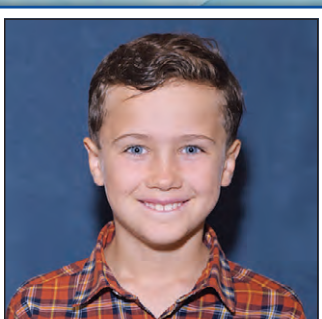
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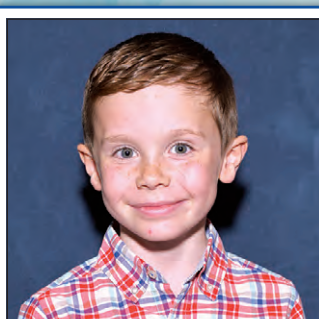
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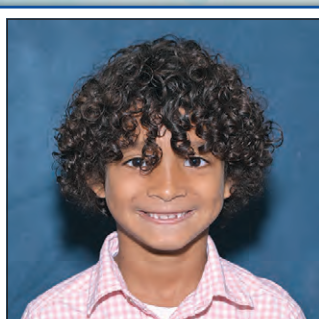
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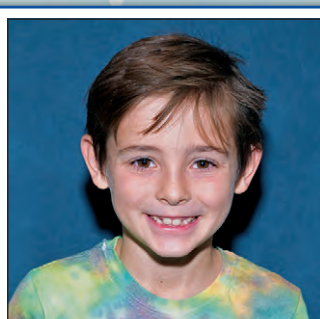
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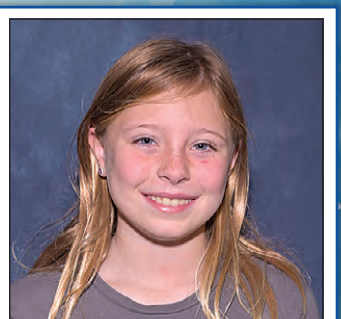
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Paul Mallon *Grade 3*  
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## Fontbonne's White Christmas Ball is Dec. 1

### Proceeds support multidisciplinary cancer clinic at Ascension

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

As the wife of a surgical oncologist, Stephanie Berri knows the strain placed on people who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Not only does such a diagnosis affect the patient, but it affects family, friends and even coworkers, she said.

"I've also been affected by cancer," noted Berri, who serves as the chairwoman of this year's Fontbonne Auxiliary White Christmas Ball. "My father-in-law was diagnosed with melanoma of the eye in 2008, and had to go to Houston to get treatment.

"I relate personally with what a family has to go through when a loved one has cancer," she continued. "It's a journey when you find out someone you love has cancer — a journey emotionally, physically and mentally — so this is very dear to me."

"This" is the mission of this year's White Christmas Ball, the implementation of a multidisciplinary cancer

clinic at Ascension St. John Hospital that will bring together cancer specialists' expertise so they may collaborate and develop a plan of care tailored to each patient.

The ball takes place Friday, Dec. 1, at The Henry in Dearborn, kicking off with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Entertainment at this black-tie event, which includes dinner and dancing, will be provided by Skyline and the Backstreet Horns.

"There are no honorees this year," said Lorna Zalenski, Fontbonne president. "Our goal is to promote the multidisciplinary cancer center."

The clinic, Berri said, will enable patients to receive the highest quality of care by bringing cancer-related specialists under one roof.

"Now when you get a cancer diagnosis, you get your lab work done at the lab, then you see the oncologist at his office and the radiologist wherever the radiologist will meet you. It's the same for chemotherapy," Zalenski said. "This clinic



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The White Christmas Ball Committee includes, standing, from left, Kimberleigh Bill, Recording Secretary Camille Cracchiolo, Jordan Cytacki and Kathy McDonald; and seated, from left, Sally Cytacki, Corresponding Secretary Madeleine Phillips, White Christmas Ball Chair Stephanie Berri and Fontbonne Auxiliary President Lorna Zalenski.

will be a place where you do what needs to be done in one location."

Added Berri, "Instead of multiple appointments, it's all in one spot, one visit."

Berri's husband, Richard N. Berri, M.D., received his training at MD Anderson Cancer

Center in Houston, where a similar multidisciplinary cancer clinic exists. It's what inspired Berri to make it this year's mission.

"The clinic will allow doctors to get together and collaborate on all the care for each specific patient," Zalenski noted,

"so they can provide the highest quality of care all at once."

Zalenski, a nurse who began her career in oncology, also has faced her share of cancer diagnoses within her family.

"As a nurse, I'm the one helping a lot of them," she said. "... It's

not just the patient facing it; it's the whole family. It's children losing a parent or siblings losing a brother or sister.

"I would guess, unfortunately, in this community almost everybody has been affected by a cancer diagnosis in some way, shape or form," she added.

Which is all the more reason she hopes for a strong turnout at the White Christmas Ball, which this year follows the theme, A Season of Hope.

"It's a wonderful, fun evening," Zalenski said. "Last year was our first time back after COVID and it was an amazing event. We plan to push through to be that way again."

Tickets are \$350 per person or \$3,500 for a table of 10. Patron donations and sponsorships also are available.

"Everybody will be acknowledged during the program," she added.

Zalenski commended Berri for her leadership efforts during the plan-

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## Something to 'Believe' in Kids on the Go, Whistle Stop partner for Giving Tuesday

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

As Kids on the Go wraps up its 25th year of providing children, ages 3 to 17, who have special needs with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies throughout the year, the nonprofit is teaming up with Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy for a special holiday project.

Giving Tuesday Believe takes place 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Whistle Stop and includes a visit from Santa Claus from 5 to 6 p.m.

For years, Kristy Schena, founder and executive director of Kids on the Go, partnered for a holiday program with Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors. Earlier this year the agency merged with Real Estate in the Pointes under the Real Estate One Family of Companies. As it undergoes some changes, its space currently is not available, Schena said.



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Bracelets will be given to those who donate during Giving Tuesday Believe.

"We had a wonderful relationship with Johnstone & Johnstone," she added, "but while they're going through this transition with Real Estate One, we found a new opportunity to collaborate with Whistle Stop."

While searching for a new location to host a Giving Tuesday campaign — not to mention a visit from the Jolly Old Elf — Schena decided the popular toy store would be a perfect location.

Julie Everitt, co-owner of Whistle Stop, jumped at the opportunity.

"Kristy asked if we could offer our building to

host it at our place," Everitt said. "It made sense; we're a toy store. Kids waiting to see Santa can run around and play.

"... We will have wish lists available in the store for children to fill out while they're waiting," she added. "We'll also have a mailbox if kids want to write letters to Santa and mail them. ... And I'll print out Christmas coloring sheets for while they're waiting to keep them occupied."

Additionally, Everitt decided that 20 percent of all sales at Whistle Stop for the day will be donated to Kids on the Go. Schena

said proceeds will benefit its Fun & Fitness and Health & Wellness programming.

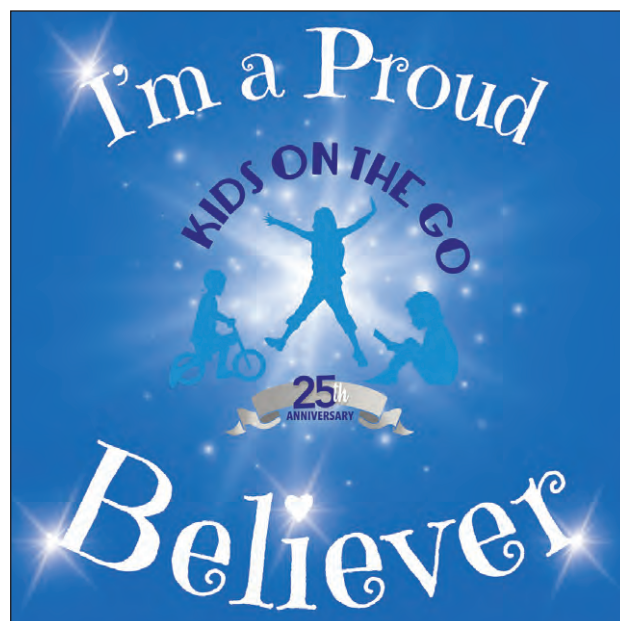
In return, those who make a donation during Giving Tuesday Believe will receive a bracelet featuring the word "Believe," which is the theme of this year's Kids on the Go campaign.

"I love working with Kristy," Everitt noted. "I was not personally aware of Giving Tuesday, so I looked it up and I think it's a wonderful occasion. When I read about it, I offered her 20 percent of all sales that will go back to Kids on the Go during her event. It's such a wonderful organization.

"We feel honored that Kristy reached out to us to share this event."

Whistle Stop is not a new partner with Kids on the Go. For years, the toy store has hosted summer toy nights, "where we create developmental toy lists for families that come in and shop," Schena said.

Four years ago, Whistle



Stop reached out to Kids on the Go for help participating in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade, which this year takes place at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, along Kercheval, from Grosse Pointe Farms through the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We asked Kids on the Go if they would hold our banner and walk for us in the parade," Everitt said. "It's hard for our employees to leave the store this time of year."

"The parade is on one of the biggest shopping days for them," Schena noted. "This is our fourth year now for Kids on the Go walking in it. We proudly carry their banner."

Those who can't make it to Whistle Stop for the event may still make a

donation on the Kids on the Go website, kidsonthegocamp.com.

Schena said she'd love to reach \$10,000 during the Giving Tuesday event, which is open to all.

"We are so blessed in Grosse Pointe to have all these great partners," she said. "Everybody is helping everybody out. This is a great community to work with when you're a nonprofit. And Whistle Stop has always been supportive."

Donations made to Kids on the Go during Giving Tuesday will be acknowledged on social media.

Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy is located at 21714 Harper, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call the store at (586) 771-6770 or Kids on the Go at (313) 332-1026.

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# High schoolers invited to compete in national speech contest

## Winners earn scholarship money, chance to compete in state, national finals

High school students in ninth through 12th grades in the Wayne County, Detroit and Grosse Pointe area are invited to compete in the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Since 1938, the program has provided participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches leadership qualities, the history of the nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes and television commentator Lou Dobbs, Vice President Mike Pence and Grosse Pointe attorney and resident Ted Everingham. Recent Grosse Pointe state finalists include Sophie Hugh, Grosse Pointe South graduate; Maria Fields, University Liggett School graduate; South graduates, Ponette



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Above, recent state contest winner Maria Fields and her mother, and boys state contest winner Sam Plieth and his mother, stand with Post 303 Commander Dan McCrary. Right, 2022 State Commander Marilyn Britten with Andrew Kil, a two-time state contest winner.

Rubio, Abigail Turnbull and Gabriella Scipione; and Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate Andrew Kil. Kil participated in the national championships representing the 1st District of the American Legion.

The invitation to enter the competition was announced by Grosse Pointe Post 303 Commander Dan McCrary. The registration deadline is Friday,

Dec. 1.

To register, visit [michiganlegion.org/oratorical](http://michiganlegion.org/oratorical). Those who do not complete the online form by Dec. 1 will not be able to participate in the contest.

The first level of competition begins in January. Registered students will be notified of contest dates.

Resources and videos to help students with the oratory content, rules and topics of the contest may be found online at



[legion.org/oratorical](http://legion.org/oratorical) and [legion.org/oratorical/resources](http://legion.org/oratorical/resources).

The subject in the prepared oration portion of the contest must be about some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the U.S. government. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be eight to 10 minutes long. A three- to five-minute

extemporaneous speech on one of four preassigned amendment topics also is required.

High school level one winners receive \$175 for first place. Regional level two winner receive \$500 and runners-up receive \$200. State level scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The state contest takes place March 2, at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing. One state winner goes on to

compete at the national level in Indianapolis next April.

In addition to awards presented during various elimination rounds of competition, college scholarships of \$25,000, \$22,500 and \$20,000 will be awarded to first-through third-place winners in the national finals. Each state winner who competes in the first round of the national contest will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Participants in the second round who do not advance to the national final round will receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The top three youth orators who have won all previous elimination rounds of the contest will vie for top honors in the national contest.

The American Legion will pay the expenses of state winners at the national contest and all regional winners competing in the state contest.

For more information, call Commander McCrary at (313) 492-7462.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its 26th annual Jingle Bell Walk Run beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24. Participants should meet between 8:15 and 8:40

a.m. in the banquet room of Village Grille. The 2.2-mile course includes prizes and, of course, jingle bells. Registration is available online at [jinglebell2023.eventbrite.com](http://jinglebell2023.eventbrite.com) or by mailing in the reg-

istration form, which may be found in the Lions Club special section in this issue. All are welcome to participate.

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

◆ Central library reopening and 70th anniversary celebration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Readers Choice Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside Full Moon Tea Party, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Bogartz Food & Spirits, 17441 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Special Effects Makeup Workshop, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Teen Board Game Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Hustle for Health Dance Class, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Grosse Pointe Woods Parks & Recreation Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org).

### Ford House

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

◆ 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.

◆ Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Dec. 3 and 17. Costs vary.

◆ Mistletoe Mingle, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Admission is \$55 for members, \$70 for nonmembers.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

### Posterity Gallery

Posterity Gallery,

17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts the following programs and classes:

◆ The gallery offers refreshments, light snacks, prizes, coupons and holiday shopping on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25.

◆ The Artist Holiday Market at Posterity holiday open house takes place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Nicole Valentini of BuildOn Detroit speaks. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### 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.

◆ 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.

◆ Wrongful Convictions and the Michigan Innocence Clinic, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, with instructor Elizabeth Cole, Esq.

◆ The movie "White Christmas" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

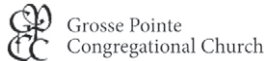
◆ Out-to-Lunch Bunch visits Nautical Deli from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Cost for the bus ride is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmember. Registration is required for all who attend.

◆ Detroit Symphony

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We are grateful for all those in our community who work to build bridges both in the pursuit of justice and peaceful solutions, with a commitment to honoring the humanity and dignity of all our neighbors.

We join in gratitude, with love, power, and joy, in wishing all of our neighbors a happy season of gathering and giving thanks!



# Unitarian Church hosts Christmas tree sale

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Few will argue there's nothing like a fresh, full, fragrant Christmas tree to bring about the holiday spirit.

Parishioners at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church urge the community to go green — Fraser fir green — this holiday season, as the church hosts its first ever Christmas tree sale.

Freshly harvested firs will be for sale beginning Friday, Nov. 24, and ending when every last one of them is sold.

"We have 100 trees," parishioner Michael Thompson said. "For a tree sale, that's not many, but we've got about a third that have been pre-sold. After Thanksgiving, we'll have a big push on it.

"These are Fraser firs

that were harvested from northern Michigan last week," he added. "They're minimum of six feet, but most are seven or eight feet and very full. Fraser firs are the best tree; they have the longest needle retention."

Cost per tree is \$80 and for a \$10 fee, local delivery is available.

Orders may be made online, over the phone or in person.

In-person hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturdays.

"There are no sales on Sunday, per city ordinance," Thompson added, "but hours are 4 to 8 p.m. during the week.

Proceeds will go to the church's building and grounds fund, "for beautification," Thompson noted.

"Our church, as with any old building, needs a

lot of work, a lot of upkeep, and we've got to raise money all the time," he said. "We just put a roof on it; that was a big expense. Primarily now we have grounds work and repairs to do."

From parking lot repairs to tree removal, expenses are stacking up. Proceeds from the tree sale will help, he said.

"We're hoping to make a splash," he added. "I

think real trees are the way to go. They smell great. You wouldn't give your spouse artificial flowers on Valentine's Day, so why would you bring home an artificial tree for Christmas?"

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is located at 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. To reserve a tree, call (313) 881-0420 or visit [gpuuc.org](http://gpuuc.org).

## GPUC shows support for transgender community

People driving or passing by Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, on the corner of Maumee and St. Clair streets in the City of Grosse Pointe, will be greeted by two new signs proclaiming love and support for the transgender community from Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

The reason is a simple but important one, according to GPUC minister the Rev. Mitra Rahnama: the desire to let people know the church supports transgender people and that it is a place of love and acceptance.

"The increased amount of hate in our society is not only dangerous, it is inhumane," Rahnama said. "We know there is another way of living. We choose to love first and love well. We choose to provide a sanctuary for people who are currently targeted in the larger world."

These attacks cut right to the heart of the fundamental Unitarian Universalist beliefs in the inherent worth and dignity of each person, a fundamental right of conscience and the values of personal agency that give everyone the



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From left, Sonja Franchett, Michelle Scobie, Christian Kroeyr, Joseph Palazzolo, Stephen Spurr and the Rev. Mitra Rahnama stand by the sign posted at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in support of National Transgender Awareness Week.

opportunity to live fully into their whole selves.

"Our ministry is to let the community know that there is a way of loving first," Rahnama said. "We also want to offer clarity to the world that transgender people are beautiful, worthy,

welcomed and embraced. If you are transgender, you have people who will love you in your life journey."

National Transgender Awareness Week was Monday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is a beacon of religious freedom, spiritual exploration and social justice serving the Grosse Pointes and surrounding eastside communities.

For more information, visit [gpuuc.org](http://gpuuc.org)



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## Join the hunt!

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce invites sponsors of its Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, as well as other organizations, to participate in its Snow Globe Scavenger Hunt this holiday season. Business and organizations hoping to increase foot traffic are asked to decorate snow globes, which will be added to the scavenger hunt map. Participants are given creative freedom to decorate each snow globe with a snowy holiday scene that relates to their business, like this one created by Village Palm. For more information, email [info@grossepointechamber.com](mailto:info@grossepointechamber.com).



## Louisa St. Clair officers installed

Members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution have served metro Detroit more than decade, with a focus on education, historical preservation and patriotism. The DAR is a non-profit, non-political women's service organization. For more information, visit [louisastclairchapter.org](http://louisastclairchapter.org).

The 2023-24 DAR board members are, seated from left, Recording Secretary Mary "Molly" Clark, Vice Regent Patty Drury, Regent Dorothea "Dot" Martin, Chaplain Jane Turnbull and Corresponding Secretary PJ King Steeby; and standing, from left, Financial Secretary Peggy King Scully, Registrar Rebecca von Wormer, Historian Ellisse Thompson, Treasurer Deann Newman, Organizing Secretary Barbara Davis, Past Regent Kay Burt Wilson, Director Patti Theros and Director Betty McQueen.

Not pictured are Librarian Julie Thompson; Past Regent Kris Fontichiaro and Past Regent Andi Weyhing.

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# Inducted

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones, left, and member Beline Obeid, right, welcome newly inducted member Heidi Martin to the club during its Nov. 7 meeting at Ford House.



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# Stop in at Stearns House

“Old wood to burn, old friends to greet” reads the inscription on the mantel. The Pear Tree Questers held its November meeting at the historic Frederick Stearns House, 8109 E. Jefferson, in Detroit’s West Village. The 16,000-square-foot Tudor-style mansion was built in 1902, and designed by Alpheus W. Chittenden for Frederick K. Stearns, a pharmaceutical magnate and a key player in the city’s cultural scene. The tour was given by Innkeeper and President Rachel Mitchell, who along with her husband, Eric, own the mansion. The couple has lovingly transformed the house to its former glory and it is now an elegant bed and breakfast.

Pictured during the outing are, from left, Joanne Niederoest, Janet Leze, Sharon Lutz, Madeleine Phillips, owner Rachel Mitchell, Tina Olofsson and Liz Hardwick.



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White Christmas Ball Chairwoman Stephanie Berri, left, and Fontbonne Auxiliary President Lorna Zalenski.

## BALL:

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ning of this year’s event. “Stephanie is amazing,” she said. “She has put her heart and soul into Fontbonne and raising money for the hospital.”

Added Madeleine Phillips, “Stephanie has embraced a brilliant concept for her mission of this year’s ball. ... The shock of a cancer diagnosis striking someone sends not only the patient but the entire family reeling with fear, anguish and a

feeling of hopelessness. Stephanie’s vision is to create a program tailored specifically for the individual patient that would offer a multidisciplinary course of treatment to condense the various aspects of the illness into an efficient approach that will put the patient, physician, family and caregivers on a trajectory toward cure and wellness

as swiftly as possible.” The Fontbonne Auxiliary has supported Ascension St. John Hospital through its philanthropic efforts since its inception in 1947.

For tickets to the White Christmas Ball, contact Zalenski at (313) 590-5607 or llz523@aol.com.

“I hope to see everybody there,” Berri said.



# MotorCities Awards of Excellence winners announced at 25th anniversary gala

Earlier this month at its 25th anniversary gala at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MotorCities National Heritage Area announced the winners of its 25th anniversary Awards of Excellence.

In the Heritage Tourism category, the recipient was Lloyd Ganton, operator of Ye Ole Carriage Shop in Spring Arbor.

In the Education/ Interpretation category, the recipient was the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn for its Achievement series of exhibits about African Americans in the automotive industry.

In the Revitalization category, the recipient was the Ford Piquette Plant Museum in Detroit for its first-floor restoration.

Also, the recipient of MotorCities Milestone Award was William R. “Bill” Chapin, founder of MotorCities who was there when the Automobile National Heritage Area Act was signed by President Clinton in 1998. He signed the articles of incorporation, served as board chair and continues as a member of MotorCities’ Leadership Council. Between 2010 and 2017, Chapin served as president of the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

In addition, a Champion Award was given to U.S. Sen.



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Lloyd and Judy Ganton of Ye Ole Carriage Shop, which was awarded in the Heritage Tourism category.

Debbie Stabenow for her support of MotorCities over the years, but in particular for her introduction and championing of the National Heritage Area Act in Congress, which was signed into law earlier this year.

Visit Detroit was the presenting sponsor. General Motors was a founding partner/Award of Excellence sponsor. The UAW International Union was the Michigan

Auto Heritage Day sponsor. Ford House was an Award of Excellence sponsor. Supporting sponsors included Albert Kahn Associates, Choose Lansing, Destination Ann Arbor and The Henry Ford. Event sponsors included Doeren Mayhew, Don Nicholson Enterprises, Gilmore Car Museum, Grigg Graphics and Project Arts and Ideas. Dore Productions was an in-kind sponsor.



The Ford Piquette Plant Museum team with their award in the Revitalization category.

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Orchestra field trip, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Cost is \$45 for members, \$48 for non-members, and is required by Friday, Nov. 17.

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Comedy and Cocktails: The All-Star Showdown with Go Comedy!, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Show-only tickets are \$25; tickets for the show and a pre-glow recep-

tion are \$45. Register at warmemorial.org.

### Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce sponsors a networking event from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Capricious, 74 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits

those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit full lotusyoga.net.

### Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets in person at Wayne County Community College District’s Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom, at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

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## Author visits Detroit students, inspires creativity through Literacy for Kids' authors program

New York Times best-selling author Kwame Alexander visited Detroit public charter high school the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy Nov. 15, to connect with more than 400 ninth through 12th graders, present on one of his bestselling books and discuss the value of reading, writing and creative thinking, through the nonprofit Literacy for Kids' fall Detroit authors program.

The author of 39 books, Alexander writes poetry and fiction for children of all ages and works to promote literacy all over the world. Among his works is "The Crossover," a bestselling book that is the basis for a popular Disney+ series. Winner of the 2015 Newberry Medal and Coretta Scott King Award, the book tells the story of twin basketball stars dealing with teenage pressures.

In addition to the opportunity to interact with the author in school, each student received an autographed copy of the book.



At left, author Kwame Alexander addresses students the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy in Detroit. Above, Literacy for Kids Executive Director Heather Mertz, author Kwame Alexander and Literacy for Kids founder Jayne Rose-Vallee.

"Our goal is to encourage these students to become lifelong readers," said Heather Mertz, executive director of Literacy for Kids, which was founded in 2019 to teach children to recognize the art in reading. "Reading is a way of escaping into our imagination and exploring other worlds. It is the ultimate form of empathy. Good stories ask us to step inside someone else's experience, to try to see what

they see. Through this program, we are not only gifting books to kids, but giving them the opportunity to meet the author so they can be inspired by the art of creative expression and stretch their own talents and passions."

Through the support of sponsors, donors and collaborators, Literacy for Kids provides an event-based program with curriculum-aligned presentations and inter-

active discussions that can be extended beyond the day of the event through lesson plans provided to teachers.

"With each step of our process, we strive to create a personal, lasting connection," Mertz said. "Establishing this relationship between students and authors helps foster their creativity and overall receptiveness to learning."

The authors chosen to participate each year are visionaries in their own right with demonstrated, nationally acclaimed success in the industry. The themes of their books are

aligned with Literacy for Kids' mission and promote connection, family, curiosity, courage and humanity.

"Everything I do is guided by my mission to change the world, one word at a time, and there is nothing quite like being able to connect in person with students to do so," Alexander said. "Throughout my career, I've visited thousands of schools and libraries, across the country and around the world, yet each one is unique and memorable in their own right. Witnessing stu-

dents discover a love for words, whether it's through sharing stories where they can see themselves or teaching them how to find their voice and craft their own ... the impact goes well beyond the initial visit and it's pure magic."

"As we grow this program, the kids can't believe they're meeting an author," Mertz said of the school visits. "They look them in the eye, they shake their hand — they feel so important and it's a connection on a bigger scale. It's incredible to witness."

Mertz hands Alexander's book to a student.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Cass Ghiorse

## Holiday meditation for ease and light

Find a quiet and comfortable place to sit and take a few moments to center yourself.

Begin by taking a gentle breath in through your nose, feeling your belly, ribs and chest expand. Follow that by exhaling slowly and completely. It is on the out breath that the body is truly able to release tension.

As you continue to breathe slowly and rhythmically, allow yourself to let go of any thoughts or worries about the holiday season. This is your time to find an inner connection with the essence of this time of year.

Take a moment to set an intention for this holiday season. It could be to be more present with your loved ones, offer a helping hand to someone in need or simply embrace the spirit of joy and compassion.

After you have set an intention, bring your focus back to your breath. With each inhale, breathe in peace and serenity. With each exhale, release any remaining tension or worry. Feel a sense of tranquility washing over you, like a gentle stream of water flowing through your body.

In this moment, remember that the holiday season is not just about the external decorations or gifts, but also about the inner light within you. You have the power to spread love, kindness and warmth to those around you and this is your greatest gift.



Now, as we bring this meditation to a close, take one more deep breath in, filling your heart with love and your mind with peace. Exhale slowly, releasing that love and peace into your environment.

When you're ready, gently open your eyes, carrying with you the warmth and serenity of this holiday season meditation. Remember that the holiday season is a time for reflection, gratitude and sharing love with those around you. May you find peace and joy in each moment during this special time of year.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## I'm sorry, have I met you before?

**Dear Gabby:** A friend of mine introduced me to another person at a cocktail party recently and I can't shake what happened. I said "It's nice to meet you" and she said "yes, and it was nice to meet you the previous two times we met." I am horrified and clearly made a rude mistake — I get overwhelmed sometimes at events and my memory is like a goldfish. How can I make this right?

— Flaked out in the Farms

**Dear Flaked,**

This is a common issue. We humans are all different and there are some who can remember a name and a rface 50 years later, and there are many who space out almost immediately after meeting.

How many times have we met someone and less than a minute later panic because we already can't remember their name? Things happen, and yes large or loud events tend to make intros quick and easily forgettable due to the surroundings.

As far as this person, it sounds like that ship has sailed. In the future, if you see him or her, make it a point to approach them immediately and say hello (and hopefully address them by name, thus showing your commitment to knowing them).

You can also make reference to the last meeting and express how it bothered you and you're happy to have the opportunity to see them again.

For the future, replacing "nice to meet you" with "nice to see you" is always a good call if you are not positive you



haven't already met. And if you find yourself in the same predicament, try to be honest and acknowledge the mistake. Making a proactive effort

to greet them in social situations moving forward will help alleviate your (hopefully temporary) embarrassment.

— Gabby

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## Gratitude can help foster optimism

**DEAR ANNIE:** Wishing you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving!

Today and always, may we take a moment to appreciate all that we have and are thankful for in our lives. To help celebrate, here are some of my favorite quotes about gratitude:

"Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving." — Amy Grant

rience." — Roy T. Bennett

"The turkey. The sweet potatoes. The stuffing. The pumpkin pie. Is there anything else we all can agree so vehemently about? I don't think so." — Nora Ephron

"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven." — Johannes A.

things you only hoped for." — Epicurus

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." — John F. Kennedy

"In normal life we hardly realize how much more we receive than we give, and life cannot be rich without such gratitude. It is so easy to overestimate the importance

how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving." — W.T. Purkiser

"The most beautiful moments in life are moments when you are expressing your joy, not when you are seeking it." — Jaggi Vasudev

"An attitude of gratitude brings great things." — Yogi Bajan

"If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily." — Gerald Good

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." — Thornton Wilder

"Thankfulness is the quickest path to joy." — Jefferson Bethke

"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for." — Norman Vincent Peale

"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share." — W. Clement Stone

"Be thankful for what you have. Your life is someone else's fairy tale." — Wale Ayeni



"Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind." — Lionel Hampton

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer." — Maya Angelou

"Be thankful for everything that happens in your life; it's all an experience."

Gaertner

"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other." — Randy Pausch

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the

of our own achievements compared with what we owe to the help of others." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count." — Neal A. Maxwell

"Not what we say about our blessings, but



### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

**DEAR ANNIE:** MI have a lovely 31-year-old daughter. Her dad and I divorced when she was 12 after our 30-year, often difficult, marriage. My ex developed serious depression that came after significant troubles. Medication didn't help because he wouldn't stay on it. We didn't share a bed for the last seven years of our marriage. We divorced in 2006.

My ex took his half of the proceeds of the sale of our home and immediately squandered it all. He became homeless off and on for the next few years.

A couple of years after the divorce, we had a heated argument about child support. He grabbed my hand and tried to break it. I reported the incident, and he was to start court-ordered anger management for a fee. He couldn't pay the fee, so instead, he committed suicide the day the training was to start.

It has been 14 years since he died. In my daughter's angriest moments, she blames me for his suicide. I have asked her many times to

go to family counseling with me, but she flatly refuses.

When she's not angry or snarky with me, she can be very loving and supportive. I want to go to counseling with her to address the underlying issues. I can't divorce my only child. What is our way forward? — SAD MOM

**DEAR SAD MOM:** Your daughter is clearly still struggling with the trauma of losing her father. Until she is willing to confront these issues and face them head-on, I fear nothing, most notably her relationship with you, will change.

Instead of pushing family therapy, see if she would be willing to start with her own therapist or counselor — as you should, too. In time, I hope she'll be willing to let you in more and repair your relationship, but her journey of healing might be better off started alone.

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## We Tried It!

### Leaf blowing nirvana

You know you've hit middle age when getting a leaf blower is one of the more exciting things in your life. But as we all know in Grosse Pointe, from October through November the leaves do not stop coming — and it can get expensive to hire a lawn service.

Most leaf blowers I've used are gas powered and are heavy and so powerful sometimes I end up blowing leaves all over the block. In a rookie move, I once aimed directly at the flower bed for a millise-

ond and wound up with boots, hair, face and pockets full of dirt.

In order to help out a relative with a smaller yard, I decided to invest in a bat-

tery powered blower, aiming for one that was less aggressive, not too expensive, and lightweight. After hitting up the local Great Lakes Ace Hardware, I set



Making yard work fun.

by Anna Lizer



tled on the lowest price EGO 530 CFM blower. It cost about \$200 and came with a battery.

The really awesome part is that it's the same battery as our EGO lawn mower, so if it runs out of juice I can switch to a new one without having to wait.

The blower is really light, and taking the battery in and out is easy. You can control the strength of the machine with a dial, and you can see the battery life on the butt end of the leaf blower.

I found myself looking for more work than just my relative's, so I started in on my much-larger

yard. I used it for at least an hour and 10 minutes before the battery conked out, and got a very large section of my backyard done. The power is plenty, even for a lot of wet leaves in a large yard.

Some of the other EGO blowers are more expensive and more powerful. Perhaps they are good for experienced and hardcore leaf-raking fanatics. But in my humble and inexperienced leaf blowing opinion, the cheapest one is more than enough, and it has made cleaning up the yard actually fun.

The kids even fight over it because it's easy, fun and

not too heavy (even for an 8 year old). And if your kids are like mine, they rarely fight over doing chores.

Giving the EGO 530 CFM five out of five alligators.

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# Leftover turkey comfort

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Typically the key ingredient for a dumpling soup is chicken. But let's face it, if you have leftover turkey some people get sick of the same sandwich for breakfast, lunch and dinner, myself not included.

I could eat turkey on toasted bread with stuffing and cranberry sauce all year long. It would be my last meal. And just a helpful tip, Morning Glory has Thanksgiving croissants on special this month but I digress.

Sometimes you have to change things up for the other people in your house that you have to feed.

This soup is a great way to utilize leftover turkey, gravy and green beans. It's hearty, warming and comforting. It's the perfect solution to finish out the Thanksgiving weekend.

You can boil the bones with the stock and add any extra gravy for added thickness.

Any fresh herbs that are left, dump them in or add to the dumpling dough.

Happy Thanksgiving. I'm so thankful for your readership and anytime that I made your belly full and happy.

Cheers, Mombeau

### Turkey and Dumpling Soup

2 carrots, diced

2 stalks celery, diced

½ onion, diced

3 tbsp flour

3 tbsp butter

8 cups chicken stock

¾ cups half and half

1 cup chopped green beans

4 cups shredded and cooked turkey

1 chicken bouillon cube

1 tbsp fresh herbs (dill, parsley, sage or rosemary)

Heat a stockpot over medium heat with the

butter. Add carrots, onion and celery. Stir until soft, about five minutes.

Once soft, sprinkle in the flour and stir for a few minutes so that the flour taste cooks out. Slowly pour in the stock and bouillon cube, combine everything. Add the turkey and green beans and let simmer until slightly thickened.

Next add the half and half and begin to drop the dumplings. Make sure to cover once all dumplings have been dropped. The steam helps to make them light and fluffy.

Cook for 15 minutes. Garnish with lots of fresh herbs.

### Dumplings

2 cups flour

1 tbsp baking powder

¼ tsp salt

1 cup milk

2 tbsp melted butter

1 tbsp freshly chopped herbs (optional)



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Mix the dry ingredients together and then

pour in the milk, butter and herbs. Gently combine so as to not over-mix. Drop spoonfuls of the mixture over the soup.

# Wine and food diversity

True wine lovers adore diversity in their wines as much as they love diversity in their foods.

Yet the wines we see offered to us in retail shops and restaurants are dwindling in variety. I believe we're in danger of losing the great assortment that creates excitement for those of us who love wine in all of its myriad forms.

Sameness is a bore.

As a result of higher interest in sparkling wines, cabernet sauvignon

and pinot noirs, there is less interest in riesling, gewurztraminer, chenin blanc, merlot, syrah, zinfandel and even chardonnay. So, we're seeing fewer choices than we did in the past.

Often in the last few years I have heard of plots of 75-year-old Carignane vines or 80-year-old petite sirah vineyards being pulled out to be replaced by more cabernet. Sure, there's lots of interest in cabernet, but if you want

to pair a good red wine with pizza, zinfandel is a great pick.

And there are fewer of them today than there were just a few years ago.

Different wines offer fascinating alternatives for the variety of foods we eat. If you're having salmon, pinot noir is a good choice, but so is Rioja or a light red wine such as a Beaujolais or even an Italian Bardolino. But are these wines available?

Sole Veronique made

with fresh grapes is a poor companion for chardonnay. It is perfect with chenin blanc or an off-dry riesling. But just try finding them.

Tapas from Spain work nicely with many wines, but tradition calls for tapas to be served with a glass of chilled fino sherry. Again, I haven't seen much fino sherry recently.

And when having a traditional Tuscan dish, complete with pasta and a red sauce, Chianti should be better than



cabernet. And, yes, Chianti is often available, but their number is shrinking and the quality of what's left is usually uneven to terrible.

Here are a few more food-wine tips:

- Pasta with garlic, olive oil and fresh tomatoes is better with Chianti or Barbera, higher-acid grapes and wines that work nicely with the dish.

- To pair with roast leg of lamb with rosemary and garlic, my choice is a young, lower-alcohol zinfandel. The fat of the lamb needs the tartness of the wine.

- Mandarin chicken with Chinese seasonings works nicely with dry gewurztraminer — but they aren't easy to find.

Dining out these days is best done using the restaurant's website (a

day or two before going) to see what the menu offers. Many restaurants now offer webpages that display the wine list, which gives potential diners the opportunity to see if a wine is available that goes with the food.

One good tactic is to call the restaurant to make certain that the specific wine you're interested in is available. Some restaurants are happy to reserve a bottle that's in limited supply so they can guarantee you'll have it when you arrive.

With diversity becoming less common, it's incumbent upon diners to do more planning than we once did.

No Wine of the Week.

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## Gobble it Up!

The turkey is a funny bird,  
Its very name a funny word,  
Its raison d'être short and sweet —  
Its pretty bloomin' good to eat!  
It's found in sandwiches and stew,  
It comes in soups and salads, too,  
And whether chilled or over heat,  
It's pretty bloomin' good to eat!

It makes a tasty diet fare  
In case you want to try it there;  
For holidays it can't be beat —  
It's pretty bloomin' good to eat!  
So, why not give this bird a break?  
Just take these recipes and make  
The most of this delicious meat —  
It's pretty bloomin' good to eat!



With gravy, dressing, bones and meat  
The turkey is a meal complete;  
You'll find this fresh or good to eat  
And either way to be a treat.  
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Above left, Jody Foster as Bonnie Stoll and Annette Bening as Diana Nyad in the 2023 movie "Nyad," directed by Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin.

MOVIE REVIEW  
 "Nyad"  
 2023 -Rated R  
 1 hr 46 min  
 ★★★★★

"Nyad" is one of the most inspiring sports films I've seen in a long time. The movie follows the quest of Diana Nyad, a long-distance champion swimmer to swim from Cuba to Key West, Fla. It really drives home the point that no matter what age you are, you're never too old to chase your dream.

It's directed by the husband and wife team Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin, who created the Academy Award-winning documentary "Free Solo."

The cast features the dynamic duo of Annette Bening and Jodie Foster, along with the always delightful, Rhys Ifans. And a big thumbs up goes to cinematographer Claudio Miranda, whose



Captain John Bartlett (Rhys Ifans)

old salt who knew the treacherous waters like the back of his hand. Early on he makes a pact with Nyad that if he determined at any point the swim was getting too dangerous, the attempt would be scrapped.

Nyad and Stoll immediately went to work. I've read that Ms. Bening trained for an entire year to get into shape for the movie. She didn't rely on a double to do her swimming, even during some hair-raising moments during storms and choppy seas. As I mentioned earlier, the camerawork is absolutely breathtaking.

It's as if you're in the water fighting the elements right alongside her. I have to admit, it's almost exhausting watching her battling Mother Nature.

"Nyad" is such an engaging story, you can't help but be hooked right from the start. She makes several attempts to complete her swim, and when you consider what she was up against, it's an amazing feat. Nyad had to swim through shark and Men o' War infested waters, battle hypothermia, exhaustion, storms, and the current to make the 110-mile journey. There were several times when I said to myself, "OK, this is the one where she makes it!" Only to have her call it quits once again.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of this wonderful film is seeing the two veteran actors work together. There's a palpable chemistry between Bening and Foster.

Nyad is a true force of

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



nature, and is so headstrong and prickly at times, you almost feel sorry for Stoll for having to deal with her. I guess it takes a real megalomaniac to accomplish great things. But since the two had a long relationship, Stoll knows just how to handle her and keep her on track. They're sort of a yin and yang if you will. The way they exchange barbs and asides humanizes these two remarkable characters.

When the film was over, my first thought was, it's time for Bening and Foster to start shopping for outfits for Oscar Night! Both actors deliver career-defining performances. And they help make this one of the most exciting sports films I've seen this year.

Currently streaming on Netflix.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie

films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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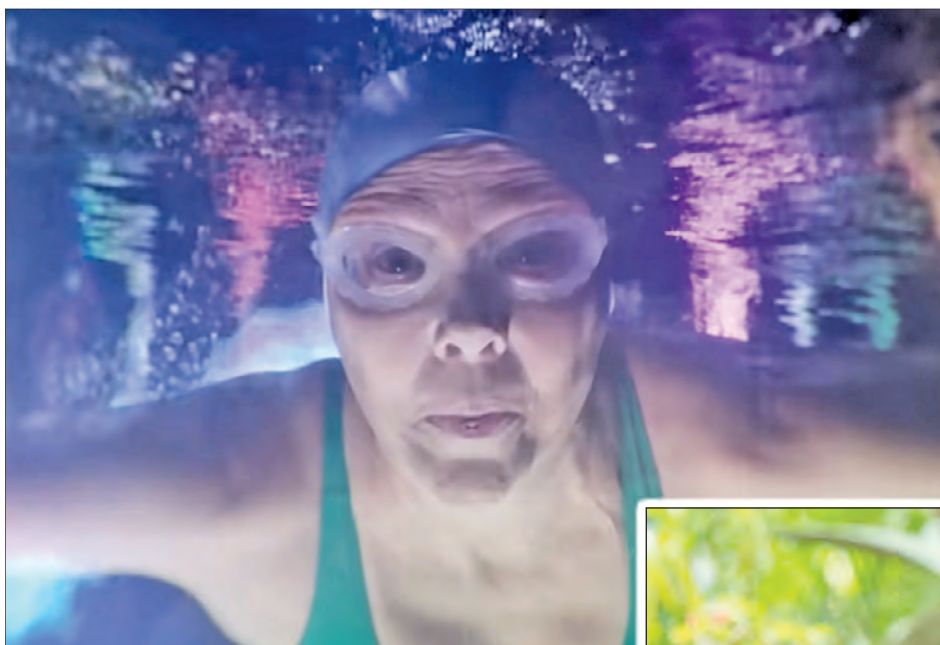
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Nyad dons a special night mask.



A planning session in Havana.



Nyad (Bening) hard at work training

superb camerawork puts you right in the middle of the action.

Diana Nyad was a record-breaking swimmer in her 20s and 30s. She also accomplished noteworthy feats like swimming across Lake Ontario, around the island of Manhattan, and a remarkable swim from The Bahamas to Florida. When she retired, she became a journalist, a motivational speaker and a sports broadcaster for ABC Sports. But one swim eluded her — to successfully swim from Cuba to Florida, without a shark cage.

At her surprise 60th birthday party, Nyad (Bening) announced that she was going to give this elusive feat one more shot. She decided she wasn't too old to give up her dream.

So she enlisted her old friend Bonnie Stoll (Foster) to not only coach her, but to assemble a support team to help her achieve her goal.

One of the key players was Captain John Bartlett (Ifans), a crusty



The real Diana Nyad.



Bonnie (Foster) comforts Nyad (Bening).



Nyad arrives in Key West.

# Royal Stars

## Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, November 23 2023:

You are honest, entertaining, adventurous and charming. You rarely back down from a challenge. This is a year of change, which means you must be flexible and ready to act fast. Trust your intuition. Expect to travel and expand your horizons. Let go of whatever holds you back.

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

Many of you might encounter travel restrictions or difficulties with red-tape situations related to travel, especially when dealing with authority figures. Do be aware of this. Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Patience will be your best friend today. Tonight: You win!

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

Issues related to banking, shared property, inheritances or insurance matters might be a thorn in your side today. This is not an ideal day to make your pitch to get help from others, to borrow money or to get a mortgage. People will say, "Talk to the hand." Tonight: Quiet time.

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

Be patient with close friends, partners and spouses today, because people feel on edge and under pressure, especially when dealing with authority figures, bosses, rules and regulations. Slow down; take it easy; get things in perspective. Tonight: Socialize!

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

This might be a challenging day at work for many of you or with any task that you set for yourself today. No doubt, rules, regulations and restrictions of some kind will be something that you have to deal with. Remember: What the large print giveth, the small print taketh away. Tonight: You're noticed.

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

Social outings, sports events and anything related to children might create problems or extra responsibilities for you today. Accept this and cope as best you can. That's the secret. Negativity is wanting things to be different than the way they are. Tonight: Explore ideas!

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

Parents and family members might be an increased responsibility for you today. Or you might have to work harder to meet the demands of others, especially older family members. Roll up your sleeves and tackle home repairs and practical issues. Tonight: Discuss finances.

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

It's easy to fall into worry mode today. Life is fast-paced, and you have a lot on your plate. Fortunately, your ruler Venus is in your sign now making you patient, charming and diplomatic with everyone. But remember that you have rights. You don't have to please everyone. Tonight: Ideas!

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

You might feel a financial squeeze play today. The cost of food is high, and people need to eat. In particular, raising kids and meeting their needs is more challenging. Fortunately,

Mars is in your sign giving you energy and drive, and you're a problem-solver! Tonight: Check your belongings!

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

Today the Sun is in your sign at odds with stern Saturn, which can be discouraging. It means things won't go your way, especially if you need approval from authority figures. However, relations with friends and groups will be supportive. Tonight: Entertain!

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

Fair Venus is at high noon in your chart making you look attractive to others, especially authority figures. Some of you might strike up a romance or flirtation with a boss. Nevertheless, today you feel cut off from others, possibly forgotten. Tonight: Relax.

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

Travel for pleasure appeals to you now. You're keen to go after what you want. Nevertheless, friends or groups might create problems and increased responsibilities for you today. Make time to listen to someone. Be a genuine listener. Tonight: Conversations.

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

This might be a tough day to deal with authority figures — bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. You might not get what you ask for. Therefore, try to be as independent as possible. Whatever happens, you make a great impression on others. Tonight: Money ideas.

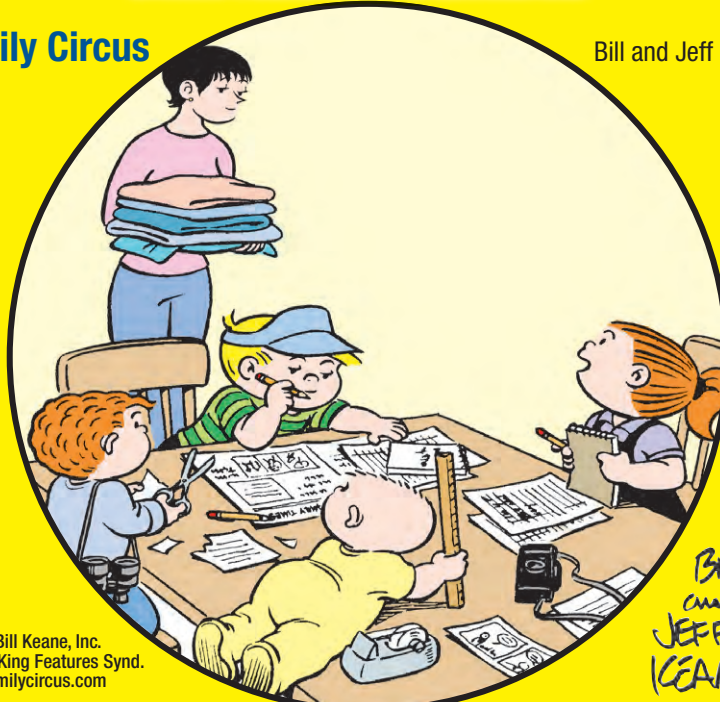
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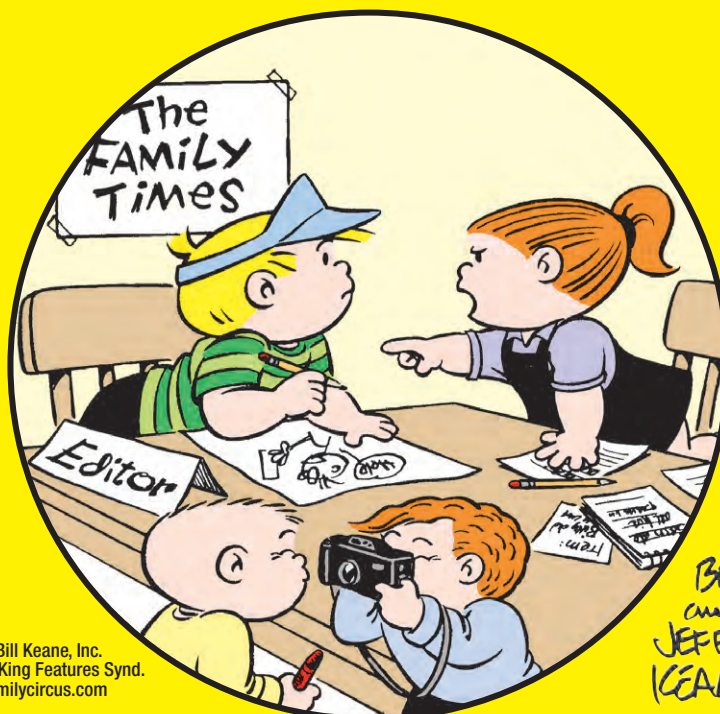
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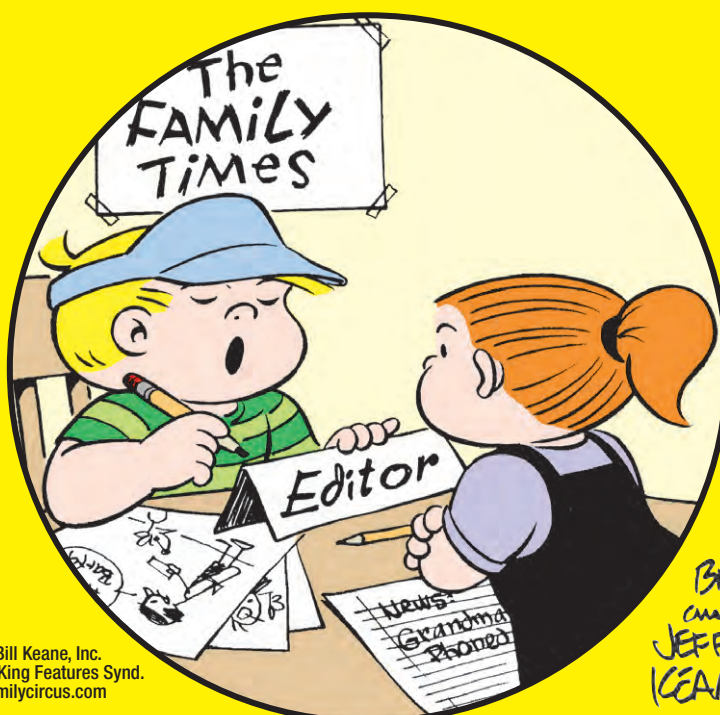
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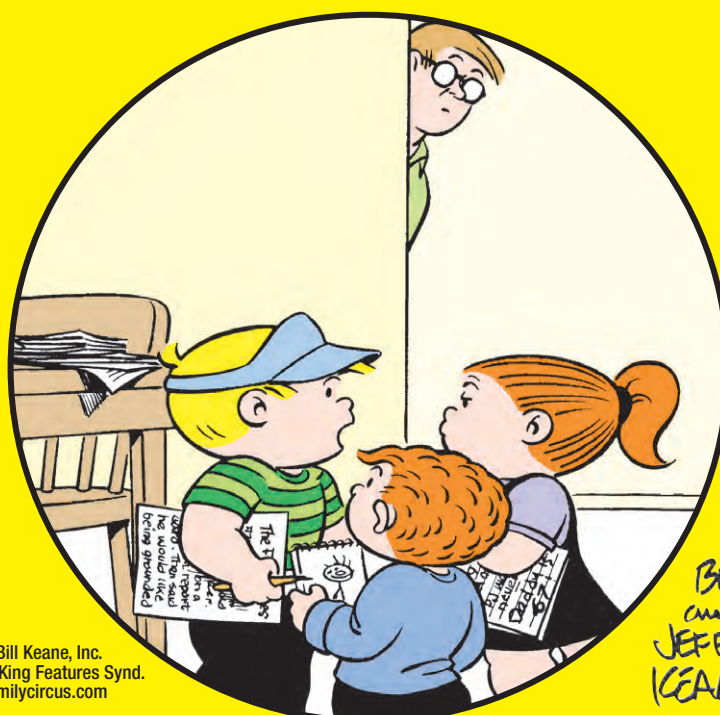
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**"I get the most 'portant job - Cartoonist. You can be Editor."**



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**"We don't want Daddy on our paper. He worked for the Philadelphia Bulletin and it folded."**

## Contract Bridge

### A CRUCIAL GUESS

West dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

#### NORTH

♠ K Q 8  
♥ A 7 6  
♦ Q 10 7  
♣ 10 9 6 3

#### WEST

♠ J 7 5  
♥ K 10 5  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ Q 8 4

#### EAST

♠ 6 4 3  
♥ 4  
♦ J 8 6 4 3  
♣ A 7 5 2

#### SOUTH

♠ A 10 9 2  
♥ Q J 9 8 3 2  
♦ 5  
♣ K J

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It goes without saying that point count is enormously helpful in the bidding, but it is also true that point count can be very helpful in the play. Take this deal where South gets to four hearts after West opens a weak notrump, showing 12 to 14 points. West leads the king of diamonds and shifts to a low spade.

Declarer plays low from dummy,

overtaking the eight with the nine in order to lead the queen of hearts. When West covers with the king, South wins with dummy's ace and returns a heart to the jack, learning in the process that West has a trump trick coming.

Declarer must now try to limit himself to one club loser. To accomplish this, he enters dummy with a spade, leads a club toward the K-J and then has to decide what to play after East follows low.

If East has the queen, South should play the jack; if East has the ace, South should play the king. It is a crucial guess, and to solve the problem, declarer turns his attention to the point count.

He knows from the opening lead that West had the A-K of diamonds (seven points). He can tell from the play at trick two that West also has the jack of spades (one point), since East would have covered dummy's eight with the jack if he had it. West has also turned up with the king of hearts (three points), bringing his point count in those three suits to 11.

It follows that West cannot have the ace of clubs, which would give him 15 points. South therefore goes up with the king of clubs and so makes the contract.

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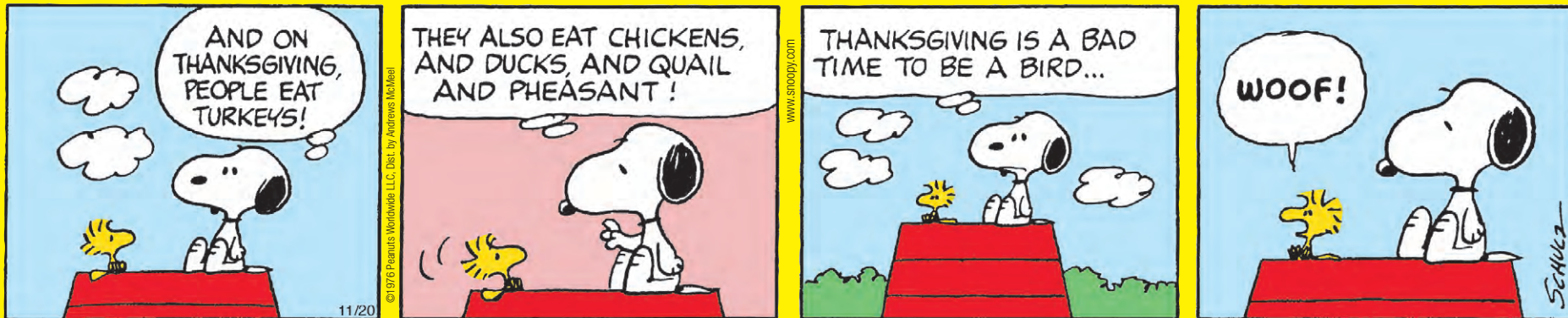
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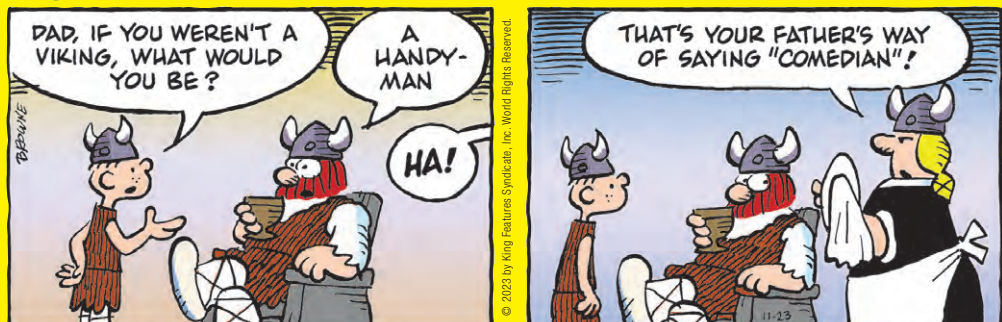
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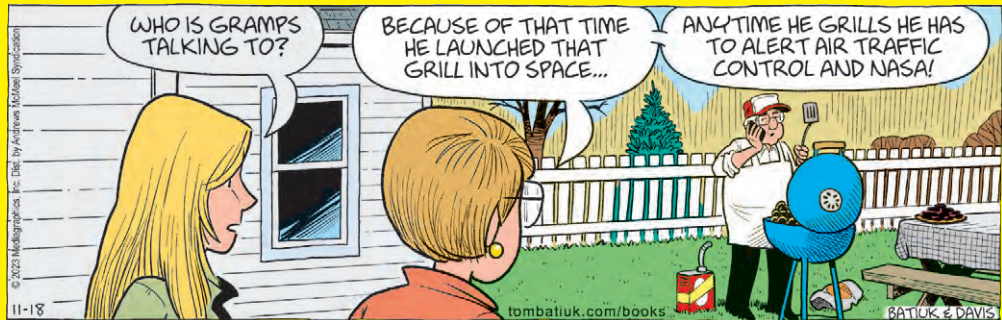
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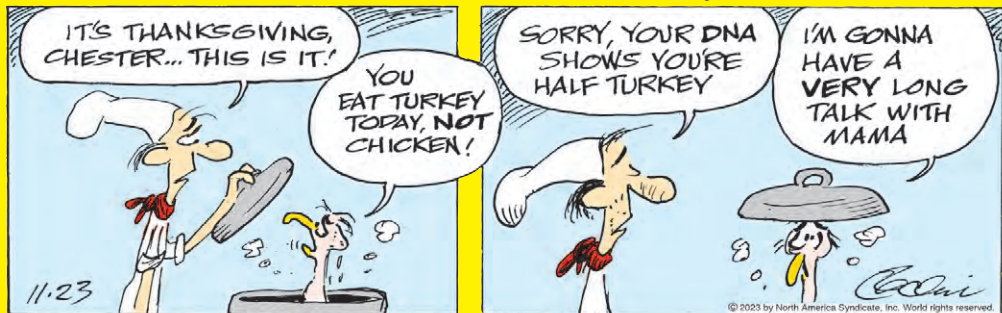
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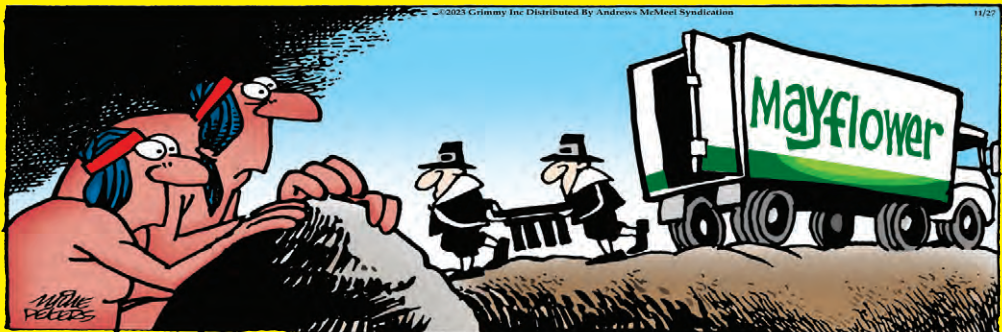
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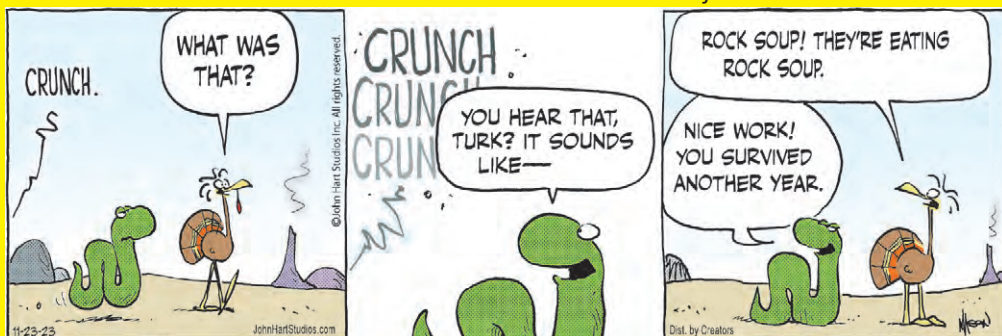
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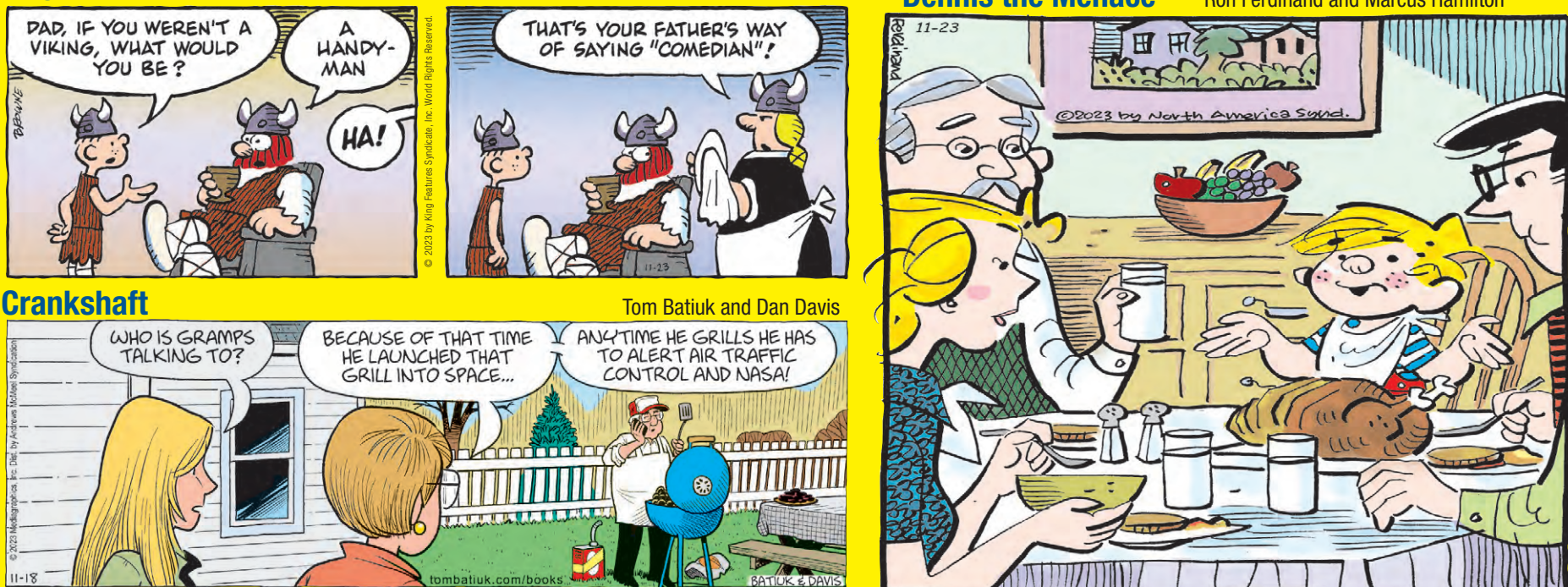
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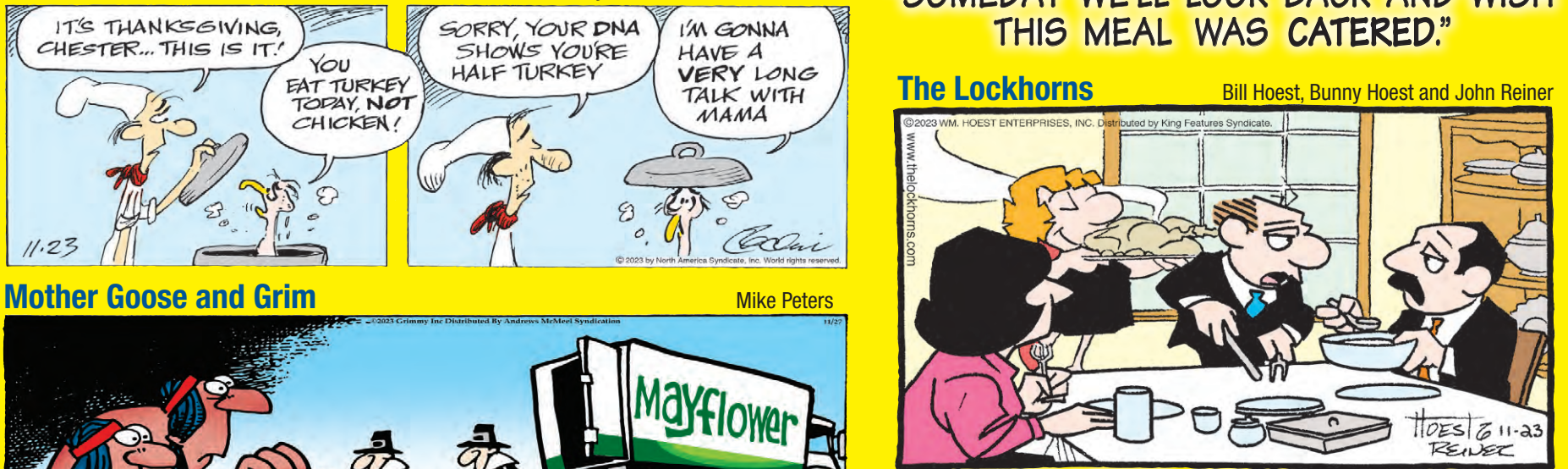
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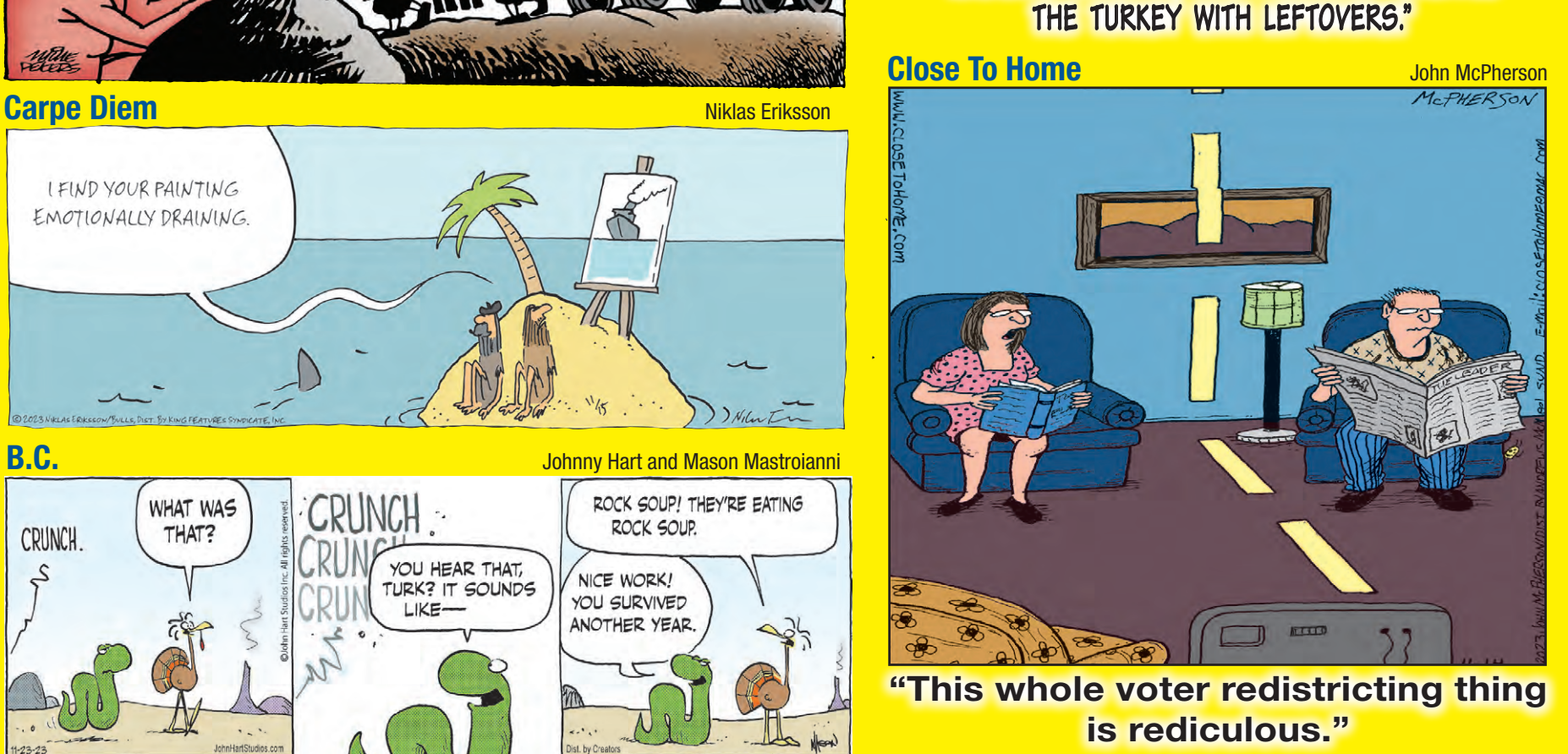
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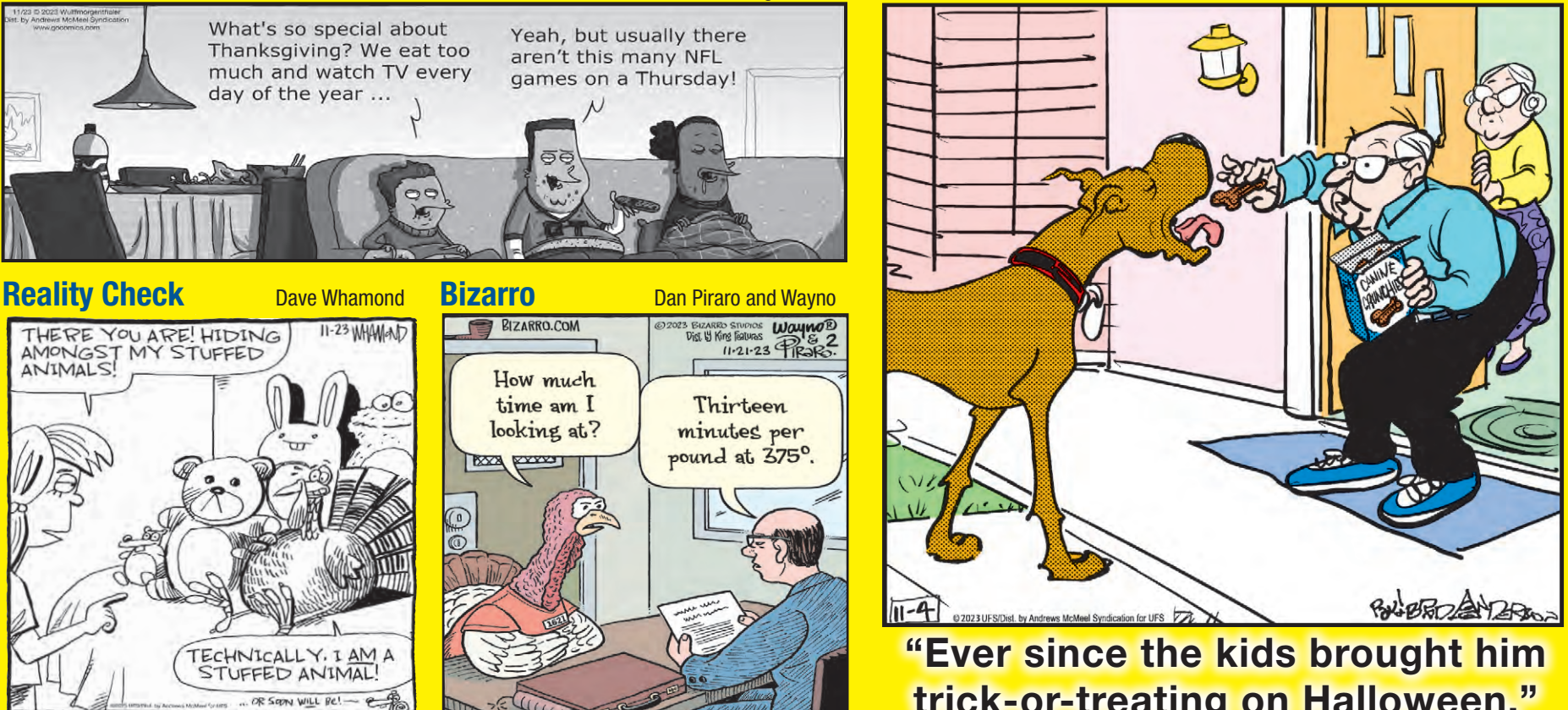
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### Cranberry Salsa

Work with an adult to make this delicious recipe together!

#### Ingredients:

With the help of an adult, chop each of the following:

- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 chili pepper
- ½ red onion
- 1 clove of garlic

Mix the following in a bowl:

- ½ tsp parsley
- ½ tsp ground cumin
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- Zest of small orange
- 6 oz frozen orange juice concentrate

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Store in the refrigerator until all ingredients are chilled and flavors are well combined.

Eat with tortilla chips or put on a sandwich!

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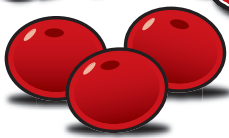


See how many words you can make using the letters in

### CRANBERRIES

# Cranberries

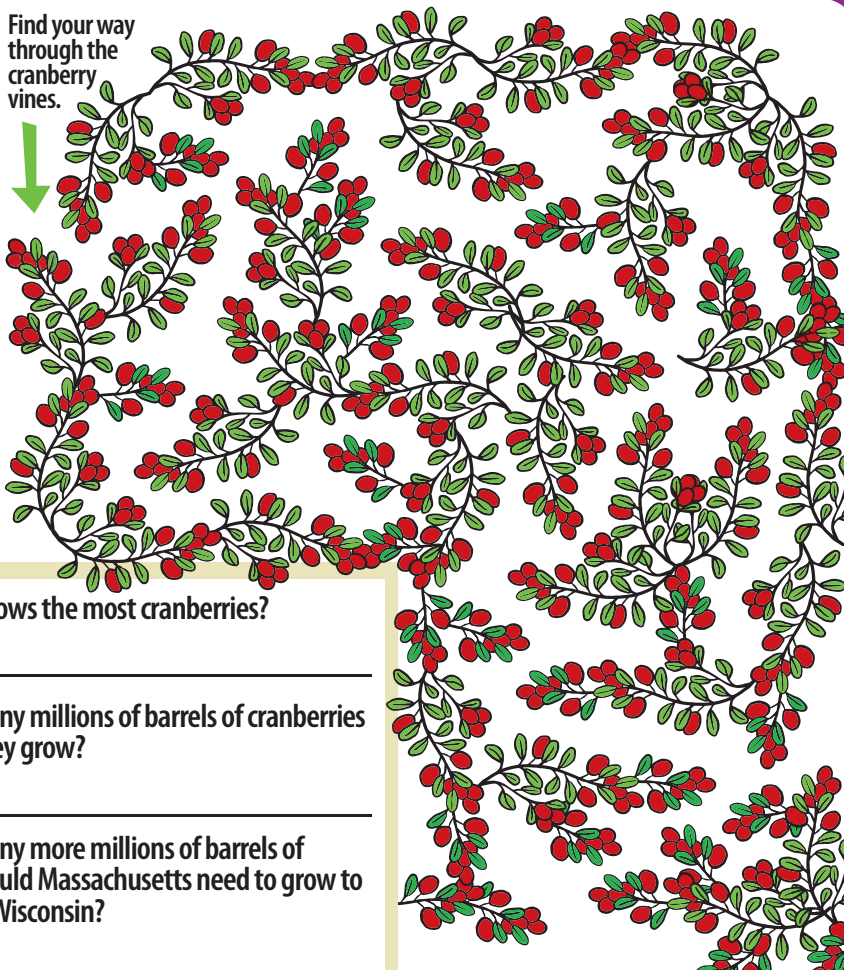
Americans eat about 400 million pounds of cranberries a year!



Many are eaten at Thanksgiving, but there are lots of ways to eat these little red, tangy berries all year round.

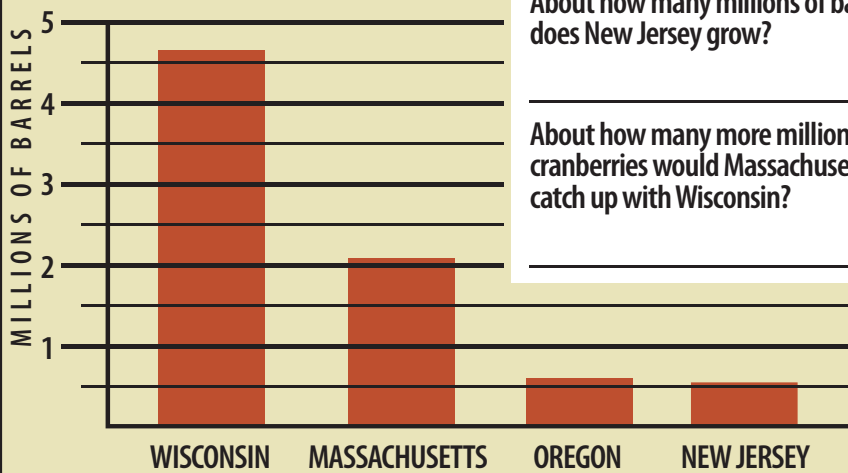
Cranberries are native to North America. Native Americans used them for both food and medicine.

Find your way through the cranberry vines.



## Cranberry Chart

Use the chart to answer the questions!



NOTE: 1 barrel equals 100 pounds of berries.

SOURCE: USDA Economic Research Service and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Standards Link: Number Sense: Interpret data from charts and graphs.

Which state grows the most cranberries?

About how many millions of barrels of cranberries does New Jersey grow?

About how many more millions of barrels of cranberries would Massachusetts need to grow to catch up with Wisconsin?

### Healthy Berries

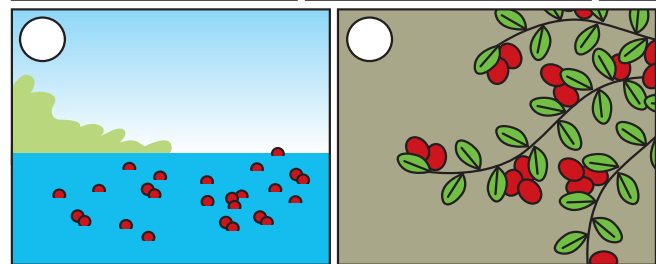
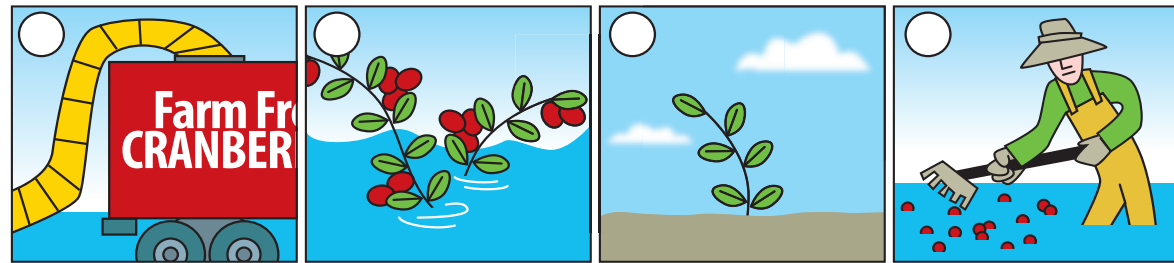
Cranberries are high in Vitamin C. Long ago, sailors and pirates took barrels of cranberries on long voyages. Eating the berries prevented a disease called scurvy.



## Growing and Harvesting Cranberries

Number the pictures in order.

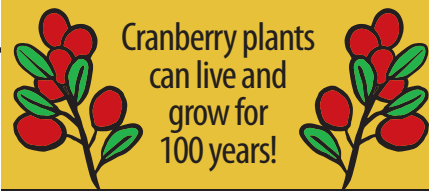
1. Cranberry vines are planted in sandy soil.
2. They grow into long vines that crawl along the ground.
3. When the cranberries are ripe, the farmers flood the field.
4. Cranberries have little air pockets inside that cause them to float to the top of the water.
5. Farmers wearing rubber "waders" walk through the floating cranberries and push them into a big vacuum in the center of the field.
6. The berries are sucked out of the water and end up in a big truck.



### Bee Power

Cranberry farmers need bees. The bees pollinate the plant's blossoms, so they turn into berries.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence events in the correct order.



Extra! Extra!

### Living Things Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- 5 things that are alive
- 4 things to eat
- 3 things made from something alive
- 2 things people need to survive
- 1 thing that you like to eat

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written directions.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Replace the missing words.

### Ways to Eat Cranberries

Some people like the tart \_\_\_\_\_ of cranberries. Others \_\_\_\_\_ them with sugar, maple syrup, or honey.

While they are tart, cranberries can be eaten \_\_\_\_\_ or chopped raw into salsa, salads, and other dishes. Most cranberries are used to make \_\_\_\_\_ sauce and craisins. Craisins® are dried cranberries that look like reddish \_\_\_\_\_.

Canned cranberry sauce is a popular Thanksgiving side \_\_\_\_\_. It can also be enjoyed on turkey sandwiches.

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## Double Double Word Search

- BEES
- CRANBERRY
- EAT
- FARMERS
- FIELD
- FLOAT
- FLOOD
- FOOD
- GROW
- MEDICINE
- RED
- RIPE
- TANGY
- VINES
- WATER

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



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

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **WADERS**

The noun **waders** means high waterproof boots or waterproof pants with attached boots that are used for wading in water.

My mother wears **waders** when she harvests cranberries or goes fishing.

Try to use the word **waders** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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### Put Things in Order

Read a newspaper article and write down the main things that are reported. Number the things that happened in order: first, second, third. Is the order of your list the same or different from the article? Why could that be?

Standards Link: Analyze passages to sequence events.

## What do snowmen eat for Thanksgiving dinner?

ANSWER: Cold-slaw.

## Write On!

### What's your opinion?

Do you like cranberries? Why or why not?

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## South girls swim & dive takes 5th at state final, North finishes 10th

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Strong individual finishes paired with relay teams that hit peak performances at the perfect time helped swim and dive teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North take fifth place and 10th place overall at the 2023 Division 2 state final at the Holland Aquatics Center in Holland Saturday, Nov. 18.

South finished the day with 156 points, edging out Farmington High School by a single point. North earned 88 points, beating out 11th place Berkley by four points. Farmington Hills Mercy ran away with the D2 title with 326 points.

“These guys stuck together and battled to the end,” South’s head coach John Fodell said. “It’s great how they raced.”

The Blue Devils banded together

Saturday morning after learning news that a recent South graduate and former member of South’s boys swim team was in a fatal car accident (see page 2A) Friday night, along with another swimmer from Grosse Pointe who was gravely injured. Given the close nature of the swim community, several Norsemen were affected by the news as well.

Fodell said his team met and were given the option of not swimming Saturday. They elected to race despite very heavy hearts, he said.

“They all swam hard,” he said. “We earned 16 all-states and a ton of personal best times. They stuck it out and fought hard.”

Mischa Eng was South’s top point earner with 28. In individual events, Eng took fourth in the 200 IM in 2:09.63 and sixth in the 100 back (58.27). She

earned all-state medals with those finishes, which requires placing in the top eight or higher.

Sophomore Heidi Bryan helped South with 20 points. She earned all-state honors in the 500 free in 5:12.91. Teammate Maryn Smith took 16th in the event in 5:23.34. Bryan also dropped 0.48 seconds off of her preliminary time in the 200 free to finish 11th overall in 1:57.64.

In the 100 fly, senior Hannah DiDio finished 10th in 59.40, while fellow senior Charlotte Bedsworth finished just three places behind in 13th place in 1:00.42. Vivian Rizer finished just behind Bedsworth in 14th place in 1:00.60.

Senior Alayna Okonoski finished in 16th place in 1 meter diving, earning an important point for the Blue Devils.

Sophomore Whitney



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South’s Mischa Eng starts in the 100 back, where she finished sixth in the event at last weekend’s state final meet. She earned the most points among all Blue Devils at finals, earning 28 points for the team.

Handwork earned 14 points for South, finishing fifth in the 50 free in 24.38. She also was a huge factor in South’s relays, starting with the 200 medley relay. Handwork, along with

Eng, Keira Collins and DiDio took seventh place in 1:49.74, an event won by Farmington in 1:46.2.

South battled with North in the remaining two relays, in races wor-

thy of the teams’ historic rivalry. Norsemen Cailey Hard, Mia Melham, Addie Wakefield and Avery Beal got the best of

See SWIM, page 6D

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## From football to wrestling, Hepner embodies toughness for Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Back in March, Wyatt Hepner made Grosse Pointe South history. As a sophomore, Hepner became the first Blue Devils wrestler to ever make it to a state championship match, finishing as the state runner-up in Division 1 at 126 pounds.

Now, coming off the

heels of a successful season on the gridiron with South’s varsity football team, Hepner is looking to make it back to Ford Field for the 2023-24 state finals. Last season set the bar high, and Hepner knows there is only one more step to take from here.

“I always just want to do better than I did last year and now the only way to do better is to win

it,” he said. “I’ve been training with my club, Wrestling University, in the offseason and going to some camps. I haven’t competed much in the offseason because in the summer I was focused on football, but getting some practice and reps in the offseason I think is a big deal.”

Making it to the state championship match last year was quite a feat

in and of itself for Hepner, and he faced the toughest test possible there. Wrestling as a sophomore, his opponent was Davison’s Caden Horwath, a senior who dominated the 126-pound division his entire high school career and won his fourth consecutive state title by defeating Hepner.

Hepner is a year older now, and with Horwath, who is currently wrestling at the University of Michigan, out of the division, it could mean that the weight class is Hepner’s for the taking. Like every true competitor though, Hepner takes everything one step at a time. It is a mentality that can be especially important in the world of wrestling.

“It doesn’t matter who I’m wrestling, that

match is what matters, it’s like one match for the rest of my life,” Hepner said. “...It doesn’t matter who I’m going to wrestle in like

two matches if I win or if I lose. It’s just about who I’m wrestling now and how I’m going to beat this one opponent. It’s match by match.”

That mentality has helped Hepner overcome some adversity in both wrestling and football. While some might see Hepner lacking some physical size, toughness makes up for a lot.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Wyatt Hepner, pictured during his first-round match at last season’s individual wrestling state finals, was the first South wrestler to ever advance to a state championship match, wrestling for the Division 1 title at 126 pounds.

### Wyatt Wins

- 2022-23 Division 1 wrestling state runner-up at 126 lbs
- 64 total tackles, 50 solo tackles, 4 pass breakups for South football in 2023
- Voted 1st Team All-MAC White and 1st Team All-Region in football

See ATHLETE, page 2D

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## 2D | FOOTBALL

# Longtime friends go all out for Monday Night Football tradition

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

In 1992, Grosse Pointer Matt Reno invited his friend Tom Steen over to watch a Monday Night Football game. Steen returned the invite a few weeks later and the two continued watching games together here and there over the next couple of years.

Sometime in 1994, Steen invited another friend, Vito Tocco, to join him and Reno for one of their Monday night get-togethers.

"After that game, Vito said, 'Next week at my house?' and that started a three-man rotation of hosts," Steen remembered.

And that was when a tradition was born. For nearly three decades, this group of friends living throughout the Pointes and St. Clair Shores have gotten together almost every Monday night during the football season to watch NFL games.

Reno, Steen and



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Longtime friends from around Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores have been gathering to watch Monday Night Football together almost every week for three decades. They include, from left, Matt Reno, Jr., Jim Reno, Chuck Thomas, Matt Reno, Sr., Tom Steen, Vito Tocco, Bill Cosgrove and Greg Steen.

Tocco are still core members of the group, which currently includes other regulars like Jim Reno, Greg Steen, Chuck Thomas and Bill Cosgrove. Over the years, other members have included Jeff

Sparks, Marty VanAlman, Ryan O'Donnell and John Collier.

Much of the group grew up together as friends and attended Grosse Pointe South High School. The guys

are former athletes and some have even gotten into coaching as adults, so naturally their Monday Night Football gatherings are where they share their passion for competition.

"In 2000, we started a

competition to pick the winner of the Monday Night Football game," Steen said. "There are several rules and guidelines that have to be followed. A trophy was created for the winner. There is also a 'loser' trophy for the worst record."

The competition goes beyond football knowledge. The guys in the group always try to one-up each other in having the best game-day setup, mostly when it comes to spreads of food.

Friendly competition among the group also has led to some of the most memorable moments. Their contests for picking games and, of course, fantasy football have created some unforgettable moments of Monday night drama over the years.

"The 'phantom switch' went down in history," Steen said. "We are all allowed to switch our selection prior to the end of the first quarter twice a year. A member

called 'switch' in jest, but was held to it. Otherwise, we would have chaos.

"Another one was when a fantasy team had zero chance of winning, but due to the losing team having to continually lateral the ball on receiving a kick-off, it led to the inevitable fumble and the opposing team returned it for a touchdown as time expired. The odds went from zero percent to 100 percent."

Even with all the friendly competition, at the end of the day it is all about enjoying football and friends. Steen, Reno, Tocco and the rest of the group are still going strong and have no plans to end their football tradition anytime soon.

"Even though we've had some turnover, the core of us now joke that we will have to get an urn, to carry the ashes of deceased members until there's only one man standing," Steen said. "It won't be nearly as fun."



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

Wyatt Hepner, left, and his dad, Chad Hepner, together after another win for South football this season. Hepner had 64 tackles for the Blue Devils in 2023 and was named first team All-MAC White and first team All-Region.

## ATHLETE:

Continued from page 1D

"(Wyatt) is just such a great athlete even if he came into high school undersized in football," South freshman football head coach and former wrestling head coach Tony Cimmarusti said. "...He's gotten more size and been phenomenal at the varsity level. I don't think anybody anticipated he would be as great as he was this year. Same thing with wrestling, he came in and was second in the state as a sophomore... As good as he is in sports, he's an even better person."

As the seasons transition from fall to winter, Hepner is getting ready to make the switch from football back to wrestling. Hepner has been playing football ever since elementary school, when he began playing flag football and then youth ball with the Macomb Mustangs and Grosse Pointe Red Barons before getting to high school and joining

South's program.

As a junior, this fall was Hepner's first full season on the Blue Devils' varsity football squad. He ended the year with 64 tackles, including five tackles for loss, and was voted first team All-MAC White and first team All-Region.

"The whole wrestling aspect just makes you a better tackler I think," Hepner said about how his skills translate from wrestling to the gridiron. "It also has to do with body control. If you're up in the air making a tackle or whatever, you have to know where your body is and what you're doing...And the athleticism and being able to have the footwork and knowing how to move when you're doing whatever you're doing. The mind and body connection translates to both."

This football season was also special not just because of the success Hepner had on the field, but because of who was on the sidelines watch-

ing him achieve it. His dad, Chad Hepner, who is South's varsity head football coach.

Chad Hepner can also be found at every South wrestling match he can make it to, cheering on his son, and this was the first full season where Hepner got to play football under his dad. Whether his dad is cheering him on from the sidelines at wrestling matches or coaching him on the sidelines at football games, the connection between father and son built through sports has seemingly never been stronger.

"It's real awesome being able to play for my dad," Hepner said. "...It's special because of the connection we already have, and it's just fun. When it comes time to critique me, the dad part goes away and he's just a football coach, but it just strengthens our bond even more."

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Grosse Pointe News



# Nine sign on the dotted line!

## College commitments send Grosse Pointe athletes coast-to-coast in '24

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter  
and  
Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Friends, family members, coaches and teammates showed up in huge numbers to support nine athletes from schools in the Pointes who signed their National Letters of Intent (NLI) this month. Three signing ceremonies took place at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School, where supporters shared ample smiles and congratulatory hugs and handshakes with the athletes in a happy celebration to mark their years of hard work and dedication.

The signings signified the moment when an athlete's verbal commitment became a formalized binding agreement between themselves and their future college or university.

Here's a look at these special ceremonies and where these gifted athletes will be heading:

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

**Natalie Babcock**

Softball  
University of Detroit-Mercy

**Brennan Hill**

Baseball  
University of Michigan

**Amelia Streberger**

Soccer  
University of Detroit-Mercy

**Jenna Winoewicki**

Basketball  
Gannon University

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

**Avery Bellish**

Softball  
Clarion University

**Carly Brown**

Crew  
Stanford University

**Elizabeth Peberdy**

Crew  
University of Tennessee

**Karter Richards**

Basketball  
Lake Superior State University

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

**Preston Barr**

Baseball  
University of Michigan



North pitcher Brennan Hill officially becomes a Wolverine, signing his letter to play baseball at the University of Michigan.



From left, Avery Bellish, Carly Brown, Elizabeth Peberdy and Karter Richards sign their National Letters of Intent Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Grosse Pointe South.



Go Blue! University Liggett's Preston Barr, center, signs his National Letter of Intent to play baseball at the University of Michigan. Barr's family joined him at the signing, including his dad Kurt (left), his mom Kate (right), and his brother Deagan (standing).



Surrounded by teammates and coaches from North's girls basketball team, Jenna Winoewicki signs on to play hoops at Gannon University in Pennsylvania.



Good ol' Rocky Top! South senior Elizabeth Peberdy (center) celebrates her commitment to row for the women's crew team at the University of Tennessee, Pa., next fall alongside her mom, Theresa and dad, Matt.



Blue Devil senior Avery Bellish commits to play Division 2 softball at Clarion University in Clarion, Pa., next fall alongside her mom, Theresa and dad, Matt.



Karter Richards (front center) will take his talents onto the hardwood in the Upper Peninsula next season at Lake Superior State University, where he will play for the men's varsity basketball team. He is joined by his siblings and parents (from left to right) Keke, Korver, dad Kevin, mom Kara and Kooper.



Go Cardinal! Carly Brown (center) makes the commitment to go west and row for the women's varsity crew team at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., in 2024. She is joined on signing day in the back row by her crew coaches, Mike Gentile and Molly Packer and in the front row by her dad, Rob and mom, Jen.



Natalie Babcock's family watches as she officially signs on to play softball at University of Detroit-Mercy.



North photos by Mike Adzima  
South photos by Meg Leonard  
University Liggett courtesy photo

After helping lead North's girls soccer team to a state championship in the spring, Amelia Streberger will continue her soccer career at University of Detroit-Mercy.

# 4D | HOCKEY



## Open season

PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

Norsemen and Knights tussle in front of the net in the season opener at University Liggett, where the girls varsity hockey team unveiled their 2022-23 state championship banner Tuesday, Nov. 14, before facing off against Grosse Pointe North. The Knights ran away with a 7-1 win, led by freshman left winger Stella Smiatcz, who opened up the scoring with her first goal of her high school career. She later added an assist to earn the game puck for her play in the Knight's victory.

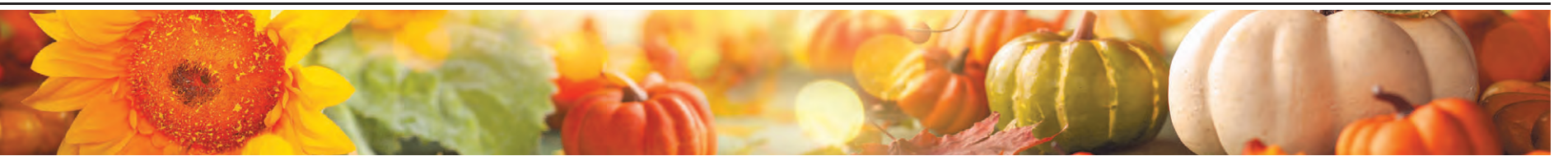


## Blue Devils bounce back

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Oliver Sharpe takes a faceoff for Grosse Pointe South boys hockey in the team's home-opener against Marysville on Saturday, Nov. 18. The Blue Devils won the game 3-2 for their first victory of the season, bouncing back from a 4-3 loss in overtime to Bay City on Friday night. The Blue Devils played away at Trenton Wednesday after press time. They hit the road again on Friday, Nov. 24, for a weekend tournament in Big Rapids. Come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week for more boys and girls hockey coverage with winter sports season previews.

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# Wrestling club returns for 21st year

Athletes from kindergarten through eighth grade once again will have the opportunity to learn about wrestling from some of the most talented coaches and former wrestlers from around the Pointes and the state of Michigan as the Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club is ready to begin another season. The club is open to Grosse Pointe area students. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Nov. 28, with practices being held in the wrestling room of the main gym at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club is run by founder and former Grosse Pointe South wrestling coach Tony Cimmarrusti. A former captain of the Harvard University wrestling team, Cimmarrusti will be joined by current South wrestling coaches Pat and Dave Salazar along with several other current and former Blue Devil and Norsemen wrestlers.

All practices will be divided into two groups running simultaneously for both newcomers and more advanced wrestlers. A sign-up meeting for parents will be held before the first two practices on Nov. 28 and Nov. 30. The cost is \$75 for the first child per family and \$35 for each additional child. Cost covers the entire season, which runs through late February.

For more info, email GPWrestlingclub48236@gmail.com.

## SWIM:

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South in the 200 free relay, out-touching South for fifth place in 1:39.86. South's Handwork, Lorelei Carr, Bedsworth and Bryan finished sixth in 1:40.62. Both teams earned all-state honors in the event.

The Blue Devils struck back in the 400 free, dropping 3.23 from its preliminary time to move up three places to take fifth place, with North finishing seventh. Handwork, DiDio, Eng and Bryan swam South to an all-state time of 3:36.76. North's Hard, Kennedy Hasting, Wakefield and Beal dropped a half second off of their seed time, swimming to seventh place in an all-state time of 3:39.19.

The all-state relays, paired with the performances of junior Avery

*'Top five is amazing....this definitely sets up great momentum for next season.'*

JOHN FODELL, SOUTH GIRLS SWIM & DIVE HEAD COACH, ON HIS TEAM'S STATE MEET PERFORMANCE

Beal and Cailey Hard in individual events last weekend helped North place in the state's top 10.

Head coach Chris Trepanowski said his team stepped up in a big way.

"We are thrilled with our performance this weekend at the state meet," he said. "These seven girls have been consistently working hard since August in preparation for this meet and they did not disappoint."

Avery Beal set the pace for the Norsemen, earning 33 points for the team. In two of the most competitive races of the meet, Beal finished second in the 100 free in 52.58, and third overall in the 50

yard free in 24.00 flat. In the 50 free, Beal dropped 0.14 in the final and only a whisper behind South Lyon's Emma Klotz, who touched for second place in 23.69.

Beal earned all-state in both events.

"(She) just lit up the water as she fought her way to second and third place finishes as she swam personal records in both the 100 and 50 free," Trepanowski said. "She was among the top individual point scorers of all the girls at the meet."

Hard took the 14th spot in the 200 free in 1:59.28.

"Cailey posted season bests in both her individual events and had a tremendous impact on



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOUTH GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

**Blue Devils and Norsemen celebrate fantastic finishes in their 400 freestyle relays in which South finished fifth overall and North took seventh. Each relay team earned all-state honors by placing in the top eight in the event.**

our 200 and 400 free swimmer was eager to relays," Trepanowski swim their best. said, adding that every "Based on our pre-

meet seedings, we knew we had the possibility of going top eight and the girls were super hungry for the all-state ranking. They went out two days in a row to give it everything they had and it worked. They swam their hearts out."

The Norsemen's head coach said the team plans to build on its success next season.

"To be able to finish 10th out of the 48 teams that were represented is just a great feeling and a tribute to all the hard work these girls put in during the season. We can't wait for next year."

Fodell said South also will use the 2023 state final as a building block for next year. He credits this year's team for exceeding expectations.

"Top five is amazing," he said. "I didn't think this year would be a trophy year, but they were determined. We have some points graduating with some seniors that are leaving, but this definitely sets up great momentum for next season."

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 16, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on September 21, 2023, and the Planning Commission meeting held on October 25, 2023.
- 2) to add to the agenda the Delinquent Transfers to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll.
- 3) to open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget.
- 4) to close the Public Hearing.
- 5) to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to make necessary repairs to county roads and sidewalks, and further to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to take any necessary restorative corrections to county roads and sidewalks, and further to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to temporarily close county roads and/or place temporary banners within the right-of-way.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 128455 through 128650 in the amount of \$865,806.57 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of November 2023. (3) . approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,195.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,100.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs.(5) approve payment to the State of Michigan - EGLE in the amount of \$7,078.43 for the city's annual water supply fee. (6) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$40,034.20 for professional services during the month of October 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Kelly Road Planning, #180-322; Beaconsfield Crossing, #180-266; Joint Crack Sealing Project, #180-288; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Concrete Repair, #180-315; Community Center Grant, #180-323; Recreation Center Concept, #180-319; Eastland Center, #180-244; San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-316; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-314; Stormwater Pump Improvements, #180-326; San. Sewer Cleaning, #180-317; Temp Water Operator, #180-303 and the 2023 User Charge, #180-296. (7) . approve payment to Adams Group Inc. in the amount of \$20,388.00 for the demolition of 20950 Lancaster. (8) approve the appointment of DamarQio Williams as an alternate to the Board of Review with his term expiring in January 2027.
- 2) to adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2024.

General	19.2617
PA 359	.1925
Refuse	2.4573
Milk River Drain	11.8750
Library	1.8458
Debt	____.3750
Total	36.0073

- 3) to approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2024 Budget as presented.
- 4) in accordance with Milk River Intercounty Drain Assessments, Chap. 21, 1956 PA 40, as amended and its obligations under the Michigan Drain Code, Harper Woods City is mandated to levy 11.875 mills on all taxable properties in the City to fund the Milk River Intercounty Drain Assessments on its tax bills dated December 1, 2023.
- 5) to approve the Commodity Charge of \$30.99/MCF for water and \$36.09/MCF for sewer, to approve the Fixed Service Charge of \$11.58/month for water and \$20.41/month for sewer and to approve the Fixed Debt Service Charge of \$2.50/month for sewer for all water/sewer billed on or after January 1, 2024.
- 6) to approve the contract between the City of Harper Woods and SMART for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and further to authorize the Mayor to sign this on behalf of the City.
- 7) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain.
- 8) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$66,054.04 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.
- 9) to approve payment to Insituform Technologies USA in the amount of \$85,832.55 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2023 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining, #180-316.
- 10) to approve the transfer of \$45,558.49 for Miscellaneous City Services, \$17,970.00 for Special Pickups and \$543.08 for Meter Replacements (total of \$64,071.57) to the 2023 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the acting Treasurer..

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

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|------------------------|-------------------|
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| 2008 DODGE CARAVAN     | 2D8HN54P18R145804 |
| 2006 BUICK LUCERNE     | 1G4HD57246U193438 |
| 2001 LINCOLN TWN CAR   | 1LNHM85W41Y617693 |
| 2009 SATURN AURA       | 1G8ZV57899F180497 |
| 2008 SATURN VUE        | 3G5CL33P98S687941 |
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| 2000 ASSEM CAR DOLLY   | NO VIN            |
| 2011 BUICK LACROSSE    | 1G4GC5ED08F200998 |
| 2010 CHEVY TRAVERSE    | 1GNLVFED5AJ223425 |
| 2013 AUDI S4           | WAUDGAF13DA087135 |
| 2016 FORD FUSION       | 1FA6P0G79G5117572 |
| 2020 COLEMAN MINIBIKE  | L0BPTNMY9L0004818 |
| 2021 COLEMAN MINIBIKE  | LWGPCMLC4MA029844 |
| 2012 FRTLNR CASCADIA   | 1FUJGLBG7CSBU9893 |
| 2009 CHRYSLER TWN/CTRY | 2A8HR54109R679076 |

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Lt. Thomas Teatsorth  
Traffic Safety Section

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### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purposes of considering amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Section 50-5.3, Off-street parking requirements, and Section 50-5.5, Residential parking and semicircular drives.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's Office, up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313-343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us).

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at 313-343-2426 or e-mail [building@gpwmi.us](mailto:building@gpwmi.us).

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City Clerk

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