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Ballots recalled

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Park city administration arrived to work Tuesday, Oct. 12, with notice that all absentee ballots for the November election needed to be recalled.

A resident identified the problem — the judicial election is listed as “non-incumbent,” where Carl Jarboe should be listed as an incumbent candidate — and reported it to the county, who in turn called the Park.

“When the proofing was being done,” City Clerk Jane Blahut said, “the municipal judge, who’s our incumbent, it should have said, ‘incum-

bent,’ under his name and it didn’t. So we missed it, the county missed it and the state missed it. It wasn’t (caught) until a resident called the county and informed them and they informed us.

“All I can say is we’re working with the state and the county on proceeding,” she added. “Replacement ballots will be sent to all those residents who applied for an absentee ballot and we are taking the directions from the state (and) county on how to proceed so every vote counts.”

Before the mislabel was pointed out, around 700 of 2,300 ballots had been

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fisher Road between Kercheval and Mack remains in poor condition.

Fisher denied MDOT grant

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS — The third time was not the charm for the City and Farms, which recently found out they were not awarded a Michigan Department of

Transportation grant to resurface Fisher Road between Mack and Kercheval for the third year in a row.

Applying for the grant in May, the Pointes attempted to better their chances by offering to split 60 percent of the

cost of the work and requesting only 40 percent of the \$812,200 needed.

So where did it go wrong? In the 139 application requests for more than \$41.9 million MDOT received, only \$3 million in funding was available.

“We thought we had a better chance, obviously, because this was a multi-year application ... and (it) gets special consideration if it’s a joint jurisdiction, which obviously this was with Grosse

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New patches for Park public safety

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — After more than a century since its inception, the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety is slated to install patches onto its uniforms by the turn of the year.

Tradition kept the department from making big changes in this creative direction in the past, according to Public Safety Officer Matt Reyes. Reyes remembers toying with the idea of getting patches for the department since he started six years ago. An involved resident’s per-



The Park Department of Public Safety will debut its first patches, designed by Public Safety Officer Matt Reyes, by Jan. 1.

sistence ultimately prompted Reyes to draft a patch.

“I’ve always (been) a creative person,” Reyes said. “... I always thought that we needed to have patches. I think having a patch is a good way to separate yourselves from other departments and just show pride in where you work. I’ve always kind of floated it around, but we’ve never had them.”

When Reyes was out to dinner with his wife one night, the resident, Jeffrey Powers, sent him several patch renderings. Reyes decided he’d bring the idea to Deputy Director Jim Bostock and Director Bryan Jarrell.

“They said, ‘You know what? I think it’s time we get patches, but let’s take a vote,’” Reyes said. “... (Overwhelmingly) the guys voted ‘yes’ for patches.”

Reyes merged several of Powers’ drafts into the final patch design, which depicts a rendering of the Michigan state seal; the Star of Life, the symbol of emergency medical services; a fire department symbol; and the outline of a police badge.

“I think it’s going to look sharp,” Reyes said. Residents may expect to see all officers donning the new patches by Jan. 1, 2022, at the latest.

Farewell to Farquhar

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With the election already underway through absentee voting, Monday marked the last city council meeting for councilman and former mayor James Farquhar, who is stepping down from his seat.

“I just want to say thank you to all the residents,” he said. “It’s been a pleasure to be on the council. ... I’d say about 98 percent of it has been pure pleasure.”

Holding the title of the city’s longest-serving mayor, Farquhar led the Farms 14 years before spending another six on city council, two of them as mayor pro tem.

Even prior to those two decades, he helped form the city’s beautification committee and has been heavily active with the parks and harbor committee since 1985.

“He’s always been a cheerleader for the city



James Farquhar

and for administration,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “There’s times when some of us would be discouraged or felt down and Jim’s always been there to pick us all up and (has) been the voice of optimism.”

In honor of Farquhar’s last meeting after 20 years of service, Mayor Louis Theros set aside time at the beginning of the meeting for city officials to each have a chance to say a few

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Masquerade for the Stacks is Oct. 23

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation presents Masquerade for the Stacks, a benefit for the Grosse Pointe Public Library, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Country Club of Detroit,

220 Country Club, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The black-tie-optional event features cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, dancing and a live auction with auctioneer Lori Stefek.

“Guests are encouraged to don masquerade masks and embrace the celebratory spirit of the

event,” said Beth Vernon, executive director of the GPLF. “Gabriel Brass Band will lead our sponsors to the main event and the Paxton Spangler Quintet will provide entertainment during dinner and after for dancing.”

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Dr. Alexander Bill, D.O.

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Spinnaker open for business; casual dining on its way

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — When demolition of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club’s Spinnaker Room commenced in March 2021, contractors discovered hand-painted murals dating back to the 1930s hidden behind the walls.

“It’s on plaster, so it wasn’t something we could take out,” General Manager Aaron Wagner explained, “but what we did is we actually had art people come in and preserve them behind the wall, so that in the future if anybody wanted to do something with them, they could.”

The Spinnaker Room fully reopened to members last Thursday and, along with the club’s lobby area, is the first of large-scale ongoing renovation work to be completed.

As the space has not been updated in at least 50 years, largely everything in the upscale restaurant was replaced.

Gone are the ceiling tiles and brown wallpaper. Now, original artwork from the Detroit Historical Society decorates tasteful white paneling.

Tablecloths were replaced with locally and custom-made wood and marble tables with nautical rope on the base; leather silverware pouches were made by Pingree, a veteran-owned Detroit company whose proceeds benefit veterans; and the bar was designed to serve those dining alone or who come early for their table, rather than anyone simply wanting a drink.

For that, members soon will be able to patronize the new main dining room to experience the opposite end of the dining spectrum.



The octagon room — previously empty aside from being used for the occasional banquet — currently is being transformed into the main dining room to offer a more casual experience to members.

Focused around a large, marble, octagon-shaped bar in the center of the space with mounted televisions so members can watch sports games, the dining room will seat approximately 100 and offer an upscale casual fare menu such as burgers, truffle fries and fried perch. An adjacent room will offer a special seating area to separate those with particularly large parties.

“We’re super excited about this,” Wagner said, “because members of clubs, they don’t want the formal anymore. They want the casual, the fun, the kids. This will be kind of like your everyday



Above, the entirely renovated Spinnaker Room reopened to members last week. Left, murals uncovered during demolition can be seen in this historical photo of the Spinnaker Room.

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place to go.” Walls which were once black and dark brown have been repainted white to lighten the space, while new light fixtures are replicas of what hung in the space 100 years ago.

French doors also will be incorporated to allow for a raised-stone patio with around 15 tables outside.

While the main dining room is anticipated to open to members the first week of November, the patio likely will not be built until next year.

The yacht club’s overall renovation efforts also include uncovering original, 100-year-old flooring in the rotunda and the



The main dining room, to open early November, will offer members a casual dining experience.

addition of the Commodore’s Wine Vault, which will offer 40 private wine vaults. Currently, there is a wine cellar downstairs, but it boasts an eight-year waiting list.

Designs and renderings for the project were created by architect Patrick

Ahearn, who is considered one of the top architects in the world and also happens to be a GPYC member.

When the club approached Ahearn to consult during the beginning stages of renovating and it was acknowledged they probably could not meet his budget, Ahearn simply offered to do all the design work for free.

“For how much work we’re doing, that’s hundreds of thousands of dollars,” Wagner said.

The funding for contractors, he also noted, has come entirely from nearly \$5 million in donations raised in the last four

and a half years.

“All of what you see has been donations,” he said. “The club isn’t paying for any of this. It’s really amazing.”

A large focus of the multifaceted renovation efforts at the club was on providing members a variety of venue options. Prior to the renovation projects, the club’s two restaurants offered identical menus and attire expectations.

“I want to make members feel like if they come here two, three times a week, they can get completely different experiences if they want,” Wagner said.

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The light fixtures seen in this historical photo of the main dining room will be incorporated into its renovation.

Council proclaims Oct. 20 as Donnie Cook Day

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A community icon for animal lovers, Donnie Cook, owner of Lou's Pet Shop, has been granted an official day in commemoration of his extraordinary service to the Grosse Pointe Woods community. Council proclaimed Oct. 20, 2021, as Donnie Cook Day in Grosse Pointe Woods at its meeting Monday, Oct. 4.

The city nominated Cook for the mParks-Michigan Recreation and Park Association and the Professional Recognition Committee's 2020 Community Service Award, for which he was selected as a winner Sept. 9.

"Just say Donnie will be there and local children



FILE PHOTO

Donnie Cook wows the community with collections of birds, lizards, hedgehogs, giant rabbits and more.

and parents flock to see him at multiple Grosse Pointe Woods community events throughout the year," the proclamation

reads. Cook's programming educates children and adults alike via his collection of birds, lizards,

hedgehogs, giant rabbits — Levi and Finn — and various creatures. Franky, his giant tortoise, also frequently accompanies

Cook, many times stealing the show. His volunteer services are furthered through his "university," designed for area children 8 to 15 years old. "It encourages them to enjoy the amazing things happening at Lou's Pet Shop while teaching responsibility, instilling a positive early work ethic and providing an opportunity for children to connect with nature through pet keeping," the proclamation reads.

"Grosse Pointe Woods events are greatly enhanced by the generous voluntary contributions of Donnie Cook," the proclamation concludes, "and the community is enriched by his commitment to teaching future generations how important it is to care for all living things." "It's just such an amazing community to do business in," Cook said of the Woods. "... I'm honored to be part of this community."

DPW recognized for flood efforts

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Department of public works crew chiefs Matthew Crook and Edwin Hall were recognized at a council meeting Monday, Oct. 4, for their outstanding service to the community during the storm event June 25-26. Crook and Hall, who have been with the department since 1998 and 2000, respectively, were called upon to maintain the Torrey Road pump station throughout the night; Director of Public Services Frank Schulte said the two worked more than 18 hours straight.

"Your actions showed initiative and courage in a dangerous situation," Mayor Arthur Bryant read. "Your dedication and duty were greatly appreciated by the citizens and businesses of this community." The pair were presented recognition certificates for their "tireless work during the historic flooding event," to be entered into their personnel files. "I appreciate your hard work and dedication and so does the city of Grosse Pointe Woods," Schulte said.

— Kate Vanderstelt



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Project complete

Grosse Pointe Farms city officials celebrated the new Pier Park gazebo with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 26. From left, City Manager Shane Reeside; Ed Wujek, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation trustee; Mayor Louis Theros; Michael Ottaway, foundation chairman; Councilman James Farquhar; and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Ricci.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, OCT. 18**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods committee-of-the-whole meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17145 Maumee.
- TUESDAY, OCT. 19**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Boofest, 6 p.m. at Osius Park.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

Honored

The Futures Foundation recently hosted "A Night of Celebration," honoring Jim Nicholson and Dana Locniskar, on Aug. 19, at Meadow Brook Hall. Guests enjoyed cocktails and camaraderie on the grounds of the historic Dodge Mansion and were treated to live jazz played by The RJ Spangler Quintet. As part of the program, guests also were treated to performances by an ensemble of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, complete with light-sabers during the evening's final performance of the "Star Wars" theme. The Futures Foundation provides support to children and adults with special needs in Wayne, Oakland and



COURTESY PHOTO

Jim Nicholson, left, and Dana Locniskar recently were honored by the Futures Foundation.

Macomb counties. An annual fundraiser to support the foundation's "A Night of Celebration" raised \$560,000.

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words of appreciation. "It was Jim, along with two other people, that spoke to me about running for this seat," Councilwoman Beth Konrad-Wilberding said. "I have sought out his guidance. I look at him as an example. We don't always agree on every-

thing, but I'll tell you one thing we do agree on. The No. 1 thing that he has in his heart and on his mind and always the priority on his agenda is for everything (to be) the best for Grosse Pointe Farms." A few of Farquhar's many efforts to better the city included the harbor expansion and renovation, exploring the potential sharing of city

services between cities, Kerby Field plans and various improvements to Pier Park. "You were a wonderful asset to our city, Jim, and we'll miss you," Councilman Lev Wood said. Although stepping down from decades-long involvement with city council, Farquhar intends to remain active with the city and keep his place on

the parks and harbor committee. "He's been a great servant to the city," Theros said. "I know he will not go away. I know he will continue to work on the parks and harbor committee and continue to serve the community. So, Jim, from the bottom of my heart, I say thank you for all your years of service. You've done a tremendous job."

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Park physician sees surgeries as a form of art

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A young Alexander Bill knew early on the career path he wanted to take.

“I always really enjoyed using my hands, building things like models, model airplanes, LEGOs,” he said. “And I always took art classes; I loved drawing.

“When you combine the two, I think cosmetic surgery is a form of art,” he continued.

Knowing he was destined to be a surgeon, Bill, who was born and raised in Grosse Pointe, shadowed a local plastic surgeon in his teens.

“I was hooked,” he said.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and attended medical school at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee. From there, he completed his residency at McLaren Macomb, spending five years in otolaryngology, or head, neck and facial plastic surgery.

Following a fellowship at the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, the Grosse Pointe North High School grad now specializes in cosmetic surgery of the face, breast and body, and is board certified in otolaryngology and cosmetic surgery.

“I have an artistic eye,” Bill said. “Everyone is different, so not every



Left, Dr. Alexander Bill is all smiles in the operating room. Right, Bill and his wife, Ashley, on a hike in Sedona, Ariz.

facelift is the same. ... I can’t do the same exact procedure for everybody. But if you don’t have an artistic eye, you wouldn’t get as good a result.

“I’m a perfectionist,” he added, “which is a good thing in this field. If I don’t get a response from my patients that they’re absolutely ecstatic and thrilled with the results, it affects me too. I guess I’m a bit of an empath. I feel a close connection with my patients.”

After spending three years as a junior associ-

ate with another doctor, Bill said he felt it was time to break off on his own. He opened his own practice July 1.

His office, located at 22631 Greater Mack, Ste. 300, in St. Clair Shores, is an accredited surgery center with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. The in-house, same-day surgery center provides a level of comfort to patients seeking privacy.

“We have a full team of anesthesiologists, nurses, assistants and recovery,”



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my consultations for an hour and I spend that whole hour with the patient. We go over every detail of every area they’re concerned with. I want them to be comfortable with me. I don’t try to sell them anything. I ask them what they want and I do my best to make that happen.”

Bill, who still has privileges at McLaren Macomb, said many of his patients enjoy the close proximity of his office to the Pointes, which he still calls home.

He and his wife, Ashley, moved into a 100-year-old Tudor in Grosse Pointe Park in July 2020.

The pair have been married just shy of four years. Their wedding reflected another great love between them: heavy metal music. The couple exchanged vows at The Gem Theatre so they could wed onstage; their guests were asked to dress like they were going to a concert.

Bill shares that fun-loving spirit in other areas of interest, too. He’s a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and enjoys boating, fishing, pond hockey and ice fishing.

“And we like to hike a lot,” he said. “We’re always trying to get in as many fun things as we can.”

For more on Bill and his services, find him on Instagram @dr_alexander_bill.

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Pointe City,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said. “We’re disappointed that we’re not getting that funding.”

With grant funding off the table, at least this year, work on the stretch of Fisher in the City defaults back to previously scheduled plans to tackle Fisher improvements in six years.

In the Farms, when the work may commence is yet to be determined. Results from the annual PASER rating program, detailing the conditions of each road in the Farms, are anticipated to be complete in January and will help city administration determine which roads need to be worked

on and in what order.

“(Fisher is) in poor condition and it will rate poorly, so it will be a higher priority street,” Reeside said, “and so we’ll look at that (and) look at our funding in coordination with Grosse Pointe City to have a better idea of when that can be tackled.”

The cities also may consider applying for the MDOT grant for a fourth time next year, depending on timing and the PASER rating.

“It may reach a point where we just can’t continue to count on funding and wait (and) we have to take action,” Reeside said, adding the work could be scheduled regardless, with the cities applying for the funding in an attempt to do it in tandem.

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Proceeds from this year’s event will benefit the expansion of the youth room at Central Library.

“The expansion will include twice as much dedicated space for youth services,” Vernon said, noting the creation of “quiet” and “loud” zones to provide multiple forms of play and engagement, a dedicated story-time area, an interactive play wall, a lounge area for tweens, computer stations, cubbies for visitor storage, a family restroom and stroller parking.

“To help accomplish this major funding goal, we have launched an incredible matching program — the Adele Huebner matching grant — which will double every dollar raised, up to



\$250,000,” Vernon said. “Ms. Huebner was deeply invested in the improve-

ment of the Central branch and we hope she’d be proud of the plans for preservation and expansion.”

This year’s Masquerade for the Stacks is dedicated to the memory of George R. McMullen Jr., who served on the foundation’s board of directors for three years before his death in December 2020.

“As so many in this community can attest, George was enthusiastically dedicated to the betterment of the Grosse Pointes,” Vernon said,

“and contributed his time, talent and efforts to the organizations working to enlighten, engage, educate and include every one of us. We hope to honor his generous spirit and celebrate the man who was our friend.”

Cost is \$150 per person for dinner and entertainment, or \$250 for a VIP reception, dinner and entertainment.

Tickets for this year’s event are going fast, Vernon said, and may be purchased by calling (313) 640-4683. For information, visit gplf.org.

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Operating while intoxicated

When a 49-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at Mack Avenue and Rivard Boulevard at 9:21 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, because his vehicle did not have operating tail lights, the officer observed his slurred speech and bloodshot eyes.

He refused a preliminary breath test and was arrested for operating while intoxicated, as well as cited for PBT refusal, driving while license suspended, not having insurance and defective equipment.

Cracking the defenses

Officers responded to a burglary alarm at a business in the 17000 block of Mack Avenue at 4:40 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, to find glass on the front door cracked but not completely shattered.

Security footage showed two suspects arriving at the building in a gray Charger and looking into it before one returned to the vehicle to get a sledgehammer. After smashing the glass door once, the alarm went off and both suspects immediately fled.

Sleight of hand

A 63-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 9:57 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, shortly after a store manager witnessed him pretending to scan items at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue and then leave without paying for \$389.40 of goods.

A crack pipe and rock were found in his pocket upon arrest, which were added to his charges.

Childish, drunken antics

After being pulled over at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Mack Avenue and Touraine Road because his vehicle was swerving and did not have headlights or rear lights activated, a 47-year-old Detroit man was found to have slurred speech and glassy eyes.

After refusing to take a preliminary breath test several times, the man agreed only to again refuse and say he just wanted to make the officer walk back to his scout car to retrieve it.

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He was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

In need of new friends

After disregarding a stop sign at Washington Road and Charlevoix Street while driving at a high rate of speed, a 19-year-old Park man was pulled over at 1:32 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. He had been driving so aggressively his brakes were smoking.

The driver, who admitted to drinking alcohol, said he was trying to impress the passengers in the car.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .125 percent, for which he was arrested.

Two fake IDs also were found in his wallet.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Found bicycle

A bicycle was found near Fisher Road and Mack Avenue at 3:05 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Crossing the line

A 31-year-old Detroit man disobeyed a stop sign at Moran Road and Grosse Pointe Boulevard while driving at a high rate of speed before coming to an abrupt stop, protruding into the intersection at 9:47 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Upon being pulled over, the man was cited for driving while license suspended, as well as advised and released on multiple warrants.

Felony warrants

After being pulled over at Mack Avenue and Gateshead Street for a defective headlight and expired plate at 12:59 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, a 40-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for two felony warrants out of Macomb County.

Calling police on yourself

Officers were called to

the area of Mack Avenue and Bournemouth Drive at 5:31 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, by a 34-year-old Detroit man who believed he was being tracked on his phone and was having trouble breathing.

After officers determined it appeared he was not being tracked and paramedics deemed him in fine condition, it was found he had warrants for larceny, stolen property and child support.

The man decided not to be transported to a hospital and was arrested.

Hit and run

A Lincoln Town Car was seen making a left turn off Williams Avenue onto Merriweather Road at 9:13 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, and then striking a parked vehicle.

The driver corrected the turn and then drove away.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Naked theft spree

Residents of a Shoreham Road house noticed a hallway light on at 7:23 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, and found a 44-year-old Pontiac man wearing only women’s underwear going through a box of their belongings. It is believed he entered the home using the garage door opener in an unlocked vehicle in the driveway and walking through the unlocked garage entry door.

As officers began tracking the suspect with a K-9 unit, additional calls of a suspect with a similar description actively committing larcenies from autos were being reported.

Between two cars on Renaud Road and one on Lakeshore Lane, the stolen items included five wrapped birthday gifts, \$800 in clothes from a recent shopping trip, a backpack and a laptop.

Woods officers located the suspect’s

vehicle, with a personalized plate, at 8:55 a.m. Joint efforts with area departments led to his vehicle being boxed in on Elizabeth Court after he drove across several lawns. He was arrested.

Already pulled over

After running out of gas on a Lakeshore Road median at 8:03 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, a 32-year-old Sterling Heights man was arrested for driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Goodwill hunting

A bag of miscellaneous clothing was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 700 block of Balfour overnight Friday, Oct. 1, sometime between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Suspended

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with license suspended at 9:13 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, after being pulled over for speeding.

Spare change

Loose change and credit cards were taken from an unlocked car parked in a driveway in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield between noon Wednesday, Oct. 6, and 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7.

In need of steering

A steering wheel and column were taken from a locked car parked in the 1000 block of Kensington between 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, and noon Saturday, Oct. 9.

Several thefts of steering columns from 2016 to 2021 Chevrolet Malibus have been reported in surrounding communities.

Sleepy intersection

A 36-year-old Detroit man was found passed out behind the wheel of a stopped vehicle at Jefferson and Beaconsfield at 3:40 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

When follow-up investigation revealed he was intoxicated, the man was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen purse, money and vaccination card

An employee of a business in the 20000 block of Mack parked her car behind the business and went inside for a few minutes around 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, leaving her car unlocked.

When she returned, her purse, valued at \$275, was missing from the vehicle. Also in the purse were the woman’s wallet, containing \$175, her driver’s license, credit cards, vehicle registration and insurance and vaccination card.

The thief is unknown.

Third time’s a charm

Two bikes were stolen from Grosse Pointe North High School property within six days.

The first bike, a black women’s Trek bike with a dented metal basket on the front and pouch carrier on the back, was placed in a rack unlocked Thursday, Sept. 23. The rider then left for an away football game. When he came back to retrieve the bike the following day, it was gone.

He later borrowed a black and red men’s Trek bike, valued at \$350, from a friend. He left the bike unlocked near the tennis courts and could not find it later that day.

The two bikes have not been found.

Serial unlocked car thefts

A woman in the 20000 block of Green Court heard her dogs barking

and her Ring doorbell activated at 7:41 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8. When she looked outside, she saw a white man entering her neighbor’s unlocked vehicle.

She confronted the man and he fled.

The man was arrested later for numerous crimes.

Cold and without money

A resident in the 1800 block of Lochmoor placed an online order for two daypacks and one down jacket from The North Face Feb. 5, 2019. When he received them, he decided to return the jacket as it did not fit properly.

He brought the jacket to the outlet store in Troy and was given a gift card as credit for the return.

The resident was looking to make another purchase with the company Monday, Oct. 4, when he found the balance on the gift card was zero.

The North Face customer service and fraud bureau reported the zero balance was not a technical error and the money had been used in a transaction out of White Plains, NY.

An investigation into wire fraud was requested.

Warren Reid fixes computer

A woman in the 2000 block of Lennon was on her computer when a warning, containing a phone number, appeared at 7:36 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9.

She called the number and a reported “technician” took over the computer. The man, who gave the name “Warren Reid,” requested a check for \$299.99 to fix the computer.

She wrote a check and scanned it in for the man, giving him her bank account information.

The woman called the Best Buy Geek Squad, who advised her she was being scammed, and contacted her bank to let them know.

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

BALLOTS:

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returned to the clerk since Sept. 24.

All 2,300 absentee voter ballots will be reissued to residents with identical ballot numbers, even if the resident has not yet submitted their ballot. Though voters may ultimately submit either ballot, the second ballot will spoil the first if both are turned in.

If a voter already has submitted the first, recalled ballot, they do not need to resubmit a ballot if their vote has not changed. Counting of initial ballots will be held until the close of voting election night, when the ballot will be spoiled if a second ballot is submitted.

“We’re going to have tracking systems to make sure that everything’s accurate,” Blahut said.

The city has placed a rush order of corrected ballots as of Tuesday, Oct. 12, and hopes to send them to residents by Friday, Oct. 15, according to Blahut.

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OUR VIEW

Fox Creek P.O. gets ‘Respect’

It takes someone with a lot of “respect” to get both houses of Congress to come together on legislation these days. And that person is the late Aretha Franklin.

At a dedication ceremony Monday, Oct. 4, the Fox Creek Post Office, which services Grosse Pointe Park and City’s 48230 ZIP code, was officially renamed the Aretha Franklin Post Office in honor of the late “Queen of Soul” who grew up in the eastside Detroit area serviced by the post office.

It takes an act of Congress to get a post office renamed. And that legislation was introduced in Congress by our own congresswoman, U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, who not only was a friend of Ms. Franklin’s, but also a longtime postal worker herself.

“Her legacy lives on in her music, in her family. But we have added to that list of her legacy: A post office with her name on it,” Ms. Lawrence told the Associated Press.

“Sometimes people wonder if Congress can come together,” said U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, who also attended the renaming ceremony. “Congress can come together when it comes to standing up and recognizing this amazing person.”

Ms. Franklin, who died in 2018 at the age of 76, is now the subject of a biopic, “Respect,” named after her hit song which Rolling Stone magazine says is the No. 1 song of all time. Ms. Franklin reportedly was involved in the planning of her own movie biography to the point of naming the actress who would play her, Jennifer Hudson.

According to Wikipedia, Aretha Louise Franklin was born March 25, 1942, to Barbara and Clarence LaVaughn “C.L.” Franklin in Memphis, Tenn. Her father was a Baptist minister and circuit preacher. By the time Aretha turned 5, the Franklin family had permanently relocated to Detroit, where the Rev. Franklin took over as pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church.

We thank Congresswoman Lawrence for honoring the late Ms. Franklin and for bringing “respect” to the former Fox Creek Post Office, which like all postal facilities has faced a tough time covering its routes during the pandemic. We wish the Aretha Franklin postal carriers and supervisors godspeed in earning respect in their own right.

Redistricting

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission released 10 maps Monday that will be presented in public hearings throughout the state.

Those closest to the Pointes will be Oct. 20 at the TCF Center and Oct. 21 at the Lansing Center.

The 10 maps include three for state Senate districts, three for state House districts and four for congressional districts. The maps are named after trees — Elm, Cherry, Spruce, Peach, Oak, Pine, Apple, Birch, Maple and Juniper — to make them easy to identify.

Most but not all maps had the Grosse Pointes in the same state House, Senate and congressional districts. As of presstime, the released maps were not accessible on the commission’s website, michigan.gov/micrc.

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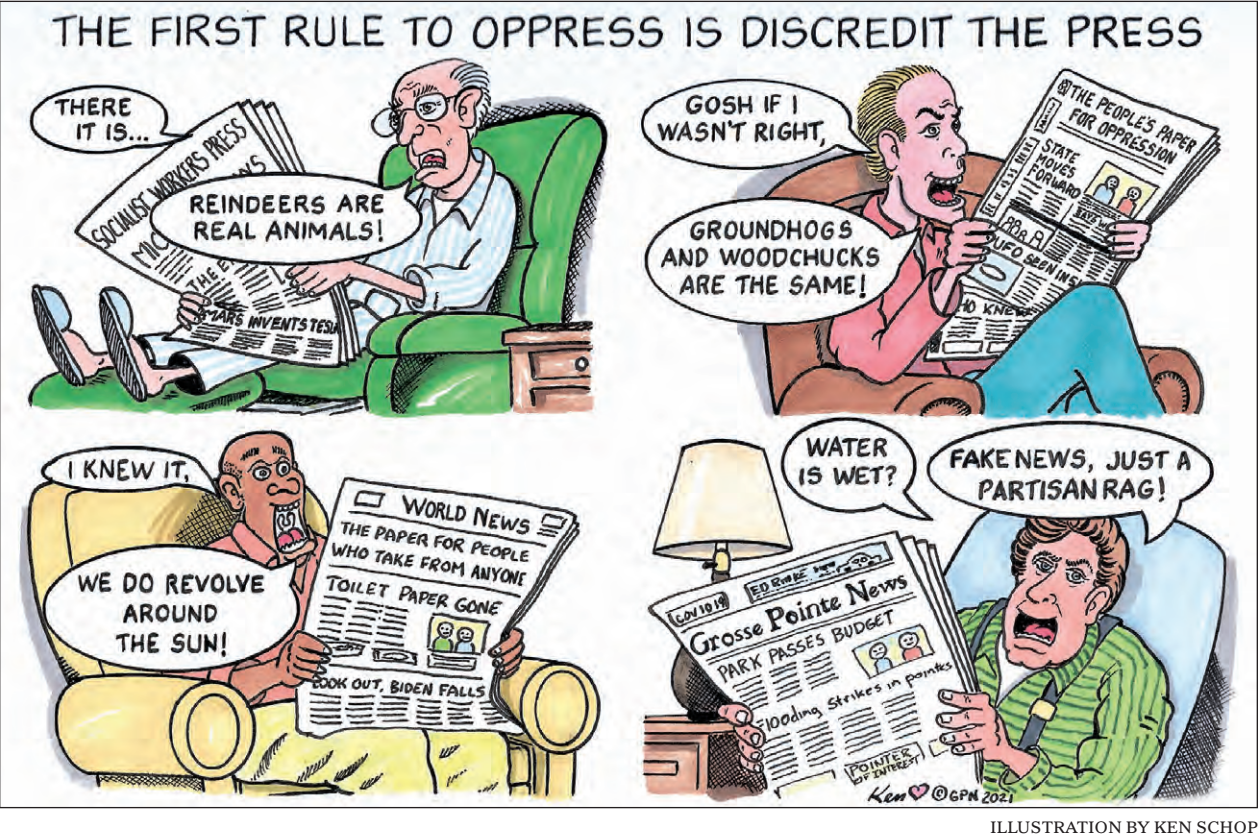


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OUR VIEW

Palmer not on canvassers list

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Monica Palmer — who made headlines in the 2020 presidential election when she voted to certify the results after first refusing to do so — did not make the list for reappointment to her expiring term. Her term expires Oct. 31.

Board of canvassers nominees are nominated by the party chairs of the four congressional districts in Wayne County. The chairs submitted three names to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. Palmer’s was not one of the three.

“I think this is clearly an attempt (to ensure) that I don’t remain on the board of canvassers because I did eventually certify the election,” Palmer told The Detroit

News.

Ms. Palmer is not alone. The News reported Sunday that GOP leaders are quietly replacing incumbent election canvassers throughout the state with newcomers.

On Sept. 24, the Democrat-controlled Wayne County commission rejected all three of the Republican nominees. It now falls to Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett, a Democrat, to choose Ms. Palmer’s replacement from among the three names submitted by the four GOP congressional district chairs.

On the night of 2020 certification, Ms. Palmer received a call from President Trump. “Thank you for your service,” she recalled the president saying. “I’m glad you’re safe. Have a good night.”

GUEST VIEW By Julie Stafford

Newspaper Modernization protects Michigan Citizens

This week the Michigan Senate unanimously passed the Newspaper Modernization bills, SB 258 and SB 259 sponsored by Sen. Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit) and Sen. Curtis VanderWall (R-Ludington).

Michigan law currently requires that public notices — notifying readers of such things as public hearings and budget approvals — are printed in their local newspapers. Bills SB 258 and SB 259 would expand access to information about what government bodies are doing by requiring newspapers to also post these public notices — at no extra cost to the public entities — on their newspaper websites in front of any paywalls. In addition, newspapers also would be required to upload all public notices that publish in their newspaper to a statewide website where they are accessible to the general public free of charge.

It is fitting that this vote occurred during the 81st annual National Newspaper Week Oct. 3-9, 2021, which recognizes the service of newspapers and their employees across North America. The Michigan Press Association feels strongly that these bills expand the way newspapers help both local governments and readers.

The MPA and newspapers throughout the state laud the senators for their recognition of the importance of keeping public notices in newspapers. The bills will protect the public’s access to information about what their elected officials are doing on issues such as taxes and local ordinances.

MPA believes the requirement to publish these notices in newspapers not only guarantees that an independent source is making sure local government bodies are informing the public in a timely manner about issues that may affect them, but it also provides a written archive of published notices that can be referenced for years to come. In addition, SB 258 and SB 259 would expand access to public notices to those who read newspapers electronically and those who might want to search for notices outside their area through a statewide website.

It is important to the MPA that none of the added services newspapers will provide to local governments as a result of these bills will cost taxpayers any extra money. The addition of the notices to newspaper websites and the statewide website, as well as the preservation of the print notices in perpetuity, will be a cost absorbed by local newspapers.

We encourage you to please contact your state representative and urge them to support SB’s 258 and 259 to help newspapers continue providing government transparency to Michigan citizens.

Julie Stafford is president of the Michigan Press Association and publisher of the Greenville Daily News.

Publisher’s note: Thank you state Sen. Adam Hollier for supporting this bill, and we look forward to state Reps. Tenisha Yancey and Joe Tate’s continued support.

LETTERS

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

Thank you for your support

To the Grosse Pointe community:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, I would like to thank everyone who was

involved in putting together our annual Public Safety Open House this year.

In spite of the rainy weather on Sunday, Oct. 3, the event was attended by an estimated crowd of over 200 people. Our thanks go to the mem-

bers of local area churches who promoted the event through “Faith and Blue” and supported us with their prayers.

The hard work and efforts of Detective Bonk, who coordinated the event, is greatly appreciated. Our thanks and gratitude also go out to the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary team, the Grosse Pointe Woods Auxiliary Officers, the Grosse Pointe Fire Prevention Team, the employees of MedStar Ambulance and last but not least, Harper Woods K-9 Kaiser and his handler, Steve Johnson.

We are also grateful for the generous dona-

tions from Gilbert’s Pro Hardware in St. Clair Shores, James Lafer and his family and State Farm Insurance agent Pam Mowatt.

We are glad to have the opportunity to remind the local community as well as residents of surrounding cities about fire safety and to offer tips which might save a life in the future.

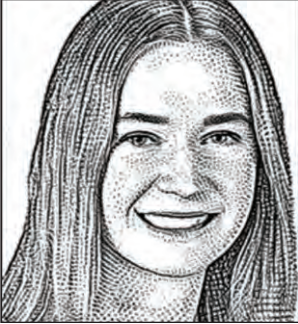
I sincerely appreciate the residents who took the time to get to know their local first responders by attending the event. We appreciate your support and are here ready to serve you.

JOHN G. KOSANKE
Director Department of Public Safety

I SAY By Kate Vanderstelt

SQUATOBER:

The world’s largest knee-bending party



My brother-in-law is a strength and conditioning coach at Michigan State University. In his household, October means “Squatober.” Squatober, put on by Sorinex, an exercise-equipment company, is “the world’s largest knee-bending party.” Basically, for the month of October, Sorinex sets out a weight-training plan each

day to get its followers strong in the month, ultimately leading to a new personal best in back-squatting by the “party’s” conclusion. The fact that it’s a “party,” and Sorinex uses the tagline, “some pretend, some knee-bend,” just got me so motivated for the month. Having wanted to sign up for a gym membership for a while and “get back into it,” as so many of us say, this felt like the perfect excuse. I gym-shopped, ended up shelling out \$70 for a month pass to the Neighborhood Club and, on Sept. 30 — Squatober Eve — I was ready for the month of work cut out for me. The anticipation built on Thursday the 30th. I talked about day one at

work; Laurel Kraus, my fellow staff writer, decided to join me and we awaited what was to come for us. We posted a quote on our cubicle walls to motivate us throughout the month: “We don’t limit our challenges, we challenge our limits.” Day one was posted on Sorinex’s dedicated Instagram page for Squatober (@sorinex_squatober) around 3 p.m. The day was lined up with back squats, bench press, slow strict chin-ups, deadlifts, dumbbell rows, slow strict pushups, reverse lunges and a farmers walk (this last one is deceptively hard, mark my words). The self-doubt filled the air — “What do you mean we have to do all of that?” — and the nerves kicked in.

Nerves were coupled with excitement and adrenaline as we arose at 6 a.m. to head to the gym and partner each other through the first day. Before work on that fateful Friday, we headed to the Neighborhood Club and conquered our first Squatober workout. Let me tell you, the pride I felt on that day and have continued to feel because of Squatober since then outpowers the intense pain in soreness that drifted down my hamstrings as the days progressed. Squatober has become not just the action of bending my knees, but something much bigger: It has sparked a new purpose. A mental strength. It’s getting up between 5:50 and 6:15 a.m. to put

the work in before coming to the office for the day. It’s talking to Laurel about the workout and the little wins each new routine brings. It’s talking to my brother-in-law, laughing at the Squatober jokes and memes Sorinex comes up with. It’s getting into healthy eating, making my own homemade protein bars and shakes and eating lots of chicken and eggs. It’s seeing how big of a difference working out, being active and chasing goals can have in my life. It definitely hasn’t been easy — mostly the waking up early part, let’s be real — but I know it’s a good habit that’s encouraging me to be the best version of myself. And it goes far beyond me. Sorinex’s Squatober

Instagram account has 62.4 K followers. Sunday, Oct. 10, was World Mental Health Day. Since 2015, Sorinex has reported dozens of impactful statements from participants. “I’m just beyond thankful this program has brought back my discipline and has brought more internal joy than you will ever know,” one participant said via Instagram direct message to the account. “You probably won’t get this but thank you! You are possibly saving my life.” I know I’m only around halfway, but I’ll keep bending my knees in the name of good health and determination. Thanks to Sorinex coming up with Squatober, the hard work has been coupled with fun, as it should be.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

MEMORIAL LIBRARY PLAN RAPPED: Expressing the opinion that the Pointe has stepped off on the wrong foot in its move to create a fitting memorial for Pointe men and women, living and dead, who served in World War II, Paul Maxon has taken issue with the idea of a library as the most suitable form this memorial could take. **POINTE VOTERS CRAM OFFICES TO REGISTER:** Grosse Pointe, with the rest of Michigan, is undergoing the greatest wave of pre-election excitement the state has ever known. The hackneyed phrase, “Everyone wants to get into the act,” was never more applicable. And with “The Act” constituting the casting of ballots for the state and national candidates running for office in November, the condition is a very healthy one. *Obituaries: George LaForest*

1971

50 years ago this week

MULTIPLE BIKE THEFTS SOLVED: An alert Farms police officer on routine beat took

down the license plate number of an automobile he had seen in the vicinity of Hillcrest and Chalfonte on several occasions and this paid off. The suspicious actions of a young couple resulted in the arrest of the pair and the clearance of the theft of approximately 220 bicycles from the Pointe-Harper Woods area, most of them from the Farms. **COMMITTEE STUDIES MAJOR EDUCATION ISSUES:** Mrs. George Maghielse and Mrs. F. Charles Kaess, co-chairmen of the Grosse Pointe Study and Action Committee for Education, the local broad-based non-political action group that was catapulted into prominence through its stand on cross-district busing of students, express concern that other important portions of their year’s program may not receive the necessary attention when compared to the emotional busing issue. In their review, they reiterated their main legislative interest centers on many issues facing public education, primarily the loss of local control and reduced educational program for Grosse Pointe youngsters. *Obituaries: Herbert C. Allison M.D., Mary Altland Waldron, Donald C. Irvin, Joyce Huegli, Dessa M. Joy, Mary B. Mugavin, Mary I. Little*

1996

25 years ago this week

SCHOOLS WON’T COUNT \$6 MILLION CHICKEN PREMATURELY: Although Grosse Pointe schools could get a \$6.4 million slice of an estimated \$500 million pie served up by the state, administrators said they won’t believe it until they see it on their plate. The \$6 million is part of what the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled is Grosse Pointe schools’ share of what the state owes 84 school district plaintiffs in a 16-year lawsuit. The plaintiffs charge that the state education department violated the Headlee Amendment of the state Constitution and alleges the state did not make the appropriate aid payments to government-mandated programs such as special education transportation, driver’s training and school lunch programs. **PARK TO BE SUED OVER JUNE FLOODS:** It’s official, declared attorney Phillip G. Bozzo. A number of Grosse Pointe Park residents will be suing the city in an effort to collect reparations for damages suffered in basement flooding last June. Bozzo said under the doctrine of trespass nuisance, Park residents are entitled to compensation if he proves three elements.

2011

10 years ago this week

First he must prove some sort of nuisance, in this case raw sewage, trespassing onto his clients’ properties. *Obituaries: Alexandra Ellenidou Elingo, Archie Marie Reed, Loretto S. McDonald, James L. Babcock, Margaret Ann Eickmann*

FINALS BOUND: Grosse Pointe South’s girls golf team earned a return trip to the state finals after winning last week’s Division 1 regional tournament at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lion. Head coach Peter Kingsley watched his Blue Devils win rather easily, posting a 318. **GPN NAMED NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR:** The Grosse Pointe News was named Newspaper of the Year by

the Michigan Press Association. More than 2,500 entries from 102 Michigan newspapers were judged by members of the Colorado Press Association. It’s the second time in three years the GPN has claimed the top spot. *Obituaries: Ronald S. Eleczko, Antone Joseph Gallaher, George E. Gerow, Eileen Hickey King, Veronica Oberline Morgan, Helen Mary Swenson, Marilyn Smith Wood*

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Huntington-TCF merger boosts local communities

By Ana Dragovic LoVasco
Guest Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The \$22 billion bank merger that joins Detroit-based TCF Financial Corp. to Huntington Bancshares Inc., is positioned to be a catalyst for positive change in the city and its surrounding communities.

This month, TCF banking centers will close and transition to Huntington. Grosse Pointers will notice local branch changes: Huntington at 19683 Mack will consolidate, while TCF at 20276 Mack and 99 Kercheval will both remain open and be branded Huntington.

“We are happy to be keeping (these branches), because it helps to promote our desire to work more closely with individuals, families and business owners in the Grosse Pointe community,” said Jill Garvey, senior vice president and senior wealth strategist for Huntington Private Bank. Another notable branch change is just a few miles down Jefferson, one of two



COURTESY PHOTO

Brian Marshall and Jill Garvey

Huntington headquarters created by the merger.

“It’s very exciting that the home of our commercial headquarters will be in downtown Detroit,” said Garvey, referring to the former TCF Center, a 20-story building currently under construction to become Huntington Tower, on Woodward and Elizabeth Street. The

holding company and consumer banking business will be headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. “Our new headquarters building will house about 1,000 colleagues, opening in 2022,” said Brian Marshall, executive managing director, middle market at Huntington Bank. “This is a meaningful investment in our community

and Detroit deserves this. We are excited to be part of the renewed energy and growth of this great city.” Huntington’s presence in Detroit is not by chance. Company CEO Stephen Steinour’s fondness for the state of Michigan — and the city of Detroit — plus the shared values between Huntington and TCF, are

at the core of the consolidation.

Prior to the merger, both Huntington and TCF pledged \$10 million to the Strategic Neighborhood Fund, which finances revitalizing sections of Detroit outside downtown. Together as Huntington, the bank is making further contributions to southeast Michigan and Detroit as part of its mission to strengthen community impact.

Huntington is committing \$1 billion to Detroit Metropolitan Division of Wayne County. In addition to direct donations, it has a \$50 million donor-advised fund invested in the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, for which the majority of funds benefit Detroit and surrounding neighborhoods.

Upholding its key tenet of creating positive change in the lives of clients, Huntington addresses critical issues in Detroit and local communities related to social and racial inequity by ensuring that under-resourced customers and businesses have access to

capital and affordable housing. Its supportive approach to underserved communities also can be applied to how they work with middle market customers, small businesses and private bank clients.

“We are able to provide a customized level of service, regardless of where our clients come to us from and what their needs are,” Garvey said. “Whether they are individuals working through our retail branches, or individuals and families in our private bank division or business owners, we surround them with a team of experts.”

Despite its considerable size — the 10th largest regional bank in the country — Huntington is committed to delivering the neighborhood bank feel to its customers.

Marshall said, “Huntington’s culture is rooted in a focus on people and relationships — friendly faces and smiles, remembering your name, looking out for you, the community bank touch, but with the capacity of big bank tools and the power of big bank innovation and insights.”

Living healthier longer is aim of Healthspan

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Derived from the word “lifespan,” a healthspan is the time in which a person is healthy and free of chronic disease. In the U.S., the average healthspan lasts until 45 to 49 years old. Increasing this time is

the intent of the concierge cardiology practice and wellness center, Healthspan, which opened in the Farms the first week of September. “My aim is to extend healthspan and lifespan ... and also to try to give people some achievable lifestyle goals and the resources and the community to succeed and to

be supported, so that they can become healthier,” said Dr. Ginette Gomez, cardiologist and founder of Healthspan. This is tackled by focusing on the four pillars of nutrition; movement; nature and stress management; and connection to community, but patients also are welcome to come just to address one area.

To address nutrition, holistic nutritionist Whitney Starrs offers cooking classes and meal prep sessions to help people find healthy food choices appropriate for their unique needs. Grab-and-go options also are offered for those with busy schedules or anyone in the community to drop in to choose from. The menu and hours for pick-up can be found on Instagram @healthspanmichigan and the website drginette.co. The focus under movement is trying to minimize injury. Patients work with fitness expert Jen Cracchiolo, who has vast knowledge of anatomy, on foundational skills that can be applied

at one’s own gym. To manage stress, Healthspan has in-house massage therapy, while Gomez also has been known to give prescriptions to go on a daily walk to clear the mind and focus on sleep as the best way to recover. For connection to the community, the office features an art gallery, which hosts artists on a rotational basis. Also incorporated into the practice are data-tracking devices such as continuous glucose monitors, heart rate monitors and sleep trackers, as well as higher-grade supplements for those who are vitamin deficient.

“You get to learn your own body and then you can take control and do it on your own,” Gomez said. The cardiologist brings with her knowledge and skills gained from a 16-year career at Beaumont, where she experienced an environment — similar to all hospitals in the U.S. health system — that was very good at taking care of someone who already was sick, but not as impressive at prevention,



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A peaceful reception room complete with beverages is what patients first see as they arrive at Healthspan.

since it’s not covered under insurance. “I’ve always been intrigued with preventing disease,” she said. “Even when I was practicing cardiology, I was seeing patients really when they’ve had disease and so my goal was to prevent it from happening again and minimizing hospitalization, but I was prescribing and prescribing and it was just this recurrent cycle, so I became discouraged by that and looked at ways in which ... to prevent.” Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the U.S. and globally. But, for the

most part, Gomez said, it is preventable. “What I do for a living really shouldn’t exist if we followed really healthy lifestyles,” she said. Healthspan is located at 18450 Mack, Suite 101. Official hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, but can change to meet patient needs. “I want to work with individuals around their work schedule,” Gomez said. “They need to work and that’s what this is all about. I can meet with them before work to accommodate and after.” Appointments may be booked by calling (313) 583-4333.

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With a 16-year background in cardiology, Dr. Ginette Gomez founded Healthspan with the aim to prevent chronic disease.

Richard playground gets an overhaul

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Using the tagline, “Our playground is your playground,” a pair of Richard Elementary School parents last fall embarked on a mission to raise money for new play equipment. Their efforts came to fruition last month as students were welcomed to their first day of classes, just as the final touches were being added. “It opened at 9 a.m. the first day of school,” organizer Maureen Kruse said. “They were putting in the mulch at 9 a.m.”

The new playground — meant for ages 5 to 12 — has been received with excitement from students, who use the playscape, rock wall, swings, orb rocker and other pieces daily. Kruse worked in tandem with parent Hannah Hiller, with support from the Richard PTO. The duo — who each have first and third graders at Richard — organized a series of events specifically geared to raise funds for new equipment, which hadn’t been updated since it was installed in 1996.

Their efforts began with a fun run last October. Other activities included a shopping night in The Village, lemonade stands and a pizza night. “We tried to engage the local community,” Kruse said. “It’s a community playground, even though it’s at Richard. We were determined to make money any way we could.”



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

The new playground opened just in time for the first day of school this year.

Sponsorship opportunities got local businesses involved and a door-to-door campaign reached 1,000 houses. “In March we did ‘Match Me if You Can,’ where seven families agreed to donate \$1,000 anonymously, so week by week, grades would try to raise \$1,000,” Kruse said. “If kindergarten, for example, raised \$1,000, a family would match it, so \$1,000 became \$2,000. Almost \$17,000 was raised in March, just through this campaign.” Additional funds were received through an \$8,000 grant from the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation and a \$10,000 grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

In just seven months, the team raised enough money to move forward. They reached out to four companies for estimates and eventually selected Snider Recreation for the job. “We worked with Alison Horrocks, who is a

Richard parent,” Kruse said. “She was great to work with; she helped us make it happen.” While Horrocks’ connection to Richard was a bonus, Kruse and Hiller said Snider Recreation ultimately was selected because it offered a \$40,000 grant on the project — so Richard received \$160,000 of equipment for \$120,000. The order was placed in May; construction was completed in August. “A big motivator was we felt we had the opportunity during COVID, when none of our funds had to go to anything else,” Kruse said. “So 100 percent of our fundraising efforts went toward this program.” “We really feel supported by the community,” she added, noting a banner at the school acknowledges sponsors. A recognition plaque also will be added to the playground. “Like most of the process, most of the businesses we contacted were

positive,” Hiller said, “even though we were in COVID times.” It seemed everyone they reached had a connection to Richard, including a donor living in New York who attended the Grosse Pointe Farms school. Another donor wanted to honor her mom, who used to take her children to Richard’s playground years ago. “Another local, she and her husband were involved with the last playground installation,” Kruse said. “He passed away, but she made a donation in his name.” Timing of the project worked well because the school building was undergoing improvements. Apart from the playground, Richard updates included a new vestibule and visitor entry, new millwork and paint, security cameras, audiovisual equipment, clocks and cabling, new corridor lighting and a new fire escape. “Many of the schools

have done upgrades over the summer,” Hiller said, “so the kids really came back to a brand new school.” While playground upgrades were needed, Kruse and Hiller said they wanted to keep some elements of the previous site, including several benches. “It wasn’t about erasing what was done before,” Hiller said. “And we wanted to make sure it was ASD compliant, an inclusive playground. There are seven access points for children in wheelchairs, too.” Added Kruse, “The walkway around the old structure was removed. It’s easier for kids — a flatter surface. We removed everything but two pieces. It’s all up to code.” Part of the project included working with the Carlyle Center for components that serve those with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Carlyle Center donated an ASD-compliant swing and sensory walk. “We have a large ASD program at Richard,” Kruse said. “It’s important when they use it to feel like it’s their playground, too.” The sensory walk includes a paved area stenciled with animal footprints with instructions to bear crawl, elephant walk, tiptoe, crab crawl and other modes of moving. “It’s for any of our kids, but it’s geared for students who need to refocus, who are on sensory overload,” Richard

Principal John Kernan said. “It gives them a chance for movement and to remove any overload.” Kruse and Hiller thanked the PTO for its support, giving credit to Kernan, too, for his efforts. “He was very involved and offered his expertise on the needs of the kids,” Kruse said. “He wrote the grant application for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.” Kernan said he has enjoyed watching his students have fun on the new equipment. “They love it,” he said. “The younger kids love it, the older kids love it. Students who are special needs are out here a lot. These two (Kruse and Hiller) and our PTO took care of most of it. It was a team effort. Everyone — the whole community took part in it.” And the whole community seems to be using it, the pair added. “Everyone comes to check it out,” Hiller said. “It’s such a nice space. On weekends, it’s packed. It’s open to everyone in the community.” While Kruse and Hiller are pleased with the project, they’re not stopping anytime soon. Another fun run is planned to raise money for a few more playground pieces. They’d also like to revamp the teachers’ lounge. “Our teachers are so incredible at Richard,” Kruse said. “We’ve given the kids a space and now we want to give the teachers a space.”



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Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends continues to expand

By Michael Hartt
Staff Intern

Since launching in March of this year, the Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends nonprofit has been continuing to work on its goals of community outreach, building a network of Grosse Pointe Public School System alumni and establishing an endowment fund for the district, according to the organization’s secretary, Katie Horst.

Horst said although they are still working on all of their goals, much of the work this year has been focused on getting the community engaged with the organization.

“Our intention for the launch of this, the first year or two, is just getting exposure (and) letting the community know who we are, what our plans are (and) what we can do for the schools in



the community,” she said.

The organization has been accomplishing these goals by actively reaching out to community members at school events. This spring, a few of the organization’s board members were at both the North and South cap and gown distributions. And recently, several representatives had tents set up at the North and South homecoming football games. A tent also will be set up at the North vs. South football game Friday, Oct. 22.

Tom Nixon, the marketing chair of the organization, said while

reaching out to the community of alumni through many of these in-person interactions has been incredibly helpful, much of the progress they have made also has been online through social media platforms.

“We’re connecting with these people on Facebook, which is where many people our age congregate and communicate, of course,” Nixon said. “(And for our generation, as well as) the generations just a little bit younger than us, we’re on Instagram (and) on LinkedIn, too.”

These efforts have

resulted in the group’s membership expanding from the few founding members this spring to hundreds of people.

To continue outreach further and begin to build a more comprehensive group of alumni with whom to interact, the organization is in the process of finding people who would be willing to be ambassadors for their graduating classes. This way, Horst said, information could be better streamlined through these networks.

“Getting class ambassadors from each graduating class will be a huge

undertaking and we’re still looking for people to nominate themselves to volunteer for that,” Horst said. “If we had just one ambassador from each graduating class, we can then easily disperse information through that way.”

Building off of community outreach, the organization is planning special initiatives to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the formation of GPPSS.

The first is an “alumni through the decades” profile, which will detail the accomplishments of 100 alumni of the school district over the district’s 100 years of operation. The second is a large event to commemorate the centennial, although it still is in the pre-planning process, according to Nixon.

With so much work being done to expand the

organization, Horst and Nixon said they are still looking for volunteers at every level. Even if someone does not have time to volunteer, they still would love them to engage with the organization.

“We are an entirely volunteer-based organization. All of (our) board members volunteer, so we’re doing this in our spare time and out of the passion for the school (district),” Nixon said. “We’re looking for literally everything — whether you want to volunteer to help us, if you want to join the association at any membership level or if you want to donate either to the association or the endowment.”

Information about connecting with Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends may be found online at gpalumniandfriends.org.

McClain is recipient memorial scholarship
Family increases scholarship amount

Kylie McClain, class of 2028 and a resident of Grosse Ile, is the 2021-22 recipient of the Nicole Marie Shamas Memorial Scholarship at University Liggett School.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a sixth-grade student for the three years of middle school, sixth through eighth grade.

Recipients must show an interest in the arts and academic promise. McClain, who is new to ULS this year, said her favorite subjects are science and math.

“I really like science and math because my teachers here are making it fun and challenging,”

she said.

McClain, who takes a full repertoire of dance classes in her spare time, said she looks forward to playing on the middle school basketball team this winter.

The Shamas family announced they are increasing the scholarship award to \$2,000 per student. Three middle school students are awarded the scholarship each year. Robert and Elizabeth Shamas have helped more than 40 students receive the scholarship over the years. In addition, the Michael Giorgio family is donating a tree to the school in Nicole’s memory.

“The increase in support from the Shamas family shows their commitment to ULS students and their commitment to keeping Nicole’s memory alive,” said Cressie Boggs, director of development and alumni relations. “We are so grateful for the Shamas’s generous support of ULS.”

The scholarship is part of the school’s endowment program and is made possible by a gift from the Shamas family of Grosse Pointe Woods and others who knew Nicole, who passed away while in middle school in 1986.

Students also receiving the scholarship this year are Natalie Greene, class of 2027, and Zaire Polk, class of 2026.



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Kylie McClain is the 2021-22 recipient of the Nicole Marie Shamas Memorial Scholarship.

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The sculpture “Elusive Courtship” recently was added to the greenway.

Art exchange Moross Greenway Project switches out sculptures

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Moross Greenway Project, a 501(c)3 non-profit partnership of community, civic and religious groups working to beautify Moross Road from the I-94 service drive to Mack Avenue, saw some activity last week as several of the sculptures that have called the greenway home the last year were removed and replaced.

Over several days, around half of the sculptures were rotated out and a few others added,

bringing the total number of sculptures on the greenway to 20.

“We’re trying to bring in some new artists,” said Sheila O’Hara, Moross Greenway president. “This year is about rotation and keeping it fresh.”

Sculptures first were added to the greenway in 2019, when 10 large pieces were installed. Last year, some of the original sculptures were rotated out and more added, bringing the total to 17.

The plan for this year’s rotation came together quickly, O’Hara said,

crediting the organization’s “devoted art committee” and its chairman, Grosse Pointe Park resident Roger Garrett, for their efforts.

While some of the pieces were removed from the greenway because the committee realized they were too small for the space, others are simply finding a new home.

“After they were installed, we thought a few with similar finishes were all together, so we’re spreading them out,” O’Hara said. “We’re also putting some on the second island from I-94. Right now there are just a lot of trees and no sculptures there, just our sign. So a couple sculptures will go on that island.”

The organization works closely with Ken Thompson of Flatlanders Sculpture Supply. Not only does he recommend artists for the project, but he heads the installation portion.

“He’s familiar with a lot of Michigan artists and public art,” O’Hara explained. “We’ve worked with him the last couple of years. He pulls together hundreds of artists for us to choose from. We narrow it all down; the art committee goes through all of them as a team. ... Then they walk the island and decide where they want to put them.”

The sculptures are rented; each costs \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year, including installation, O’Hara said.



Matthew McKeen and Ian Thompson work to secure the sculpture “Peace & Love” to its base.

“This is all funded by donors,” she added. “We have very strong donor support. That’s something that makes us a little different from other beautification projects. This is something we always planned for and there’s been a lot of enthusiasm and support for it.”

“Art is all about creating dialogue,” she added. “It’s good that people are talking about it. We’ve had really great reactions to it.”

Next up for the organization is providing better lighting for the sculptures, so passersby may better view them at night.

“It’s been really fun to see and fun to get people’s reactions,” O’Hara said of the project’s progress. “If people are talking about it, it’s a good thing. They’re noticing it; they’re feeling it.”

Most of the sculptures are made by Michigan artists. Among them is one permanent piece, “Full Swing,” by John

Piet, donated by Grosse Pointers Diane and Tom Schoenith.

With the exception of the permanent Piet piece, all of the sculptures are for sale. Those interested in making a purchase should visit morossgreenway.org or email morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com.

“We’re just excited to get that part of it done and have strong support from the community — both donations and vocal support,” O’Hara said.



Workers Ian Thompson, Victoria Rapchak, Oliver Henkel and Matthew McKeen work together to assemble the sculpture, “Gottlieb.”



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Bennett to perform benefit concert at GPYC

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Critically acclaimed jazz clarinetist Dave Bennett will take the stage Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The benefit concert, presented by the National Guard Association of Michigan Veterans Support Grant, will raise funds for veteran suicide awareness and prevention.

“The latest numbers we have, the suicide rate among veterans in 2021 did go up,” said Jeffrey Frisby, NGAM executive director. “Twenty-three to 24 veterans a day take their lives. We want to make a difference in that number and address that problem.”

The NGAM has begun to address the problem through its Veterans Support Grant, Frisby said, which is dedicated to providing emergency assistance to Michigan veterans during a critical time of need.

“It is operated very exclusively for the veteran community of Michigan,” he added.

“Not just the National Guard, but any veteran is eligible for a support grant as long as they live in the state of Michigan. In five years, we’ve given away \$1.5 million to veterans. This year, we’ve given \$360,000 to 47 different veterans, which was a great year for us — the best year we’ve ever had.”

As part of the Veterans Support Grant, NGAM purchased a service dog

through Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, for a veteran in the local community, Frisby said.

“Currently, we’re looking at how to expand our program and our footprint beyond Michigan,” he added. “The first thing we’d like to do is purchase a service dog for every state and territory, so at the end of our effort, that’s 54 service dogs.”



The effort will culminate when the NGAM hosts two national conferences in Detroit in 2024.

“This is the first concert of a series to help raise the funds for those service dogs,” Frisby explained of the Oct. 16 performance.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m. The evening includes the concert, as well as a meal. Tickets

are \$150 each; sponsorships still are available.

“We’re focused on the purchase of medical service dogs for veterans,” Frisby said, noting representatives from Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs will be on hand at the benefit. “The statistics we have now, especially through Guardian Angels, show that among every veteran who has received a medical service dog there is a zero-percent suicide rate.

“We definitely believe medical service dogs make a difference in the veteran community,” he added.

More information, as well as tickets and sponsorship opportunities, may be found online at ngam.org/db-concert.

About Bennett

Dave Bennett — who names Alice Cooper, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Chris Issak among his influences — is a clarinet virtuoso who plays electric guitar, piano, drums and vocalizes. His “Saluting Swing to Rock” covers music from the swing era to early rockabilly and country. Bennett has been a featured soloist at Carnegie Hall with The New York Pops and has played the show with 35 other U.S. and Canadian orchestras. An annual fixture at several American music festivals, his “Rockin the ‘50s” show is a tribute to Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley.

Bennett is a Mack Avenue Records artist. His 2013 CD, “Don’t Be That Way,” met with critical acclaim. His second release, “Blood Moon,” which features five originals and six pop/jazz covers, hit No. 24 on the Billboard Jazz chart in 2018.

Lochmoor Fights Cancer golf outing raises record \$73,154

Following up the success of its first Lochmoor Fights Cancer Caddie Auction, the 2021 Lochmoor Fights Cancer charity golf event raised a record \$73,154. All funds raised will be donated to the Ascension St. John Needy Patient Fund.

Held at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods on Sept. 1, the golf outing included a sell-out roster with 120 lady golfers, along with 89 hole sponsors.

“Rescheduling the golf outing due to a rainstorm from the original Aug. 12 date never dampened the support and enthusiasm for this Lochmoor tradition,” said Katie McSkimming of Grosse Pointe Woods, event chair. “In fact, it was stronger than ever.”

According to McSkimming, participants “rolled with the punches” when a rainout forced the event to be postponed nearly three weeks. The dinner and raffle took place as scheduled Aug. 12, with members and local businesses donating more than 60 items for the traditional fishbowl raffle and silent auction. Lavender centerpieces, reflecting the theme color of

wearing lavender to show solidarity in fighting cancer, were donated by Conner Park Florist in St. Clair Shores.

“The \$73,154 raised this year was \$29,000 higher than our prior highest revenue point reached in 2019,” McSkimming added. “Adding the Caddie Auction — featuring 14 Lochmoor members who generously donated time to serve as caddies the day of the golf outing — raised \$19,000 on its own and made this year’s fundraising our best yet.”

Committee members Susan Anderson, Jamie Edmunds, Tina Ford, Anne Hartland, Kathy Jerger, Anne Knopke, Tomasine Marx, Annie Moreland and Jen Spicher worked to ensure the success of the 2021 event.

The LFC Caddie Auction, held in late July, featured 14 “Lots” (male club members) who were auctioned during the evening, including Lochmoor Club Board Members Scott Orhan and Dr. Constantine Raphtis. Orhan and Raphtis earned identical high bids of \$1,700, but Raphtis matched his — bringing his total

to \$3,400.

Corporate sponsors for the 2021 Lochmoor Fights Cancer charity golf outing included Diamond \$5,000 Sponsor, Tompkins Products; Ruby \$2,500 Sponsors, Mark & Gail Zymslowski, St. Clair Shores OBGYN and Aitken & Ormond Insurance; and Pearl \$1,000 Sponsors, Susan Anderson, Tina Ford, Joanne and Bill Raffoul, GI Medicine, Hawasli Homes, the Fowler family, Keith Schatko, Camp Bow Wow, Pepperoni Grille, Marty Monforton, Level Up and the Fred J. Maloof Foundation.

Since 2000, a group of women at Lochmoor Club have organized this charity golf event to raise money for cancer research and support. For the first 16 years, the money was donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. In 2017, the LFC Committee decided to keep the money closer to home, donating it to the Ascension St. John Hospital Needy Patient Fund. Since then, Lochmoor Fights Cancer has raised more than \$150,000 for cancer patients and their families in metro Detroit.



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Proceeds from the 2021 Lochmoor Fights Cancer charity golf outing benefit the Ascension St. John Needy Patient Fund.

AREA ACTIVITIES

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◆ Archive Your Story: Digital Photos, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19.

◆ Game Night: Board Games, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22.

◆ Little Goblins, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

◆ Contemporary Explorative Movement with Company One, 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.

◆ Big Goblins, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

◆ Make Your Own Zine, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, via Zoom.

◆ Sarah E. Ray: The Other Rosa Parks, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, via Zoom.

◆ Writing Group, 4 to 5:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, for ages 11 to 13, via Zoom.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday,

Oct. 19, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, via Zoom.

◆ Outdoor Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Woods, 20680 Mack.

◆ Tween Zombified Doll Kit, for ages 11 to 13, available all day Thursday, Oct. 21, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, via Zoom.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, via Zoom.

◆ Virtual Author Visit with Libby Copeland, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, via Zoom. She will discuss her book, “The Lost Family.”

Register on grossepointelibrary.org or call (313) 640-4775.

Audubon Society

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins at 7

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St. Paul Lutheran hosts fundraiser for flood recovery

The Pieces Be With You quilt association at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a fundraiser sale of handcrafted quilts and more to help them recover from the June flood that destroyed everything in their ministry. The sale takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Just in time for the gift-shopping season, hundreds of affordable items are for sale, with price tags ranging from \$3 to \$300. Among them are more than 50 quilts in modern to traditional styles, plus fashionable bags and totes; colorful backpacks; Christmas and Thanksgiving décor

from wall hangings to tree skirts to ornaments; kitchenware like microwave cozies, potholders and casserole carriers; quilts and books for baby; pillowcases, wine bags and more.

“Our mission is to raise monies to help restore our Pieces Be With You quilt ministry,” PBWY member Heidi Korte said, “to help us continue to serve our local and global communities through Friends of Foster Kids, Lutheran World Relief, Freedom House and Days for Girls charities — to help rebuild this ministry so we can continue to help others in need.”

During the two-day event, shoppers also can learn more about these charities, experience the

artistry of quilt making and partake in cider and doughnuts.

An online auction featuring six quilts will launch Friday, Oct. 22, and run through Sunday, Nov. 7, at spelc.betterworld.org. Donations also may be made on this site.

During the rainstorm June 26, 2021, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church suffered catastrophic flooding: Seven feet of water covered 15,000 square feet of the basement, where the Pieces Be With You quilt ministry was housed. Everything was lost, including \$24,000 worth of sewing machines and a long-arm used to quilt; yards and yards of fabric; sewing chairs, tables and lights; rotary cutters,

thread, scissors and rulers; cutting mats, pins and needles; irons and ironing boards; batting and a design board; finished quilts, quilts in progress and Days for Girls kit templates and tools.

Pieces Be With You began in 2002 under the leadership of St. Paul member Cathy Wrobel as an all-church Together on Tuesdays gathering. The group’s first project was teaching quilting to participants with the goal of sewing graduation quilts for the Sending Service of their high schoolers. In June 2003, the graduating class of 15 members all received the first handmade quilts during worship.

Today, PBWY sews quilts for all who are

baptized at St Paul; personalized stoles for confirmation; and comfort quilts for anyone struggling with health or family issues.

Since beginning 19 years ago, PBWY joined the global effort of Lutheran World Relief to sew quilts that are sent all over the world to countries struggling with war, famine and natural disasters; make bed-size quilts to help brighten the rooms at Freedom House Detroit, where residents are seeking asylum in the U.S.; sew menstruation kits for the Days for Girls — Grosse Pointe chapter to advance menstrual equity, health, dignity and opportunity for all females across the world;

and this year, delivered more than 60 quilts to Friends of Foster Kids for young adults aging out of foster care and moving into a dorm or apartment.

PBWY members respond to needs in many ways. They made dozens of Fidget Quilts for seniors; sent two dozen quilts to fire victims in California; and their quilts cover service members and veterans touched by war through Quilts of Valor. Today, PBWY hosts Learn to Quilt classes; monthly s k i l l - b u i l d i n g Opportunity Blocks; quilt retreats; Advent workshop sewing projects; and craft nights.

For more information, visit stpaulgp.org or call (313) 881-6670.

Kate Patterson and band Community lunch planned

Surrounded by her band “family,” jazz vocalist Kate Patterson will give a program at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson, Detroit.



Kate Patterson

Patterson, a well-known and beloved Detroit-area musician, will be joined by six colleagues in the historic church’s sanctuary for this free afternoon concert.

“Kate and I have been performing together for over 10 years,” pianist Scott Gwinnell said.

Others in the group that day will include Dave Tatrow on trumpet, Djallo Djakate on double bass, trombonist Ron Kischuk, Trevor Lamb on drums and singer Marvin Jones.

“We come in as separate individuals and by the time we are halfway through the second tune, we are one,” Patterson said of working with various bands not always comprising the same musicians. It is part of the art of good jazz.

The day’s program will be unique, designed to include famil-

iar tunes plus some new for the ensemble, woven together using a variety of tempos, musical colors, solos, dynamics and moods.

“I think of jazz musicians like Jedi (Star Wars),” Gwinnell said. “They can be put in almost any situation and function well. This is partly because we’re trained in almost every style of music due to jazz

combining itself with every genre.”

These musicians thrive on in-person performance, added Patterson, who has been singing as a full-time profession more than four decades.

“There is nothing like live musicians playing live music in front of a live audience,” she said.

The group will be in the church sanctuary, where safe distance seating is marked. Masks are encouraged and available for all guests. There is free parking off Burns behind the church.

For more information, contact Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church at (313) 822-3456, visit japc.org or find it on Facebook.

St. Michael’s Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park in Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts “Lunch, Laugh and Learn” at noon Thursday, Oct. 21. All are welcome to enjoy a delicious meal, have good conversation and make new friends. The meal host is Cabbage Patch Catering and the presenter is Jim Vanek of Vanek Capital Financial

Planning. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert.

Reservations for seating are required. Call (313) 884-4820 and leave a message. Deadline to save a spot is Tuesday, Oct. 19. There is no charge for this event; however, a freewill donation is appreciated.

Detroit Concert Choir presents ‘Let Music Live!’

The Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Michael A. Mitchell, presents its season opening concert, “Let Music LIVE!” at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell, Detroit.

The performance includes Joseph Martin’s rich and dramatic “The Awakening,” picturesque settings from Randall Thompson’s “Frostiana” and a commissioned piece, “The Silence,” composed for the Detroit



Concert Choir by Connor Koppin.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students.

To purchase tickets in advance and for COVID-19 safety measures and protocols, visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

The Detroit Concert Choir, now in its 35th season, is Detroit’s international award-winning premier vocal ensemble, celebrated for exceptional programming and distinctive performances. Its 70-plus members represent 40 communities, including Grosse Pointe.

DCC is housed at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and rehearses and Grosse Pointe North High School. Its 2021-22 schedule includes four events in the Pointes.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, celebrates its 125th anniversary with 10 a.m. worship Sunday, Oct. 31, with guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Bishop Donald P.

Kreiss. A German-style buffet follows. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 7 to 12 and free for ages 6 and younger. For information or tickets, call Marck Berkesch at (313) 268-1095 or email mjberkesch1@gmail.com.

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, hosts a Christmas Resale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. This fundraiser, sponsored by the Women’s Club, includes a variety of holiday décor at reasonable prices. For information, call (586) 293-3280.

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SUNDAY
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service
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10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

MONDAY
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2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

WEDNESDAY
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Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m.
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Thursday, October 21 at Noon
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Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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800 Vernier Road
(Corner of Wedgewood)
(313) 884-5040

9:30 am - Worship Service
9:45 am - Spark Church
11:00 am - Worship Service

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Eleanor Johnson Tuttle

Eleanor Johnson Tuttle, 86, passed away in Palm Desert, Calif., Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021. She was a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, the City of Grosse Pointe and Los Angeles.

Eleanor was born May 1, 1935, in Detroit, to the Rev. Irwin C. Johnson and Evelyn S. Johnson, both now deceased.

She graduated from University Liggett School in 1952, and the University of Michigan in 1956.

She worked at J.L. Hudson Co., Kenneth Drake Associates and PR Associates, in Detroit. She was Director of Conference Services and Catering at the Hyatt Regency, the Miramonte and the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Los Angeles and Palm Springs. She also worked at the California Mart in Los Angeles.

She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, Grosse Pointe Theatre and Adcraft Club of Detroit.

After retiring from the hotel industry, she was an active volunteer for many years with the Eisenhower Medical Center and Betty Ford Center.

Eleanor was a lifelong fan of collegiate sports and a stalwart Michigan fan until the end.

After moving to California, Eleanor loved to travel, taking many trips by herself and with family members. She was an avid reader, followed U of M sports on TV and always did the daily crossword puzzle.

She was predeceased by her husband, Roger S. Tuttle; sister, Mary Johnson Adams; and brother, David Filmore Johnson. She is survived by her daughter, Dana Tuttle Miller; son,

Richard Stewart Tuttle; and grandchildren, Eric Stewart Tuttle, Ryan Stewart Miller and Benjamin Stewart Miller.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230-1206, gpt.org/support-us.

Michael Patrick Barry

Michael Patrick Barry, 76, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in Santa Monica, Calif.

Michael was born in Detroit to Patrick A. and Colleen N. Barry (nee McElligott), both now deceased, and was raised with four siblings, Nancy Moore (David), Shawn (Ren Navez), Brian (Ronette) and Tighe (Medea Benjamin) in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Upon graduation from Grosse Pointe High School in 1965, Michael served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following an honorable discharge in 1969, he returned to Detroit to be with his firstborn daughter, Kelly Benoit (nee Barry) and former wife, Leslie Hudson, with whom he remained friends forever.

Mike was a real lover and believer in Detroit and used his time to create many businesses there, helping many young people get their first jobs and believe in themselves. He was most known for creating one of the first “photo T-shirts.” He initially started with a booth at the Michigan State Fair and later opened a storefront on Mack Avenue in Detroit.

Mike went on to create silkscreens for many local businesses. He transferred their logos onto T-shirts, hats or just about anything a cus-

tomer requested, including countless little pink/blue newborn T-shirts for hospitals across the country.

Later in life, he became a tax advisor for H&R Block. He was an expert in the field, loved by many and always had a large following each year.

Michael loved to travel and spent a lot of time in Europe, especially a small town in Spain called Sitges, where he met many lifelong friends from all over the world. Later in life, he traveled with family in southeast Asia. He loved Thailand the best.

Michael, “Mike Dude,” “Pa,” loved to be around family and friends. He frequently traveled between Detroit and Santa Monica. While in Detroit, he especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaugh-

ters. He would do just about anything for anyone and never asked for anything in return; he was one of the most kind, gentle and caring sons, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and friend, his family said.

Michael was a loving father to Kelly Barry Benoit (Kerry), the late Tamaara and Shalisa Buckley (Jason); grandfather to Olivia Benoit, Erika Benoit, Kharissa and Aidan Murphy, Sara Fisher, Chiara and Chevy Buckley; uncle to David, Beau, Josh (Chelsea), Alex, Eamon, Libby and Valentina; amazing nephew to Patsy Setter, his “Detroit mother”; great cousin to Shelle Gazso (Dennis), TC LeFever and Rick Chouinard (Therese); and lifelong friend to Thomas Garavaglia, aka “Egor Barry.”

Mike’s generous heart and contagious laugh will never be forgotten.



Eleanor Johnson Tuttle



Michael Patrick Barry



Glenn William Housey



John Langone

Glenn William Housey

Glenn William Housey, 77, passed away Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021.

He was born June 18, 1944.

He was affectionately known as “Poppy,” “Houseboat,” “Dad” and most importantly, a “good man.”

He was the loving father of Andrew and Rahiel Housey-Johnson (Stanley); proud “Pops” of Sophie, Rose Nada and Riva; beloved companion of Nancy McPherson; dear brother of Mitchell Housey, Patricia Sechrest, Gary Housey and David Housey; and is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by one brother and two sisters.

A memorial visitation will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, until a Celebration of Life at 12:30 p.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit (outdoor pavilion).

Donations may be made in honor of Glenn W. Housey to Capuchin Retreat Center, 62460 Mount Vernon Rd., Washington, MI 48094, capretreat.org.

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

John Langone

John Langone, 92, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Friday, Oct. 8, 2021.

He was born April 28, 1929, in Detroit, to Anthony and Carmella Langone, both now deceased.

He was the owner of Langone Service Station on Mack Avenue in the City of Grosse Pointe.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army.

John was predeceased by his wife, Joyce Langone; sisters, Flora Benvenuti, Mary Bridges, Jeanette Dimango, Rosie Langone; and brother, Anthony Langone.

He is survived by his daughter, Robyn Langone Shea (Peter); sons, John Langone and Greg Langone; grandchildren, Krista Langone, Katie Langone (Jeff Kaczynski), Danny Langone, Andrew Shea and Tori Shea; and great-grandchild, Savannah Kaczynski.

Viewing took place Oct. 12, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.



Russell H. Peebles

Memorial contributions may be made to Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Russell H. Peebles

Russell H. Peebles, 102, died in Louisville, Ky., Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021.

He was born June 14, 1919, in Ashland, Ky., and earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1941. He met Carrie Wismer at the University of Michigan and they married in 1943. After serving as an officer in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II, he returned to Michigan and spent most of his life in Grosse Pointe. He worked for Chrysler Corp., for 31 years. In 2013, he and Carrie moved to Louisville to be near his family.

Russell was committed to community service, social justice and human rights. He held leadership positions in many community organizations, including Little League, Babe Ruth League, American Society of Body Engineers and Funeral Consumers Information Society, as well as volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

Education was very important to him. He was elected to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and served five years, 1963 to 1968. He was a docent at the Detroit Historical Museum and Grosse Pointe Historical Society and volunteered as a teacher’s aide at Guyton Elementary School in Detroit.

He was a 70-year member of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, where he held many leadership positions. He has two patents for automotive mechanisms; invented a method for producing a non-separating baseball bat; and earned Eagle Scout status as a Boy Scout. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club tennis group for many years.

Russell was married to Carrie for 72 years, until her death in 2015. They were avid world travelers. They had two children, Thomas Peebles (Christine) and Jane Peebles Gross (Ronald); four grandchildren, Chloe Peebles, Olivia Peebles, David Gross



Dr. Robert R. Gryebet

and Michael Gross; and two great-granddaughters, Violet and Margaux. In addition, he had two step-great-grandchildren, Steven Melcher and Saray Gaeta, and four step-great-great-granddaughters.

Dr. Robert Raymond Gryebet

Dr. Robert Raymond Gryebet, 65, passed away after his long battle Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021.

He was the beloved husband of Christine Gryebet for 33 years; cherished father of Dena, Raymond and Stephanie; dear brother of Rick, Sandy and Randy (Van); and adored uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Raymond.

Robert was born June 30, 1956, to Raymond and Stephanie Gryebet. He was raised in Roseville with his parents and siblings.

Later in life, Robert earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and started his own dental practice, which he ran for 36 years. He met Christine while he was in dental school and together they moved to Grosse Pointe to start a beautiful family, whom he dearly loved. Robert and Christine resided in Grosse Pointe for 26 years. They raised their family and later moved to Macomb Township.

Robert was an avid golfer and bourbon connoisseur. He also was a 4th degree black belt in karate and enjoyed being active. Mostly, he loved spending time with family and friends. He will be remembered for his optimism and bravery during his battle with brain cancer.

Services were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home and Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

Robert was laid to rest at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Robert’s name to the Henry Ford Game On Cancer organization to help raise money for the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at hfordh.convio.net/site/TR/GameOnCancer/ or to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, goassumption.org.

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Shirley Mae (Nuffer) Peppler

Shirley Mae (Nuffer) Peppler, of Grosse Pointe Farms, went to see her dear father in life everlasting on October 4, 2021. Shirley was born on October 25, 1924, the youngest of five daughters of Alfred, a German immigrant, and Mary, a Swiss-American from Harbor Beach. She grew up in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood where she met her striking husband-to-be (for 63 years), William Peppler, waiting for him to return from WWII before their wedding at Faith Lutheran Church. In between, she went to USO dances and worked at Edison until she was ineligible due to getting married. Shirley and Bill followed his career to Toledo, Ohio where their three surviving children, Linda Rhodes, Laura Peppler-Maloney (Sean), and Gary (Diane) were born. Together they enjoyed family vacations throughout Michigan and beyond, a pool in the backyard and boating on Lake St. Clair. Shirley and Bill instilled in their children the value of hard work and education with all three earning Masters degrees in spite of

their parents not having such opportunities. In addition, all developed a love of the water as Shirley and Bill eventually moved to



Caseville (aka “paradise”) initially owning and managing Duffies Tavern.

Shirley was an active member of her churches at Mount Zion Lutheran, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian and Grosse Pointe Congregational Church while working in home improvement and a dental practice among other places. She frequently managed the business affairs and always made new, lifelong friends. Despite several

serious medical challenges and the need to support Bill in his battle with leukemia, she always had a warm smile and hug or squeeze of the hand whether she knew you for years or minutes. In fact, shortly after meeting you, it was likely she knew the name of your spouse, ages of your children, where you worked and how you were feeling that day.

In addition to her three children, Shirley is survived by eight grandchildren – Maya, Greg, Hana, Mark, Stacey, Ian, Colin and Kiera – each of whom knew with certainty they were her favorite. She was also happy to share the accomplishments of her six great-grandchildren at any time.

There will be a memorial service full of smiles and hugs befitting Shirley at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church on October 23. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Shirley’s memory to those she supported such as Crossroads or the Salvation Army. A special thanks for the love and support of her godchild, Christine Lyons, as well as the caring staff at ShorePointe.

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OBITS:

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Frank Alan Rice

Frank Alan Rice, aka Alan, 60, of St. Clair Shores, died at Detroit Receiving Hospital Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

He was born March 15, 1961, in Frankfort, Ind., to Gail Frank Rice and Clara Lucille Wood (nee Conley), both now deceased.

Alan will be remembered for his approachable temperament and ability to connect with all people. He was nonjudgmental and treated those around him as individuals who had equal value.

He was an avid reader whose taste in literature ranged from history to archeology. He was a dutiful third-degree Mason who belonged to the Birmingham Masonic Lodge.

Alan also was a certified scuba diver who enjoyed exploring shipwrecks.

He was known for his famous homemade chili, spaghetti and goulash. He was an avid “The Walking Dead” fan, who never missed watching an episode with his girls.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his two loving daughters, Nicole Carmella Rice and Mallory Anne Rice; his other half, Alice Mitkus; two cherished granddaughters, Kayla and Kennedy; grandson, Dempsey Alan; sister, Connie Nappo (Paul); and numerous extended family and close friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Gary Rice.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.



Frank Alan Rice

joined J.L. Hudson Co., in Detroit.

Cynthia was known for her generosity of spirit, dedication, work ethic, love of learning, kindness and warm welcomes. She was a devoted member of Tau Beta Association since 1948, serving as camp treasurer for seven years, trustee and president from 1985 to 1987, and she received Tau Beta’s Eloise Jenks Webber Award for outstanding and sustained service and leadership in 1997.

Cynthia joined the Junior League of Detroit in 1961, and was vice president from 1971 to 1973. She was instrumental in its Art to the Schools Program and launched its Poison Control Project at Children’s Hospital. This new program raised awareness about prevention of accidental poisoning, prompted routine lead screening to become a standard pediatric practice and earned the National Safety Council’s highest award in 1966. She also served on several league committees and supported its involvement with Planned Parenthood. In addition, she volunteered with the United Foundation for 15 years, serving as division chair.

Cynthia also served in various capacities at the Detroit Industrial School, including president in 2007. Of her involvement with the Detroit Industrial School and its commitment to supporting child-focused charities in Detroit and the tri-county area, she was quoted in an article as saying, “We’re not really in the public eye. ... We’re not trying to be quiet about it, we’re just busy doing our thing.” This attitude of humble, consistent service typified Cynthia’s commitment to getting the job done and giving back to society.

Cynthia was a vice president and president of the Grosse Pointe Co-Op Nursery and representative to the Greater Detroit Co-Op Nursery Council, a Christ Church Grosse Pointe Sunday School teacher and choir mother, “Cocoa Mom” for the Maire School Safety Patrol, a room mother for multiple years at Maire Elementary and Pierce Middle schools, a PTO president and a Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers Club president from 1977 to 1978, where she also served 10 years in other capacities.

She chaired Girl Scout Troop cookie sales, coordinated GPSHS “band fruit” sales, served on the board of the All-Pointe Swim Club and was a coordinator for the GPSHS Foreign Exchange Club for years, hosting many foreign students and organizing sightseeing expeditions in the



Cynthia Keydel Huebner

greater Detroit area. She was deeply involved in the GPSHS Career Counseling Center, volunteering with mock interviews, sourcing and scheduling speakers from various disciplines and keeping career files up to date.

Cynthia nurtured her many friendships with sincerity. The Liggett School Alumni Association, Wellesley Club, her Kappa Alpha Theta chapter, Libri, fitness and swimming groups, book club and many community activities enumerated above and beyond were opportunities for her to foster strong, meaningful and lasting friendships with other smart, fun, engaged women in the community.

Cynthia first pursued docent training at the Detroit Institute of Arts in 1979. She regularly led tours for school children from greater Detroit and shared the DIA’s collection and special exhibitions with the public for more than 30 years. In the process, she also indulged her love of learning and deepened her friendships. Her passion for the arts extended to being a patron of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theater and Stratford Festival in Ontario.

Cynthia was much more than a list of her many accomplishments and affiliations, her family said. She often told them her work as a mother was the most important work of her life. She was a nurturer and felt her highest calling was to raise her children to embody the values she lived out — a love of learning, an appreciation for hard work and fundamentals, a sense of civic responsibility and joy in raising their own families. She invested great amounts of time, energy, patience and attention in her role as a mother and believed the work of tending hearth and home was nothing less than sacred.

Beyond the work of family and community, Cynthia’s passions included tending her beautiful gardens, swimming, sailing, hosting gatherings at her home, cooking meals and sharing recipes, reading, knitting patterned ski caps and baby sweaters, cross-country skiing, passing along family history and traditions, corresponding and visiting with extended family and far-away friends and traveling with her family and close friends throughout North America, Europe, South America, The Caribbean, Africa and Asia. A gracious hostess, she was never happier than celebrating life in the company of family, friends and even strangers who would no doubt soon become friends too.

A celebration of Cynthia’s life will be held at Christ Church



Robert William Bradley

Grosse Pointe in spring 2022.

Robert William Bradley

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert “Bob” William Bradley, a retired public high school teacher, died peacefully Monday, Oct. 4, 2021, with his family present. He was 92.

He is survived by his son, Robert Jr. (Cathy Kerr); daughters, Katherine (Matt McCracken) and Linda Bell (Chris Borland); five grandsons; and six great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his sister, Helen Hekimian, of Houston, Texas. His wife of 46 years, Ann Humphreys, predeceased him in 2003.

From 1958 to 1991, Mr. Bradley was employed by the Grosse Pointe Public School System at Brownell Junior High until 1963, and Grosse Pointe South High School until 1991, where he taught history, English and humanities. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-53.

From 1963-64, he taught American literature in Denmark under a Fulbright grant. Prior to that, he received a

Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, from what is now Western Michigan University and a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Michigan.

During his retirement, he served as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts and a volunteer at Cottage Hospital. He was active in the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and tutored English as a Second Language at the Dominican Literacy Center in Detroit.

Mr. Bradley initiated and supported the Humanities Scholarship at Grosse Pointe South High School, awarded to a senior for outstanding community service and achievement in history, literature or the arts. His interest in music took the form of his support of the Detroit Symphony for more than 50 years and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

He was a voracious reader throughout his life and, in his retirement, wrote more than 400 book reviews that he shared with friends and colleagues.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. The service also will be available for viewing on Zoom.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob’s memory may be made to Interlochen Center for the Arts, Attn: Philanthropy Office, P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643, interlochen.org; or Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, gpuuc.org.

Navigating transitions roundtable planned

Moving to another stage in life — whether downsizing to a new home or senior living facility, making your home safer and more comfortable or looking for home care assistance for a loved one — takes preparation.

That’s why The Family Center, in partnership with The Helm, presents the Navigating Life Transitions Roundtable, from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The evening will include experts offering information on financial and legal checklists, downsizing, home safety tips, evaluating home healthcare options and mental health support for caregivers. Participants can join different “roundtables” based on the topic of most interest.

“This program allows participants to gain information and share ideas on how to deal with a variety of issues in a comfortable, casual setting,” said Jennifer Bingaman, executive director of The Family Center.

“This event is a great partnership between two family-oriented, community service organizations,” added Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm.

There is no charge for the program, but registration is required. To register, call The Family Center at (313) 447-1374.



Grosse Pointe Farms Resident Jane Kay Nugent passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

She was born on August 31, 1925 to Albert and Celia (Betzing) Kay, both now deceased. Jane grew up in Grosse Pointe Park.

Jane lost her father at age 12, and her mother became the family’s provider modeling ethics at work, fairness and maximizing innate ability. Her mother encouraged Jane to attend college. Jane earned degrees from three universities: University of Detroit, (B.S. in Personnel Management), Wayne State University (M.A. Personnel Psychology) and University of Michigan (M.B.A.) ---all while working part time.

She spent her professional career with Detroit Edison, starting as a part-time file audit clerk while attaining her educational degrees--- to the first woman to achieve---not one---but two---separate vice presidencies at Detroit Edison. She was Vice President of Administration when she retired.

Jane was a trail blazer for women. She was a pioneer, leader and innovator, not to mention a highly accomplished professional who took her role as an advocate for women in the workplace seriously. She shared her knowledge, wisdom and capability freely with others. That singular fact lies at the heart of Jane’s innumerable professional, civic and personal contributions throughout her life.



JANE KAY NUGENT

She served on more than twenty boards---six as president or chairman of: Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan, International Association for Personnel Women, Women’s Economic Club (Inform), Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association, Children’s Home of Detroit, and chair of the Board of the Detroit Institute of Commerce as well as a vice president of the Economic Club of Detroit. She also served on numerous committees in Southeastern Michigan.

Her list of awards, associations and ‘firsts’ would fill pages. A few highlights of her distinguished life include: being named one of Detroit’s Top Ten Working Women and election to the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame. In 2008 Jane was named to the University of Detroit Mercy College of Business Admin-

istration Hall of Honor and in 2010 she received the St. John Hospital and Medical Guild Philanthropic Service Award. In 2013 she was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Jane was one of the first women members of the Detroit Athletic Club and had many stories to tell about that time period. She was also a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Lochmoor Club and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

She loved a good time with dear friends, wonderful stories and laughter whether on the golf course, on the bowling alley or in a friend’s home.

Jane was married to the late Robert L. Nugent. She is survived by cousins Anne DeHaan and Bill Betzing and many faithful friends including Beth Carter and Mona Gualtieri. A special thank you to her devoted care givers, especially Theresa and Stacey.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, on Tuesday, October 12 at 10 am. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to Ascension St. John Health Foundation, 19251 Mack Avenue, Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or to the charity of your choice.

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Zanshin Karate Dojo students win big at karate tournament

Students from Grosse Pointe Park’s Zanshin Karate Dojo took home 65 trophies at the Fall Friendship Invitational tournament Oct. 3, at L’Anse Creuse High School.

More than 580 karate students from metro Detroit and Midwest dojos competed in the tournament, which was hosted by Zen Bei Butoku-Kai International. Competitors, ages 4 to adult, entered in three types of events: Kata (Forms), Kobudo (Weapons) and Kumite (Sparring). Trophies were awarded for first, second and third place.

Zanshin Karate, 15318 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park, is led by Sensei Sean Farnsworth.

“We are so very proud of every student from Zanshin who competed this weekend,”



From left, Joseph Coraci, Dave Furi and Owen Furi at the 2021 Fall Friendship Invitational karate tournament Oct. 3. All three are students at Zanshin Karate.

Farnsworth said. “It takes a lot of courage and everyone came prepared bringing their best.”

It was the dojo’s first tournament since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, so it also was the first time many of the students were able to participate in a competition.

“The pandemic presented many challenges over the past year and a half,” Farnsworth said, “and we were so excited to be able to compete once again.”

The Zen Bei Butoku-Kai is headed by Sensei Brian Ricci. The specific purpose of the Zen Bei Butoku-Kai International

is to advance the study of traditional karate, T’ai Chi Chuan, Aiki-Jujutsu and Budo, as well as foster the growth of these martial arts taught by Master Richard Kim.

Zanshin’s local winners at the tournament included:

Grosse Pointe Farms
Michael Farnsworth — 1st Kata; 1st Weapons; 2nd Sparring
Roberto Vichr Toda — 2nd Sparring
Nikolas Elezaj — 2nd Sparring
Lucas Tylenda — 3rd Sparring
Jack Tylenda — 3rd Kata; 3rd Sparring
Henry Nix — 1st Kata - 2nd Sparring
Daschel Hanneman — 2nd Kata; 3rd Sparring
Brooks Jezdimir — 3rd Kata

Grosse Pointe Woods
Finnegan Merkel — 3rd Sparring
Lily Owczarek — 2nd Kata; 3rd Sparring
Gloria Brown — 1st Kata
Kian O’ Farrell — 3rd Kata
Gates Coyro — 3rd Kata
Dustin Block — 1st Kata; 2nd Weapons; 3rd Sparring
Eliot Block — 1st Kata
City of Grosse Pointe
James Lepczyk — 1st Kata; 3rd Sparring
Malek Haurani — 2nd

Sparring
Christopher Wahl — 3rd Sparring

A n t h o n y
Marcolini — 1st Kata; 2nd Sparring
RJ Borawski — 1st Kata; 2nd Sparring
B r a x t o n
Phifer — 3rd Kata; 3rd Sparring
G r o s s e
Pointe Park
A b b y

Brumbaugh — 1st Sparring

M i l a n a
Manousakakis — 2nd Sparring

Yianni Manousakakis — 3rd Sparring
Colin Drouillard — 3rd Sparring
Abe Hill — 1st Sparring
Dr. Anthony Cruz — 3rd Kata

Jack Parnell — 1st Kata
Gabe Johnson — 1st Kata
Desmond Zuccaro — 1st Kata

Patrick Morris — 2nd Kata
Sally Hecker — 3rd Kata

Dylan McGovern — 3rd Kata; 3rd Sparring
Trace Drake — 1st Kata; 1st Sparring

Izzy Drake — 1st Kata
Liam Armitage — 2nd Kata
Grosse Pointe Shores



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Zanshin Karate student Abby Brumbaugh placed first in sparring.

Dominic Malouf — 2nd Kata; 3rd Sparring

Ethan Verb — 3rd Sparring

Sam Wakefield — 2nd Kata; 2nd Sparring

Isaac Thursam — 1st Sparring

Jacob Thursam — 2nd Kata

St. Clair Shores

David Furi — 1st Kata; 2nd Sparring

Owen Furi — 3rd Sparring

Detroit

Kamryn Thomas — 1st Sparring

Grant Salk — 1st Sparring

DJ Reed — 1st Sparring

Rochester

Joseph Coraci — 2nd Kata; 1st Sparring

Eastside Republicans to learn latest on redistricting

The latest maps released for comment by Michigan’s redistricting commission will be the topic of the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Meghan Reckling

Discussing the commission’s progress and maps will be Meghan Reckling, chair of the Livingston County Republican Party and member of the Michigan GOP State Committee.

“Meghan Reckling has become an authority on Michigan’s new redistricting process,” said ERC chair Marie Hackleman. “We look forward to hearing her comments about the map drafts. Perhaps she will address some of the controversies swirling around the commission, too.”

Formally named the “Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,” first drafts of its proposed maps are to be offered for public comment by mid-October.

“By then we should have an idea of the political implications of where district lines are being drawn and specifically the impact on the Pointes,” Hackleman said.

The commission, approved by voters in 2018, was tasked following the 2020 census with redrawing Michigan’s district lines based on seven criteria, including “communities of interest.” Local Republicans and Democrats alike have appealed to the commission

to consider the Pointes as one community of interest and to keep the five Pointes together as they draw maps for the Michigan House, Senate and Congressional districts. Presently, the Pointes are split into two Michigan House districts and the U.S. Congressional district includes portions of Oakland County beyond

Pontiac.

“Attend the meeting so you can be informed and engage in the process,” Hackleman said. “Community engagement is critical. A significant component guiding map drawing are the public hearings, comments and maps submitted by the people of Michigan. That means you.”

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking in advance of the meeting.

While in high school, Reckling was active in both the local and statewide chapters of the Teen Age Republicans.

Reckling attended Michigan State University, where she studied political science. By 2004, she took a full-time position as a legislative assistant and later rose to the position of legislative director, working for a number of state representatives including Lana Theis, who named Reckling chief of staff.

Reckling and her husband, Mark, a law enforcement officer for more than 15 years, reside in Handy Township with their two children.

AAUW GP hosts Detroit Riverwalk

The American Association of University Women Grosse Pointe — AAUW GP — hosts its October Detroit Riverwalk event at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Robert C. Valade Park.

The walk along the Detroit Riverwalk is a celebration of the one-year anniversary of its 2020 ERA Parade and the 101-year anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment.

Valade Park parking is at the corner of

Atwater and Chene.

A member from the Riverwalk Conservancy will walk with the group and give a short historical overview of the riverfront area, how it has transformed from the industrial area into its current form and the plans for its future.

After our walk, the group will have lunch at Andrews On the Corner.

There is no charge for anything but lunch.

Secure and Fair Elections is Oct. 18

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe is sponsoring the virtual forum, “Secure and Fair Elections,” for League members and the public, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18.

Election officials will discuss the facts underscoring the integrity of absentee voting and the methods used to keep ballots and votes secure. They will also address the pros and cons of voter ID laws. What is required and why? Are affidavits secure? What leg-

islation is being proposed? Find out from the Michigan experts in voting.

Speakers include Susan Nash, clerk of the city of Livonia; Carol Pierce, senior election specialist with the Bureau of Elections of the Michigan Secretary of State; and Susan Acton, president of the LWV Grosse Pointe.

Registration is required at lwvgrossepointe.org. Deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 14. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants the day of the forum.

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p.m. Brian Peterson will share how he and the nonprofit Bees in the D are helping create the Motor City’s Bee Highway, which will be an interactive collaboration of residents, businesses and municipalities that will help provide the essentials of food, water and shelter to pollinators. This program is free and open to all. Guests are encouraged to be vaccinated and masked.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Register at redcrossblood.org.

A blood drive is planned from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the Connelly Auditorium of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe. Appointments are preferred. Visit versiti.org/MI to schedule.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its McNeill Raffle Drawing during its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, hosted by club President Elizabeth Vogel. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those

who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

The Gilda’s Club Lake House location, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, hosts the following virtual programs:

◆ 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, Knitting Circle outdoor meeting.

◆ Women’s Gathering, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

◆ Mediation outdoor meeting, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26.

◆ Knitting Circle outdoor meeting, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Reunion

Grosse Pointe South High School’s Class of 1991 is hosting its 30th reunion, beginning with a gathering at the North/South tailgate and game at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. A Class of 1991 tent will be set up on the boulevard side of the lawn. Cost is \$5 for the game; food trucks will be available. Tours of the school are planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. The main reunion takes place 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit. Cost is \$60 per person; a cash bar will be available. For information, call Marica Ostrowski at (313) 608-3811.

Family Center

The Family Center presents Sing & Sign with Hummingbirds Music Together and Momcat’s Signing Academy, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Led by Sarah Boyd and Kelly Konieczki, the program takes place under the tent on the lakefront lawn. Call (313) 447-1374.

Men’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the Tompkins Center, Grosse Pointe Park. Dr. Antoine Garibaldi, president of the University of Detroit Mercy, speaks.

Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activi-

ties for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at afdegrossepointe.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month, at St. James Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. There is no cost to participate. Call Lisa at (805) 450-1994 or email lisajonesmen talhealth@gmail.com.

Lakeshore

Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, “Ask the Therapist,” from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and “Coffee Break Chat with Rachel,” with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

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Celebrating artist Nobuko Yamasaki across the state and internationally

Work by Grosse Pointe Shores artist Nobuko Yamasaki has been chosen for an international juried exhibition to be held this December in Nara, Japan. The show will be one of the highlights of a conference on woodblock printing.

With travel bans in effect, an excellent alternative is to visit her solo show, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays through Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Color | Ink Studio & Gallery, 20919 John R, Hazel Park.

“Nobuko’s art is unique and truly wonderful to view and experience,” Linda Boyle said after her visit. “Her style and authenticity to her Japanese heritage is evident and shines brightly in her work.”

Yamasaki learned woodblock printing in the tradition of Hiroshige at



Nobuko Yamasaki stands between “Big Catch” and “Into the Sky,” during the artist’s reception for her solo show at the Color | Ink Studio in Hazel Park.

Seika University in Kyoto, Japan. After graduation, she studied with Richard Steiner, a noted woodblock print artist and teacher, in his Kyoto studio. She has gone on to create award-winning work, as well as share

woodblock printing techniques with her students. Her piece, “The Big Catch,” is part of the 92nd Michigan Contemporary Art exhibition at the Muskegon Museum of Art. It won the Youngman Memorial Award for Graphic Arts. The show is open until Wednesday, Nov. 10.

“This print is inspired by a photograph taken in Okinawa in 1935,” Yamasaki said. “A fisherman’s wife, along with her mother-in-laws, are waiting for him to come home. I wanted to capture her smile because it is so beautiful. This print is made with four blocks and five colors.”

As for her students, they unite in glowing praise of her creativity and skills, as well as her patience and encouragement.

“As a teacher, Nobuko exhibits a perfect balance between gentle kindness and strict adherence to artistic principles and procedures,” Mary Stebbins Taitt said. “She’s extremely talented, good with composition, light, color and tone, knowledgeable about many aspects of art and does a fantastic job of demonstrating process and guiding the student through the steps of making a woodblock print.

“She knows when to



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Jackie Rybinski and her granddaughter, Amelia, discuss the art at Nobuko Yamasaki’s solo show.

step back and let the student proceed on his own and when to step in and assist,” Stebbins Taitt continued. “She has a sweet, accommodating personality balanced by an iron will. She’s both methodical and flexible and helps students find a good bal-

ance between the two.” Yamasaki offers a woodblock workshop with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, Saturday mornings, Jan. 8 to 29. Visit grossepointeartcenter.org for details.



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“Underneath Shadows” is in the Japanese exhibition.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Halle Saperstein

Helping a child develop healthy eating habits

Q: How can I help my teenager develop healthy eating habits?

A: When your child enters their teen years, they start to experience many changes. With developing bodies and more complex emotions comes a spike in their diet. The challenge is, how can parents and guardians make sure teens are making food choices that will aid in their development?

The body needs certain nutrients from food to help with development including:

- ◆ Calcium and vitamin D for bone health;
- ◆ Fiber to regulate digestion;
- ◆ Iron to replenish red blood cells;
- ◆ Vitamin C to help the body absorb iron; and
- ◆ Lean proteins to build muscle.

So what does good nutrition look like for teenagers? My advice would be to follow these simple guidelines:

1. Encourage healthy eating. Think three meals a day and two healthy snacks.



2. Serve balanced meals. A balanced entrée might include a protein with two sides.

3. Promote hydration. Staying hydrated can help curb snacking.

4. Limit sugar intake. Avoid keeping sugary drinks and processed foods in the house. This helps to prevent cavities, obesity and diabetes.

5. Watch the caffeine. Too much caffeine can be dangerous and impact sleep. Teens need sleep for proper development.

How can parents guide healthy food choices? Here are a few suggestions:

- ◆ Lead by example. Stock the house with healthy snack options.
- ◆ Take your kids to the

store so they can help pick snacks and plan meals.

- ◆ Allow kids to try new foods.
- ◆ Find healthy alternatives to junk foods.
- ◆ Eat at home more.

Halle Saperstein is a registered dietitian nutritionist for Henry Ford Health System. To find a registered dietitian at Henry Ford, visit henryford.com or call (800) 436-7936.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

This week I can finally bring you my results of a two-month-long experiment. I purchased RapidBrow eyebrow-enhancing serum because I saw about 40 ads on social media and I HAD TO TRY IT!

From the ads, it looks like it can turn scraggly, sparse brows (which are currently VERY uncool) to dense, lush brows. Here's the catch — it's not instant. Far from it. You have to use it twice a day for eight weeks.

However, I found the routine to be so easy I don't think I missed a single application. It looks like a tube of clear mascara and the wand is like a mini mascara wand.

Simply keep it at your sink or vanity and brush it through your brows twice a day at the same time you brush your teeth — at least that's what worked for me.



I have to say, regardless of whether it worked (spoiler: It did!), it also tames and shapes your brows when you apply, which is a bonus.

Honestly I didn't notice any difference for the first several weeks, so I'm surprised I even kept it up. But like I said, it's so easy, I just kept the routine and kept hoping.

At about week four, I had a couple people ask me if something was different and a couple people comment on my brows specifically.

It seemed really subtle to me and when comparing photos it wasn't very noticeable, but I



feel the subtle change made a difference.

After about six or seven weeks, RapidBrow really seemed to come on strong. Again, it's nothing crazy, but it just really filled in the arch part of my brows that were getting, for lack of a better word, a bit bald.

The whole eyebrow seemed thicker and younger. I am officially past week eight now and very happy with the results.

I do think the before and

after photos on the website and social media are extreme and not the results I experienced.

I would give RapidBrow 3.5 out of 5 alligators in general — and for me personally, who already had somewhat decent brows, it was enough.

For those who have really wimpy brows or really blonde, this is not for you. Leave it for the micro-blading and micro-shading experts. But if you

just want a little bit more volume, I would recommend RapidBrow.

I purchased it on Amazon, but it is widely available. The price seems to vary a bit, but it's about \$29.99 for one tube.



Overall Rating 3.5 out of 5

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Uncomfortable with ex turned best friend

I'm good friends with an ex. She's a great person, but we just don't work romantically.

For two years, I've been seeing a woman I love and want a future with. She initially said she was fine with my friendship with my ex.

Two months ago, she said she was uncomfortable with it and it might even be a deal breaker. How is it fair for her to decide this now?

— Don't Wanna Dump A Friend



up together on the couch never leads to anyone's bra being yanked off and flung onto the ceiling fan.

Two years ago, your girlfriend did say she was okay with your friendship with your ex. So, your feeling like you've been

played is understandable -- but probably driven by the (very common!) tendency to overestimate our ability to engage in reliable "affective forecasting."

"Affect" is researcher-ese for emotion, and affective forecasting involves predicting how some future event will make us feel.

Research by psychologists Daniel Gilbert and Timothy Wilson suggests we're pretty bad at foreseeing what we'll ulti-

mately want and how happy or unhappy it will make us down the road.

Our guesses about how we'll eventually feel are colored by our circumstances and preferences at the time we're making a prediction.

For example, before your girlfriend was very attached to you, she might've believed your friendship with your ex was (and would keep being) no biggie. As her love for you grew, the stakes of losing you loomed large in a way they didn't back in the cool light of "Mmmkay, let's see where things go with

Mr. (Possibly) Right."

Tell her you want to understand her feelings -- and do something few people do when they have a goal of their own in mind: Listen fully and open-mindedly (as opposed to giving the appearance of listening while mentally cataloging all the fantastic points you'll make). Hearing her fears could help you empathize with her -- which should make her feel understood. Explain why she has nothing to worry about (uh, assuming that's the case).

You might also actively reassure her: regularly do

stuff to show how much you love her.

Ultimately, however, you might have a big ugly choice to make if you can't get your girlfriend to stop seeing your friendship with your ex as something along the lines of Wile E. Coyote getting the night watchman gig at KFC.

Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com. @amyalkon on Twitter. Weekly podcast: blog-talkradio.com/amyalkon. (c)2021, Amy Alkon, all rights reserved.

New couple emerges following pair of divorces

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I hope you can answer a question for us.

Two couples we were extremely close with for more than 10 years were divorced two and three years ago.

We have just been told that Husband A has been secretly dating Wife B for six months. Wife A and Wife B were "besties."

The men were good friends, but not best friends like the women.

Both couples were married for more than 25 years.

They are all in their mid- to late 50s.

My question is, is there a code where you don't date one of your friend's exes? -- TAKEN ABACK IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: While divorce among

long-married older adults ("gray divorces") may seem shocking to you, it has become more common.

Many women are more economically independent than they were in decades past. In the wake of the long COVID lockdowns, people have been reevaluating not only their relationships, but also their career paths -- and deciding to try something they feel might be more rewarding.

The situation you have described is regrettable, but it is no longer shocking. Be smart. Remain on the sidelines and don't judge.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my husband six months ago. He was my world, and I miss him terribly.

We were together for 42 years and raised five beautiful children.

I want to go back to school and get recertification as an EMT. My goal is to reach paramedic level.

I'll be 62 on my next birthday and have a few health problems. Is my goal realistic?

I plan to use these skills by volunteering in my community. I was a nationally certified EMT and hospital corpsman in my younger days.

I just want to feel useful again. -- NEXT PHASE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NEXT PHASE: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your husband. If you can meet the physical qualifications, and since

you already have the training, go for it!

If you do, the payoff could be the emotional satisfaction you are seeking. I wish you the best of luck.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren,



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact

Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing on behalf of four families in our neighborhood.

One of our neighbors has three unruly, screaming, screeching, constantly yelling children between the ages of 3 and 8.

We can tell from the noise when they wake up in the morning, when they leave for school, when they come home and, thankfully, when they go to sleep.

We have nothing against

young children, Ann.

Most of the kids in this area produce a normal amount of noise, and it doesn't bother us.

We especially dread "pool time," which can last from one hour (bearable) to six hours (intolerable). Ann, these kids don't play. They yell and screech.

During these "scream-fests," it's impossible to read, watch TV, relax or converse. A nap is out of the question.

When they bring friends over, it's so bad we have to leave our homes and go elsewhere.

We have approached this neighbor and explained that the screaming is too much, but the man was not receptive to our plight and became extremely unpleasant.

Our neighborhood used to be a paradise until this fam-

ily moved in. We all try to be considerate of one another, all except for this neighbor.

We have lived here for more than 20 years and don't want to move. What can we do? -- Frazzled in Florida.

Dear Frazzled: Make friends with the kids. Serve them treats occasionally, and ASK them to PLEASE not scream when they are playing because it gives you a headache. It won't eliminate the screaming, but it could cut down on the noise.

Stereo headphones might be the answer. Listening to calming music at times such as these could be a blessing. Try it.

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Wine Waiters

As we resume dining out, a few things might’ve changed during the pandemic shutdowns and one of them is wine service. When people who are skilled in serving wine in restaurants are laid off for 18 months, many end up taking positions in other fields, leaving some restaurants with inexperienced servers. Experienced wine servers can be revenue enhancers and can be helpful to diners who need assistance in wine/food pairings. Problems can arise in situations where diners know more about the wine program than servers do. Or perhaps a

server is simply a snob who loves to display wine knowledge. Watching scenes such as this develop from across restaurant aisles always is a fascinating lesson in human behavior and can make for some hilarious tales. On one occasion at a snooty San Diego restaurant (now thankfully out of business), the wine waiter was a fellow I knew to be a real professional -- one of the few class acts in the joint. As we dined, in walked a nouveau riche snob smelling of Corinthian leather and \$100 per ounce aftershave. After he had perused

the wine list, the waiter asked if the party of four would like a bottle of Champagne. “C h a m p a g n e !” exclaimed the snob, “what else is there?” as if to imply no other aperitif was any good. Then he ordered a bottle of Krug Champagne, the most expensive one on the list. But he pronounced Krug as if it rhymed with “ugh.” (It’s pronounced “kroog.”) The waiter flinched imperceptibly. It was clear that he knew he was in for a bad hair day with someone who had a lot more money than brains. That bubbly faux pas led to other awkward



moments in which the wine waiter seemed always to be teetering on the edge of quitting and taking a job as a shepherd. Then there was the Southern California sommelier who faced three attractive young ladies, one of whom clearly knew nothing about wine. She ordered a bottle of what turned out to be a Cru Beaujolais. It was reasonably priced, and all three women seemed to like it. Everything was fine until the woman who was in charge suddenly said the wine wasn’t satisfactory. Even though their glasses now contained more than three-quarters of the bottle, the leader of the pack told the waiter that the wine was spoiled, and they wouldn’t pay for it. “What’s wrong with it?” asked the waiter. “It tastes spoiled,” she shot back. The waiter smelled her glass and said the wine was fine. “No, it’s spoiled,” she said. The next 15 minutes were awkward and included my involvement (not my idea!) and resulted in the manager telling the woman they wouldn’t

be charged for the wine. The waiter then removed all of the glasses, much to the displeasure of the other two! I have written about wine for 45 years (and collected it for 55!), but I usually ask servers for suggestions, hoping to discover something I wouldn’t have found on my own. I state what kind of wine I’m seeking and a price range. If the waiter’s suggestion turns out to be a dud, it’s easier to justify returning it. (He or she suggested it in the first place.) This happened years ago in a top Napa Valley restaurant. The waiter suggested what he said was a “mature” French white wine. It turned out to be terrible. I returned it with no problem and switched to my own pick. When you’re unable to decipher the wine list, ask for assistance. If you get a lot of hemming and hawing, you can safely assume you’re on your own. If the wine waiter clearly explains a suggestion, you have less to fear by trying it than if you picked blindly on your own. Or buy our wine book of the week. Wine Book of the Week: “Hugh Johnson’s

Pocket Wine Book 2022” (\$16.99, Mitchell Beazley) -- If a wine server can’t explain to you a wine on the list that says Muscadet, googling it on your phone will provide far too much detailed information that you simply don’t need. That’s where this fabulous resource comes in. It’s been around for decades and for good reason. Few people anywhere know as much about wine as does this remarkable English writer. This 336-page mini book is larger than it’s ever been, but still packs more useful information into a small space than you could imagine. There is probably not a wine in the world that isn’t addressed here, and in a succinct way to help you decide what works best with your hamburger. Follow Robert on Twitter at @wineguru. To find out more about Robert Whitley and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2021 CREATORS.COM



An elevated grilled cheese Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Delicious, decadent and divine, this is a meal perfect for a rainy and dull fall weather day. With creamy sauce and crunchy apples, bacon and smooth sharp cheddar, you can’t go wrong with this jazzed up version of a classic. The onions are caramelized with balsamic vinegar which gives the sandwich great tang and sweetness. There is no American cheese or wonder bread involved. (Not that there’s anything wrong with that). It’s simply the best ingredients you can find, put together in a most satisfying way. You want to choose a firm apple that won’t fall apart when cooked. I used Braeburn. But Granny Smith or Fuji would work well also. Pair with your favorite tomato soup and you’ll be very happy.

Thinly slice the onion and add to a saute pan on low heat with the butter, oil, salt and pepper. After about 10 minutes add the vinegar and sugar. Keep cooking and stirring on low heat until soft and golden. Total cook time should be 20 minutes.

Grilled Cheese (2 sandwiches)

- 4 really good quality bread slices
- 2 cups extra sharp cheddar, grated
- Caramelized onions

- 2 firm apples sliced thinly
- 4 slices of cooked bacon
- 1 tbsp dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise

Start by mixing together the mustard and mayo. Spread the mixture on each slice of bread. Next, put half of the cheese on 2 slices of bread and layer each piece with 2 pieces of bacon, apples and a heavy spoonful of onion. Add the rest of the cheese and remaining bread slices. Butter the



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top of the bread and add to a buttered skillet. Cook each side until cheese is melted. About 5 minutes per side.

Caramelized Onions

- 1 medium onion
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 1 tsp sugar
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

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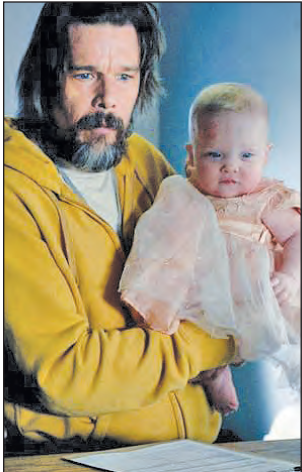
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When Russell Millings an ex-convict down on his luck, (Ethan Hawke) finds an abandoned baby, his life experiences a new purpose.

Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW "Adopt A Highway" 2019 - 1hr 21min

Ethan has proven he can play a wide range of roles. He's done everything from the "Before Sunrise" series and "Boyhood" to "Training Day" and "Gattaca".



When you look at his Filmography, it shows a remarkably broad scope of characters. But nothing I've seen him in prepared me for his acting in "Adopt a Highway".

He was absolutely riveting. While he was on screen for about 90% of

the time, his performance was so nuanced, it was a joy to witness.

I feel this film can be interpreted as a play in four acts.

Act I takes place while and immediately after Russell Millings (Hawke) is released from prison. He served 21 years for possession of a small amount of marijuana under California's ridiculously harsh Three Strikes law. Millings is now in his early 40s and is totally out of touch with the real world. He's painfully shy and has difficulty relating and communicating with other people. It's not clear whether being incarcerated for so long has made him this way, or if he's been like this since childhood. After he's released he gets a job as a dish-



In Act 2 he finds a crying infant in a dumpster behind the restaurant.

He names the baby Ella and takes her home where he goes through the usual routines of the clueless dad trying to figure out feeding and diaper changing rituals.

He relates to Ella because the two of them have been abandoned by society and have difficulty fitting in. Through his one-way conversations, he reveals quite a bit about himself including his childhood and his relationship with his father.

When Ella falls out of bed and is injured he takes her to child services and is forced to give her up.

Millings leaves California in Act 3, when he discovers his father has passed away. He takes a bus to Casper, Wyoming to visit his father's grave and find out about his dad's will.

Along the way, the ultra-introverted Millings meets fellow passenger Diana Spring (Elaine Hendrix). She's a lively character and takes great pleasure in teasing him.

The two have wonderful chemistry together and, even though she gets off in Denver, in the back of our minds we think the two just may hook up again in the future.

The closing act sort of comes out of nowhere. I really can't say much more than you'll be in a good mood when it's over--I sure didn't see that ending coming!

This is a perfect example of a perfect indie film. I really enjoy the fact that actors like Hawke make traditional Hollywood movies, but occasionally work outside the box on projects like this. It's nice to see him take on something that's really challenging.

Currently streaming on Hoopla and Starz. ★★★★★

If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at domin-mark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021: You are a naturally curious person who is verbally expressive and dynamic. You are kind, well-meaning and always fair.

This year is a bit slower for you; it is totally appropriate for you to focus on yourself and your closest relationships.

Trust your intuition this year, because it is unusually strong. Accept the help of others if it is offered.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You will enjoy talking to partners, close friends and schmoozing with members of the general public today. Nevertheless, some kind of upset or surprise might affect your money, your assets or your possessions. Therefore, keep your eyes open! Tonight: Cooperate with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Discussions with bosses or supervisors related to your job will be positive today. Likewise, issues related to your health also might be informative. However, a boss, parent or someone in authority might do something that catches you off guard. Stay cool under pressure. Tonight: Listen to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Today the Moon is dancing nicely with your ruler Mercury. This will encourage you to make travel plans or talk to people from other cultures or far away. You also might be active on social media.

Nevertheless, interruptions to travel are likely. Give yourself extra time to have some wiggle room. Tonight: Learn something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Although you might be upset by unexpected issues related to shared property and banking, this is a good day to discuss these matters with someone. Get things clarified. Figure out what happened. And remember, your first loss is your cheapest loss. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You will have to go along with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign, which means cooperation is the order of the day. Fortunately, conversations with others should flow smoothly. Having said that, there will be some upsets with someone, perhaps a boss or a parent. Tonight: Be cool.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Work-related discussions will be positive and mutually informative today. Someone might help you finish an old project. Possibly, information from the past has relevance now. Nevertheless, expect interruptions to your day because of canceled appointments, power outages, staff shortages -- whatever. Tonight: Get organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a lovely day to schmooze! Accept invitations to enjoy good times with others. Appreciate the arts, sports events and playful activities with kids. Romance is also favored. Parents should know that this is an accident-prone day for their kids, so be vigilant. Tonight: Social plans might change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Home and family issues are on your mind today. A behind-the-scenes discus-

sion might take place. Meanwhile, something unexpected will upset your home routine -- perhaps small appliances are in trouble or a minor breakage could occur. Tonight: Hang in there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might be surprised to hear from an old friend today who has interesting news for you. One thing is certain, your daily routine will change. Short trips might suddenly occur or, in turn, be canceled. It's a busy, social day. Tonight: It's a bit of a crashshoot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Something to do with your money scene, your possessions or your cash flow might take a hit today or undergo some unexpected change. Therefore, keep an eye on whatever you own so you are ready to put out fires. Tonight: A boss you haven't seen in a while might have advice for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're keen to learn new things today, which is why you might talk to people from different backgrounds. You also might explore travel possibilities. Meanwhile, surprises related to home and family are also likely. Tonight: Stay tuned!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today you have energy to do banking and check details about shared property, taxes and debt. However, in doing so, you might be surprised at what you learn. Someone might throw you a curveball. Go slowly and carefully so you don't overlook anything. Tonight: Keep your eyes open.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Usher (1978), actress Lori Petty (1963), fashion designer Ralph Lauren (1939).

Contract Bridge

IT ONLY HURTS FOR A MINUTE

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		
♠	K 5	
♥	A 8 5 3	
♦	6 3	
♣	K Q 10 8 4	
WEST		
♠	7 4 2	
♥	9 7 4	
♦	Q 8 7 5 2	
♣	6 3	
EAST		
♠	A 10 8 3	
♥	Q J 6	
♦	K 9 4	
♣	A 9 5	
SOUTH		
♠	Q J 9 6	
♥	K 10 2	
♦	A J 10	
♣	J 7 2	

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ Dble Redble 1 ♦
Pass Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT
Opening lead — five of diamonds.

The bidding by the opponents often helps declarer find the best line of play, as illustrated by this unusual case from a team-of-four match.

At the first table, West led a diamond against three notrump. Declarer took East's king with the ace and played a club to the king, taken by East with the ace. East returned the nine of diamonds, covered by the ten, and West made a good play by letting the ten

hold. As a result, South went down one. When he later led a spade to try for his ninth trick, East took the ace and returned his last diamond to West's Q-8-7. All told, South lost three diamond tricks and the two black aces.

At the second table, after exactly the same bidding, West also led a diamond. But here, when East produced the king, South played the ten on it! East continued with the nine, covered by the jack and queen, after which the defenders were helpless. East eventually scored his two aces, but declarer made the contract, losing only two diamonds, a club and a spade.

The declarer at the second table obviously assessed the situation more accurately than the declarer at the first table. He decided that West was an odds-on favorite to hold five diamonds rather than four, in which case he (South) could short-circuit the opposing communications by holding up on the first two rounds of the suit. He also realized that he didn't need to score more than one diamond trick, since sufficient winners were available elsewhere.

It is rare for a declarer to intentionally hold himself to one trick in a suit where he starts out with two. But when the circumstances indicate that it is the right thing to do, declarer should be perfectly willing to make the sacrifice.

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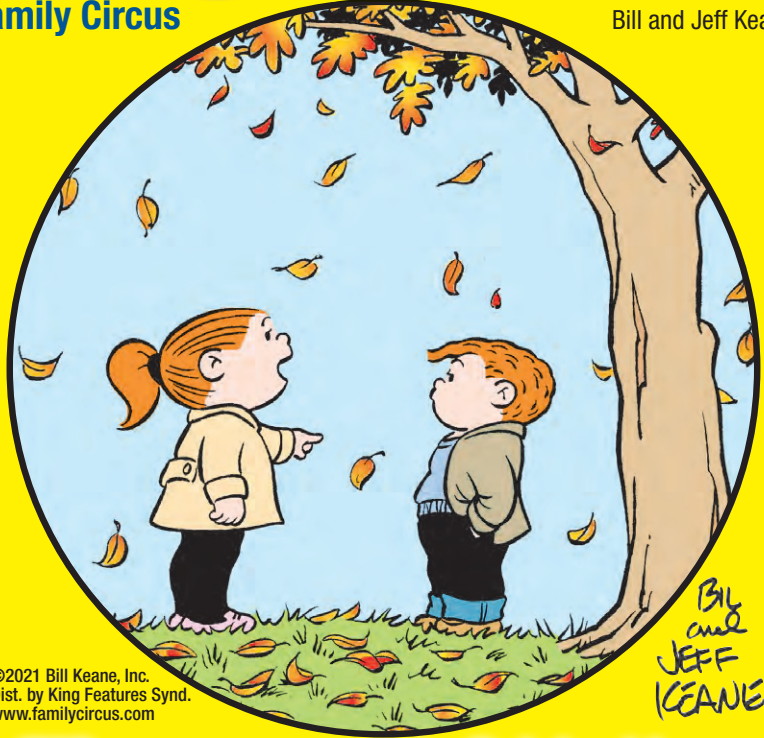
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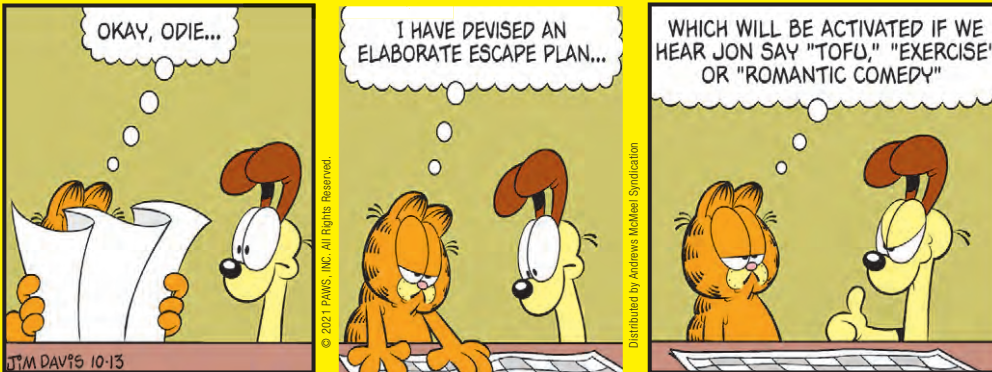


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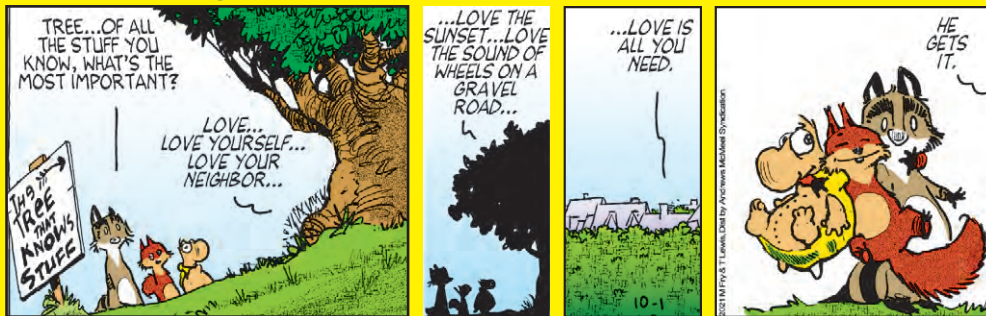
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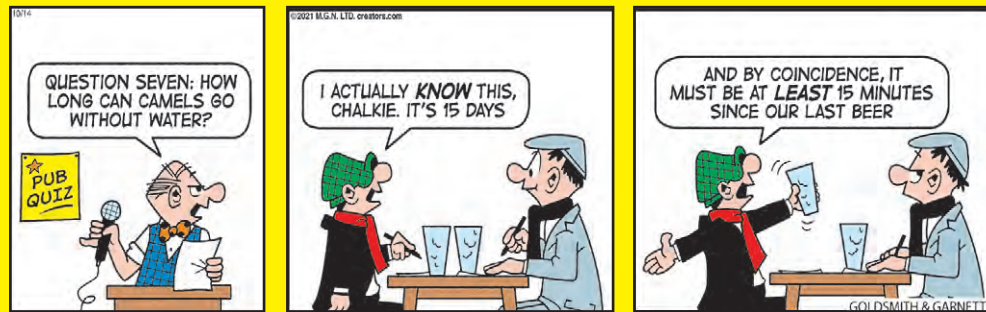
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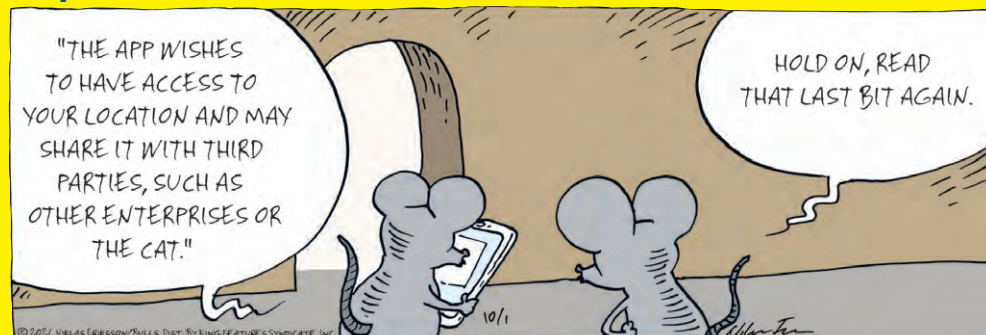
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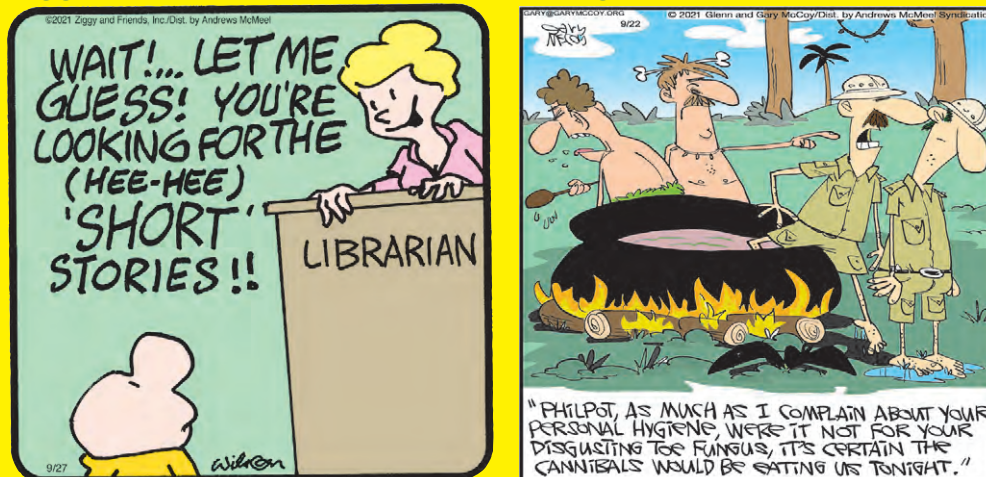


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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10/14

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

10/7 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 14, 2021

ACROSS

- Goalpost connector
- House feature with a sink
- Prying tool
- Prepare to hit, as in paintball
- Part of a trolley track
- Strauss
- A deleted one may still be viewable
- Name hidden in "air marshal"
- Middle Eastern gulf
- Longs
- Neglected property, perhaps
- Unintentionally reveals
- "Billions" channel, briefly
- Fifth Greek letter
- Jazz genre
- Stones in some hardscapes
- ___ Jones
- Island near Java
- Second or sixth president
- Stroke gently
- Comic actress Sykes
- Boston NBA player, informally
- Uber alternative
- Oppressively heavy
- Snaky curve

- Accumulated charges
- "All seats are full" letters
- Support structurally
- Spots with many parking spots
- The scarlet letter and others
- Metal sources
- Iron oxide
- Jeweled headwear
- Dryer detritus
- Stallion's father
- Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy"
- "Chewy, fruity snack accessory"
- "Neckwear accessory location?"
- Ranch location?

- Place where drinks aren't free
- Costa
- Warning sign
- Went to the bottom
- Team at Pittsburgh's Heinz Field
- Analogues to ankles
- It has a natural canal
- Appointment book division
- Handbag fastener
- Improve the look of, presumably
- More than

- *One is stocked with bottles
- Hide oneself
- Workout units
- "Ich bin ___ Berliner"
- Article accompaniment, and a hint to each starred answer's location and missing word
- Long key
- King of the underworld
- Zeros' shapes
- The Byrds and The Monkees
- Like Biden, vis-a-vis Harris
- "Where to enjoy grand entertainment?"
- Mouth-to-mouth pro

- Cry from a lamb
- Business attire
- They can be bookmarked
- Serves the party
- Endure
- What you may find under a sofa
- Student taking an exam
- Moisten during roasting
- "Valuable ingot"
- Divya's performance
- Lease
- Colorado tributary
- Where to see a map of stores
- Neighborhood
- *Shallow water hazard
- ___ Lanka

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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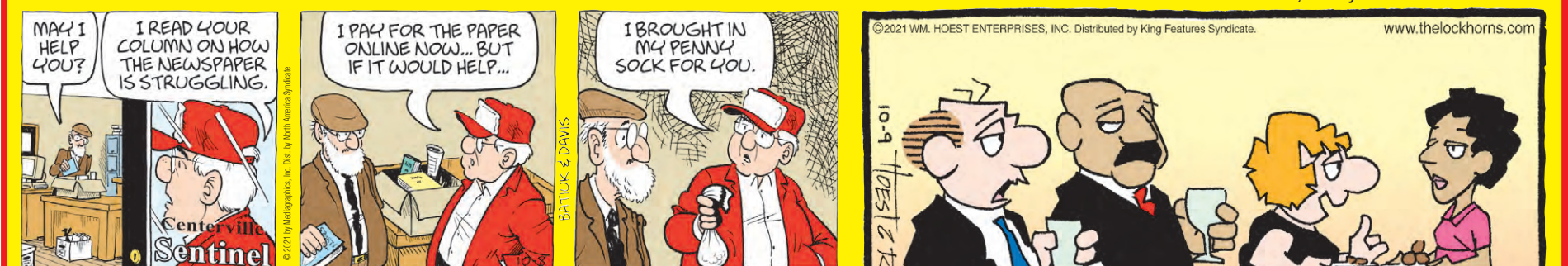
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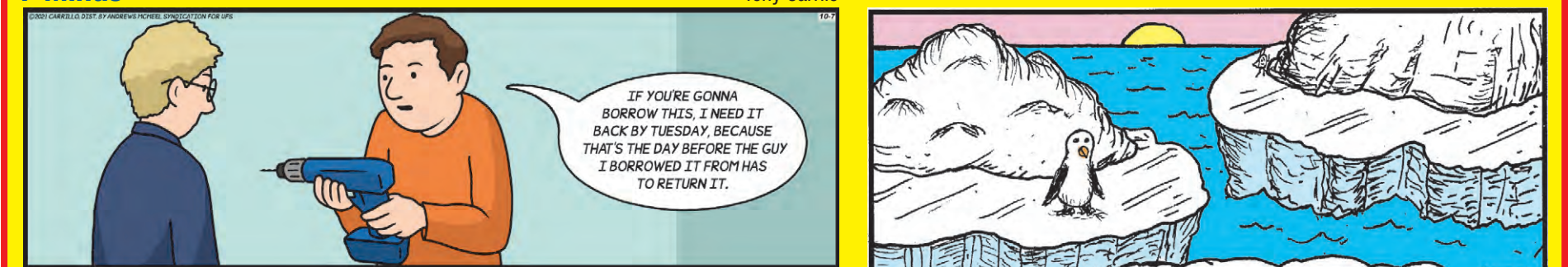
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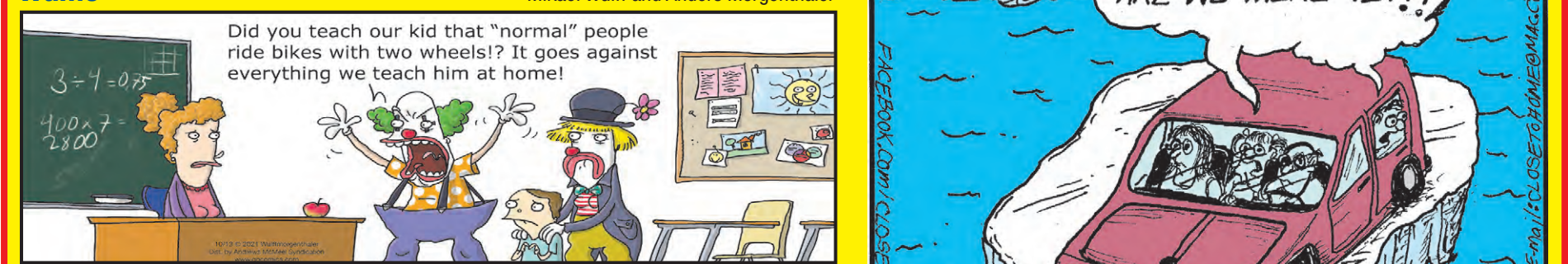
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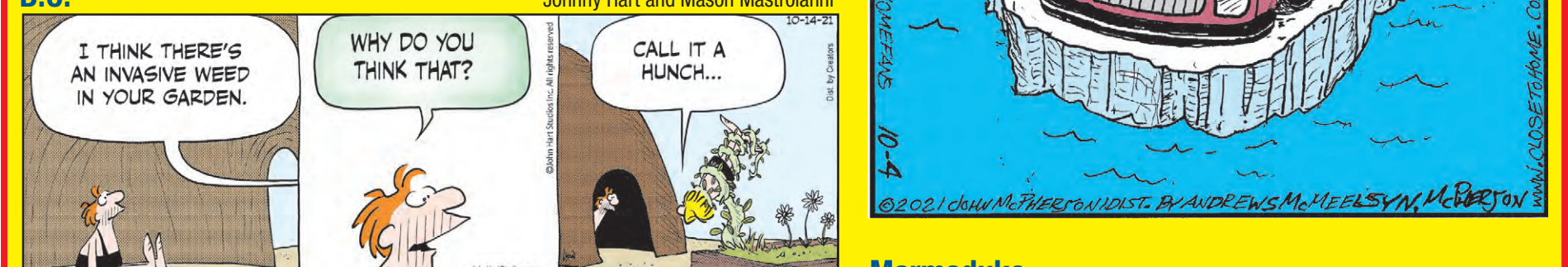
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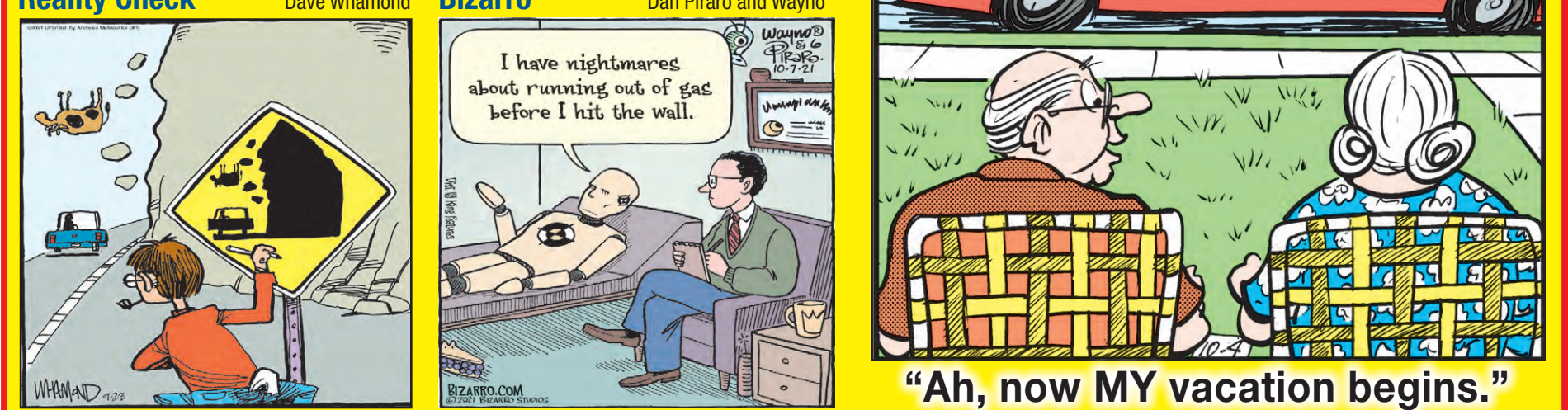
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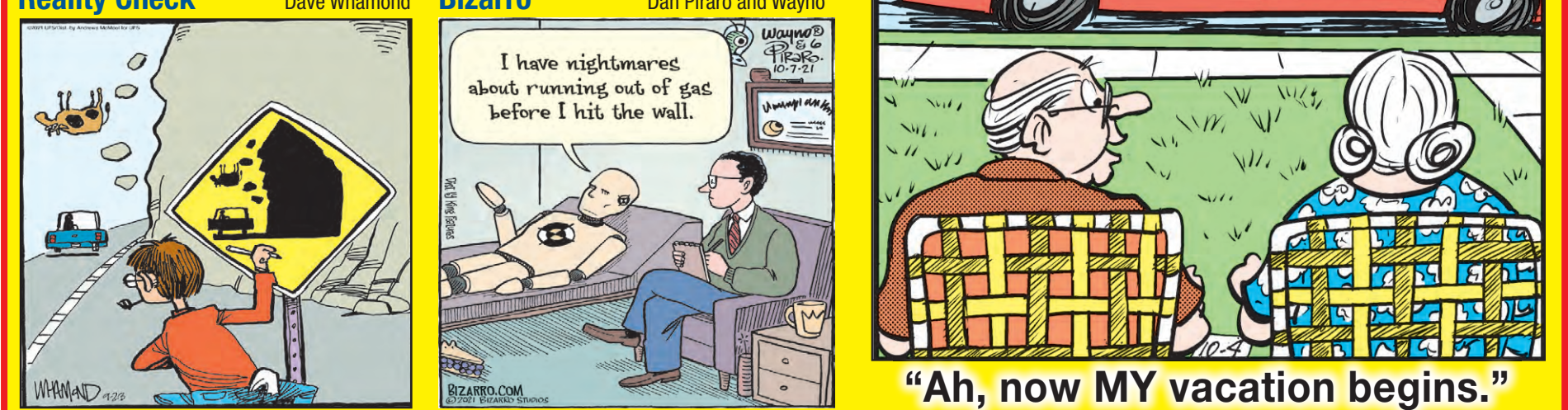
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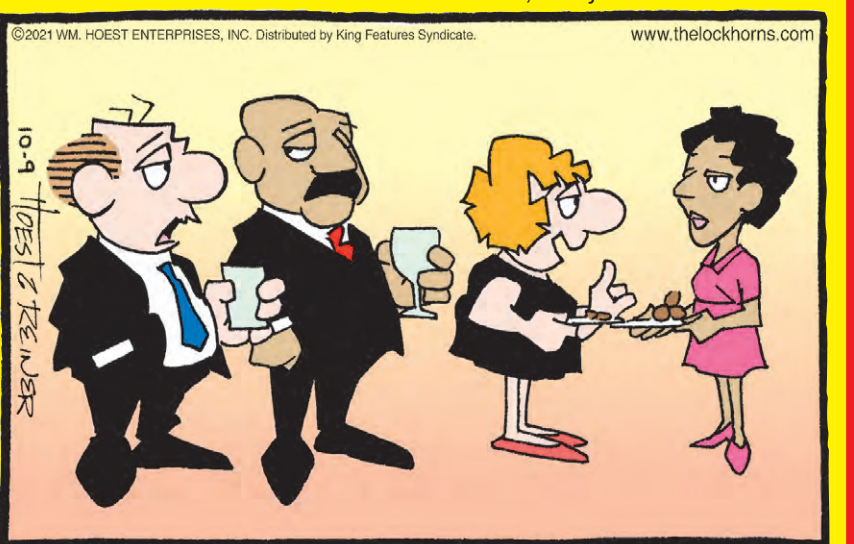
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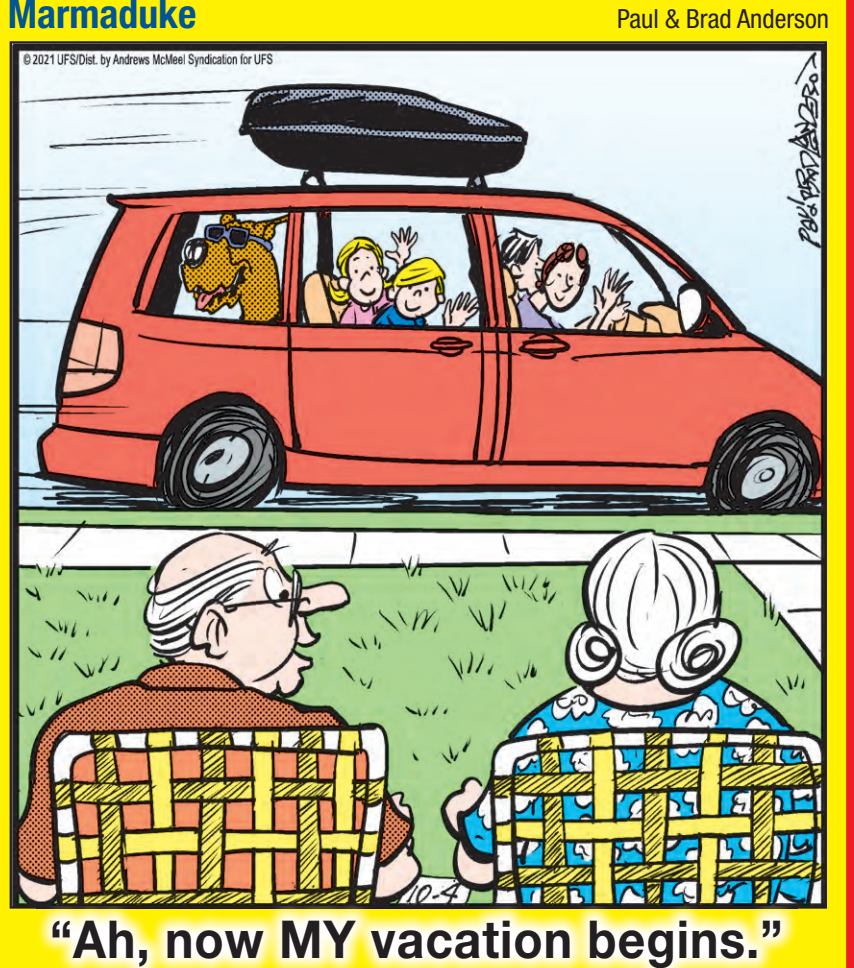
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Blue Devils fall in offensive battle against Chippewa Valley

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In front of a homecoming crowd Friday night, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils football team treated fans to a game that rarely had a dull moment. Facing off against Chippewa Valley, the Blue Devils fought the whole way, but came up short against the Big Reds 49-37 in a game where the two teams combined for more than 80 points and 1,000 yards of offense.

The fireworks that lasted all of Friday night began early. On the first play from scrimmage, South QB Anthony Benard found receiver Will Johnson across the middle of the field. Johnson streaked past the Big Reds’ defense for an 80-yard touchdown to open the game and give the Blue Devils an early 7-0 lead.

Chippewa Valley answered back moments

later, marching down the field and capping off their opening with a touchdown run by senior Cephus Harris. Harris had another touchdown run for 22 yards later in the quarter that gave the Big Reds a 14-7 advantage.

Trailing by a touchdown in the last minute of the opening quarter, South managed to pull even thanks to Jonathan Drake finding the end zone on a short TD run. The wild first 12 minutes were not quite done after Drake’s touchdown. Harris made another big play for Chippewa Valley, returning the ensuing South kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown to put the Big Reds in front again 21-14.

South managed to pull closer early in the second quarter, as Johnson caught his second touchdown of the night, but a missed extra point left the Blue Devils trailing by one. Chippewa Valley

kept building on its lead with two more unanswered touchdowns by Harris, one receiving and one rushing, to make it 35-20 Big Reds going into halftime.

Johnson and Benard stepped up in the third quarter when the Blue Devils needed a big play. The QB and receiver connected for their second 80-yard touchdown of the night to make it 35-27 and bring South back within one score.

“When you have the best player in the state, you have to put him in positions to succeed,” South coach Tim Brandon said about Johnson’s ability to make big plays. “And Anthony did a great job of getting him the ball. He made some huge plays, too, and I’m proud of our offense.”

A field goal by Cam Brathwaite late in the third quarter narrowed

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South senior Will Johnson had 224 receiving yards and three touchdowns against Chippewa Valley.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Quarterback is one of the toughest positions to play in any sport, but for Grosse Pointe North’s Daniel Taylor, it is all he has ever known. The junior QB for the Norsemen has always felt comfortable running an offense ever since his days playing youth football with the East Detroit Tiger Cats.

Now in his first season as the starting quarterback on North’s varsity team, Taylor has been through the highs and lows of the year with his

squad. Through moments like an exciting last-minute win over Warren Woods-Tower or a heart-breaking loss to St. Clair, the junior knows one of his duties as QB is to keep a level head through it all.

“The team’s energy feeds off you and I know that because I’ve been playing this position for a while,” Taylor said. “I have to stay upbeat no matter how the game is going and pick my players up to help make them better.”

Taylor was the starter for the JV team at North during his freshman year

and was the varsity backup last year in his sophomore season. His Norsemen currently are 3-4 in his first campaign as the starter, but Taylor knows his team is working hard every day to keep improving.

“Things have been running pretty smoothly and I like how the season is going,” he said. “We definitely have a lot of room to improve and that’s what we’re working on. Our players and their determination and commitment to the team — I think we’re up there with any school.”

North’s team this year



North QB Daniel Taylor has led the Norsemen to a 4-3 record in his first season as the varsity starter.

PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

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ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK

Daniel Taylor

School: Grosse Pointe North

Sport: Football

Position: Quarterback

is made up of mostly young players with sophomores and juniors comprising a good amount of the roster. Being a junior and first-year starter, Taylor is very much a key part of that younger base of talent the Norsemen hope can carry them far in the future.

Perhaps one benefit of having a mostly young roster is the team chemistry that has seemed to come along with it. Taylor has grown to know many of his teammates well the last couple of years before becoming the starter and it has only helped them benefit from each other.

“We’ve all been playing with each other since freshman year when we came in and even kind of grew up together,” Taylor said. “Our chemistry is really good and we’ve had some time to build that up, so we know each other’s strengths and weaknesses. With my

team and receivers, I know them better than anyone.”

That chemistry has shown through in plenty of places this season for Taylor. He received some excellent blocking to help him find the end zone on a game-winning touchdown run in the final minute against Woods-Tower.

Taylor and his receivers even made some record-breaking connections just a couple of weeks ago during North’s homecoming game against St. Clair. Despite losing the game, Taylor threw a school-record five touchdown passes, with three of them going to receiver P.J. Sorce. That big night is just one example of how Taylor and his receivers always get the most out of each other on the field.

“I always make sure that I’m doing everything I can to make them better

on the field and make it a priority for them to do everything they can to make me better,” Taylor said. “That connection and chemistry that we’ve built over the last couple of years has really come out in the last few games.”

With a couple of games remaining and his whole senior season ahead of him with the Norsemen, Taylor knows there is always something to improve on. Playing a position that requires a high level of confidence and intelligence, he wants to only keep getting better with his poise under center.

“I think that comes with age by being able to stay calm in difficult situations and that’s something I’ve got to improve on ... and maybe my speed too,” he said.

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Grosse Pointe South
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Warren Mott
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Warren Mott High School



University Liggett
Vs.
Bishop Foley
Saturday • 11:30 AM
University Liggett School



Cross country teams race for MAC, Wayne County championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Both the boys and girls cross country teams at Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North looked to make their mark in a field of nearly 30 schools at the MAC Championships last week. All teams finished inside the top 10 in both the boys and girls varsity races, with the Blue Devils boys squad taking second place and the Norsemen placing seventh.

Junior Logan Detweiler highlighted the day for South’s boys team, finishing third out of more than 200 runners with a time of 16:22.4. Brendan Downey (17:23.7), Jack Hurst (17:23.8) and Jake Vallan (17:30.1) all finished within the top 25. Those four, along with teammate Michael Wholihan, earned MAC Red All-Conference honors, making it the first time since 2012 that five different runners for South were named All-Conference.

North’s boys team finished seventh overall. The top finisher for the Norsemen was junior Alex Agius, crossing the finish line at 17:24.8. North’s Max Kluge

(18:13.1), Jack McConaghy (18:22.8) and Michael Fox (18:29.7) finished in the top 60.

The Blue Devils finished eighth of 31 schools in the girls varsity race. Leading the pack for South was freshman Savannah Spangler, who landed in the top 25 with a time of 21:08.6. Sophomore Morgan Deenik followed Spangler with a career-best time of 21:58.7.

“These two led our team with superb performances on a very tough course and set a great tone for our entire varsity,” South girls cross country coach Steve Zaranek said about his top two finishers.

Kloie Roy (22:22.6), Adelina Parikh (22:44.4), Claire Zurowick (23:18.8) and Ava Carr (23:21.3) also finished in the top 80 in a field of more than 160 runners.

“Our varsity continues to improve with each race and our goal is to make October the best performing month for our entire team heading to the regionals,” Zaranek said.

North’s girls team finished just one spot behind South, coming in ninth place. Lillian

Deskins had the top finishing time for the Norsemen, crossing the line at 22:03.7. Senior Becca Moin (22:24.8) and freshman Ashlei Anatalio (22:30.0) also ended up in the top 60. The JV girls team for the Norsemen finished at the top of the standings in their race.

The teams also competed in the Wayne County Championships on Saturday. South finished fifth in the boys varsity race while the Norsemen were 11th in a field of 30 schools.

Detweiler was the top runner for the Blue Devils, finishing in sixth place at 16:24.0. Agius also was in the front of the pack for the Norsemen, crossing the line at 17:33.5.

The girls team for North ran Saturday in the county championships and made the top 10, finishing 10th out of 36 other teams. Deskins, Moin and Anatalio were the top three finishers for North in that race.

The boys and girls teams for North and South compete again Saturday at the Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter. After that, they will prepare for regionals Oct. 29 and 30.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH CROSS COUNTRY

Becca Moin racing for North’s girls cross country team at the Wayne County Championships Saturday.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA WHOLIHAN

The South boys cross country team finished in second place at the MAC Championships and had five runners named MAC Red All-Conference.

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High School SPORTS

HOME GAMES
THIS WEEK

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, October 14
5 pm Boys JV Football vs. Fraser @Turf

Tuesday, October 19
5:15 pm Girls JV Volleyball vs. Utica @Gym
5:15 pm Girls Freshmen Volleyball vs. Utica @Gym
6:30 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Utica @Gym

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, October 14
4:30 pm Boys Freshmen Football vs. Warren Mott @Stadium
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7 pm Boys JV Football vs. Warren Mott @Stdium

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6:30 pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Shrine @Boll

Knights win regional, South headed to states

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The fall boys tennis season is getting closer to crowning champions. Last week, teams took the court in MHSAA Regional tournament play to see who could secure spots in the upcoming state finals.

As defending Division 4 state champions, the University Liggett Knights are now one step closer to securing back-to-back titles after winning their regional championship. Also headed to states for Division 2 are the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils, who finished second in their regional tournament.

The Knights put on a dominant performance to win the region and secure their spot in the state tournament. Liggett players ended up victorious in all four singles play brackets and in all doubles play brackets as well.

Sebastian Courtright, George Anusbigian, Gerry Sherer and Charlie Cooksey all earned wins in their respective singles brackets. The victorious doubles teams were Jacob Tomlinson and Tommy Ugval, Bennett French and Campbell Marchal, Brendan Conners and Steve Wheatley, and Bode Neumeister and Neil

Murphy.

South's second-place finish in its own regional was enough to qualify the Blue Devils for states. They finished just one team point behind regional champions U of D Jesuit, while North finished in fourth place.

Connor Stafford for South defeated North's Simon Stallings in the semifinals of their singles bracket. Stafford went on to win the bracket, with other top singles player Corbin Ifkovits winning his bracket too.

Luke Holowinski came up just short of taking the victory in his singles bracket. Holowinski lost a three-set battle against U of D Jesuit's Will Seymour. Mikey Kornmeier also fell in the finals of his singles bracket, with the Blue Devils having a player compete in every singles final matchup.

South doubles pairings also made it to the finals in each of the four doubles brackets. Blake Discher and Alex Prather were the only pair to get a win, defeating Mitchell Mills and Kaiden DePascale from North.

The Blue Devils now get ready to head to Holland for the Division 2 state finals Friday and Saturday. Liggett also competes Friday and Saturday in Ann Arbor for the Division 4 championship.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett tennis team is one step closer to defending its state championship after winning the regional tournament last week.



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Grosse Pointe South's boys tennis team finished second in last week's regional tournament and earned a spot in the Division 2 state championship tournament this weekend.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY WYSOCKI

The Liggett Knights soccer team captured its second CHSL championship in the past three seasons with a 2-1 win over Royal Oak Shrine Catholic last week.

Knights follow CHSL title with win over Ventures

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett Knights have been one of the most successful boys soccer teams in the state this fall. Last Wednesday, Liggett proved that by winning its second Catholic League championship in the past three years with a 2-1 win over Royal Oak Shrine Catholic. The Knights

followed up their league championship victory with a final win of the regular season Monday defeating Bishop Foley on senior day 2-1.

On Monday, the Knights found themselves trailing after the Ventures took an early 1-0 lead. Liggett worked hard to pull back to even before halftime, with the chances there but the back of the net hard to find.

Three chances to score came in the span of just a couple of minutes, but the tying goal kept slipping out of Liggett's hands. Sophomore Cass Cooley missed a close chance after receiving a great pass from teammate Claudio Cavallo. Seconds later, Cooley had another chance taken away after a great stop by the Bishop Foley keeper.

Finally, with just 19 seconds remaining before halftime, the Knights were able to break onto the scoreboard. Senior captain Doug Wood got the tying score for Liggett to make it a 1-1 game heading into the break. Monday's contest was tightly contested all the way through, with one fantastic shot making the difference for the Knights to get the win.

Sophomore Claudio Cavallo, in the last game of his record-breaking 2021 regular season, secured Liggett's win with one of his more impressive goals. Cavallo's shot from a tough angle found the back of the net to make it 2-1 Knights. Liggett's defense had to stand firm 34 more minutes after taking the lead to close out the

win. Despite a few late chances for the Ventures, the Knights got the job done to finish the regular season with an impressive 16-2 record. After a final win of the regular season, the Knights now move on to the Division 4 state playoffs. Liggett hosts Hope of Detroit Academy Tuesday in the first game of the district tournament.

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the Big Reds’ lead to five. It went back to a two-score game with eight minutes to go in the fourth quarter when Harris found the end zone again, catching a 25-yard pass from Chippewa Valley QB Ryan Schuster.

Trailing 42-30 with just more than five minutes remaining, the Blue Devils managed another big play to keep their comeback hopes alive. Needing a conversion on fourth down in the red zone, Benard found Hunter Belanger, who got past the first-down marker and dove into the end zone, bringing South back within five points.

Back within one score, South’s defense was unable to stop Harris and the Big Reds from finding the end zone again. Harris scored his seventh touchdown of the game, securing the 49-37 win for Chippewa Valley.

“These guys battled,” Brandon said after the loss. “They have more depth than us, but they battled and battled and you could see the fatigue in the fourth quarter. ... I couldn’t be more proud

of a group of young men for how they really battled and we had one of the best programs in the state of Michigan on the ropes in the end.”

The game largely was decided on the offensive side of the ball, with both teams coming up with big plays and combining for 1,007 yards of offense. Harris had the biggest day of anybody on the field for Chippewa Valley, rushing for 226 yards and four touchdowns and tallying 83 receiving yards with two scoring catches.

Johnson led South in receiving with six catches for 224 yards and three touchdowns. Those three receiving TDs made up three of the four touchdown passes thrown by Benard to go along with his 402 passing yards for the Blue Devils.

The loss puts South at 3-4 and a 1-4 division record in their final MAC Red game of the season. With just two weeks left in the regular season, the final two games are crucial for the Blue Devils if they want to compete in the playoffs. South goes on the road this Friday to face Warren Mott before returning home for a rivalry showdown against Grosse Pointe North to close out the season Friday, Oct. 22.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hunter Belanger after diving into the end zone and scoring a late touchdown for the Blue Devils.

North soccer closes regular season with win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The regular season has come to a close for the Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team and the Norsemen made sure to end things on a high note before heading into the playoffs. North welcomed L’Anse Creuse North on Monday and celebrated senior night with a 3-0 victory over the Crusaders.

The Norsemen struck

first Monday and never looked back. James Streberger got North on the board just 13 minutes into the game, finding the back of the net to give the Norsemen an early 1-0 lead.

L’Anse Creuse North fought to even things up before halftime. Instead, it was the Norsemen who managed to extend their lead before the break and take a firm hold on the game’s momentum. Senior Tom Sheffield put one past

the Crusaders’ keeper with only 43 seconds to go before halftime to bring North’s lead to 2-0 after the first 40 minutes.

The Crusaders came out fighting in the second half, but North’s defense stayed strong and was able to keep them off the board. In the game’s 72nd minute, senior Tommy Harris scored the third and final goal for the Norsemen to secure the 3-0 win.

Monday night’s win ends the Norsemen’s regular season with a 7-10-1 record. North also finished tied for the top spot in the MAC White division with a 7-3 record in division play.

The Norsemen will look to keep riding the momentum of the win into state playoffs next week. North begins the playoffs Tuesday in their first district tournament game against St. Clair at Lake Shore Stadium in St. Clair Shores.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North’s James Streberger scored the first goal of the night for the Norsemen in a 3-0 win over L’Anse Creuse North on Monday.

Red Barons continuing legacy as leaders in local youth football

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons have been a fixture of the youth sports community in the Pointes for years. Its flag and tackle football teams have helped kids around the community learn the game and grow their love for it, to play in high school and beyond.

This year’s Red Barons teams are no different. With the varsity Red Barons squad 3-3 and the junior varsity team 4-1, the program is once again accomplishing its goal of getting young football players involved in the game and ready to compete in the next level.

“It’s critical in order to help build the programs at North and South,” said Red Barons president Randie Kohler. “Our goal is to have as many kids learning about the game early on so that their first exposure to football isn’t just when they’re freshmen in high school.”

Red Barons offers flag football programs for ages 6 to 8 years old and tackle football for ages 8 to 13 years old. With programs running through

middle school, those eighth-grade players who might be getting ready to play in high school will get their chance to be honored at the Red Barons’ upcoming homecoming game Sunday.

“We honor the eighth graders and their families so they can be announced individually and have their pictures taken,” Kohler said. “It’s really our last home game of the regular season before we get ready for playoffs where the top four teams in each division play.”

The Red Barons varsity and JV teams have done their share of winning this season and could likely see themselves taking the field in the playoffs later this month. Some of that success could be due to the motivation received after a recent visit from some special guests.

The Red Barons were visited by the Detroit Lions Football Education program earlier this season. Getting help from the program’s coaches and a visit from Lions mascot Roary helped get the players geared up for

the start of the season.

“Their coaches came out and watched one of our practices and brought Roary to visit and hang out with the team,” Kohler said. “It was really nice because it was like a normal practice and then they got the surprise from Roary who got them excited for their

first game of the year.”

As the season gets closer to the end and more players get ready to head off to high school, the Red Barons are still doing what they always aim to do. Building knowledge of the game and a sense of community among teammates and coaches has helped

make this youth program a staple of the Pointes.

“We’re trying to promote the love of the game and growing community within our athletes,” Kohler said. “We want to help these kids be better armed to go into the world with discipline and being physically active. We want

them to work hard and have fun and leave the program and think ‘Red Barons was the best time.’”

The Red Barons host their homecoming game this Sunday at Grosse Pointe South High School’s football stadium, taking on the Port Huron Patriots.



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The Grosse Pointe Red Barons players and families received a visit from Detroit Lions mascot Roary during a practice earlier this season.

South gets road win before playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the boys soccer season nears the end and teams are preparing for state playoffs, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils went on the road for one of their last MAC White Division games of the year. The Blue Devils managed to pick up a crucial 3-1 win over L'Anse Creuse North to stay close to the top in what has become a tight division race.

South's route to a victory on the road was helped by an early goal.

Senior Sutton Wright found the back of the net in the 12th minute of the first half to put the Blue Devils on top 1-0 in the early going. The lead did not stay with the Blue Devils for long. The Crusaders managed to draw even with a goal in the 23rd minute and the teams stayed locked at one goal apiece heading into halftime. The Blue Devils came out of the halftime break looking to take back the lead and did just that. In the game's 52nd minute, Lucas Frye put the ball past the L'Anse Creuse

North keeper to put South back on top 2-1. With the lead back in hand, South managed to add one more to the scoreboard to help secure the win. Michael Tengler scored on a perfect tap-in on a feed from a free kick to make it 3-1 South, the score the Blue Devils would ride to victory. South now turns its attention to the state tournament, which begins with district play Thursday. The Blue Devils host Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the district quarterfinals to open the playoffs.



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Senior Michael Tengler takes the ball up the field for the Blue Devils in their win over L'Anse Creuse North.

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