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Alleged missing housing units addressed

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A months-long analysis by the Grosse Pointe News found little to no evidence to verify a consultant's claim that a loss of housing units was partly responsible for a drop of

almost 1,000 students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System between 2018 and 2021. Paul Wills, a partner with Plante Moran Cresa, told the board of education in March that there were 590 fewer housing units in the district in 2021 compared to three years earlier.

That comment came during a presentation about enrollment projection numbers. Wills stressed at the time, and in a follow-up presentation in May, this does not mean 590 entire houses were torn down and not replaced, but instead said this meant multi-unit rentals were converted

into either a single rental or single owner-occupied house. While the issue died down in late spring, it has garnered more attention recently as board of education candidates make public statements either supporting or questioning the number. According to SEMCOG

— the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments — the Pointes collectively issued 34 permits for the construction of single-family homes between 2018 and 2021, and no permits for multi-family houses. The five cities also issued 13 demolition permits, for a net gain of

21 single-family homes. In Harper Woods, a portion of which is in the GPPSS, SEMCOG showed three building permits issued and six demolition permits, all for single-family dwellings. When asked by school See HOUSING, page 12A

TikTok trend targets Kias

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND PARK — An illegal social media trend with lack of regard for its victims made its way to the Grosse Pointes last week, with two successful and one attempted theft of Kias in the City of Grosse Pointe, as well as three thefts in Grosse Pointe Park. The TikTok challenge, using #kiaboyz, has garnered 30.9 million views and features mainly teenagers using a USB cord to hotwire and steal Kia vehicles that have a mechanical key simply to joyride and post footage. “We’re finding them abandoned,”

City of Grosse Pointe Detective Sgt. Joe Adams said. “There’s just the windows broken and the ignitions punched.”

Both stolen vehicles in the City — a 2015 Kia Soul stolen from the 600 block of Washington overnight into Wednesday, Sept. 14, and a 2018 Kia Rio stolen from the 800 block of Rivard between 11:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, and 1:15 a.m. the next morning — were successfully recovered, as was one of the stolen vehicles in the Park. The 2015 Kia Soul recovery also included the arrest of a 19-year-old Detroit man who was in possession of it.

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The XTURISMO, made in Japan by AERWINS Technologies, is a hoverbike akin to land speeders seen in “Star Wars.”

Auto show returns

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

DETROIT — After a 44-month hiatus, the North American International Auto Show has returned with an emphasis on power, unique designs and frunks. Lots of frunks. Electric vehicles of all shapes and sizes take center stage at most manufacturers’ displays inside Huntington Place, including the GMC Hummer, Ford F-150

Lightning, Hyundai Ioniq 5, Cadillac Lyriq and Genesis GV60, the latter of which uses facial recognition to allow its owner to enter and drive. Cadillac also has an interactive experience for the Lyriq that lets attendees sit in a small theater and experience a ride in the vehicle. Rides also are offered in a variety of Ford, Ram and Chevy trucks and SUVs over obstacle courses meant to show-

case each vehicle’s stability and climbing capabilities. Some 20 brand new vehicles make their debut, including the seventh generation Mustang on display at Hart Plaza. Other features at Hart Plaza include food trucks, live entertainment, car-crushing demonstrations by Monster trucks and a 26-foot mobile gaming lab featuring PlayStation, Xbox See AUTO, page 3A

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Woods mulls dog park

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council took its first step at its meeting Monday, Sept. 12, toward possibly building a dog park on the grounds of the Robert Novitke Municipal Center. Council agreed to send the matter to the Citizens Recreation Commission for further study. If built, the enclosed park would be on Mack south of the entrance to

the public safety department. Resident Steve Lorenz has appeared at several council meetings, speaking in favor of the project so people living near city hall would not have to drive to Lake Front Park to use the dog park there. “I think this would be very appealing to young home buyers,” he said. “And longtime residents like myself would get to enjoy it and see an enhanced home value

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Farms to host first ever PS open house

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department, 90 Kerby Road, is opening its fire bay and welcoming the public to its first open house from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Planned since early this year and designed to play into the department’s unique placement amid a neighborhood — the other four Pointe departments sit on Mack or Jefferson — the day will

offer an all-encompassing glimpse into the department’s capabilities and operations. “Everyone’s going to be here,” Deputy Director Andy Rogers said. “This is your time to ask questions, see our



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

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Parks and rec looks to increase fall programming

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The recreation director wants breathing room to get over a staff shortage.

“The last couple of years, everybody knows, have been challenging,” said Chad Craig, head of parks and recreation for Grosse Pointe Park. “This year was the closest we’ve gotten back to

normal. So, give us some time; work with us. We’re going to get the parks back to where they were and beyond that. We just need some time, a little bit more creativity and maybe some volunteers and things like that.”

Despite the crunch, he intends to significantly increase fall recreation programming.

“I’m looking to add two pickleball leagues,

Sunday and Monday night leagues,” Craig said.

Drop-in pickleball has been well attended.

“A resident verbally committed \$5,000 to help us increase from three courts to six courts,” Craig said. “That means we have another option for a revenue stream. If we have six courts, there’s a possibility we could run a league with two courts, have lessons on a court or two and free open play on the other courts.”

More

Twelve people can play simultaneously on the park’s three courts.

“Tuesday night we’re looking to have a recreational volleyball league,” Craig said. “We

had a lot of interest for the summer league.”

A men’s under-30 recreational drop-in basketball league began two weeks ago Wednesday night.

“The nice thing about it is it doesn’t require a lot of staff,” Craig said.

Players show up, pay an \$80 fee and play.

“We don’t need any officials, score keepers or things like that,” Craig said. “If we have interest, we might consider doing a formal league down the road with sponsorships, jerseys and league officials. If registration fees and pay make (economic) sense, we will get into something like that down the road if this has the popularity.”

He suspects it will.

“I already got a call

from a lady who wants to start a women’s basketball league,” Craig said. “I said let me look at some days and times and put something together.”

He plans to resume a Thursday night cornhole league.

“We’ll probably run two sessions of that,” he said. “And we’re looking at, possibly, a drop-in competitive volleyball session on Friday nights. We’re looking to bring back some tiny tot-type classes and fitness classes and things like that.”

Camp Wind-Y-Mill

As for past events, Camp Wind-Y-Mill, an overnight campout last weekend at Windmill, set an attendance record.

“We had 104 sites this year,” Craig said. “That’s by far my biggest Camp Wind-Y-Mill. With a little smaller staff, we all pitched in and did the best we could keeping restrooms clean and giving (children) enough activities throughout the day to have some fun so mom and dad could hang out and relax.”

The event produced a rare and welcome profit.

“This is one of the first years we saw a profit on this program,” Craig said. “The price increased, but we threw a lot of stuff out there, having the pool open with lifeguards, inflatables (and) music. It was nice to see a little money come in this year rather

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However, while the vehicles are being recovered and returned to their owners, the ending still is not a happy one. Repairs of the broken windows and ignitions are needed and one area collision shop Adams recently spoke with said it’s on a three-month waiting list for parts because so many are getting stolen.

“The problem is they’re just so easy to steal,” Adams said. “... They’re popping the ignition, putting in a USB port, turning it on and driving it away.”

While the vast majority of car thefts in the Grosse Pointes tend to be of unlocked vehicles, the Kia Boyz are smashing windows, making the crime more difficult to prevent.

By way of deterrent, Adams recommends purchasing a club anti-theft device that locks onto the vehicle’s steering wheel.

“I always tell people the club will deter them,” he said. “They don’t bring tools to cut clubs off. They don’t take the time to cut the club off.”

Additional measures are to park Kias with another vehicle behind it, in the backyard if the owner has a driveway, or in a garage.

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when we end up selling.”

Lorenz sought bids and pricing information based on three different entry systems.

“I started off thinking 100 by 200 feet, but thought that might be too large, so I had it priced for 40 by 80 feet,” he said. “People would be given access when they get their dog license each year. That way it limits the city’s liability because you know each dog is on their owner’s insurance and they have their shots.”

The least costly entry system would be a mechanical lock and res-

idents would be given a key. Cost for that is estimated at \$5,400.

“I would suggest that it be rekeyed each year,” Lorenz said.

The second option, estimated to cost \$16,800, would use a fob. Option three, at \$27,253, would use a barcode reader.

“That would use the same software already in place for entering Lake Front Park,” Lorenz said. “You’ve already got everyone’s names and data saved.”

Lisa Fuller of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation told council the group would be glad to get involved in fundraising for the project.

“We were kind of dormant during COVID, but we have strong roots and new energy,” she said. “We’re looking for that wish list from you because there’s only so much tax money to go around.”

Lorenz said he would

pay any cost not covered by fundraising, making installation “revenue neutral.”

Fuller did raise a concern about the suggested size of the park.

“It’s smaller than most people’s backyards,” she said. “The entire plot is a third of an acre, or 15,000 square feet. This would be a tenth of an acre. The Grosse Pointe Farms dog park is seven-tenths of an acre.”

Fuller added that the smaller project might make it difficult to get people to donate.

City Administrator Frank Schulte noted that too large of an area might impact training firefighters do nearby.

Councilman Michael Koester suggested that if the park was bigger, it could simply be closed on the days when firefighters are training.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger said she would like to see the park

expanded east to take in some trees.

“I know my dogs love watching squirrels,” she said. “They’re just entranced by them.”

Just as the discussion was ending, Councilman Todd McConaghy spoke up. He has not shown support for the idea at past meetings.

“I’ve been sitting here listening to you talk about this ad nauseum for months,” he told Lorenz. “If you could guarantee that it would be revenue neutral permanently, I’d be OK with it. That’s what you told us.”

Lorenz insisted that he only said the installation would be revenue neutral, stating the grass would have to be cut and bulbs replaced on a nearby lamp post.

“It can’t be guaranteed,” McConaghy said. “That’s the point I’m making, perhaps sarcastically.”

In an email after the meeting to all of the council members, which Lorenz shared with the Grosse Pointe News, he wrote he was “appalled by the total lack of decorum displayed by Mr. McConaghy” and he expects “a public apology” at the next meeting.

In a separate email to the GP News, Lorenz said he thought McConaghy should resign.

“The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council is devoted to thoroughly vetting all proposals for the expenditure of city funds,” McConaghy said in a prepared statement. “Currently, we are reviewing a proposal for a dog park tentatively planned for the front lawn at City Hall. The dog park, and the expenditure of any city funds related to the dog park, will be reviewed by the Recreation Commission and the Finance Committee before final recommendations are made to City Council.”



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Pointes' new K-9 officer is ready to roll

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Hailing straight from the Netherlands, a Dutch shepherd named Rocco will be the newest member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department, as eight-year K-9 officer Duke retires at the end of this month.

With the honor of coming up with the name, which then was approved by the department, Rocco's handler Officer Richard Rosati took inspiration from his love of Rocky Balboa and his childhood dog Rocky.

Rosati, who has been with the department more than 10 years and was chosen among four applicants for handler, was the No. 1 pick of Duke's handler Sgt. Tim Harris who now will be the supervisor in charge of the Farms K-9 program. Harris cited Rosati's excellent work ethic and perfect track record.

"It's something that I've always wanted to do," Rosati said of the position. "I just didn't think I was going to get the opportunity."

At 13 months old — the same age as Duke



COURTESY PHOTOS

Officer Richard Rosati and Rocco.

when he began his career — Rocco has been described as rather rambunctious and very friendly until told otherwise.

"If he was here just running around you wouldn't even think he'd be a police dog," Rosati said. "He's just a happy puppy with tons of energy and then you give him the commands and he has some bite to him."

Training with Harris

already has begun, but the K-9 officially will start a six-week academy Monday, Oct. 10. Come the end of November, Rocco should be fully certified and on duty.

While he'll be equipped with nearly all the same certifications as Duke — obedience, tracking, area search, building search, evidence search — Rocco will specialize in explosives detection rather

than Duke's ability for narcotics detection.

The various reasons behind this decision include the growing legalization of certain drugs such as marijuana; the fact the Grosse Pointes seldom deal with narcotics-related crime; and the additional service that could be provided to area institutions such as The War Memorial and high schools when large-scale events are held.

"I want to keep this program strong," Rosati said. "It was built up by Tim from nothing. We didn't have a dog. He didn't really know much about it. He spent a lot of time and energy building this program, so my main goal is to keep this program strong (and to) make sure to have a good reputation within the community and in other police departments I'm going to be taking (Rocco) to for call outs and whenever they need a K-9 for assistance."

Rocco's first public appearance will be during the Farms department's first public safety open house at 90 Kerby from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

The K-9, along with his predecessor Duke,

also will make an appearance at the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Open House the next day.

Donations needed

Around \$250,000 is needed to fund the career life of a K-9 officer. This goes toward purchasing the dog, continued training, a specialized patrol vehicle, community engagement efforts, vet bills and overtime hours for the handler.

With \$100,000 already raised, Ed Russell, of Russell Development Co., is leading community-wide fundraising efforts for the K-9 who will serve all five Grosse Pointes and beyond.

An invitation-only event seeking large-scale donations will be held at The War Memorial Thursday, Sept. 29, while others interested in participat-



K-9 Officer Rocco is a 13-month-old Dutch shepherd.

ing are invited to make checks out to The War Memorial with a note in the memo stating, "restricted for K-9 donation."

"This community's been really generous so far with Duke and then we're getting the same support for this next dog too, so we really appreciate it," Rosati said. "It means a lot to us and, also, I know that I've got a lot of work ahead of me to make sure that I do a good job."

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and Nintendo Switch.

The show isn't just about cars though.

Displays in Huntington Place, formerly Cobo Hall, include companies that make home-based EV charging stations and large drones that someday could be used to transport packages and passengers.

One of the more unique items on display

is the XTURISMO, a hoverbike akin to the land speeders of "Star Wars" fame. Japanese maker AERWINS Technologies gave a demonstration last week at Coleman A. Young International Airport.

Current cost for the gasoline-electric hybrid is \$777,000, but the company says it can get that down to \$50,000 by 2025. The XTURISMO is being sold in Japan, where it is not classified as an aircraft and doesn't

require a pilot's license. The company hopes the U.S. government will classify it the same so sales can begin in 2023.

Children who get bored looking at cars can enjoy the Dinosaur and Off-Road Vehicle Encounter, featuring more than 80 life-sized dinosaurs, story time, crafts, fossil digs and ATV and scooter rides.

And don't forget to take your picture standing next to the original ambulance from

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The show, which opened to the public Sept. 17, runs 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and concludes 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children 3 to 12. A family ticket at \$50 is good for two adults and three children.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA meeting, 7 p.m.

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equipment, see our building and see what we offer to the residents of Grosse Pointe Farms."

Longtime fan favorite K-9 officer Duke, who retires at the end of this month, and his handler Sgt. Tim Harris will give demonstrations, alongside up-and-coming handler Officer Richard Rosati and K-9 Rocco.

The open house marks not only Rocco's introduction to the public, but also an opportunity to tour the department building, circa 1912, and learn more about its history.

Patrol vehicles, fire engines — including Fire Engine 3 purchased last year — and the Special Response Team's MRAP vehicle, which already was needed twice this summer for shootings in Harper Woods, will be on display.

"If there are people with concerns about why we have this," Rogers addressed, "this is the perfect time to come ask and we'll have team members on scene to answer those questions and concerns."

Fire specialists and the fire investigation team will be on-hand to answer home and business fire safety ques-

tions, as will the detective bureau, dive team with dive gear on display, bike team, school resource officer, child safety seat technician and the department's reserve unit.

"If someone's interested in joining the reserves, this is the time to ask questions and possibly get applications, because they are currently looking for members," Rogers said.

Alongside the department's gift of goody bags for the first 400 kids, the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors will be handing out child ID kits meant

to gather a child's fingerprints, DNA swab, photo and physical description.

"The resident just holds onto that," Rogers explained, "and God forbid should their kid ever come up missing or for some end-of-the-world-type scenario, those parents will have that information and then they can provide it to us."

As the department was unable to secure a food truck on a Saturday afternoon during college football season, refreshments will be kept simple with hotdogs, chips,

water and a vending machine.

The open house is scheduled rain or shine and will be moved into the fire bay in case of inclement weather. The section of Kerby Road directly in front of the building will be closed during the event to afford additional space.

Moving forward, the department may make the open house an annual or bi-annual event. "Whatever lessons we learn from this," Rogers said, "we'll improve on it and make it a better experience."

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North student bikes from coast to coast

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Upon first hearing of a six-week unsupported bike trip across the country, now 16-year-old Shailee Simon remembers thinking, “I don’t know why people would ever want to do that.” But as she settles into a new school year in 11th grade at Grosse Pointe North High School, she’s got the Arkansas fire ant scars to prove she has.

Simon — equipped with a Trek touring bike and perhaps a little less training than was suggested — set off on the 3,200 mile trip out of Savannah, Ga., June 25, traveling with eight other high school students from across the country and two leaders as part of an Overland Summers program.



Shailee Simon bikes 3,200 miles across the country.

“It was probably one of the best experiences I’ll have,” she said. “That’s kind of why I did it. When else am I going to say I biked across the country?”

Stopping at each state sign for celebratory photos, the crew traversed a path through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and California, only three of which Simon had previously visited.

It was at the “Welcome to Arkansas” sign when she made the unlucky move to disembark her bike as it rolled through a fire ant hill and they immediately swarmed her leg.

“The whole bottom of my leg just swelled up,” she recalled. “That night I had these huge bumps and it hurt so bad.”

Yet the tiny animal attack was perhaps the least of the challenges Simon faced, as the crew arose each day around 4:30 a.m. and would push through until 8 or 9 o’clock at night. They stayed at hotels, churches and a few campsites.

“First light typically was when they wanted to get up, kind of to beat the heat,” she explained. “It didn’t always work. Usually the heat beat us.”



COURTESY PHOTOS

Six weeks after embarking from the Atlantic coast, the bikers celebrate by dipping their tires in the Pacific.

During a two-day, 111-mile trek straight across the Mojave Desert, the heat reached 113 degrees. Simon nearly fainted once when she came off

her bike and was caught by those standing nearby.

“It was hard to drink water, because our water was boiling hot,” she said, adding this leg of the trip was the only time a van followed the bikers as a safety precaution.

The path took Simon around the edge of the Rocky Mountains, to the highest elevation of the trip — 9,800 feet — at the continental divide and three days climbing up the San Gabriel Mountains, aside from a one-day side trip biking to the Grand Canyon.

“Just that your body can be put through such

strenuous activities and you can do it,” was one of the Woods resident’s most impactful realizations from the trip.

Aug. 6, the crew rode into Santa Monica, Calif., where Simon’s family waited at the finish line.

“I was actually really sad, because looking back, just the whole experience was so crazy, like it didn’t even feel real,” Simon said of her thoughts upon reaching the end of the journey. “I just say it felt like a fever dream. ... I’m still sad. I still wish I was on it.”

When the trip commenced in Georgia,

each rider dipped a tire in the Atlantic Ocean. Six weeks and 3,200 miles later, they dipped the same tire in the Pacific Ocean.

“There was not a dry eye on the Santa Monica Pier,” Simon’s mother, Anne, recalled. “I mean, strangers were crying.”

While a three-week European biking trip from Munich to Barcelona and ending with a symbolic jump into the Mediterranean Sea also has her eye, Simon plans to focus on future programs involving marine biology, her desired field of study. She also is on North’s varsity volleyball team.

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An unauthorized transfer resulted in \$66,732 stolen from a 42-year-old Farms man’s checking account Thursday, Sept. 8.

Finders keepers

As they were getting a ride home from their mother, two kids left their unlocked bikes at an area elementary school on a Friday and returned to

find them gone.

Security footage showed a teenager with long brown hair riding the first bike away at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. He later returned with a group of teenagers and rode the second bike away.

One of the bikes was found near the school playground damaged beyond repair.

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old homeless woman tried to give officers a false name when she was reported for trespassing within a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 10:16 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.

After attempting to follow officers out of the business carrying unpaid merchandise, she was arrested for trespassing and giving false information to a police officer.

Co-worker threat

After a 26-year-old Harper Woods woman recently was let go from a business on the Hill, she began sending threatening texts to her previous co-worker, a 23-year-old Park woman, accusing the woman of getting her fired. The Park woman also received a threatening text from a number claiming to be the suspect’s boyfriend.

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REPORTS:

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Car break-ins

After a report came in of five subjects in hoodies looking into vehicles and trying door handles in the 400 block of Bournemouth at 3:02 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, officers discovered a Jeep Compass, Dodge pickup and Chevrolet Equinox had been broken into.

Projectiles

A resident in the 300 block of Ridgemont discovered two small cross-bow bolts in his yard last week. The man said he has had an ongoing problem with BBs being launched into his yard.

Car chase crash

When officers arrived to where a vehicle had crashed into a tree on the southside of Lakeshore at 5:03 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, the 16-year-old Detroit driver said drivers of two Kias had been chasing and shooting at her in Detroit. She identified one driver as “Dre” and said he steals Kias.

Video footage later showed the unknown Kia containing the suspects crashed at Lakeshore and Moross, to the east of the Pier Park gate, before driving away.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Store hit twice

A 39-year-old Detroit woman was cited after stealing \$100 worth of groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

Less than three hours later, a 32-year-old Detroit woman stole \$55 worth of groceries from the same business, for which she also was cited.

Forgiving store

Two juveniles have been identified after security footage showed them stealing items from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval over two nights last week. The business did not press charges, but banned them from the store.

Garage thefts

A hedge trimmer, string trimmer, power washer and Trek bike were stolen from a detached garage in the 900 block of Lincoln overnight Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Later in the week, a black Trek Checkpoint bike, Garmin GPS and Toshiba leaf blower were stolen from an unlocked, attached garage in the 600 block of Washington between 1:45 and 4:25 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Last but not least, that same day a men’s specialized bike, men’s Trek mountain bike and an Ego chainsaw, weed wacker and leaf blower were stolen from an unlocked, attached garage in the 400 block of Lakeland.

Fanny pack

An unknown suspect stole a fanny pack con-

taining \$500 in cash from the previous day’s earnings and a bottle of liquor from a business in the 17000 block of Mack between 9 a.m. and 16 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— **Ted O’Neil**
Report information about crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Cuts like a knife

A resident in the 1800 block of Stanhope reported around noon Thursday, Sept. 15, that someone entered his vehicle and took \$10 in assorted bills and a Smith & Wesson folding knife with a window punch and seatbelt cutter worth \$70.

The larceny occurred between 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, and 10:15 a.m. the next day.

Black and blue

A woman in the 1700 block of Prestwick reported around 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, that vandals poured blue paint in her driveway

and on the northeast corner of her house, and also marked the back of her vehicle in the driveway with black spray paint.

The incident occurred between 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, and 8 a.m. the following morning. The resident told officers she is not have problems with anyone.

Creative theft

A vehicle was stolen from a driveway in the 800 block of Crescent Lane between 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, and 6:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

The owner told officers the vehicle was locked and he has both sets of keys. The owner also said he paid cash for the vehicle, ruling out a repo situation.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Steals bike

Between 7:20 and 7:34 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, an unknown person stole a \$750 men’s Trek mountain bike left unattended in the curbside median in the 1000 block of Buckingham.

“(The bike was) taken by a subject driving an older model, brown Chevrolet pickup,” said police.

Car break-ins

More than a half-dozen car break-ins were reported overnight Tuesday, Sept 13, in the central part of town.

Thieves entered many of the vehicles by breaking windows. Victims reported miscellaneous items missing.

Two incidents occurred on each of the following blocks between 9 p.m. Sept. 13, and 9 a.m. the next day: 1200 block of Bishop, 1100 block of Yorkshire and at Pointe Park Place condominiums on Jefferson at Lakepointe one block from city hall.

A seventh incident happened in the 1000 block of Lakepointe.

ATM thieves

Police from multiple jurisdictions have been trying to chase down four suspects in a stolen, blue Ford Raptor truck on suspicion of theft.

Grosse Pointe Park joined the parade at 3:38 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

An officer approached the group acting suspiciously near the outdoor automatic teller machine at Bank of America, 15010 Jefferson.

“(They) fled in the

vehicle,” according to police. “It was determined the suspects were attempting to steal the ATM.”

They escaped from a brief pursuit.

“The suspects have been involved in the thefts of multiple ATMs,

vehicles and have fled from police on multiple occasions,” said a Park officer.

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

FALL:

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than break even. I don’t try to make money on every program we have. I want to keep it affordable. But this was nice.”

Cleaning crew

Activities Sunday through Friday provide a nice revenue stream. Yet, they also present staffing challenges, such as cleaning the Lavins Activity Center, Golden Family Gymnasium, Meade Fitness Center, Okulski Family Theater, Carol C. Schaap Theater and Tomkins Community Center.

“We’re down on cleaning staff,” Craig said. “One of the most important things to have in addition to front-desk staff to sign you up for programs is someone to keep the building clean.”

Options range from

reassigning current staff, doubling-up staff assignments, hiring more employees to contracting an outside agency, the latter of which was done to mow grass on park grounds.

“With four to six programs a day, there’s not a lot of time to fit someone in there to clean,” Craig said. “We’re getting (bid) quotes to see what makes financial sense to see if we can bring somebody in.

“We had assistance from the department of public works to tackle items we haven’t had the staff or manpower to knock out. Subcontracted mowing has been going really well, too. The grounds look significantly better. In the next month or so, DPW also will be looking at our sprinkler system throughout the park. There were issues with motors.”

Some motors may need to be replaced.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

What does love mean to you?



Love, loving, lovable, lovely, loveliness, lovingly. Adjective, noun, verb. These are variations of the word love. Where do you find love? In the eyes of your child? In the heart of your spouse? In the wag of your dog's tail? In a word, a prayer, an action?

Love isn't just romantic; it's human. It's a need, an emotion; it's necessary. We lump love into one category but we shouldn't, because there are many types of love. For instance, there is the love you feel for your sibling, friend or pet. There is the love you state when feeling good about something, the love of a place, a sport or a good book. It's interesting how we use the word "love" and the word "hate," the intensity minimized by saying things like, "I love that dress" or "I love ice cream" or "I hate math" or just the exclamation, "I love that!" We love that first bite of something delicious. We love the new couch or bike or

tablet we just bought. Or the vacation we just went on. We also love the idea of something or someone. Love is in the sweet gesture of a friend who calls just to say hello, an unexpected card in the mail, an act of kindness you witness or perform. Love is the fluttering of your heart when you fall in love, the quickness of your breath when a certain person appears. Love can radiate from you, lift you up, be held onto and shared. Literally and figuratively, love is the compass we use to find our way home. It's also the light that keeps out the darkness. Love is the house your parents built that you grew up in and

it's the house you built as an grownup. Love is our mom tucking us in when we're little, our dad cheering us on when he teaches us to ride a bike and watching your parents love your children. And, yes, sometimes love is mixed with grief and when you don't think your heart can take another minute of the pain, it's love that brings us back, heals our hearts, heals our minds and salves our wounds. Love is the bandage we put on something to bring it back to whole. It is what will conquer fear if we let it. Love is a mix of bright colors. It's big and loud and jazzy and yet, it's also quiet and calm and steady.

Love is compassion and empathy. It's sitting with someone when they need to vent or need a shoulder, and being there when they need someone to believe in them. It's sitting by their bedside when they're sick, motivating them forward and not judging someone for being different. Love is coming on strong and backing off when necessary. Love is holding a hand, sitting in a church at a wedding and sitting in a church at a funeral. Love is saying hello and goodbye. If you open your heart and mind to it, love can shift your world and your worldview. Love can't live where hate lives. Love is not division and love is not

selfish or too busy. When we give love away, it comes back to us and that is a double gift. Love is an action word. Take action for who or what you love, including yourself. If you don't love yourself, how can you expect anyone else to? They say the opposite of love is indifference. Hate is almost as bad. Both are negative and painful. Love is positive. I get that we are all human and can feel all these things, but underneath all these feelings, love needs to reside within each of us. It needs to be our base. Love is the gift we have to give. Give it away in large portions. Don't keep it to yourself.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947
75 years ago this week
TO SUBMIT WAR MEMORIAL PLAN: It has been learned that a lot of unpublicized work and general planning has been going on lately in connection with the prospective development of the Murray Sales property at Lincoln Road and Jefferson Avenue as a public library and a memorial to the Grosse Pointe service men and

women of World War II. This property has now been conveyed to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education by its owner, Mr. Sales, subject to his life tenure as his residence.
1972
50 years ago this week
POINTERS WIN CANADA CUP: The Canada Cup has come home. For Pointer Llwyd Ecclestone Jr.'s 39-foot custom sloop Dynamite

defeated Gordon Fisher's Mirage by a minute in the fourth and tie-breaking race of the cup series, to bring the coveted trophy to Detroit.
1997
25 years ago this week
RECYCLING GROUP READY TO DECLARE VICTORY, DISBAND: Like the Lone Ranger, the board of directors of Grosse Pointe Citizens for Recycling has cleaned up the town and is ready

to ride into the sunset after a job well-done. Fran Schonenberg, chairman of the board, said the group has done what it set out to do — make recycling in Grosse Pointe an everyday fact of life. With that in mind, the board of directors will present a resolution to disband to the rank and file at the Sept. 25 meeting.
2012
10 years ago this week

WE ARE MOVING: The offices of the Grosse Pointe News are moving to Grosse Pointe Woods this week. Beginning Monday, Oct. 1, the offices will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 21316 Mack Avenue, just north of Vernier.

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CCD to play large role in Farms inland district sewer separation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — When preliminary plans were announced last February to separate the sewer system north of Moross in the Farms — as well as those on Mount Vernon, McMillian and McKinley — a major component was a force main intended to carry stormwater from a new pumping station to be constructed at Moross and Chalfonte down the length of Moross to an output into Lake St. Clair.

While the planned location for the pumping station still stands, a memorandum of understanding has been reached between Farms city council and the Country Club of

Detroit to establish an easement along the edge of the CCD property containing the force main.

While plans still are in the preliminary stage, the main, which is 48 inches in diameter, is set to exit CCD property, travel slightly down Kercheval and then take Tonnancour down to the lake.

“This is a very important first step for us to get going on the sewer improvement project that we’ve been talking about for years,” Mayor Louis Theros said.

The placement of the force main along CCD’s property instead of Moross is projected to result in roughly a \$1.5 million cost savings, City Attorney William Burgess reported, as well as the minimization of traffic

disruption. It also could enable construction on the property within one winter season.

As part of the agreement, CCD expressed interest in beginning to use raw, untreated water for the irrigation of its golf course rather than the treated water it currently purchases from the city. To this end, the memorandum of understanding includes preliminary plans for the city to construct a new raw water pump station and a water line to deliver raw water to the CCD pump house.

“The current MOU is the result of over ten years of continued discussions between the city and club, representing a mutually beneficial arrangement that will secure a highly desired source of untreated water, which the club has not had access to since the closure of the Highland Park line in 2012,” reads a statement from the CDD board of directors. “This will also provide the city with an economically advantageous route to move stormwater back to Lake St. Clair, assisting to mitigate the amount of stormwater needing treatment by the Great Lakes Water Authority.”

The use of raw water also will allow the club to use less artificial fertilizer.

Clearing alleys



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A public works crew carries out instructions to clear alleys constricted by overgrown limbs and vines. “We already did the south side (of town below Jefferson) and are working our way through the north side,” said Jason Burtle, alternate crew chief for Grosse Pointe Park public works. His crew worked Thursday, Sept. 15, in an alley between the 1000 blocks of Beaconsfield and Lakepointe. “Alleys are a big priority for DPW to be cleaned up,” said Public Works Supervisor Tom Jenny last month. Some alleys are too clogged with clutter to admit vehicle passage, he said.

Well fees on the rise

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The trend continues for boat well rate hikes.

Seasonal rental fees at Windmill Pointe Park marina are increasing 3 to 5 percent next year.

The marina has 270 slips for boats up to 55 feet long at fees from \$643 to \$3,195 per year, according to a price list in the marina section of the municipal website, grossepointepark.org.

“We realize we can’t keep increasing 5 percent every year and not give something back to boaters to see a significant change in the marina,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

He was referring to a

five-year strategy to evaluate the current marina, develop a renovation or replacement plan in conjunction with funding sources, resulting, if possible, in a new, updated and possibly reconfigured marina five years from now.

Contracts to renew leases are being sent out soon.

“I’m planning on putting those out to all returning boat well owners,” said Chris Delmege, park supervisor in charge of the marina.

Rental fees are a big component of any renovation and funding plan.

“You’re talking about a brand new, state-of-the-art facility,” Craig said, “meaning you’re going to be the most expensive or as expensive as anyone else around here. If we

build something new, it’s with the understanding prices will change.”

Boaters five years from now also may pay higher fees to compensate for fewer but wider wells.

“You’re probably going to lose some wells because of how much larger boats are now than what we currently have in there,” Craig said.

Park administrators have been maintaining the marina in the most cost-effective way in an attempt to build up financial reserves.

“We’ve been doing the bare minimum because we want to build that back up so in case an emergency comes up or a big project — to dredge or a transformer issue — we’ve got the reserve to go into,” Craig said.



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REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Tuesday September 13, 2022	7:00 p.m.
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, by Mayor Louis Theros.

Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absent: None.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2022.

Administration informed City Council the applicant from 42 Hendrie Lane had withdrawn their variance request and the scheduled Public Hearing was cancelled.

Council considered and approved a request from 18666 Mack Avenue (Irish Coffee) regarding improvements to the existing outdoor dining area on the property.

Council heard a presentation of the Master Plan Community Survey Results by the City’s planning consultant.

Council approved the POAM Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Council awarded a contract for the landscaping of the Pier Park Playscape to be installed this Fall.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

- a) Consideration of a request to approve the budgeted expenditure of \$41,938 for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer (Civilian Model) to replace the Public Safety Director’s current vehicle.
- b) Consideration of a request to approve the budgeted expenditure of \$82,576 for the purchase of two 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe’s to replace current vehicles.
- c) Consideration of a Mayoral Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2022 “Constitution Week”.
- d) Consideration of a request to approve August 2022 invoices.

Council approved a request regarding Public Act 51 Annual Certification of Employee Related Conditions.

Council received the August, 2022 Public Safety Report.

Council held public comment.

City Council went into Closed Session.

City Council returned from Closed Session.

City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the Country Club of Detroit for an easement related to infrastructure.

City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager and City Clerk
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First water main redo in 37 years

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The lowest of four bidders won a contract to replace the leaky and break prone stretch of water main on Mack between Kensington and Cadieux.

“We’ll meet with them and get a schedule,” said Patrick Droze, project manager at OHM Advisors, the city’s consulting engineers. “It should be done by the end of this year.”

“We’re not patching,” said City Manager Nick Sizeland. “We’re actually replacing the entire stretch. It’s something we can hopefully do a lot more of in the future.”

“It’s the first whole water main rebuild in the city since 1985,” said Councilman Max Wiener.

Park council members chose the bidder, Inner City Contracting of Detroit, at a cost of \$454,473.

“While they are on site, they will be replacing six lead service lines, saving the city \$5,000 or \$6,000 per line,” Sizeland said.

Other bids ranged up to \$689,962.

The four-block stretch of water main being replaced is the source of more breaks — 20 in the last 10 years — than in any other area of the city.

A tabulation of citywide water loss due to broken mains during the period totals 46 million gallons, according to Sizeland.

Water in the Mack replacement area cost \$1.5 million.

“This is the biggest, most pressing water issue we identified,” said Wiener, not wanting people to confuse it with pending sewer renovations. “Water main breaks cost the city a tremendous amount of money. Water’s going down the drain.”

In awarding the job to Inner City, Park officials relied partly on their record with the contractor and partly on advice from municipal consulting engineers, OHM Advisors.

“The city has worked with Inner City Contractors on recent projects and we understand a generally favorable contracting experience,” said Patrick Droze, OHN project manager.

Several references checked out, including from Oakland County and Detroit for water service work, plus Ecorse and the state of Michigan, according to Droze.

The job on Mack consists of installing 1,667 feet of PVC pipe to replace a decades-old cast iron main, which becomes brittle with age.

Inner City undercut:
◆ a \$593,272 bid by Bridgare Contractors of Plymouth,
◆ a 623,246 bid from FDM Contracting of Shelby Township and
◆ a \$689,962 bid by Bricco Excavating of Oak Park.



Concours d’Elegance is this weekend

Welcoming more than 120 cars and 700 people last year, the 15th annual Grosse Pointe Concours d’Elegance returns Sunday, Sept. 25.

Free to attend and open to the public, the car show will be noon to 3 p.m. at Pier Park, with a parade of cars down Kercheval at 11:30 a.m.

While the cars were displayed in the parking lot last year due to rain earlier in the week, the show will return to the lawn this weekend. While supplies last, free hot dogs, soda and chips will be offered.

Anyone interested in registering a car may do so online for free at grossepointefarmsfoundation.org.

Sewer cleaning moves above Jefferson

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Consulting engineers this week gave the city council

what is expected to be one of the last status reports on citywide sewer cleaning.

The monthly report covers the weeks from Aug. 8 through Sept. 23.

While cleaning, crews made a cursory review of the city’s sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

“Over the next period, work is expected to

complete,” according to the update by Patrick Droze, an engineer and project manager with OHM Advisors.

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Plugging away at sewer relief

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There’s still no ruling from the state about the city installing a special sewer valve to dump excess storm water directly into Lake St. Clair rather than risk backups into basements, as happened twice during the summer of 2021.

Grosse Pointe Park officials and their engineering consultants from OHM Advisors have been meeting with the state this year about obtaining a permit to install an extreme emergency relief valve at Patterson Park.

“We have a meeting next Thursday, (Sept. 22),” said Nancy Russell, an OHM project engineer.

“My goal is to have this (valve) in the ground by the next rainy season,” said Councilman Max Wiener, taking the lead as chairman of the municipal infrastructure committee.

Yet, regulators with the state department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) want more empirical data of rain-generated sewer flows to forecast the valve’s effectiveness and environmental impact.

“We haven’t had the rain EGLE was hoping we would get,” said Nick

Sizeland, city manager. “So, what we’ve done is taken three years of historical (rain) data and (asked them for) conditional approval.”

He believes the city is on track.

“It sounds like we have their approval,” said Councilwoman Christine Gallagher.

“We’re getting close,” Sizeland said.

“We should have a permit, then, within the next 30 days?” asked Gallagher.

“We can’t speak on EGLE’s behalf on that,” said Wiener.

In the meantime, engineers and subcontractors were scheduled to join city staff this week to put the stormwater pumping station at Patterson Park through its paces.

A full-system evaluation slated Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 21 and 22, after this week’s Grosse Pointe News deadline, consists of documenting the performance of the station and its SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) control system of computers and related technology.

“This work will include identifying future upgrades to accommodate system modernization,” Droze said. “This will also include consideration for the addition of pumps.”



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Ghesquiere Park getting new cameras

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Officials hope a spate of vandalism at Ghesquiere Park will come to an end with the installation of a new closed-circuit television monitoring system. City council approved the project at its meeting Sept. 12, approving a contract for \$18,461 with Pointe Alarm.

“This will provide immediate relief to our public safety dispatchers because they won’t

have to monitor the park anymore,” Public Services Director Jim Kowalski said. “It will also help our detectives when they have to look through footage to find suspects.”

The city also will pay Pointe Alarm \$737.94 to monitor the system around the clock.

“Our dispatchers are busy taking calls and checking on inmates in the jail, so this will make it easier on them,” Kowalski said. “And our current system is pretty outdated. It doesn’t have

very good night vision.”

Examples of recent vandalism in the park include holes kicked in the boards surrounding the ice rink, graffiti, broken sinks in the bathrooms, soap dispensers torn off walls and broken sections of bleachers around the ballfields.

“We end up paying money every time to make the repairs,” Kowalski said.

The new cameras, seven in total, will be placed at each entrance to the park.

“These are highly sensitive infrared cameras, so the person monitoring them will easily be able to tell if there’s movement and will be able to differentiate between animals and humans,” Kowalski said. “If they see someone in there after hours, they can call dispatch and tell them exactly where to send an officer.”

The system will have a strobe light that will activate when motion is detected, as well as a loudspeaker.

“The folks at Pointe

Alarm can use that to warn people,” Kowalski noted. “They can jump on there and just say, ‘The park is closed. You need to leave now.’”

If vandalism is committed, detectives will have an easier time identifying suspects.

“Our current system doesn’t have the ability to detect motion,” Kowalski said. “If detectives know something happened within say, a six-hour time frame, they have to go through the whole six hours. This one will

have a time stamp and they’ll be able to pull the exact frame they need.”

The system is expected to be up and running within a month.

Council also voted to spend \$10,000 for a new PVC liner in the rectangular baby pool at Lake Front Park. The current liner was patched to get it through the recently ended swimming season, but the problem was causing a significant amount of water loss.

SEWER:

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The update states that video inspection of accessible portions of

230,000 feet of sanitary sewer lines is complete. Approximately 50,000 (25 percent) of sanitary sewer could not be inspected due to inaccessible structures

or heavy debris that requires additional cleaning,” Droze said. “Current efforts are primarily focused on performing additional heavy cleaning of sew-

ers previously attempted for inspection.”

Work is finished below Jefferson. Crews are focused through October in neighborhoods above Jefferson. On the morning of Monday, Sept. 19, two crews in garbage truck-sized vehicles vacuumed sewers on St. Paul a few blocks east of the Defer Elementary School playground.

Almost from the beginning of Droze’s monthly reports starting last year, a refrain has been accounts of the difficulty, and often inability, of a subcontractor, Pipetek, to snake remote-controlled video cameras unimpeded through the city’s sewer network. Much of the system dates back close to 100 years, according to Park officials.

Stormwater and sanitary discharges vie for space with tree roots, clumps of hardened dirt, leaves and more.

“(Pipetek) has had limited success getting

through entire segments without additional debris removal,” Droze told the city council Monday, Sept. 19. “These segments will be identified for future cleaning.”

Pipetek removed more than 800 cubic yards of foreign material from throughout the network, according to Droze.

Some 99 percent of debris was removed since last month’s update, he added.

Inspection and cleaning have so far consumed 81 percent of the project’s contract price. Some \$35,000 remains in the contract for Pipetek’s portion of the job.

“This month we’ll wrap up with Pipetek,” Droze said.

On deck

Now that most of the sewer system has been inspected and is being made more accessible through cleaning, the next step is to evaluate its condition, or asset

management.

Droze proposed:

- ◆ identifying specific structural defects,
- ◆ recommending methods of rehabilitation, such as everything from spot liners, spray-in liners, pipe joint grouting and open cut repairs;
- ◆ determining the cost of rehabilitation and
- ◆ prioritizing repairs to be made next year.

“OHM is developing five and 20-year horizon capital improvement programs to establish a framework of projects gig forward,” Droze said.

Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee, intends to develop a regular practice of sewer inspections and cleaning, most likely by dividing the city into districts, sewers to be tended annually on a rotating basis.

A comparable approach is taken by the city forester for tree trimming.



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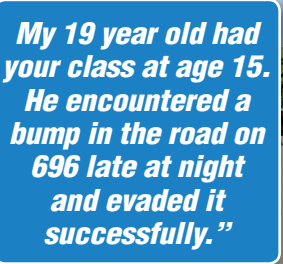
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SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held August 8, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on June 16, 2022.

2) To approve the 2023 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular meetings on October 3, and October 17, and, only if necessary, to hold special meetings on October 10 and October 24 and further to hold a public hearing on the 2023 Budget on November 7, 2022.

3) to designate Mayor Kindle as the City’s official delegate at the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Meeting to be held during the October 19 through 21, 2022 convention.

4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 125166 through 125388 in the amount of \$1,037,719.22 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court’s computer system. (3) . approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,542.49 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (4) approve payment in the amount of \$30,200.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks and stop box repairs at various residential locations. (5) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of September 2022. (6) . approve payment to RKA Petroleum Companies in the amount of \$15,096.67 for the purchase of 5,001 gallons of unleaded fuel. (7) . approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$128,981.56 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of July 2022. (8) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$5,565.17 for the IT support services for all departments, the renewal of the firewall security for City Hall and the purchase of computer and related equipment. (9) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$10,243.49 for professional services during the month of July 2022 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Concrete Pavement Repair, Sanitary Sewer Clean and CCTV, Eastland Center, Traffic Signal Mod, Tim Horton’s, Salter and Johnston Park Basketball Courts and the Gas Station on Kelly Road. (10) . approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$14,606.50 for Harper Woods’ proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period January through June 2022. (11) . approve payment to Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$10,462.00 for the purchase of upgrades for the SCBA equipment, including additional masks, larger capacity air containers and a RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) pack.

2) to confirm the appointment of Christine Skerritt as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Harper Woods and further, to approve the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Director Skerritt and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

3) to approve payment to Warren Contractors & Development, Inc., in the amount of \$146,132.26 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Salter and Johnston Park Basketball Facility Improvements #180-263 and #180-264.

4) to approve payment to M. L. Chartier, Inc., in the amount of \$27,146.25 for Progress Payment No. 4 (Final) on the Water Service Material Investigation Program, #180-265.

5) to accept the bid submitted by Creative Office Interiors in the amount of \$10,796.08 for the replacement of flooring in the City Hall public access areas, and further that competitive bidding be waived as only one vendor submitted a bid, in accordance with City policy.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Needle Pointe makes new mark

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

As a premier local tattoo artist, Samantha “Sammy” Wittstock’s opinion on tattoo parlors may surprise you.

“I’m not a big fan of tattoo parlors, honestly,” Wittstock said. “They can be objectifying and misogynistic...not all are like that but a lot are.”

Armed with her artistic talents and desire to change the experience of tattooing, particularly for women, Wittstock has turned her dream into reality by opening The Needle Pointe, a new tattoo space “for women by women.” While her entire shop has a welcoming female-focused vibe, she noted, “...nice guys are welcome (too).”

Located on the second floor at 15027 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, The Needle Pointe, the first ever store of its kind in the Pointes, uniquely operates by appointment only. Wittstock welcomed her first customer, who was getting her inaugural tattoo, on Sept. 14.

“My first client here was a former preschool teacher of my son’s,” she said. “She is a church-going sweetheart, a typical preschool teacher...

She got a small tattoo on her wrist. She was nervous, but then got more comfortable.”

Making clients comfortable is exactly what Wittstock aims for. She not only wants clients to feel relaxed both physically and within the space she has curated, she also wants customers to feel comfortable speaking up and engaging in the process, from sketching the tattoo, to creating the exact ink colors they envisioned.

“If you need a break (during tattooing), tell me,” Wittstock said. “This is not a tough-guy competition. We all have different pain thresholds.”

Opening her own store has been years in the making for Wittstock, a native Grosse Pointer, who attended Defer, Parcells and Grosse Pointe North. Inspired by her artist mother, she immersed herself in art and theater as a young student here.

A move to Los Angeles at 19 led her to a tattoo apprenticeship, where she refined her craft despite working in what she describes as “dinky, tourist spots” in the City of Angels.

She moved back to the Pointes in 2012, and “kind

of kept (tattooing) as a side business,” she said. She had her son, Fisher, in 2017 and has “mostly been a stay-at-home mom” for him, until the opportunity for her own store started taking shape.

Today, her comfortable, fresh space with multiple windows and natural light hopes to welcome not only tattoo clients, but the female arts community as well.

“I hope to use my drawing and consulting room as gallery space for local female artists,” she said.

Wittstock also hopes to develop an apprentice program for young women, and has already begun mentoring a senior at Grosse Pointe South.

“She is working on her drawing skills now,” she said of her apprentice. “It’s a lot different to draw on skin than it is with pencil and paper, so it takes about a year.”

Wittstock says she cre-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Wittstock creates a sketch for a client in her fresh and welcoming consultation room.

ates an array of tattoos, in concert with her clients. She promises, “I’m not going to put something stupid on you. I will speak up if it’s something that doesn’t make sense for you.”

“Artists are alpha people. No one is getting tattooed here with anything that they aren’t in love with,” she said.

Wittstock also notes that technology in the field has evolved, so tattoo repair is sometimes the task she has in front of her. She made special note of “lower back tattoos,” often pejoratively referred to as “tramp stamps” that many women of a particular age

may have indulged in once upon a time, but want to change.

In keeping with her desire to honor the female community, she would like to see that nickname eliminated.

“No one is a tramp here,” she said of her choice to not use that terminology for that specific tattoo. “We don’t do shame here.”

Wittstock has her clients, who must be 18 years of age or older, come in for a \$50, non-refundable consult. Depending on how involved the tattoo is, clients most often make a return appointment to receive the skin art. The

\$50 consultation fee can be applied to the tattoo cost. She also has gift cards available for purchase. Wittstock also can accommodate Bachelorette parties interested in getting “micro-tattoos” and also is certified in areola tattoos for mastectomy patients.

Plans also are in the works for social media pages on Facebook and Instagram as well as a phone app. Currently, Wittstock’s “very organizational” childhood best friend is booking consultation appointments by phone or by text at (586) 914-2005.

As for Wittstock, hanging a Sleeping Beauty-inspired sign she sketched herself and calling a business her own is a dream come true. Especially in her own hometown.

“I love Grosse Pointe. I love living here, and I love seeing my kid go to the same school I did growing up,” she said.

“Grosse Pointe is becoming more and more accepting of the arts community.”

Editor’s Note: The Needle Pointe is housed in a building owned by members of the Cotton family. Sean Cotton owns the Grosse Pointe News.

Pins future on the Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Old is new and new is changing in the bubbling, burbling business district on lower Kercheval.

“We’re really loving the growth we’re witnessing around the Park lately and we’re even more excited to hear how desirable it’s becoming for people to put their businesses in the Park,” said Joe Hebek, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association and owner of Belding’s Cleaners, the Pointes’ first dry cleaners at more than 100 years old.

“We like change, so it’s exciting seeing all the things going on,” said Patti Lloyd, co-owner with her husband of Lloyd David Antiques, operating 33 years on Kercheval in what many oldsters remember as property formerly occupied by JJ’s barber shop.

One block from where a new French bakery is about ready to open and another block from where construction of a New Orleans-style restaurant continues, demolition took place last week in the 15100 block of Kercheval between Lakepointe and Maryland to make way for an acupuncturist and more.

“Per our lease and everything, I need to be there by September of next year,” said Samantha Buchanan, owner of Pointe Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. “There are going to be lofts above the new space.”

“Not only are they starting new businesses in the Park, but they’re actually seeking out and relocating here because it’s such a great area,” Hebek said.

“We’re lucky they’re bringing a gem to our community,” said Nick Sizeland, Park city man-

ager. “I understand there is a possibility of apartments or living space above for future residents.”

“They’re going to dig an elevator pit in it, I understand, to put in an elevator,” Dennis Kolarov said of the location. Kolarov is demolition supervisor at Den-Man Contractors of Warren, which razed the former structure between the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic and a former candy store.

Tight confines made demolition tricky but manageable within a few days with the use of two excavators.

“We had to separate both sides, our building from their building,” Kolarov said. “That way, it comes down nice and

neat. It’s a little time consuming. We put in hard work.”

Buchanan opened her practice June of last year on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe but quickly outgrew the location’s three treatment rooms.

She needs more square footage to achieve her goal of providing an integrative clinic.

“We will have five treatment rooms in the new space, which is perfect,” Buchanan said. “I’m bringing on a naturopath and a functional medicine doctor. We’re going to have a retail area of herbs and supplements.”

Pointe Acupuncture will be located two blocks down Kercheval from Tamra’s Touch massage and acupuncture, next to the antique store.

Buchanan, a California native and competitive long-distance runner, came to acupuncture the hard way.

“I started my undergrad in pre-med,” she said. “I was going to be a dentist. Then I broke my leg rock climbing at an indoor place. A surgeon told me I would never be able to run again. I’m stubborn. I was already delving into alternative medicine and started seeing an acupuncturist. She kind of became my mentor.”

Late last week Buchanan made her weekly drive from her office in the City to the Pewabic Pottery studio on Jefferson in Detroit.

“Once a week I treat all of their employees,” she said. “They all have the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Not much remains after Dennis Kolarov and a crew from Den-Man Contractors made way for construction of the two-story building.

same exact ailment: hands, elbows, shoulders, neck. They’re in the same position for a long time.”

The forthcoming bak-

ery and restaurant are owned or partially owned by members of the family of the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

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New grading policy creates concerns over GPPSS academic standards

Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

In the weeks leading up to the start of the 2022-2023 school year, GPPSS Superintendent Dr. Jon Dean sent an email to the district’s secondary teachers, informing them that several new grading practices will be studied by the district throughout this school year, with the implementation of these policies planned for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The grading practices include implementing an equidistant grading scale; providing multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate mastery and growth on summative assessments and assignments; and ensuring that all grading practices reflect students’ progress towards content and competency.

Soon after the email from Dean was sent, the

new grading practices became a topic of discussion amongst the candidates running for the upcoming GPPSS board of education election. Several of them, through their social media accounts or campaign email lists, expressed disapproval of what they considered to be a lowering of academic standards by the district.

Other parties involved with the district, such as board of education trustee David Brumbaugh, said online that the administration has assured him that these changes will not lower standards.

In defense of the policies, Director of Secondary Instruction Dr. Dan Hartley said that these new grading metrics attempt to make grades better reflect students’ understanding of class content, rather than tasks they do for

classes. One way he explained that the policies would better reflect students’ knowledge is through their elimination of deadlines.

“Part of it is, you know, kind of eliminating the whole idea of timelines and how those impact grades,” Hartley said. “Because if you think about it... should turning something in a week late reflect your grade, because, again, whether you turn something in on time doesn’t necessarily indicate what you know and what you don’t know.”

Among those who have questioned the policies, the proposal to implement an equidistant grading scale has been a particular point of contention.

Equidistant grading scales often give each of the five primary letter grades — A, B, C, D, and E — an equal amount of

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DR. DAN HARTLEY
GPPSS Director of Secondary Instruction

space on a percentage scale. If GPPSS were to follow this traditional interpretation of an equidistant scale, an A grade would range from 100 to 80 percent, a B grade from 79 to 60 percent, a C grade from 59 to 40 percent, a D grade from 39 to 20 percent, and an E grade from 19 to 0 percent.

Although the administration said policies like equidistant grading will be implemented after they are evaluated this year, some of the policies may not be imple-

mented uniformly, depending on the feedback they get from staff members.

“I think we talked about grading for equity, it might look a little different, depending on the content area. So I think part of this work is going to be to talk about which disciplines to some degree match which grading systems,” Dean said.

Overall, while the proposal of new grading policies has caused a significant amount of discourse, the outcomes of

these policy proposals are still uncertain. Dean said that the email to staff members was one of the first steps to implementing these changes, and that it will not likely be until spring 2023 when they are finalized for the next school year.

“We’re going to need to do a couple things here (in order to implement the policies). We’re going to have staff members (and) our professional staff be part of (a) committee; we’re going to need to get feedback from kids and from parents during (this) setting; and we’ll probably do some survey mechanisms, things like that,” Dean said. “Some of our grading procedures are included in the board of education policy, so in order for the board of education policy to be changed, the board of education has to vote to make the change.”

HOUSING:

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board members if PMC verified its findings with the cities, Wills said no, but added the company did discuss its process with city officials, a process that uses geo mapping and several databases containing information such as credit card applications, address changes and more.

Wills said he plans to have more in-depth meetings with the cities after the first statewide student count day of the new school year, which is Wednesday, Oct. 5. Districts receive 90 percent of their per-pupil state funding on that count and 10 percent

based on a second count day in February.

“The district hires us to do their enrollment projections, so this was never meant to be a detailed housing study,” Wills told the News. “Housing is just one component of the data we use to come up with the numbers.”

Wills also noted that since his firm began working with GPPSS in 2013, its enrollment projections have been 99.7 percent accurate.

Grosse Pointe Shores

The Shores may be the best example of why there is doubt about PMC’s data. In Wills’ presentation, he said the Shores lost 60 of those 590 housing units.

“I don’t know where in

the hell they got those numbers,” City Manager Steve Poloni said. “We don’t even have 60 streets.”

The Shores, at 1.1 square miles, is made entirely of single-family dwellings and has no business district. Poloni said the city sent out 1,053 water bills in January 2018. In January 2021, the city sent out 1,053 water bills.

When Wills appeared at the May school board meeting, Trustee Ahmed Ismail asked him about the unique nature of the Shores. Wills said the loss probably was due to owners who stopped renting out their carriage houses.

Poloni said there are only six carriage houses in the city, primarily along Lakeshore and

mainly occupied by each particular estate’s caretaker.

City of Grosse Pointe

PMC’s report says the City lost 50 housing units.

“I don’t know what they did to come up with their numbers,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “It’s just not true. I confirmed that with our building department.”

Dame added the City had, at most, five conversions of a multi-unit dwelling into a single-occupancy one during the time in question.

Dame takes more issue, however, with what he thinks is the process PMC used. Because of their proximity to Detroit, the Pointes are known as “inner ring suburbs.” Dame dealt with the same issue as deputy village manager in Oak Park, Ill., an upscale inner ring

suburb of Chicago.

“It’s a common error for population estimators to ascribe the population loss of the urban area to the inner ring suburbs without taking their economic health into account,” he said. “Every year since 2010, the estimators predicted a decline, and low and behold the 2020 census comes out and our population went up. The census tells the story of a stable population.”

Census

Collectively, the population in the Pointes grew slightly more than 2 percent between 2010 and 2020. Grosse Pointe Farms saw the most growth, at 7 percent, while the Census Bureau claims the Shores lost 12 percent of its population, down to 2,570 residents.

The Shores is in the

midst of protesting that result. Current data shows it has 2,592 registered voters, up from 2,337 in 2020.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wills’ report said the Farms lost 82 housing units from 2018 to 2021. City Manager Shane Reeside disagrees.

“I don’t think that’s very accurate accounting,” he said. “Aside from new builds, we also gained seven houses after the annexation.”

That occurred last year because several houses on Provencal were in Grosse Pointe Woods but their driveways were in the Farms. The residents initiated the change, noting emergency response times would be faster if provided by the Farms and that the Farms had

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AAUW seeks entries for second annual art contest

Artists ages 14 to 17 are welcome to apply for three top prizes

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following the success of its inaugural art contest in 2021, the Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women has even higher hopes for its second annual event.

“We had 50 entries last year from 14 different schools,” AAUW GP Publicity Chair Joanne Mualem said. “We’re hoping for at least 50 entries this year.”

Artists ages 14 to 17 are invited to submit their work to the contest. Art teachers at several area schools are presenting the contest information to their students, but all teens within the age range are eligible.

“We’re asking them to use the theme, ‘Listen to Women,’ and explore the achievements and contributions women have made through the years,” Mualem said. “We want them to shine a light on women’s issues through their art.”

Each artist is required to submit a typed description about how their piece relates to the theme. They will be judged on the description as well as the artwork.

Veteran journalist Tresa Baldas returns as juror. During the last decade with the Detroit Free Press, she has covered critical issues and inequalities facing



COURTESY ARTWORK

This year’s art contest theme is “Listen to Women.”

women, including workplace discrimination, domestic abuse, female genital mutilation, harassment and sexual abuse. Most notably, she investigated and exposed years of hidden sexual assault cases of women tourists at Jamaican resorts, which led to her being named the 2019 Michigan Journalist of the Year by the Michigan Press Association.

Raising awareness of issues impacting women is just one of the motivations for the themed art contest, Mualem said.

“We wanted to make an impact on local society,” she added. “We do a lot of STEM (science, technology, education

and math), but we wanted to expand it to the arts, so we voted to make it STEAM. ... We want to encourage whatever careers they plan to pursue in the arts. We wanted to reach that age group and kind of nurture that talent and artistic development.”

Young artists don’t need to live in Grosse Pointe to apply; all are welcome. However, any artwork the branch deems inappropriate for young viewers will be disqualified. Additionally, commercial kits, models and hobby crafts are not eligible.

Once approved, students’ artwork must be delivered to the Grosse

Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, where the work will be put on display.

“We chose the library because of the times we can exhibit the art,” Mualem said. “We’re hoping we get a lot of people to come out and view this exceptional talent.”

If the entries are anything like last year, the exhibition will be a must-see event.

“It was amazing what we had last year — the talent,” Mualem said. “Our juror said it blew her mind. Most of the artists were under 17, and the descriptions and their artwork? She was overly impressed and we were too.”

Baldas is tasked with selecting the top three winners; there will be no honorable mention selections this year. First prize is a \$200 Visa gift card, second prize is a \$150 Visa gift card and third prize is a \$100 Visa gift card.

For more information, visit grossepointe-mi.aauw.net

The timeline

◆ A description of the entry must be typed and submitted electronically to aauwgpep1@gmail.com by Monday, Oct. 17. Entry forms and information are available by contacting the same email address.

◆ Entries must be delivered by the artists between 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, to the

Ewald Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, at which time artists will be photographed with their work.

◆ The exhibition will be displayed at the Ewald Library from Monday, Oct. 24, to Friday, Nov. 18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

◆ An awards presentation and reception are planned at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park. The artists must be present to receive their awards. Friends and family also are invited.

About the AAUW

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

Its mission is “to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.”

Over the years, the AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch has provided fellowship, programs and opportunities to advance equity for women and girls. Fundraising provided the means to fund national endowments and scholarships, as well as local scholarships to women at Wayne State University, Alternatives for Girls and Macomb Community College.

Members partner and support community events that align with the AAUW mission. The Grosse Pointe branch is a member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and a registered U.S. public charitable 501(c)3 organization.

To make a more profound impact in the community and support and encourage science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics careers, the Grosse Pointe branch has provided the financial stability to continue and expand local robotics teams, annually award scholarships to four graduating high school seniors, and host an art contest and exhibition in the fall. Donations to the AAUW Grosse Pointe Education Program are tax deductible and appreciated to help further its mission.

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BoE candidate considers legal action

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A Facebook post alleging a comment posted by Ginny Jeup regarding the Capitol protests of Jan. 6, 2021, could lead to lawsuits and/or a police investigation.

“I’ve already talked to a lawyer and the police,” Jeup said Monday afternoon. “It’s fake. It’s photoshopped. It is unfortunate that people would rather get into these false narratives instead of talking about what’s best for our kids.”

Jeup is one of 10 candidates running for three seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

The post in question appeared at 8:43 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, on the Facebook page of a group that calls itself One GP United. The page does not contain any contact information or details about its administrators.

The post states “Community members sent this troubling screenshot over the weekend. We don’t think that someone who was at the Insurrection on January 6th deserves to serve our students and greater

community.”

A direct message sent to the One GP United Facebook page asking for comment did not receive a response by press time. The Grosse Pointe News took a screenshot of the post in the event it was taken down.

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from Fox News host Laura Ingraham on Jan. 6, 2021, saying, “Security breach at the Capitol is disgraceful. The president needs to tell everyone to leave the building.”

The post then includes the alleged response from Jeup,

saying, “Laura, you did not do it all justice. I got all the way to the top and we were keeping the police at bay.” It goes on to claim Jeup’s response ended with, “You don’t understand what happened. I have video that will prove my point.”

Jeup said that while the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety told her they could not do anything about the post as it is a civil matter, they did ask her for copies of emails she deemed threatening in nature that she received as a result of One GP United’s post.

“It generated some real hard

attacks,” she said. “One GP never reached out to ask me about it. It’s an anonymous post of an anonymous post. Who would be this terrible to another human being?”

Jeup did confirm she was in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, 2021, for then-President Donald Trump’s rally on the National Mall.

“That is not not public knowledge,” she said. “A lot of Grosse Pointers were there. I didn’t go anywhere near the Capitol. I heard every last word of his speech, which ended about two hours after the protest started.”

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been providing municipal services to the houses for years.

“Beyond that, we don’t have any apartment buildings and very few duplexes,” Reeside added.

Farms Mayor Louis Theros agreed.

“I called Plante Moran because those numbers surprised me,” he said. “Why not have a junior partner just pick up the phone and call each city?”

Theros also noted he rented a house while waiting for a new one to be built.

“After we moved out, the owner sold it,” he said. “Its status changed, but it didn’t go anywhere.”

Grosse Pointe Woods

Plante Moran claims the Woods lost 87 housing units during the time in question.

Grading the District

When asked to rate the schools using the traditional A, B, C, D, F scale, this is the percentage that earned an A or B in each category (previous years’ scores are provided for comparison) for preparing students to:

Category	A or B in 2020-21	A or B in 2018	A or B in 2017	A or B in 2016
Read	67%	85%	85%	85%
Write	61%	78%	78%	78%
Understand Science	62%	80%	80%	80%
Understand Social Studies	60%	79%	79%	79%
Understand Basic Math	69%	82%	82%	82%
Appreciate Fine/Performing Arts	60%	77%	77%	77%
Think	52%	69%	69%	69%
Be Healthy/Phisically Fit	51%	67%	67%	67%

Source: Grosse Pointe Public School System

Results of the GPPSS Community Satisfaction Survey show a sharp dropoff in support for the district after the pandemic hit, with many families choosing to leave for schools providing face-to-face instruction.

“I’m not sure how they came to that conclusion,” City Administrator Frank Schulte said. “We have very few multi-family houses to begin with.”

The Woods also has been adding to that number. Five of 12 planned condos have been built in recent years at The Oaks,

on the site of the former University Liggett Middle School.

Grosse Pointe Park

Wills told the school board the Park lost 132 housing units. City Manager Nick Sizeland disagrees.

“We’ve had two multi-

family dwellings taken down since 2018,” he said. “One is going to become a parking lot and the other is supposed to be redeveloped as a multi-unit.”

Sizeland added that about one-quarter of the city’s 4,100 houses are multi-family.

“When I heard their numbers I was surprised,” he said. “To the best of my knowledge, no one here has been contacted. I would have been advised.”

Harper Woods

According to PMC, the portion of Harper Woods within the GPPSS bound-

aries lost 183 housing units between 2018 and 2021.

Jim LaPalm, the city’s chief building inspector, likened that to an entire apartment complex being condemned.

“That hasn’t happened,”

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Woods have been named semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They will compete for

7,250 National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring. ♦♦♦ Devon Grace Krasner

of Grosse Pointe Farms earned university honors and was named to the winter 2022 Engineering College

Dean's List at the University of Michigan. Krasner is majoring in biomedical engineering, with a minor in German.



Devon Grace Krasner

HOUSING:

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he added. “ And our duplex properties are unchanged.” The portion of the city that is within the GPPSS boundaries has 32 streets, some just a few blocks long. In 2018, GPPSS had 992 students with a Harper Woods address. By 2021, that fell to 788, a difference of 204.

FOIA On June 6, the GP News filed a Freedom of Information Act request with GPPSS asking for emails between Wills, Superintendent Jon Dean and Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson dating back to the beginning of 2022.

Most of the exchanges involved Wills providing answers to questions board of education members raised during his March presentation. One such question was, “Any additional information on where our 990 students (k-12) that left went?” On March 31, Wills emailed Matheson, saying, “With the decline of housing units of 590 and approximately 1.3 students per housing unit equates to approximately 770 students who no longer live in the district. The

other approximate 220 students either enrolled into an online program or simply didn't enroll (especially at the K levels).” Using that methodology, if the portion of Harper Woods that is within GPPSS lost 183 housing units, at 1.3 students each, the district should have seen a drop of 240 students with a Harper Woods address, or 36 more than it did.

Private schools Wills also told the school board private schools serving the Pointes saw a 3.9 percent drop in enrollment from 2018 to 2021. St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School said its enrollment increased from 300 to 390 during that time frame and 90 percent of its students live in the Pointes. Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, which also said 90 percent of its students live in the Pointes, reports enrollment increased from 190 to 250 between 2018 and 2021, and is at 260 students for the current school year. University Liggett School, which said it draws students from 60 ZIP codes with 62 percent of enrollees coming from the Pointes, increased enrollment from 596 to

638 over the three-year period. At The Grosse Pointe Academy, the number of students increased from 200 to 270 between 2018 and 2021, and now stands at 280. It has students from 20 ZIP codes, with 80 percent being Pointers. “Our increase came in two waves,” Head of School Thomas Adams said. “We saw a bump with the school closures and then another because of COVID. I think a lot of our families thought they would try our school for a year and then go back, but they've been pleased with the results and have stayed with us.” Adams also said that in 2018, just one grade level in grades one through four had two sections. Now, all of them do. The board voted in June 2019, to close Poupard and Trombly elementary schools starting with the 2020-21 school year while shifting fifth grade to the middle schools. St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Joan of Arc Catholic schools chose not to discuss enrollment. The issue of homeschooling also comes into play. While there is no definitive number on how many Grosse Pointe families chose this option during the pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau said the

number of Michigan families opting to homeschool during the pandemic more than doubled, from 5.3 percent to 11.3 percent. **GPPSS** In an exit survey the district conducted in November 2020, 55 percent of respondents said they took their children out of the district because they wanted face-to-face instruction. That was something many private and parochial schools were offering to start the 2020-21 school year. GPPSS did not fully return to in-person classes until fall of 2021. Dean did note the original decision to close all schools in March 2020 as COVID hit was made at the state level. As for how the district handled the situation when schools were allowed to reopen, “I think we made the best decisions we could based on the information available,” Dean said. “No one wanted to close, but it was the necessary and right thing to do.” While the district adopted a hybrid approach in January 2021, and a staggered return to classrooms in March of that year, students still were able to choose remote learning. All stu-

dents fully returned to the classroom at the start of the 2021-22 school year. When asked if he thought the district would do anything differently in hindsight, Dean said, “I'm proud of the decision to keep our schools open the past 14 months.” Dean also said there are 100 students who have re-enrolled for this school year whose parents chose a different option last year. **Enrollment** The drop in enrollment is not a new issue for the district. There were 8,390 students in 2010. That fell to 8,005 in 2015, and down to 6,600 last fall. Projections from PMC show a decrease of another 600 students by 2026. There are several issues that factor into this, including a declining birth rate and an increase of homeowners whose children have graduated but continue to live in the district. Decisions the district made during COVID are reflected in last year's Community Satisfaction Survey conducted by GPPSS. There were large drops in the percentage of respondents who said they would give the district a grade of A or B in

how they felt students were being prepared to handle subjects such as reading, math, science and social studies. Just 67 percent said they would give the district an A or B in reading preparation, compared to 85 percent in the 2018 school year. Other categories were: math, 69 percent, down from 82 percent; science, 62 percent, down from 80 percent; social studies, 60 percent, down from 79 percent; and thinking skills, 52 percent, down from 69 percent. Respondents also had the opportunity to indicate one thing they would like to change about the district. Top responses included the administration, the board of education, a faster return to in-person learning and eliminating the presence of “leftist ideology” in the classroom. For his part, Dean thinks too much emphasis has been placed on the issue of the missing housing units. “The district asked Plante Moran Cresa to create a comprehensive enrollment analysis,” he said. “There's a lot of underlying data there, but at the end of the day, the important information is whether enrollment is going up or going down.”



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Getting to know the candidates

For two weeks in August, schools reporter Michael Hartt and other members of the Grosse Pointe News staff conducted interviews with all 10 candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. Each candidate was asked an exact list of questions, in the same order. Candidates had three minutes to provide an answer for each question. Additionally, each interview was recorded, with permission. Full transcripts of each candidate interview will be made available coinciding with the publication of this edition of the Grosse Pointe News at grossepointenews.com beginning Thursday, Sept. 22. Candidates' profiles and questionnaires are listed in alphabetical order on the following pages.

As noted in the Sept. 1 Our View, there is a lot of mull over here. With 10 candidates for only three spots, it's imperative for voters to use a critical eye when assessing who has the skills and attributes we need on our school board.

William Broman

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Age: 30

Residence: Grosse Pointe Farms

Campaign website:

facebook.com/willbroman

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: William Broman

Twitter: @bromanw

Education highlights:

B.S. biomedical engineering, The George Washington University, J.D., Wayne State University Law School

Years in Grosse Pointe?

30

Current occupation:

Patent attorney

William Broman considers both his long affiliation with GPPSS and his unique position as a future parent as two of his primary assets in a bid for a GPPSS board of education seat. Broman attended GPPSS for elementary, middle and high school, and has been evaluating school board policy issues since he was a student at Grosse Pointe North.

"I bought a house in (Grosse Pointe Farms) and I've been here my entire life. And I want to make sure that any kids that I have... have the same opportunities that I did. There's not really anybody that has that perspective on the board currently. And there's not really anybody that I saw on file to run," Broman said. "I have been paying attention to the board since 2008, when I was in high school, and I started paying attention to board meetings and following along. And, you know, I've seen what effective board members do, (and) what ineffective board members do."

Broman said that one of the ways the district continues to be ineffective is through the board's lack of communication with the superintendent. He thinks that for Superintendent Jon Dean to perform to the best of his abilities, he needs more clarity in his role.

"I think the issue that faces the district right now is that the board has not given the superintendent the goals and targets that are necessary to succeed," Broman said. "And so I don't think that any superintendent, without goals from the community, is going to be effective."

If he were elected, he would want to relay goals about student achievement and financial management to Dean.

More specifically, Broman would support measures for the district to begin evaluating and setting goals not only for itself, but also specifically for Dean, using a student growth percentile — a measurement that aims to quantify how proficient students are at subjects from year to year.

He would also want Dean's performance to be tied to the district's adherence to nuanced approaches of evaluating its financial health, with a special focus of looking at whether or not the district is attempting to

payers."

Outside of board policy issues, Broman indicated he would also communicate with the community in new ways, using a system of reporting his votes through social media platforms.

This commitment, he said, would make him continuously motivated to reason through his decisions effectively and provide the necessary context of his votes to his constituents.

"But as best I could, I would explain every vote. And I think that if you have to explain every vote, you're going to ask those questions in public. And you're going to be a little bit more mindful about making sure that you have all the information that you need," Broman said.

While Broman recognizes that there are many areas of the district that need to be improved, he still considers GPPSS to be an excellent district, with significant potential to continue its prestigious legacy.

"The district continues to do a really good job of being the glue that ties the community together," Broman said. "There's obviously places for improvement, and so if you get more granular than just the district as a whole, I think we can have different ratings for different areas. But generally speaking, I think that this is an excellent school district."



Will Broman

Terence Collins

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Age: 57

Residence: Grosse Pointe Park

Campaign website:

tcforgpschools.com

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: Terry Collins for Grosse Pointe School Board

Education highlights:

Bachelor of Arts University of Detroit

Years in Grosse Pointe?

22 years

Current occupation:

Finance Supervisor



Terence Collins

set the agenda, not have the administration set the agenda," Collins said. "I guarantee you that our agendas for every one of our board meetings (are) set by the administration (and) not by the board. The board should decide what they're going to talk (about)."

Another of Collin's concerns is the board's recently adopted strategic plan, which he related to concerns about declining enrollment and the district's ranking on education evaluation websites.

He posited that the plan's lack of emphasis on improving quantitative academic performance indicators is sending the wrong message to prospective district families. Further, he said that because these figures were not a significant part of the strategic plan, it is more difficult to ascertain the district's successes and failures.

"What disappointed me the most was that there was no, there wasn't a single reference to academic excellence or academic achievement (in the strategic plan) — it was just missing," Collins said. "You have to do everything you possibly can to attract kids to the district. I think you do that by communicating that you're a district that has strong academic goals (and) that academics is key to what happens in this district. And we're not doing it."

In order to garner community feedback while focusing on these issues, Collins said that, if elected, he would make himself available throughout the district, not only to parents and community members, but also to teachers and building administrators.

"So we need to get into our buildings, we need to talk to our teachers, we need to understand what their needs are," Collins said. "(And at community events), if it's an open forum, I'm gonna go and listen to what they're saying. I don't always have to be the one taking questions, I can just go and listen to what they're talking about."

In his first 20 years of living in Grosse Pointe, GPPSS board of education candidate Terence Collins said that, like many of his neighbors, he did not pay close attention to the details of his local school district's policy work. He sent his children through GPPSS's elementary, middle, and high schools, and considered the experience issue free until the COVID-19 pandemic ensued.

"When COVID hit and we didn't get our kids back to school in the fall of 2020, it really kind of opened my eyes to the leadership or lack of — what I saw as a lack of leadership in the district," Collins said.

From this point on, Collins became increasingly involved in evaluating the governance of the district, which resulted in him advocating for issues he felt passionate about at the district's bi-weekly school board meetings.

In addition to describing himself as passionate, Collins says that he has humility and considerable financial acumen, traits that he considers important for potential board members. He considers passion, however, to be his most defining characteristic and says this trait is what ultimately motivated him to run for a school board seat.

"I watched in horror at what was happening, or really not happening (in the district), and I just thought, I have to get involved. Like, who else is gonna get involved?," Collins said. "I mean, there were certain people who came to the board meetings and spoke up. But no one who I thought had my passion at the time. And I think we've identified some other people who do have that passion."

Given his disapproval of many of the district's seminal decisions over the last several years, Collins said that he does not support current district leadership. He indicated that he would likely support measures to replace current administration members if he was elected.

His most overarching concern regarding the administration is what he sees as their inappropriate influence on the autonomy of the board of education.

"(The board of education has) the responsibility to control the agendas of their meetings. They should

League of Women Voters GP hosts forum for school board candidates

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe will host an in-person forum featuring candidates vying for three seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. The forum takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Brownell Middle School Auditorium.

The forum is open to the public.

It also will be live streamed through the GPPSS website, as well as recorded. League members will serve as moderator and time-keeper.

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

William K. Broman
Terry Collins
Sean P. Cotton

Clint Derringer
Je Donna Dinges
Joseph Herd
Ginny L. Jeup
Timothy Klepp
Chris Lee
Valarie St. John

Community members are invited to submit questions for possible consideration by noon Monday,

Sept. 26. Submitted questions should be for all candidates. Questions will not be accepted at the forum. To submit questions, visit lvvgrossepointe.org and click on the link to the question submission form.

The forum will be available for viewing on the LWVGP YouTube channel on or after Sept. 28.

Sean Cotton

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Although Sean Cotton has long considered himself a steadfast advocate of GPPSS, over the past several years, he has developed a sense of when to pause before accepting its preeminence without thoughtful evaluation.

Cotton recognizes that although GPPSS still has many incredible resources at its disposal, there is always still room for improvement. He emphasized his commitment to continually strive for greatness, rather than be complacent, at whatever level the district is currently achieving.

“There’s pieces to our school system that need to be better and can be better. I think some people settle for good, and good is the enemy of great. There’s this entrenched pushback against anybody that points out criticisms within the school system,” Cotton said. “And in my life and my experience, it’s when you get that kind of pushback that you know that you’re on the right path. And that’s where you need to start looking into systems and in the parts that make up those systems to determine how to make them better.”

One of his biggest concerns lies with the governance of the board, which he considers to be heavily tilted towards the administration’s control.

“When you have proper governance, you have a board and then you have management. The board creates policy (and) management executes it. And you can see time and again that the board is rubber stamping what management (wants),” Cotton said. “It was clear to me in the last year, watching the meetings, and with several more controversial motions. And that’s what made me want to get involved after years of governance experience.”

As a board member, Cotton would not only question the power balance of the district, but also further evaluate the administration to see if they are improving the district through their positions.

He said that he is not campaigning to remove any particular administration members, but that he would not be opposed to doing so either, especially if they did not fare favorably with differ-

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Education highlights:

Grosse Pointe South High School, 1995; Bachelor of Science, New York University, Stern School of Business, 2000; Juris Doctor, Seton Hall University School of Law, 2003

Years in Grosse Pointe?

20

Current occupation:

Local business owner and attorney



Sean Cotton

ent evaluation metrics in place.

“I’d look into their effectiveness. I don’t think that they’re given measurable goals. I think that there are serious issues when it comes to enrollment, to the financial viability of our school system, and to the measurable goals of success for our students,” Cotton said. “And I’m not sure this is the administration that...can succeed, if they are given those measurable goals to achieve.”

Cotton’s criticism of board governance is not contained to the administration’s role in the leadership balancing act. He also thinks the board needs to be structured differently for it to be optimally effective.

If he were to win, he would work with other board members to create new committees, so that the board can spend more time working on and communicating about policy issues before they are voted on. He would also encourage his fellow board members to engage with the community at more events throughout the district, especially those involving municipal leaders.

Throughout his interview, Cotton said that his overarching goal as a board member would be to return academic achievement to the forefront of the district’s priorities. Because of the district leadership’s complacency in focusing on other initiatives through the recently adopted strategic plan, he said, changes in leadership would likely also influence this aim.

“The strategic plan apparently has an answer for everything on it. And if you ever push back on it, the administration and their apologists will say, well, that’s in there. And academic excellence truly is not in that strategic plan,” Cotton said. “And if it was, it should be number one. It should be the absolute number one goal. And everything should flow around that. Every measurable goal in our system should flow around academic excellence.”

Clint Derringer

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

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Residence: City of Grosse Pointe

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Education highlights:

Lincoln High School, 2001; University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), B.A. in Sport Management & Communications, 2005; Uof M (Dearborn) M.S. in Program & Project Management, 2018

Years in Grosse Pointe?

6

Current occupation:

Program manager at Stellantis



Clint Derringer

trative team, and was particularly enamored by their perseverance through unprecedented circumstances.

“I’m an advocate for the team that’s in place. I think they’ve faced some really global paradigm shifting challenges. Right? Things that none of us have ever seen before,” Derringer said. “And I think that they handled those challenges and communicated a plan (and) tried to execute that plan. They adapted when it was necessary (and) communicated when they had to adapt.”

While Derringer has been satisfied with the administration’s communication in the past, he thinks that the board of education needs to reevaluate how it communicates with its constituents. He said that the board should consider using less formal communication channels on a more frequent basis.

“So I’d be interested in setting up other communication channels directly with the community... Our communications team for the district does a great job of surveys on a semi regular basis and communicating that,” Derringer said. “(However), that’s awfully static. And I wouldn’t say that it’s real time enough... (The communication) should be much more engaging and frequent between the members of the board and direct members of the community.”

This suggestion relates closely to Derringer’s self-described characteristic of being able to holistically consider many viewpoints, which he said is essential to have as a board of education member. With these skills, Derringer not only thinks that the relationship between the board and community would improve substantially, but that the board would be able to more effectively carry out its duties.

Kerby PTO seeks help for new playground



A rendering of the proposed playground for Kerby.



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The current Kerby playground.

The Kerby Elementary School playground is in desperate need of an overhaul and the community is being asked to help.

Playing outside is an important part of a child’s development and the current playground at Kerby has become unsafe.

Even the smallest contributions are helpful, so the Kerby PTO is asking those will to donate to give what they can. Corporate and individual sponsorships also are available.

Those who’d like to be a part of helping update the Kerby playground into a safer environment for kids should email carolyn.steiner@rate.com for more information.

Individual donations may be made via the following options: Checks made payable to “Kerby PTO” may be mailed or dropped off at Kerby School, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. To use PayPal, visit paypal.com/give-now and search “Kerby PTO.”

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Je Donna Dinges

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

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Pointe Woods

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Education
highlights:

BA University of
Detroit, 1987

Years in
Grosse Pointe?

12

Current occupation:

CEO, Margaux
& Max LLC

Je Donna Dinges is running for a board of education seat because of her passion and concern for GPPSS students. She said that two particular incidents at board of education meetings galvanized her to act on her long held passion for supporting public education.

The first incident occurred in January when a white resident came to a board of education meeting and used a racial slur while making a public comment. The second occurred more recently, in April, when a student who had recently graduated from Parcels Middle School, addressed the board of education in a public comment to express his disapproval of the district's culture.

Dinges said that, in the latter event, it was not the student's words that upset her, but the board member's response to them.

"(Deputy Superintendent of Education Services) Dr. (Roy) Bishop did acknowledge he was there," Dinges said. "But there (were) ten other adults (who) were on that stage after a four hour meeting, and they didn't even acknowledge that this child came to speak to them. I was truly disturbed by that."

Dinges later related issues like this to the district's declining enrollment, saying that the loss of students has been partially spurred by the district's culture.

"Well, I think (the causes of the district's declining enrollment are) multifaceted... A big part of what I'm hearing is that students don't feel heard. They don't feel supported," Dinges said. "We know that there have been multiple incidents of racism in the school district, that's part of what I'm hearing from families that I'm talking to, that people don't want their children's spirits to be broken. They don't want them to experience the racism."

Dinges recognized that altering the culture of the school district is a multifaceted issue, but still spoke at length of her dedication to do so. She used a recent event, involving the district's federally funded school breakfast program, to illustrate her commitment to issues that impassion her.

After finding out that some schools in GPPSS would not offer school breakfast to students because only one or two were likely to participate, she said that she called district Superintendent Dr. Jon



Je Donna Dinges

Dean and Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson to find a solution for those students. In the end, the district decided that any student, at any school, who needs a school breakfast can get one.

Dinges spoke widely about one of her overarching goals related to her work with maintaining students' access to school breakfast: ensuring that students with disparate backgrounds and abilities have access to the resources they need to both succeed academically and feel welcome in their school community.

"I think that a school system is only as great as its most vulnerable students. So you can't call yourself great if everybody isn't achieving... There are different learners, students who may be neurodivergent, special needs students, how do we get them included?" Dinges said. "Or the students who, maybe their personal best is a C, or students who don't want to matriculate, you know, they're not going to graduate from high school and matriculate to college."

Recognizing that constituents will want to provide input to her ideas, Dinges detailed her approach to communicating with them. She said that while email, phone calls and comments at board meetings would likely make up a significant portion of her discourse, she would be comfortable with anyone contacting her at any time, regardless of who they voted for.

"I think that board members have to, if you're on the school board, you have to be open to hearing from your constituents, wherever they are. So they might catch you at Kroger or at Panera. That's perfectly okay," Dinges said. "And the school board members should feel like they have a responsibility to be responsive to the people that elected them, whether they feel that that particular individual voted for them or not. That's irrelevant, because these seats are at large."

Joseph Herd

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Age: 60

Residence: Grosse
Pointe Woods

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Campaign social
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Board

Education
highlights:

Master's degree,
social work,
University of
Michigan Ann Arbor;
bachelor's degree,
criminal justice,
Michigan State
University

Years in
Grosse Pointe?

15

Current occupation:

Retired as Deputy
Chief of United
States Probation,
Eastern District of
Michigan in 2020,
after 28 years



Joseph Herd

Grosse Pointe Public School System's long-standing reputation of providing an excellent education, he thinks the district still has progress to make in order for it to be considered fully inclusive.

"I think that we're currently working on making it an inclusive system. Inclusive in this sense, though, (that) we can meet children where they are and help them improve from that point... I think what we can do is to make sure that each child has the opportunity to improve upon what they have."

Herd's comments regarding the need for inclusivity relate closely to his actions as board president to vote in favor of the district's recently adopted strategic plan.

Overall, throughout his term, Herd has been concerned about some community members' dismissal of the district's achievements. He does not think this negative discourse is constructive, and he has concerns about how it may affect the district's image.

"The reason that I ran is to make people aware of what's going on... When maybe your children have graduated from the high schools, then there's a tendency to listen to some of the buzz around the community that may be negative," Herd said. "And, of course, there

After two years as the president of the GPPSS board of education, Joseph Herd said that he is pleased with the progress the board has made under his leadership. He would still, though, like to accomplish more in a subsequent four year term.

During his partial term, Herd has navigated through many policy decisions that have impacted and will continue to impact the district significantly. Soon after he was elected, he was thrust into debates regarding the district's policies to combat COVID-19, culminating in a decision to resume in-person instruction, which he voted in favor of.

He said that, early in his term, he gained a considerable amount of respect for Superintendent Dr. Jon Dean, when many of these COVID-19 policy discussions were taking place.

"When the pandemic began, I personally supported the masking and being careful, because you know, more than a million people died. So we didn't know (what) we're dealing with," Herd said. "A year and a half later into the pandemic, I was one of the board members that said, against the administration and honestly against most of the teachers, that we need to get back to school... I disagree(d) with (Dean) at that point, as did a few of the other board members, and we voted to return to school. And he didn't take that personally."

Herd also discussed changes made to the district throughout his term, besides those used to control the COVID-19 pandemic.

While he resolutely believes in the

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What's on the Jot

In addition to in-person interviews, each candidate for school board was asked to complete an emailed Jotform questionnaire.

The questionnaires served to provide Grosse Pointe News staff with background information on each candidate to more completely tell their stories.

Aside from full name and contact information, candidates were asked to share their campaign websites and social media sites, as well as education highlights, the number of years they've lived in the Grosse Pointes and current occupation.

Additionally, the following was

asked:

◆ Tell us a little about your background, and why it positions you well for the GP Schools Board of Education

◆ What do you feel are the top three "hot button" issues in this election and how do you plan to address them?

◆ If you had to name three of the most important issues to you personally, what would they be?

◆ What three words would best describe you?

The Jotform data collected also may be found online at grossepointe.news.com.

Ginny Jeup

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Ginny Jeup moved to Grosse Pointe for the schools. All three of her children have attended a school in GPPSS, and all three of them are planning on graduating from a GPPSS high school.

Through the pandemic, Jeup’s long held satisfaction with the school system waned, as she said she began to notice changes to the quality of GPPSS’s governance. These changes compelled her to become more involved with school system policy issues, and later, they were a factor in her decision to run for a board of education seat.

“I would be right behind my daughter’s computer, watching everything going on and (I) just realized how much she was missing. When they failed to open the schools, that became an issue (I) started following (to an) even greater (extent)...” Jeup said. “I didn’t think the administration was getting our kids back to school in time, and therefore, I sat up straight and decided to run for school board.”

Throughout the pandemic, and after its prominence in current events dwindled, Jeup felt dissatisfied with the general direction of the district. She used the recently adopted strategic plan as an example of what she considers the district’s decline, saying that the plan does not focus on things that will continue to make the school system successful.

“We’ve had great experiences in Grosse Pointe public schools, (but) I think we’ve taken we’ve taken a wrong turn. I feel like the administration is not supporting an agenda that I believe in at this point,” Jeup said. “We have a strategic plan... (that) emphasizes social emotional learning, restorative practices, (and) DEI — which is diversity, equity, inclusion... There’s not one sentence sentence on academic excellence (in the entire strategic plan). And I feel like we need to get back to the basics and keep Grosse Pointe moving in that direction.”

If elected to the board, Jeup said she would implement changes like revised superintendent evaluations and new opportunities for board communication with the public.

One of her criticisms of the current superintendent evaluation process is that she does not believe it measures quantitative benchmarks. She suggested using information on student headcount and teacher recruitment — two issues she believes are imperative to the viability

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Campaign social media accounts:
Facebook: Ginny Jeup for Grosse Pointe School Board

Education highlights:
University of Massachusetts, K-5 Teaching Certificate; Real Estate License

Years in Grosse Pointe?
22

Current occupation:
Mother to three daughters and self-employed small business owner



Ginny Jeup

ity of the district — to make a more reasoned evaluation of the current leaders.

In addition to speaking about the importance of the board’s evaluation of the district’s administrators, she also detailed how she would provide opportunities for the community to better evaluate and offer feedback to the board of education.

“In discussing this with other teachers, community (members), taxpayers, (and) parents, what I really think is we need to, at least once a month, go into the schools... and have little powwows with board members,” Jeup

said. “Directly with anyone who wants to show up — if you’re a taxpayer, if you’re a parent, if you’re a teacher, we need to hear all the feedback... We need to have, again, an open board that allows for community discussion for all.”

Throughout her career, Jeup has worn many hats that she said would aid in her ability to not only communicate effectively with her constituents, but also provide the necessary oversight required of a board of education member.

She started out in the education field, earning a degree from the University of Massachusetts to teach elementary education. However, her life took a different path, and she has since been a corporate recruiter, real estate agent and self employed business owner. Furthermore, throughout her 22 years living in Grosse Pointe, she has volunteered in several educational capacities, at both her children’s schools and at Younglife, a Christian ministry organization.

Her career choices have culminated in her developing the self-described characteristic of being a doer, a trait she considers to be her most significant attribute.

“Well, my strongest attribute is that I am a doer. I get things done. I follow things through from beginning to the end,” Jeup said. “And I have a job that gives me the time and the energy to put into this. If there’s an issue at Defer, Brownell, South, North, wherever, I will be there. I will be hands-on in this job for the next four years.”

Timothy Klepp

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

In a politically polarized age, Timothy Klepp has an unconventional ideal for good governance: unanimity. If he were elected as a school board member, he said that he would provide a neutral perspective to the board, replete with consideration and focus.

“People like myself, (who) would (be viewed) as sort of more balanced and (who can see both) sides of situations need to insert ourselves into the process. We can sit and allow extremes to take over conversations and make their point of view seem like the most important thing happening in our district, or we can weigh in and try to serve the community in a way that tries to... focus on the core mission of the schools,” Klepp said. And not to be too pollyannaish about it, but I would really, really like to see seven to none decisions coming out of the board as opposed to four to three, or whatever it’s been. And not in a way (in which) people get hammered into agreements on things, but let’s, you know, work together and then figure out ways to craft solutions that everybody can buy into.”

Klepp’s desire for a more unified board is only one of the reasons why he is running. He also expressed, more generally, a desire to support the public education system — but especially GPPSS, because of its track record of academic excellence.

While discussing the state of the district, Klepp was not particularly critical of the current administration members. He noted their collective experience and enthusiasm, but also suggested that there are likely people who could more effectively manage the district.

“I have talked personally with all of the three key leaders — Dr. Dean, Dr. Bishop and Ms. Matheson. I think they’re all absolutely committed to doing, you know, their jobs,” Klepp said. Well, they all are, you know, diligent, informed (and) articulate. They know what they want to get accomplished in (their) jobs. And they’re meeting that with a level of earnestness.”

He later connected his reserva-

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Residence: Grosse Pointe Park
Campaign website: N/A

Campaign social media accounts:
Facebook: Tim Klepp for GPPSS Board of Education

Education highlights:
Undergraduate degree, Michigan State University, 1990; MBA, Indiana, 1998

Years in Grosse Pointe?
19

Current occupation:
Partner, IBM Consulting



Timothy Klepp

tions about the administration to his objectives, saying that he thinks procuring and retaining quality staff members should be one of the district’s primary goals, along with good financial standing and emphasizing the importance of achievement among students.

“The overall financial stability of the district is really primary to me because it drives so many decisions about what you can and cannot do,” Klepp said. “I think that just

the overall quality of the district’s achievement is a really central and major hot button (issue). And I think the third is just the retention and development of excellent and excellent staff. You know, so that goes for the administration, how I described them before. All four are earnestly switched on, but they probably need, you know, they probably need their own development.”

Regardless of the progress he would be able to make in changing the dynamic of the board, Klepp committed to communicating with his constituents throughout the process.

He recognized the complex dynamic of using social media channels, indirectly praising the ease of communication that they offer, while also conceding that they provide an unrealistic depiction of community sentiment. Because of their problematic nature, he committed to connecting with community members in other ways as well.

“For a lot of people, social media is like their primary form of communication. So I, along with all the other candidates, we all have our sites up. And if I am fortunate enough to win, I would anticipate keeping that up,” Klepp said. “I don’t know what that second avenue is going to be besides social media, but I think there has to be some sort of community outreach element that would be available to people.”

Start thinking about financial planning now

Financial planning has become a catchphrase in recent years, and it’s something many consumers may not fully understand. Learning some key components of financial planning can help people have more capital on hand to help them achieve their short- and long-term goals.

A 2018 study commis-

sioned by GuideVine that polled 1,000 Americans 30 and older about their finances found that many lack knowledge of basic financial terms. In addition, the study found that numerous people feel completely lost in regard to having a solid plan with their money. Financial planning can be intimidating, but learning

the basics of sound money management can help people secure their financial futures.

According to the online learning resource WiseGeek, financial planning is a process of setting objectives, assessing assets and resources, estimating future financial needs, and making plans to achieve

financial goals. Investing, risk management, retirement planning, tax requirements, and estate planning are key components of financial planning.

To get started with financial planning, the financial guide and online resource Ramsay says individuals will need to see where they stand financially, establish financial goals and create a plan to reach those goals. While a person can create his or her own financial plan, oftentimes the help of a financial planner can make sure that all avenues are being explored, especially for financial novices.

It’s important to note that financial planning may mean different things to different people. For some, planning may revolve around saving for a child’s college tuition but still having enough money left to retire. Another person may be looking to save extra money to invest in a business venture. Others who are living paycheck to paycheck may need help reevaluating their spending so they can grow their savings.

One of the key compo-



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While a person can create his or her own financial plan, oftentimes the help of a financial planner can make sure that all avenues are being explored, especially for financial novices.

nents of financial planning is to begin doing it as soon as possible. A financial plan can be instituted at any age, and goals can be revisited as life changes occur.

Financial advisors can be invaluable resources for people who need help managing their money. There’s an existing misconception that financial advisors are only for the rich, but anyone can benefit from some guidance in regard to their finances. The key is finding a planner who understands your needs and is willing to work with you, no matter how big or small your financial dreams may be.

According to U.S. News and World Report, some financial advisors are no longer interested in working with people without substantial portfolios. Certain firms have stopped paying commissions to brokers for accounts that are considered small, including customers with assets worth between \$100,000 and \$500,000. While that can make it difficult to find financial help, there are ways to receive assistance.

Financial planning strategies are something anyone can learn and utilize to secure their financial futures.



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Dr. Christopher Lee

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Through his four years as a board of education member, Dr. Christopher Lee said that his thought process regarding board policy issues has changed substantially. Early on, Lee realized that some of the issues he strongly supported would not be realistic for the board to adopt, largely because of advice he received from the district administration.

“When I first got elected, and even before I got elected four years ago, I wore a path to Dr. Dean’s office. I had all these great ideas about keeping all our schools open. And he would (explain to me why these ideas were not possible),” Lee said. “Dr. Dean (is) so far ahead of the curve, thinking about all of these kinds of problems, whether it be trying to get more kids enrolled, whether it’s fixing our aging buildings, test scores. There’s so many different hats he’s wearing.”

Lee’s faith in the current district administration is one of the primary reasons he is running for another term. He is proud of the work that he and his fellow board members — in conjunction with the administration — have accomplished over the past four years, and wants to preserve it.

“The real reason I’m running again is I really like our administration, I like many of the school board members, I think we’re going in a really good direction...” Lee said. “So that’s why — I’m trying to maintain the good direction we have our school district going in.”

Over the past four years, Lee has voted on all of the most formative agenda items discussed by the board: reconfiguration, school closures, COVID-19 policies, and the strategic plan. While reflecting on these decisions, he said they were all difficult to make, and that they are all still impacting the district in some way. He also noted the importance of evaluating each of these decisions as a different issue, unrelated to political inclinations

Age: 75

Residence: City of Grosse Pointe

Campaign website:
N/A

Campaign social media accounts:
N/A

Education highlights:

Grosse Pointe High School, 1964; BSE University of Michigan, 1968; M.D. Wayne State University, 1972; Orthopedic residency WSU, 1976; Orthopedic Fellowship, Stanford University, 1977

Years in Grosse Pointe?
70

Current occupation:
Orthopedic surgeon



Dr. Christopher Lee

or viewpoints. When evaluating decisions that will have to be made in the near future, he is most concerned about those relating to declining enrollment.

Lee said that GPPSS faces additional challenges than most districts do when confronting this problem. He noted, what he considers to be, a lack of affordability in the district’s housing stock.

“We’re not unique, every district is facing (declining enrollment). And what to do about it, how we can get a bigger share of the starter families, it’s an uphill battle, because we don’t have a lot of starter homes in Grosse Pointe. That puts us at a huge disadvantage,” Lee said. “We do everything we can to find out why people leave. It’s often not related to problems they have with the district, but it’s related to jobs elsewhere. And we just can’t get young families here. We don’t have a house for them to buy.”

Lee suggested that much of the discourse about the district’s decisions and struggles over the past several years have largely been the cause of a vocal minority of the community. He emphasized his commitment to continuity, implying that he would continue to play the same role on the board and communicate with the community in the same way if he were elected for another term.

“We get about a million emails that we read. And so that doesn’t always represent the whole community. That represents the part of the community that wants to write us an email. It’s the same thing at school board meetings,” Lee said. “So you have to be a little careful. And so I talk to community people... and (I still have) kids in the district.”

Valarie St. John

By Michael Hartt
Schools Reporter

Age: 34

Residence: Grosse Pointe Park

Campaign website:
valariestjohn.com

Campaign social media accounts:

Facebook: St. John for GPPSS Board of Education

Instagram:
@stjohn4gppss

Education highlights:
B.A. in World Literatures and Master’s Degree in Public Health

Years in Grosse Pointe?
4

Current occupation:
Public health consultant



Valarie St. John

“I think there’s always room for improvement. And I think that we can always especially work better for communication between the superintendent and the administration and all the other stakeholders in our district: the teachers, the parents, (and) the students,” St. John said. “We all I think, we all need to work on our communication a lot better. So I think that that’s an area where we could improve. But, I know that they are trying, I know that.”

St. John said that she vows to do a better job of communicating with constituents than the current board does. Throughout her campaign, she has actively responded to emails sent to her campaign email address, and she said that if elected to the board, she would continue to respond to all of her constituents through her official board email.

Some of St. John’s nuanced suggestions for improving intradistrict communication included revising the superintendent evaluation process — so that the superintendent can better communicate his skills to the community — and more widely advertising the district’s feedback surveys.

“I think that the community surveys that we do are a good start, but I don’t think that they’re distributed widely enough. I think they could be advertised more. A lot of people will have said, ‘I didn’t see the community survey,’ ” St. John said. “I (also) think (the superintendent evaluation process) should be more like teacher evaluations, where the teachers have to come up with some specific benchmarks for how how they’re going to be evaluated. You know, the teachers already have to do that, it puts the onus on them. And I think that the superintendent should also have to come up with some specific measurable goals for how to do that.”

Of all the cities Valarie St. John and her partner evaluated when they were searching for housing near Selfridge Air National Guard Base, they chose Grosse Pointe because of its appeal as an excellent place to raise a family. St. John thinks that her unique position as a candidate who is young and recently moved to the school district may help her with some of the issues facing the board — if she were to be elected.

“We just need to attract more literal people into the district and young families. And I think that I’m especially well poised to help with that because my family moved here...” St. John said. “We chose Grosse Pointe because we felt that it was the best district to raise our family and I feel like we know what young families are looking for, how to make it a safe and welcoming environment for young families, and (how to) make it really attractive (for) new people to come into the district.”

Among the issues St. John is passionate about are the recent drop in enrollment, the reputation of the district, and assuring that it remains fiscally stable.

In order to effectively accomplish her goals, St. John will lean on her strengths: communication and research skills. She considers these traits especially important for anyone running for a board of education seat.

“I think board of education members should be very good listeners. I think they should have good conflict resolution skills,” St. John said. “And, I think that they should be really willing to dig into the details and do research before the meetings so that they can come prepared with all the knowledge, (having) looked at all of the facts before they get there. I think that probably my conflict resolution skills are the best.”

Because of St. John’s concern about the district administration’s communication style with its stakeholders, her skills would likely lend themselves to impacting this issue, which she believes is closely linked to other problems in the district.

Endorsements

Of the 10 candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, four have received official endorsements.

◆ Je Donna Dinges of Grosse Pointe Woods has received endorsements from the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Michigan National Organization for Women.

◆ Clint Derringer of the City of Grosse Pointe has been endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

◆ Timothy Klepp of Grosse Pointe Park also received an endorsement from the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

◆ A third endorsement from the Grosse Pointe Education Association was given to Valarie St. John of Grosse Pointe Park, who also received endorsement from the national organization, Run for Something. Additionally, St. John earned the “Gun Sense Candidate” designation from Moms Demand Action.



HERD:

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are always things we can work on. But I think children here are currently receiving an excellent education, I think that they’re in a safe environment and I think that (it) is a place where the administration and school board has been open to ideas that have come from the community.”

Herd attributes much of this negative discourse to the increasingly politically polarized climate, both nationally and in GPPSS.

He related his persistent attempts to combat this issue as indicators of his own critically reasoned communication skills.

While he seemed to acknowledge that there

will inevitably be much overlap in the ten school board candidates’ platforms, he suggested that his communication skills will markedly set him apart.

“It’s easy to have conversations with people that you agree with, but sometimes you’re gonna disagree. And I believe that it’s important that you’re able to have hon-

est, open communication with others,” Herd said. “There’s a tendency in this country right now for us to be so divided that if I’m a Republican, and I say something that’s

good, well, if I’m a Democrat, I’m going to disagree, and vice versa. And that shouldn’t be. So we really should all be grounded upon what’s best for our children.”

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Fall market will feature a variety of Claymore options for men.



Lizzie handbags will be featured with vendor Carrie Dunham.

Tau Beta Fall Market returns Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Preview Party planned Sept. 29

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

From the perfect stocking stuffer or hostess gift to fashionable wardrobe upgrades, guests will find plenty of inspiration at the 2022 Tau Beta Fall Market.

Since 2004, the Tau Beta Association has invited the community to browse the wares of a variety of vendors, providing everything from home goods and holiday décor to jewelry, handbags and clothing for the whole family.

This year’s market takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at The Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“The space is large and open, allowing for a seamless shopping experience all while admiring the view of Lake St. Clair,” said Powell Corbett, co-chair of the event with Julie Kaiser. “It is truly a gorgeous

setting. People should take the opportunity of coming and checking out the venue while it is open to the public for such a special time.”

Originally a springtime affair, Tau Beta’s market moved to the fall last year, which, according to organizers, makes for perfect holiday shopping.

“We expanded on our holiday selection this year, because of the timing,” Kaiser said. “We have a really good vendor committee that has a good idea of what people are looking for.”

Among them are seven new vendors, including Glamourpuss — a perfect addition for the changing season as it offers hats, gloves and “easy, grab-and-go gifts,” Corbett noted.

Another newcomer is Susan Lister Locke Jeweler, based in Nantucket, offering timeless 18k gold and other precious metals.

“Susan has incorporated patterns and



Tau Beta’s Fall Market is chaired by Powell Corbett, left, and Julie Kaiser.

designs found in nature and paired them with vibrant gemstones,” Corbett said. “It’s truly a gorgeous collection.”

Among returning vendors this year is Carrie Dunham, offering clutches and handbags, and Edit NY, which Corbett described as “Madison Avenue comes to The Grosse Pointe Club.”

“They showcase many unique gorgeous pieces,” Corbett said. “A Tau Beta Market favorite is their women’s bespoke jackets. We are thrilled to have them returning.”

“... Our vendor committee is amazing at finding different price points and the committee members are all ages, they have all differ-

ent styles, so we have a broad base of vendors that check all the boxes,” she added. “And they know which ones have to come back. ... We have a bunch of wonder-

ful returning vendors that Grosse Pointers have come to love.”

Those hoping to get a glimpse of what’s in store before it’s available to the general public are invited to a preview party fundraiser, from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at The Grosse Pointe Club. Men and women are invited to this special event, which includes live music, a signature “Fall Market-ini” cocktail, open bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres and shopping.

Additionally, preview party guests may purchase raffle tickets — \$25 each or five for \$100 — for a chance to win a selection of prizes, among them an agate and diamond pendant donated by Margaret Peabody; a B May Harbor python bag set donated by Girlie Girl; and a “Night on the Town” package featuring two tickets to Little Caesar’s Arena, a room at the MGM Grand Detroit and a meal for two at D Prime donated by Louis Theros and Joe Kaiser.

Tickets for the preview party are \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. “It’s a really, really

exciting raffle with a lot of items available,” Kaiser said. “It’s a really fun night overall, for men and women. Everyone’s excited about it.”

Those who bring their preview party tickets are admitted free to the Friday market and receive a free “Fall Market-ini” between 4 and 7 p.m.

Also included during market days is a lunch buffet, available on the lower level of The Grosse Pointe Club.

“If you can’t make it to the preview, stop in Friday or Saturday,”

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Vendors

- ◆ Addison Bay, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ◆ Bauble Stocking, Jacmel, Haiti
- Brigid French Designs, Grosse Pointe
- Carrie Dunham, Bay Head, NJ
- ◆ Claymore Shop, Birmingham
- ◆ Daniella Ortiz, Palm Beach, Fla.
- Deseda, Lake Forest, Ill.
- Duffield Lane, Grand Rapids
- Edit NY, New York, NY
- ◆ Galmourpuss, New York, NY
- Good Threads, Royal Oak
- Jack and Jill, Western Springs, Ill.
- Kathy Kamej Designs, Santa Barbara, Calif.
- KP Designs, Atlanta
- ◆ Cricket Lane Designs, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
- Pearly Vine by Heidi Ackley, New Albany, Ohio
- ◆ Susan Lister Locke Jeweler, Nantucket, Mass., and Palm Beach, Fla.
- Tori Brown the Label, Greenwich, Conn.
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Racing For Kids Courageous Kid Awards honor legacy of inspirational strength

Racing For Kids created its Courageous Kids Award in 2017, to honor youngsters who are dealing with serious medical conditions and challenges with inspirational strength, resolve and determination. What originally was a one-day celebration turned into lifelong relationships for the Grosse Pointe-based international children's charity.

This year was no different as three outstanding, new Courageous Kids were honored at the 16th annual Racing For Kids to The Hill event. This year's award recipients were Jake Juip and Claire Juip of Grosse Pointe and Falan Becker of River Rouge.

Becker, 11, was born with cerebral palsy and was experiencing a decline in function when her grandmother, Sandy Becker, brought her to Children's Hospital of Michigan in January. When she was admitted to the in-patient physical therapy program, Becker couldn't walk or care for herself. After three



COURTESY PHOTOS

The 2022 Racing For Kids Courageous Kids are, from left, Jake Juip, Claire Juip and Falan Becker.

months of intense therapy, during which she gave it her all, she can now walk with a walker and is able to ride a special Rifton bike around her neighborhood. She has also made excellent speech and communication gains. The physicians and therapists at Children's Hospital credit

her success to her unstinting desire to improve and unrelenting courage in dealing with every issue she encounters.

Jake Juip, 16, and his sister, Claire Juip, 15, both were diagnosed in 2016, with Friedreich's Ataxia, a rare genetic disease. Their family had

noticed Jake was having difficulty maintaining his balance and often tripping. After undergoing genetic testing, his diagnosis was made and further testing revealed Claire also had the condition, although her symptoms were less pronounced.

Friedreich's Ataxia has

no treatment and no cure. Jake now uses a wheelchair full time, but has adapted to these significant challenges with resilience and a positive attitude. He is junior class president at University Liggett School, where he is the school record holder and state champion for the 100M and 200M wheelchair races in track and field. He also loves performing with the Liggett Players in his school musical.

Claire's symptoms challenge her ability to run, jump and walk long distances, but she is passionate about science and building her skills to help find a cure for FA. She recently completed a computational biology course with the University of Michigan that will allow her to help researchers conduct statistical analyses. She also

plays tennis and volleyball at Liggett, where she is director of business operations for the Liggett Players.

Both Jake and Claire Juip are committed to helping find a cure for FA and are active participants in clinical research, as well as compelling advocates for FA awareness.

"At Racing For Kids, we have been visiting wonderful children like our Courageous Kids for the past 33 years," said J. Patrick Wright, CEO of Racing For Kids. "Our concerns for 'our kids' reflect the overall child healthcare concerns of the Grosse Pointe community. That's why the Courageous Kids awards are such a popular part of the Racing For Kids to The Hill events."

"An exceptionally rewarding benefit is that kids we have honored and their families have become personal friends," he added. "We stay in touch all year long. They have been our guests at the Detroit Grand Prix and we've helped them find solutions to special needs that pop up during the year. We really are a Racing For Kids' Courageous Kids family."

Racing For Kids will make \$500 donations to the charity of each Courageous Kids' choice, in the name of this year's award recipients. Past recipients who attended this year's ceremony are Dylan Drouillard, Riley Slattery, Hudson Brown, Matthew Nyehuis, Kenyon Sims and Payton Shock.



Past Courageous Kids Riley Slattery, left, and Matthew Nyehuis attended this year's event.



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- Craft in the Digital Age Exhibition, featuring the work of contemporary Detroit-area artists and designers throughout the rooms in the main residence, runs through Sept. 30.
- Story Festival, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, for ages 7 and younger. Performers include musician Jim Gill, and authors Shelley Johannes and Kelly J. Baptist. Cost is \$5 for children 6 and older, free for children younger than 6.
- Bird Walk, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Admission is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.
- Talk: "Tai Chi and the Call for Balance," 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. Dr. Ginseng Gray-Tilmon will lecture and give a Tai Chi demonstration.
- Poetry Tour, 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club

hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center. The speaker is Traci Sincock, rotary district governor for district 6400. Guests are welcome.

Family Center

- The Family Center offers Preschool Playtime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21 and 28, and Oct. 5 and 12, on the back lawn at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The group is free, but registration is appreciated. Email info@familycenterweb.org.
- The Family Center hosts Question. Persuade. Refer., a suicide-prevention program, from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Training is free, but registration is required. Email info@familycenterweb.org.

Library

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

- Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, via Zoom.
- Paint and Chips! 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- 4th Monday Book Discussion Group, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Ewald, 15175

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Simple gift, big impact

Faith journey began within a shoebox

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For years, Grosse Pointers have participated in the Samaritan Purse program, Operation Christmas Child, filling shoeboxes with small gifts for delivery to children in need.

Locally, Crosspointe Christian Church in Grosse Pointe Woods has served as a collection site, last year packing 300 shoeboxes to be delivered overseas.

“That’s 300 kids who, in many cases, these are the first gift they’ve received,” said Matt Reed, regional manager for Samaritan’s Purse. “Our mission’s heartbeat is that a child would receive this gift just once in a lifetime, because it’s a tool to share the gospel.”

Reed recently visited metro Detroit with someone who intimately knows the power tucked inside an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Alex Nsengimana narrowly escaped the genocide in Rwanda and found faith through the generosity of Samaritan’s Purse. Last month he visited churches in Detroit, Troy and Grosse Pointe Woods to share his story.

The beginning

“I was born and raised in a smaller country called Rwanda,” Nsengimana said. “Many people, when they hear about Rwanda, they remember about the genocide in 1994. Actually, the genocide was the result of hatred that had been growing in people’s hearts for many, many years.”

Orphaned at age 4, Nsengimana and his brother and sister were raised by their grandmother, but only for a short time.

“When the genocide broke out in 1994, that genocide took place from April 6 to July 4. During those three months, many people who believed in that hatred started killing their own neighbors, their own friends. It was a hard time for the people of Rwanda. ... The Hutus were killing the Tutsis. When this genocide broke out, over a million people were killed and 400,000 orphans were left in the country.

“My family was part of the tribe that was being killed,” he continued. “My grandmother and one of my uncles were



COURTESY PHOTOS

Orphans grin in anticipation of opening their shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

attacked and were both killed, so me and my brother and my sister ran from family to family, from place to place. It was such a hard time for all people; the whole country was in ruins. As we ran, God was doing so many miracles to protect us. But at that time we were just running for our lives. I was 6 years old when this was happening.”

Only now is it easy for Nsengimana to recall the miracles that occurred at that time.

“A man’s gun never worked when he went to take our lives,” he recalled. “Another time, five teenagers were arguing in front of me and my brother and my sister about whether they should take our lives or not. One of them would say, ‘Why should we waste our energy on these kids? Look at them. There’s no one to take care of them.’ And they would keep walking. There were miracles after miracles.”

After three months of running, Tutsi refugees returned and put an end to the genocide. Nsengimana and his siblings lived in a camp for three weeks before returning home. An aunt took them in, but soon grew too sick to care for them. Nsengimana and his brother were sent to an orphanage.

“It was a hard time in this orphanage,” he said. “There were 250 kids in a facility built for 60 people. So while we lived in this orphanage, (we had) nightmares after nightmares, because now, we were not running physically, but our minds were starting to relive everything as we were starting

to process. With that came post-traumatic stress. As we were dealing with trauma, reliving everything we had seen, nightmares after nightmares, it was during this time Operation Christmas Child came to our orphanage.”

A spark of hope

Samaritan’s Purse was working in Rwanda right after the genocide ended

in July 1994. Missionaries refurbished a hospital and helped people “physically and spiritually,” Nsengimana said.

A year later, the organization returned, offering Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children at the orphanage. Nsengimana remembers it like it was yesterday.

“That was a special day, because for the first



A gift recipient mirrors the joy Alex Nsengimana felt receiving his own shoebox gift.

time in my life, as a 7-year-old, I got to receive a gift,” he said. “It was so special. I remember we were told to line up in the yard. They said, ‘Today is a special day,’ and they handed out the shoebox gifts and said, ‘Don’t open them until they’re all handed out.’ Some of us had to hold our gift for five minutes. For a 7-year-old, that’s quite a long time.

“We got to celebrate together and open our shoeboxes all together,” he continued. “We were screaming, but this time we were screaming not because we were scared or because someone was chasing us. This time we were screaming because we could not contain the joy of receiving a gift.”

To say the gift had an impact on Nsengimana is an understatement. Not only does he still remember specifically finding school supplies, toys and

hygiene items, but he remembers their smell, how they felt. One item in particular, a hair comb, meant so much to him, he kept it in his pocket for three years.

“It was so special,” he said. “... I was so sad when I lost the hair comb.

“But when I got that shoebox gift, my life at the time that went on, I had lost all hope,” he added, “and that shoebox gift reminded me of hope. It reminded me that someone out there was thinking about me. And it planted a seed of hope and love of Jesus Christ in my life, because my faith had been shattered when my grandmother was killed during the genocide. That shoebox gift replanted that seed.”

A year later, Nsengimana joined the African Children’s Choir and spent more than two years touring the U.S. He also learned English and met the family who eventually adopted him.

“During that time was when my faith journey actually got rekindled,” he said. “At the time I was struggling and asking, ‘Does God love me? Does God care? Does he exist?’ I’m blaming God for everything that happened in my life and I missed out on the miracles that happened — that he actually did to protect me.

“I remember looking back and seeing the countless miracles and my life was spared through the genocide,” he continued, “and seeing that God’s presence was with me from the



Operation Christmas Child gifts make their way into the hands of children in a variety of ways.

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day I was born. As a little kid, a 6-year-old going through all that, not even a single scratch on my skin, yet I made it through. So I had survivor guilt for a long time. Because a million people lost their lives and I walked right through it and nothing happened to me.”

A growing faith

Though his struggles, Nsengimana realized all the gifts he’d received — the people put in his path to counsel him, including choir chaperones who helped him find faith to his new adoptive family in Minnesota.

While in high school, he was reintroduced to Operation Christmas Child when classmates decided they’d like to participate. He didn’t recognize the organization’s name, but as soon as he saw the logo, he was all in.

“The next day I was

standing in front of the whole school assembly, sharing how Operation Christmas Child made a difference in my life,” he said.

After high school, Nsengimana went to Bible college in Rochester, Minn., where he became an Operation Christmas Child project leader, organizing shoebox packing parties with other students.

“This whole time I did not understand the deeper part of the ministry of Operation Christmas Child,” he said. “Because I know how the tangible items made me feel. They made me feel excited and the seed was planted in my life, but in 2009, my passion for the ministry changed even more.”

The deeper purpose of Operation Christmas Child is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The shoebox, Nsengimana said, is a tangible representation of God’s love. After receiving shoeboxes, many children are invited to go through a



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Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered by local partners in the countries where children receive them.

12-week discipleship program called The Greatest Journey.

“Many of the kids come back because it’s such an exciting educational and very faith-based opportunity for them to understand and

to learn about the love of Jesus Christ. ... For me discipleship is very important; I’m passionate about it. Because my faith continued to grow ... that’s my desire, for another child to hear, to know, to feel that love.”

New beginnings

After finishing his education, Nsengimana moved to North Carolina to serve in the Operation Christmas Child ministry through Samaritan’s Purse.

Not only has his calling allowed him to deliver shoebox gifts to children at the same orphanage in which he grew up, but it also opened another life-altering door. For years, he prayed for the chance to meet the people who had caused him the most pain.

In 2013, he returned to Rwanda and was able to confront the man who

killed his uncle.

“It was just a divine appointment that a process that usually takes about three weeks, in three hours I was granted the opportunity to go to the prison,” he said. “... We were able to have a conversation. It was such a closure for me in my life, realizing the pain that had been caused me didn’t have to define who I was, who I am today.”

Nsengimana is passionate about sharing his message — the huge gift stuffed in a small package that started him on a life-changing journey.

“Last year alone, 10.5 million shoeboxes were packed worldwide,” he said. “Those are 10.5 million children who are like me when I was a 7-year-old boy receiving that shoebox gift ... and all of that is done in more than 100 countries, in their local communities.

“This year we’re hoping for 11 million shoeboxes worldwide and we’re hoping we can reach more children with gospel of Jesus Christ and remind them they’re not forgotten no matter what they’re going through,” he added. “Maybe some of them are dealing with that bitterness and anger that I was dealing with and through that shoebox gift, they have a journey of healing and can move forward.”

Though Operation Christmas Child doesn’t officially collect shoebox items until mid-November, there are plenty of ways to get involved in the ministry on a local level.

“Obviously, we want people to pack shoeboxes, but there are opportunities for people right here in Grosse Pointe to be involved with this ministry beyond packing boxes,” Reed said. “They can learn more about that and all the ways they can be involved at samaritans-purse.org/occ.”

“I share this to encourage people in their own journey and also give them an opportunity to make an impact in someone else’s life,” Nsengimana said. “Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity to do that. ... I’m so passionate to share what God has done. It all starts in the local community, people who are passionate to partner with us. They’re not just little boxes; each one of them represents a child.”

Watch a video about Nsengimana’s story at sampus.se/3xu3IIR



Last year, 10.5 million children in 100 countries received Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

About The Children’s Center

The Children’s Center is home to many specialized clinical services. It works with children who struggle with behavioral, emotional, educational, intellectual and developmental challenges or who may have experienced trauma.

The Children’s Center treats the whole child, looking at more than a single issue to provide the best, most comprehensive integrated care. It examines barriers in the home, school and community, working with the family who raises them and the organizations that support them.

Its vision is to champion the never-ending quest for providing the best care, helping children learn to self-advocate once they’re outside the comfort of the center’s walls and get them on the road to a happier, more fulfilling childhood.

For more information, visit thechildrenscenter.com.

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Corbett said. “The Little Club is offering lunch, so you can sit downstairs with the water in view. ... Come have lunch at a fun venue and browse wonderful vendors.”

Most of the funds raised during Fall Market benefit The Children’s Center of Detroit, which has been a main focus for Tau Beta since 2004. The Children’s Center empowers children and families to overcome mental and behavioral challenges and cope with developmental disabilities, as well as helps children in foster care find their forever homes.

“It is so exciting that in the past five years alone, over \$500,000 was raised to support The Children’s Center,” Corbett said.

Through the years, Tau Beta has committed more than funds to the center. Members regularly volunteer time and talents to children and families through the Tau Beta Center for Discovery computer lab and Tau Beta Center for Literacy, as well as through summer camp and by stocking a boutique and food pantry. Additionally, Tau Beta

members support an annual Thanksgiving turkey drive, Christmas market and other programs at The Children’s Center throughout the year.

A portion of the Fall

Market proceeds also help fund recognition grants, which “... provide Tau Beta members an opportunity to nominate and award funds to worthwhile charitable organizations commit-

ted to improving the lives in the greater Detroit area,” Corbett noted.

A total of \$30,000 in grants were awarded in 2021, to the following organizations: Beyond Basics, Alternative for Girls, Holy Yoga Detroit, Shoes That Fit—Liggett Chapter, Soar Detroit, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Detroit Dog Rescue, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Racing for Kids and Keep Growing Detroit.

For more information about Fall Market, visit taubeta.org or email fall-market@taubeta.org.



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Guardian Angels float a favorite 27th Senior Expo celebration Oct. 6

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Florida-based Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs turned a lot of heads during the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade earlier this summer. Who could miss a patriotic-themed float carrying five teams of military veterans and their beloved service dogs?

The float stood out to many, but to one person in particular — St. Clair Shores Mayor Kip Walby — of the 180 parade participants, Guardian Angels took the cake.

During the St. Clair Shores City Council meeting Sept. 9, accepting the Mayor's Choice Award trophy were Guardian Angels Regional Coordinator Mary Lamparter of Grosse Pointe Farms; Guardian Angels trainer Nancy Dakin, who led the float-building team; Guardian Angels Ambassador Kim Denek; and recipient Matt with his dog, Cobalt.

Guardian Angels pairs specially trained dogs with veterans and first responders to make a difference in the lives of those struggling with disorders including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, mobility issues and more.

"We have a lot of visibility in other states," Dakin said. "We're trying to break into the Michigan market, so to speak. ... We're getting some real traction. It's really all about spreading the word to Michigan veterans and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, parade committee member Kyle Nicholson; recipient Matt and his dog, Cobalt; St. Clair Shores Mayor Kip Walby; Mary Lamparter, Guardian Angels regional coordinator; Nancy Dakin, Guardian Angels dog trainer; Kim Denek, Guardian Angels ambassador; and parade committee members David Ellis, Pamela Mason and Rehne Myers.

first responders, however we can get that word out. This was a fun way, with a float in the parade. It was nice to be able to showcase Guardian Angels in a fun, family environment."

According to Dave Ellis, incoming parade chairman, the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade is the third largest such parade in the United States.

In addition to Guardian Angels' Mayor's Choice Award, other trophies were awarded for:

- ◆ Best High School Band — George Crockett Academy
- ◆ Best Patriotic Float — St. Clair Shores Baseball/Softball Association and Lac Ste. Claire Kiwanis
- ◆ Best Special Entry — Nautical Mile Yacht Club and its affiliates, Pirates and Trader Todd's Marina
- ◆ Best Honor Guard — U.S. Air Force Honor Guard

- ◆ Best Band — Chandler Park Academy
 - ◆ Chairman's Choice Award — Arsenal of Democracy
- "I'm very proud of the 2022 parade, the amazing volunteers and amazing entries," said Councilman Dave Rubello, council liaison to the parade.
- Of the Guardian Angels win, Rubello added, "The mayor picked a great choice. ... We hope you come back next year."
- "The St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade is the signature event in St. Clair Shores," Walby said, addressing all award recipients and parade participants. "Thousands upon thousands come every year, 40 to 50,000. We appreciate all the hard work, your dedication to the parade and, at the end of the day, your dedication to the city of St. Clair Shores for keeping this parade strong."
- Dakin thanked the

parade committee, Guardian Angels ambassadors and volunteers for their help, as well as the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors for assisting with the project. Additionally, she thanked Tom Maceri & Son Wholesale Produce Distributors in St. Clair Shores for the use of its warehouse during the float-building process, as well as Macomb Township resident Gregg Ahee for aligning the partnership.

"And, of course, thanks to Mayor Walby for selecting us," she added.

"This was just one more way Guardian Angels is trying to get their name recognized and to show we're here and want to help," Lamparter added. "It was a great honor to be in a parade of that magnitude. It was spectacular we got to participate in it and win the Mayor's Choice Award."

Senior Expo 2022 — a 27th anniversary celebration of the annual premiere lifestyle and health expo for active adults — takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

The expo provides area adults with an abundance of informative exhibits, educational seminars, interactive experiences, valuable resources, lunch and entertainment for today's senior lifestyles.

Each year, the expo hosts more than 1,500 seniors, their families and caregivers to a day of health, wellness, recreation and community resource information to help design a happy, healthy and secure lifestyle.

Visitors will enjoy more than 50 exhibitors offering information on health-care, recreation, self-improvement, retail products, managed care, physical training, financial and legal advice, to name a few. Popular workshops include Food is Medicine, Ask the Elder Law Attorney, Medicare Counseling, Ask the Physician and Ask the Nutritionist. On-site health screenings from area health facilities include spine evaluation, blood pressure, knee pain/arthritis/physical therapy screening, carotid artery, mini chair massages, ultrasound and more.

Also taking place is a community resource center that includes VA information, Medicare



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Charlie Langton will give the keynote address at the 2022 Senior Expo.

information and more. The senior super tent includes exercise and fitness evaluations, balance and fall risk assessments, BMI screenings, recumbent bikes and more.

The keynote speaker for the 27th anniversary expo is Charlie Langton, attorney, life coach, Fox 2 News and WWJ News Radio 950 broadcaster. He'll take the stage at 9:30 a.m.

A complimentary take-home boxed lunch will be provided by Marchiori Catering.

A resource guide — a valuable book for adults containing available services throughout the metro area — is distributed at expo and remains a useful reference all year through. The guide is developed by the Senior Expo Committee and available at hospitals, city offices, libraries and committee facilities.

Senior Expo Committee members who have planned for the event all year include: Joan De Ronne and Olga Cardasis,

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Sallie Ann McCarron-Monroe

Sallie Ann McCarron-Monroe, 89, passed away Monday, Sept. 5, 2022, in Bonita Springs, Fla., with both of her daughters at her side.

Sallie was born June 4, 1933, in Grosse Pointe, to Daniel and Bernice McCarron. She moved to Florida in the 1980s. She was a lover of life and good times with friends and family, and loved to sing, dance and entertain. She also loved to travel and often visited Las Vegas for her birthday. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Sallie was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Monroe Sr. She is survived by her daughters, Lisa Van Coppenolle and Lynne Van Coppenolle Sahakian; step-children, Cindy, Thomas Jr. and Jeffrey; and grandchildren, Christopher and Lisa Sahakian.

Jane “Judy” Garesché McMullen

Jane Garesché McMullen, 97, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.

Known as Judy, she was born Sept. 1, 1925, in St. Louis, to Grace and A. Rowe Garesché. She attended Villa Duschesne School followed by the National College of Education in Evanston, Ill., and became a kindergarten teacher at City House in St. Louis, MO.

In 1955, she married George R. McMullen and moved to Grosse Pointe, a place that quickly became home to her. Through the years, she enjoyed volunteering with many different organizations, including the Junior Leagues of St. Louis and Detroit. Along with her love of friends and family, she loved her cottage and summers spent at Pointe aux Barques. She devoted much of her time and energy to serving on the board and various committees.

Judy will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and universal appeal to people of all ages. She was predeceased by her husband, George; sisters, Punch Collins and Marie Garesché, FMM; and son, George Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Alexandra McCann; son-in-law, Franklin McCann; granddaughter, Alison McCann; and great-grandson, Connor Kaprielian.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Bon Secours Chapel at Beaumont Hospital, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe. Masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pointe

aux Barques Special Gift Fund, 1846 Bayview, Port Austin, MI 48467; or Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe Chapel Fund, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

Gerhardt Alois Hein, MD

Gerhardt Alois Hein, MD (affectionately known as Gerry), 89, of Grosse Pointe, passed away on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at home with his wife by his side.

He was born in the Bronx, NY on June 7, 1933 to Alois and Barbara Hein. The third child of six in a German immigrant family, Gerry attended Cardinal Hayes High School and won a scholarship to Columbia College at Columbia University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955. He was selected for the U.S. Navy’s Officer Candidate School program, where he translated Russian in Washington, DC and met his wife and lifelong partner, Rebecca Patterson Hein. They moved to Michigan so he could attend the University of Michigan Medical School, graduating in 1964. After his residency at Ypsilanti State Hospital, Gerhardt was the director of the Adult Psychiatric Clinic in Detroit, before opening a private practice in Detroit and Harper Woods. He retired in 1990.

Gerhardt was a student of languages, speaking and reading German and French, and also had good knowledge of Russian and Polish. He was fascinated by etymology, and it was not unusual to have a dictionary at the dinner table to settle a linguistic debate. An avid reader, he enjoyed science fiction, non-fiction, medical journals and German detective novels.

A child of the depression era, Gerry loved a good bargain, and enjoyed accumulating other people’s neglected treasures at estate sales. Hobbies included photography, model trains, tinkering and puttering and sailing. He created many fond family memories on Lake St. Clair aboard his sailboats Argenteuil and The Great Pumpkin. He loved classical music, astronomy, art and travel, as well.

He was gruff on the outside, but a sweet and generous man at his core. His children are grateful for Gerry’s unconditional love. He encouraged and supported all of their dreams, while living out his own version of the American Dream.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Rebecca; daughters Martha Watson (Glenn) of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Katherine Hein, MD, of Boston, Mass.; son Benjamin of the Cayman

Islands; grandchildren Rebecca and Lincoln Hein of Boston, Mass.; siblings George, Elizabeth and Anna Marie of New York; several nieces and nephews in the U.S.; and many cousins near Aschaffenburg, Germany. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Henry and Carl and granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Watson.

A private family gathering to honor Gerry will be held at a later date.

Mary Ellen Rutan

Mary Ellen Rutan, 75, of Grosse Pointe Woods died on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022.

Born in Detroit to Charles and Gloria (nee Rutan), she worked for the city of Livonia for over 25 years before her retirement. She volunteered at the Children’s Home of Detroit as well as the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Mary was an avid golfer who taught many of her grandchildren to play, as well as a fervent bridge player. She was an avid traveler of the world; among some of her favorite destinations were New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and Niagara on The Lake in Canada. She also was a keen enthusiast of the fine and performing arts.

She is survived by her two children, Christopher Sirosky (Lisa) and Kristin Losinski (Greg); seven grandchildren, Michael (Alex), Allison (Jake), Dylan (Cedric), Patrick, Kyle, Stephen and Conner; one great-grandchild, Declan; and three sisters and two brothers.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her late husband, Dr. Paul Rizzo.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption (<https://www.gpaas.org/donate>). Please mention in the comments that you have donated in Mary’s memory.

Judith Marie Schmidt

Judith Marie Schmidt (née Farr), 79, passed away on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

Born March 5, 1943, Judith was born, raised and reared her family on Detroit’s east side. She retired in Naples, Fla., to be close to family.

Her roots were never far. She loved fashion from her early days of window display at J.L. Hudson Company and enjoyed festivities with dear friends.

Judy worked and played hard and has been called to be with the Lord and her husband, Robert “Bob” C. Schmidt, who preceded her passing by 25 years.



Sallie McCarron-Monroe



Jane McMullen



Gerhardt Hein, MD



Mary Ellen Rutan



Judith Marie Schmidt



Ellen Skinner Bowen

Judith was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is survived by her sister, Barbara Stokes; children Jeffry Schmidt (Jennifer) and Jill Gingrich (Nathan); and grandchildren Julian, Jahbriel, Morgan and Luke.

Raise a glass in her memory!

Ellen Jean Skinner Bowen

Ellen Jean Skinner Bowen, 74, passed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, in Tarpon Springs, Fla., after a long and heroic battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Ellen was a resident of Grosse Pointe and Tarpon Springs. She was born Nov. 1, 1947, in Plymouth, Ind. She was the only child of Merritt and Mary Skinner, and granddaughter of Roy and Francis Skinner and Edith and Thomas Kersey.

Ellen’s early childhood accomplishments included beating all the boys in turtle racing two years in a row, serving as president of 4-H, being co-editor of the school newspaper and being elected president of Plymouth High School’s Class of 1965. She sang in the choir and a folk group, and was in the Culver Academy all-school musical, “Kiss Me Kate.”

Education was very important to Ellen. She attended Columbia College and received a bachelor’s degree in music performance from Ball State University. She went on to earn a master’s degree in education from Butler University and a master’s degree in conducting from Oakland University.

Ellen started teaching in the Indianapolis Public School System. She worked for the Department of Education at the state level until her former husband, Dawayne, transferred with Ford Motor Co., from Indianapolis to Detroit in 1971. According to Ellen, she moved to Michigan “kicking and screaming, but, in those days, if you were married, you had no choice.”

Ellen built a choir program at Chippewa Valley

High School that started with 12 students and, within few years, grew to five choirs involving more than 300 students, which has sustained to this day. The group once won a Reader’s Digest competition, and with it, a three-week trip to Romania. During her tenure, she served as class sponsor and was the featured commencement speaker.

She taught at Macomb Community College where she was instrumental in the development of the auditorium at center campus. One of Ellen’s singing groups performed at the opening of the World’s Fair, which was a great honor at the time. Ellen had been promised time in the new auditorium for her students to perform. When that did not come to fruition, she accepted a teaching position at Grosse Pointe South High School. When Ellen arrived at South in 1986, there were less than 20 students in the choir program, with a part-time accompanist. Her first order of business was to discard the choir robes. Her vision was to create a well-rounded musical experience for students that taught musical performance, show choir, classical music, music technology, madrigals, music theory and sight reading.

During Ellen’s tenure at South, the choirs performed 67 times with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, including 12 Yuletide shows. Her students performed 26 musicals, four madrigal dinners and six European tours. Two of the European tours included singing High Mass at the main altar at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican. Hundreds of “Bowen’s” students, as her students affectionately called her, earned Division I ratings in the solo and ensemble categories, with four students and ensembles receiving state finalist awards. Five choirs captured National Show Choir Grand Championships. These accomplishments required discipline, perseverance, tenacity, teamwork and many other skills the students took with them into their adult lives.

Ellen had only gratitude for all the boosters, middle school directors, Dan Vicary, musicians and countless drama directors who helped inspire students along the way. She also was grateful for the opportunities she was given at Grosse Pointe Theatre, where she was musical director for the productions of “The Producers,” “Hello Dolly,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Pirates of Penzance” and two summer performances of “Singin’ in the Streets.”

Ellen Bowen left a proud legacy, not just in the medals, trophies, plaques and honors received, because of her passion for musical performance, vocal technique and teaching, but in the people she touched.

Ellen enjoyed her summers at the family home in Plymouth, Ind., where she played golf, drove her boat and enjoyed the company of friends and family.

Ellen’s final thoughts of gratitude were, “I literally need to thank my beautiful daughters who basically raised themselves. As I grew older, I heard stories of them growing up and I owe them a huge apology for living my life through my work and not being there more for them. I would also like to thank my wife of 35 years who took amazing care of me during my journey with cancer. I have so many dear friends to thank and too many to mention. Amen.”

Ellen is survived by her long love, wife and partner of 35 years, Amy Argo; her daughters, Traci Bowser of Carmel, Ind., and Amy Ruminski (Mark) of La Jolla, Calif.; and her “golden” grandsons, Quintin, Evan and Deagan.

A memorial service for Ellen takes place Saturday, Oct. 8, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Guests may greet the family starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the World Wildlife Fund, worldwildlife.org; Grosse Pointe Theatre, gpt.org; or Rees Theater in Plymouth, Ind., reestheatre.com/donate.

Hornberger to speak at GPYC

Rich Shetler, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club political action committee, recently announced Michigan Legislature Rep. Pamela Hornberger will speak at

the PAC’s annual fundraiser at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Hornberger will

address education and the role of parents and taxpayers in local school districts. She is the candidate for the GOP nomination to the Michigan State Senate to represent

District 12 in the November general election.

This is a newly drawn district that encompasses all the Grosse Pointes and runs north along Lake St. Clair to Harsens Island.

Prior to joining the legislature, Pamela taught

for 23 years in the East China School District in St. Clair County. She was elected in 2010, and served six years on the L’Anse Creuse Public Schools Board of Education.

Hornberger earned a master’s degree in education administration from

Saginaw Valley State University. Her teaching certification is from Wayne State University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 1991.

Tickets for the buffet

See GPYC, page 7B

DZS to co-lead informal STEM learning center

The Detroit Zoological Society is putting equity back into STEM.

The DZS has been chosen to co-lead a new informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Math learning equity resource center, or ISL-ERC, for the National Science Foundation's Advancement of Informal STEM Learning program. The resource center is made possible through a \$10 million grant over five years from the NSF, a valued partner on the project.

According to the grant proposal, the center will advance equity within the informal STEM learning field through diverse community building, resource sharing and the promotion of organizational change and transformative justice. Also leading the

center is TERC, a STEM education research and development nonprofit dedicated to inspiring and engaging learners through cutting-edge research, content and curriculum development, technology innovation, professional development and program evaluation.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of this project," said Diane Miller, DZS vice president of educational programming and co-principal investigator for the NSF grant. "Equity in ISL is so important to ensure the field is evolving and diverse. Everyone involved in this center is dedicated to creating STEM education spaces that are welcoming for people of all demographics and backgrounds."

The ISL-ERC will pick up the work the Center

for Advancement of Informal Science Education has been doing almost two decades. In doing so, the new center will promote lifelong STEM learning, which occurs outside of the classroom and across multiple platforms.

Additionally, the center aims to disrupt conventions and institutional barriers to transforming physical and digital ISL environments and make ISL more welcoming to marginalized communities. Collectively, the center's activities and resources will support multiple pathways for researchers, practitioners and learners to better engage and equitably access ISL experiences, pursue funding and cultivate career opportunities in STEM that engender



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Diane Miller, Detroit Zoological Society vice president of educational programming.

STEM identity development and belonging for all.

"I'm excited to see how this center grows over time," Miller said. "We are still in the beginning stages of this project, but we are ready to begin and use this opportunity to make substantial, lasting

change in the ISL field."

In addition to the DZS, TERC and NSF, the following organizations will contribute to the center: Digital Promise, Organic Oneness, CAST, Karyl Askew Consulting, Accessible Technology Services and an extensive multi-sector network of advisors.

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Assumption Cultural Center; Dr. Ken Hamilton, Sarah Mcghie and Bill Hamilton, Harper Chiropactic Center; Frank Tassone, Henry Ford Health; Terri Murphy, Hope Senior

Home Care; Heidi Uhlig, The Helm at the Boll Life Center; Anne Carroll, Cranberry Park at ShorePointe Assisted Living; Veena Panthangi, M.D., Ascension St. John Hospital; Bryan Owens, Hearing Loss and Treatment Center; Rachel Nagorsen, American House, Lakeshore; and Roman Hammes, community representative.

Doors open at 8:15 a.m. Expo hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free shuttle is provided by Cranberry Park for convenient parking at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park. For more information, call (586) 779-6111.

EVENTS:

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E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ QPR Suicide Prevention Training, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Outdoor Family Yoga, 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Senior Hustle for Health Dance Class, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier,

Harper Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, St. Basil Catholic Church, 22860 Schroeder, Eastpointe.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register online at red crossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie "The Best Years of Our Lives" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Essential Planning for the Future, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, with facilitator Liz Johnson.

◆ Food and Your Brain, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, with facilitator Kathy Housey.

◆ Body Alignment, 1 to

2 p.m. Mondays for beginners and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays for intermediate students. Gwendolyn J. Scales instructs this free class.

◆ Conversational French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.

◆ Yoga, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Chair Yoga, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

Detroit WALK

The Detroit WALK to End Hydrocephalus takes place Saturday, Sept. 24, at River Bends

Park in Shelby Township. The event features a 5K, raffle, information about hydrocephalus, music, food and children's characters. Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by the opening ceremony at 11:45 a.m. and the walk at noon. Raffle drawings are at 2 p.m. To sign up to walk or make a donation, visit bit.ly/3zGOjX9.

Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. Christine Scoggin, immediate past vice president of development for the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, will review the SEED program — Social Emotional Encouragement and Development — which targets the emotional and mental health of students and teachers. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20 at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmcattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents "Fabulous Music for the Fall," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The pro-

gram features violinist Adrienne Ronmack, pianist Maria Meirelles, violinists Velda Kelly and Sonia Lee, violist James Madison, baritone Dan Mihaescu, former Student Leaguer Margaret Wenzel and others. For more information, visit tuesday musicaleofdetroit.org.

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 activities 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.

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dinner are \$75 per person. For reservations or more information, visit bit.ly/3UayTm

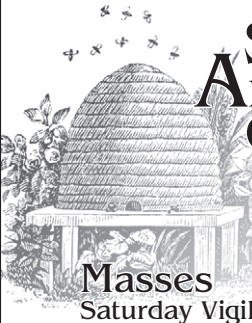
Printed invitations will not be mailed due to increased costs.

Formally known as The Thomas R. McCleary Jr. Eastside Republican Club Political Action Committee, the PAC is named in memory of one of the ERC's original members, Tom McCleary, who also served as a PAC director. The PAC operates independently from the Eastside Republican Club.

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Gro-Town goes ‘Green’ Woods musician releases album of children’s music

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Danielle Carlomusto is celebrating the launch of “Green Album,” the followup to her debut, “Motown is Gro-Town.”

Both albums feature catchy children’s songs in a variety of genres, with the hopes of inspiring the next generation of garden growers.

Carlomusto is no stranger to the music scene. The lifelong musician was performing country music — overseas and locally — when she shifted gears.

“When I had kids, and I’m sure other parents will agree, it changes your perspective,” she said. “I went from performing country music ... to wanting to flesh out these cute songs we’d sing to our children every day around the breakfast table.”

It was a simple idea: Sing a quirky, catchy song about a banana and hope the child will want to eat the banana.

That simplicity — “celebrating the simple moments that comprised the lives of our children” — remained the basis for both

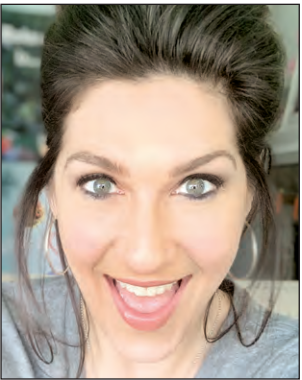
albums, the first of which was offered through Detroit Public Television/PBS Kids and received multiple Detroit Music Awards nominations.



The cover of Carlomusto’s “Green Album.”

Now, Carlomusto not only is busy promoting the new release, but also creating music videos to supplement “Green Album.”

“I’m working on visuals to go along with some of the songs,” she



Danielle Carlomusto is all smiles following the debut of “Green Album.”

said, noting the video for the first single, “Avocado,” features award-winning guacamole-maker Esteban Castro.

Other tracks on “Green Album” include “Snap Peas,” “Fava Beans” and “Ladybug,” all focused on gardens, growing and the natural world.

“I feel that there is no down side to gardening,” Carlomusto said. “Kids are getting abstract, gray lessons through gardening, in patience, perseverance, care—caring for those tiny plants. It’s low-cost, high-reward. They’re learning about autonomy while connecting to the world around us. It’s about slowing down. No cleats, no tutus, no shutting to practice. It’s something a child can do on their own.”

While musically, Carlomusto is inspired by the Bee Gees and Wilson Pickett, her skillful songwriting takes inspiration from a source closer to home. “My kids inspire me,” she said, recalling the first time she saw her daughter, Amelia, munching on a garden-grown green pepper. “She was 2 and she was



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Carlomusto performs for a young audience.

so taken with the creation and the beauty and the deliciousness of the pepper. To see a child honor a natural discovery inspired me to follow that trajectory. I want to elevate, validate and celebrate those tiny moments.”

Carlomusto wrote, engineered and performed all of her songs — though the guitars on “Ladybug” were performed by Alice Cooper guitarist Garrett Bielaniec — in her home studio. The album was mixed and mastered by Grammy-nominated producer David Feeny at Tempermill Studios in Ferndale.

“It took about a year to put ‘Green Album’ together,” she said. “It’s been done since November, but I wanted to roll it out when I had the time to dedicate and honor the process.”

As with her first album, the music is just the beginning, Carlomusto said. Songs are supplemented with videos, as well as Gro-Town seed stations, a gardening initiative that has reached more than 14,000 next-generation growers by providing free seed packets at public libraries.

Additional supplements on gro-town.org include free, download-

able coloring, scrapbook and garden journal pages.

“Gardening is a conduit for providing connection,” she added.

Another Gro-Town supplement is Carlomusto’s podcast, which furthers a connection between the music and the lessons it teaches.

“This is not something passively consumed and quickly forgotten like other children’s media,” she said. “I want it to stick — that simplicity and beauty and celebrating the world around us. I want it to

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ASK THE EXPERTS

By Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW

Kindness without reserve

You know the bumper sticker, Kindness Matters? While I appreciate the sentiment, I would always look at it and think, “Do people really need to be told this?” It seems to be in the same category of obviousness as getting off your cell phone while someone is waiting on you or saying please and thank you.

But maybe we all need a reminder to lean into kindness in a bigger way right now. Many of us are retreating, responding with a little more caution. Given our contentious culture it is understandable, but our kindness and compassion are what connects us to each other — in both our shared suffering and our collective optimism. When we practice kindness, we both share and experience happiness.

Years ago, author George Saunders shared in a convocation address one of his greatest regrets. It was around his “failures of kindness.” He identified those failures as “the moments when another human being was there, in front of me suffering, and I responded ... sensibly. Reservedly. Mildly.”

Now seems like a good time — when people are vulnerable and may be engaging reservedly or not at all — to be more intentional about extending kindness to others. These are three cues I’m thinking about in an effort to be more deliberate in practicing kindness:

♦ Embracing radical empathy, in which we more actively consider others’ points of view in order to connect more deeply with them. Not particularly easy right now when many people

are polarized and organized around absolutes, but this trait fosters tolerance, thoughtfulness and kindness, which is essential for our relationships and communities to thrive.

♦ Making the most generous assumption about other peoples’ behavior, choices or meaning. We often make guesses about intent that aren’t at all accurate. We are better served erring on the side of optimism when we are considering motivation.

♦ Recognizing that everyone has a story to tell and is worthy of being seen and heard. Being more curious about others, their experiences and what they may teach us helps us connect in more meaningful ways and see the best in each other. It also can remind us that when someone shows up in a way that isn’t particularly appealing, there likely is a context we may not be aware of that would help us to be more understanding.

What other ways might we practice kindness — less mildly and with without reserve?

Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW, is a licensed social worker with more than 25 years of experience providing individual, group and family therapy in the private and public sectors. Check out her blog at marybethgarveytherapy.org/.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Starting off the school year with less anxiety

Dear Gabby: The start of the school year is a stressful time in our house. My 2nd grade daughter is friendly, funny, and smart, but she has terrible anxiety about school. Every morning is awful. She cries and cries and doesn't want to leave my side. She has friends and is super prepared for each day of class. Is there anything I can do to make the morning transition easier each day? I'm at a loss. — **Weepy in the woods**

This week, Gabby turned to a true expert in this area, Dr. Angie Niforos, a counselor at Brownell Middle School.

Dear Weepy,
GPPSS counselor: The start of the school year can be filled with many mixed emotions as stu-

dents and parents adjust to changes. It is normal for a child to have some anxiety about the anticipation of the new school year. Children who express heightened anxiety through behavior such as school refusal and excessive crying may be experiencing underlying issues.

These issues could be linked to learning challenges, social phobia, stressful events, changes at home, or separation anxiety from their primary caregiver.

Start by listening to your daughter about what may be causing her to feel and act this way. She may not know and need your assistance to further explore her feelings and possible underlying reasons.

Consider the following

ways to work through your daughter's anxiety:

1. Create an evening routine. Establish a consistent homework and bedtime schedule. Additionally, have your daughter prepare her backpack and outfit for the next day.
2. Make sure your daughter wakes up at the same time each day. Keep the morning routine simple. Leave at the same time each day.
3. Keep school dropout time short and pleasant. Don't prolong the goodbye. Start a fun goodbye tradition (like saying the same phrase every day).
4. Consider having someone else take your daughter to school. Can

your daughter go to school with a friend or grandparent?

5. Give your daughter a special item to keep throughout the day. It could be a bracelet, special photo, or stuffed animal kept in her backpack. Include a special treat or note in her lunch.

6. Give your child something to look forward to during her day and after school. Plan a fun activity after school.

7. After picking her up from school, ask your daughter about her feelings that day. Get her to open up about her day by asking open-ended questions. Have her identify something that brought her happiness and joy. Allow her to express her-



self and listen to what she experienced.

If there is no change after implementing some new interventions, then partner with school personnel to provide additional support. Reach out to your daughter's teacher to learn more about her social interactions and academic progress.

Additionally, reach out to the social worker, counselor, or principal for suggestions and support. If your daughter needs further support, seek the help of a therapist who can assist in providing coping skills.

Time and effort will help your daughter feel more comfortable and confident. Once she is invested in her new routine and rit-

uals, she will learn ways to problem solve herself. You're helping her build skills she will use throughout her life.

—**Angie Niforos, Ph.D., LPC**

Angie Niforos is a Counselor at Brownell Middle School and was named the Michigan Counselor of the Year in 2020. She is the mother of three and has worked in private counseling, private and public schools, and is currently also teaching at Wayne State University.

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

Mama's boy lacks courage to defend wife

Dear Ann Landers: I have been married for three years, and it is obvious that my mother does not like my wife. I can deal with that, but I'm becoming increasingly upset by the way Mom behaves around "Amelia."

Two weeks ago, there was a milestone family affair, and we hired a professional photographer to take pictures. As we were preparing to pose for the photo shoot, my mother informed Amelia that she could

not be in the pictures because she was not a blood relative and therefore not a family member. My wife stepped out, but I could see she was very hurt.

There have been other instances, as well. One evening when several of us went to the theater together, Mom happened to end up sitting next to Amelia. She abruptly stood up, moved to the other side of the row and announced, "I want to sit next to my son."

I have asked my mother to please stop treating Amelia so shabbily, but she insists she has nothing against my wife and accuses me of being overly sensitive. I hope you can help me. — Not Mama's Boy in Missouri

Dear Missouri: Your signature does not match your letter. You certainly sound like a mama's boy to me, and a gutless one at that.

Why did you not speak up on your wife's behalf

when your mother decided Amelia couldn't be in the family pictures because she wasn't a blood relative? And when your mother demanded to sit next to you in the theater, why didn't you arrange the seating so your wife could be on the other side?

As long as you permit your mother to abuse Amelia, she is going to do it. It's high time you asserted yourself, sonny boy. Check out the Bible, where it says, "Therefore

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Ann Landers

shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall be one flesh." Copy that directive on a piece of paper, and tape it to your bathroom mirror.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 34-year-old single physician who has never

been married or even come close. The truth is, I never found anyone I truly wanted to be with — until last year. Sound good? Well, wait. The woman I have fallen in love with is a very youthful 53-year-old — and she is married.

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Colleague's cancer fight waged in different manner

DEAR ABBY: My husband was diagnosed with advanced chronic leukemia seven years ago. After two rounds of chemo, he was better for a while but was diagnosed with advanced multiple myeloma a year ago.

He has been through almost constant chemo and radiation, lost more than six inches of height due to osteoporosis and fractures, and can barely walk

around the house or get in and out of the car for his doctor's appointments.

We almost lost him three times, but he's hanging on. For us, this is reality. But we have a teenage daughter, and I still have to work to support us. I do not share this information at work.

A business colleague I'll call "Amy" was just diagnosed with chronic leukemia. It's in the

early stages, with no chemo or radiation, just monitoring. Now, in every business call and video meeting, Amy talks about how she is surviving cancer and is going to beat this because she is stronger than cancer.

Everyone in the office is talking about Amy being a cancer survivor and saying we should do something for her. It grates on me because my husband is

so much sicker, and she's planning vacations and trips to concerts and telling everyone how great she feels.

We all deal with disease differently, but I want to tell her to keep this to herself and focus on work. Should I, and if so, how? — **RESENTFUL IN NEW YORK.**

DEAR RESENTFUL: I sincerely hope you will



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

refrain from doing that. Not all cancers are alike. Everyone's experience with this frightening disease is different.

That Amy is doing as well as she is is a blessing. It could also be that she's trying to stay positive, putting on a brave face and living her life to the fullest extent for as long as she is able.

I am truly sorry for your pain. I have "walked a mile in your shoes." It's wrenching and awful. But you will not lessen it by telling your colleague to keep anything to herself. Leave the room instead.

DEAR ABBY: I live with my boyfriend and his father. I moved in two years ago to help them pay bills so they could keep living in the house my boyfriend grew up in. But the situation has become unlivable.

My boyfriend's father is rude, racist and self-centered. It doesn't mat-

ter that we are struggling; he goes out and spends all his money on guns and fancy dinners for other relatives. Then he complains about how he's broke and has no money to help buy things for the house. He has also raised our rent because he has "debt to the IRS," which has literally nothing to do with me or my boyfriend.

We can't talk to him without a big argument breaking out, and I'm at the end of my rope. It's too expensive to move, so please, any help or advice would be much appreciated. — **UNHAPPY ROOMMATE**

DEAR ROOMMATE: I hope you now realize that your boyfriend's father isn't going to change; his nature is fully formed. This rude, self-centered racist is WHO HE IS.

Instead of continuing

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be about life. The podcast was a natural extension of all of that."

One of the four eight-minute episodes features Grosse Pointer Kelly Konieczki, aka Momcat Kelly, chatting about pollinators, while another covers the topic of worm composting with Carlomusto's neighbor, Tim Wood.

Apart from the new release, Carlomusto is celebrating her first TED Talk, which was recorded in June in Colorado.

"It's about children connecting to the media

they've consumed," she said, noting the talk was released on YouTube last month. "It was great to have 10 minutes to pontificate on the things I find meaningful in my life, like children's media — how it used to be great and how it can be great again."

Carlomusto founded Gro-Town in 2019, to instill a sense of gratitude and wonderment for the world via music, videos and community gardening initiatives.

She was named Most Inspiring Michigan Mom by Hello Bello, Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard's line of organics for children. She also is a gardening spokesperson for



Carlomusto's enthusiasm — for gardening and music — is catchy.

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"Green Album" is available on all digital platforms, including

Spotify, Pandora, YouTube and Amazon, among others. For more information, visit gro-town.org.

Fool proof sheet pan dinner

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

It’s rewarding to have a passion and then watch your family members get involved and interested as well.

My zeal for cooking has absolutely rubbed off on my family. Our oldest daughter spent her summer baking and cooking. She made everything from crab rangoons to macaroons. I wasn’t even allowed to help or be in the kitchen, much to my dismay. The results of her work were fantastic.

Today, I’m sharing one of the first recipes my husband ever made for us and it’s absolutely dead on. It meets all of your hunger needs.

Comforting chicken that is crispy and tasty with little bites from whole grain mustard

seeds that makes everyone in our house happy.

Perfectly roasted potatoes and green beans accompany the meat which all takes little effort.

This is a sheet pan dinner for weeknights. The mustard slowly leaks over to the potatoes making them extra flavorful.

I call it de-ville chicken because a British friend of ours would call deviled eggs in the same manner. We thought it was so funny that the name stuck.

And if you have never tried roasted green beans, you need to, now. Make this family favorite. Winner, winner, chicken dinner. Oh and for fast cleanup, use parchment paper.

- De-ville Chicken**
(Serves 4)
- 6 chicken thighs (bone-in, skin-on)
- ¼ cup dijon mustard
- ¼ cup whole grain mustard
- 2 tbsp chopped rosemary
- Juice 1 lemon
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 1 ½ cup panko bread-crumbs
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 10 small yukon gold potatoes
- 1 lb green beans
- ½ tsp each salt and

pepper

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. In a bowl, add the mustards, rosemary, juice from half of the lemon and garlic. Dip the chicken in the mustard mixture and then roll in the panko bread-crumbs so all sides are coated.

Place the chicken on a large, lightly oiled baking sheet. Drizzle the top of the chicken with olive oil.

Next, slice the potatoes in half and place them next to the chicken, leaving some room for the green beans on the far side.

Drizzle the potatoes with more olive oil and add the salt and pepper. Give the potatoes a toss with clean hands. Cook for 30 minutes. Take the pan out of the oven and



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De-ville chicken, a family favorite at the Mombeau household.

add the green beans. Cook for another 15 minutes or until the internal temperature of the chicken is 165 degrees. Your one stop shop is ready!



Looking for values

As popular as wine is today, it’s still seen as fairly pricey by regular consumers, so daily consumers are always seeking strategies to find good values. And now is a perfect time to stock up.

Wildfires in California over the last few years have negatively impacted stocks of domestic red wines, which makes them slightly less available than they have been. But white wines and rose are more available than they’ve ever been, and better than ever.

Moreover, currencies around the world are relatively weak in relation to the U.S. dollar, which makes for soft prices for many imports. And although it may seem a little risky buying wine from unknown, faraway places, wines from certain countries have never been better or more fairly priced.

Start with the fine wines of Australia and New Zealand. Both countries’ currencies are presently at lower levels than they have been. The Aussie dollar is worth only 69 U.S. cents (down from parity only a decade ago), and the Kiwi dollar is at 61 cents.

Add to that the fact that three weeks ago China announced that it would block all imports from Australia and New

Zealand including the important commodities dairy, beef, agricultural products and wines.

This is a major escalation of tensions between China and its Pacific neighbors and means that both Australia and New Zealand will imminently have more wines to sell to other countries, including the United States.

And they will be coming in at prices that are undermined by their weak down-under currencies.

Similarly, Chile’s economy has been rocked over the last two years by a collapsed worldwide market for its most important export commodity, copper.

That has hurt the Chilean economy. In July the Chilean peso reached a decade low in value. As a result, its wines are being sold here at soft-currency prices.

Buying these wines might seem daunting to some who previously remained with branded domestics. But there is little to fear. All three countries now make exemplary, reasonably priced wines. Here is a brief primer.

AUSTRALIA: The Australian wine industry has been making wine since the 1830s, more than 100 years longer than has the United

States, which had to go through a nearly 50-year hiatus that included Prohibition and its aftermath. That was an arduous period that Australia never faced.

Moreover, the Aussies have spent more money on research into making quality wines than any other country, and today their country represents the pinnacle of reasonably priced excellence.

Australian chardonnays and shiraz can be found here at very fair prices. Seek out wines carrying the designation “South Eastern Australia” for wines at less than \$10 a bottle.

NEW ZEALAND: This small two-island democracy has made enormous strides in wine quality over the last 20 years and today represents the pinnacle of excellence in sauvignon blanc and quality pinot noir values.

The sauvignon blancs and chardonnays of Marlborough, in particular, are usually found here at about \$20 a bottle, representing the peak of quality. However, excellent versions can easily be found at half that price or even less by shopping around.

CHILE: For red wine lovers, it is difficult to beat the values we’re seeing today from this longtime wine-producing nation.

Although cabernet sauvignon probably is the most widely seen red wine from Chile, excellent values can be had from wines made of merlot as well as a local favorite, carmenere. At

around the \$10 price point, numerous Chilean examples are widely available.

Wine of the Week: 2021 Tercos Sangiovese, Mendoza (Ricardo Santos) (\$15) -- Argentina is best known for its rich, flavorful malbec red wines. But this Italian variety does nicely there too, and this wine has ample plum fruit and richness along with moderate tannins. Often seen at about \$11.

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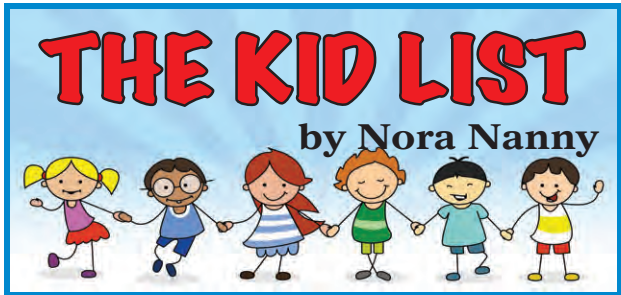
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The kids have been dying to go to Cedar Point all summer. This day trip seemed a little ambitious, even for me, so I pushed it off till the end of August. After consulting the “summer bucket list” and realizing Cedar Point was the last item to be crossed off, I knew it was time! I went on an eighth grade field trip to Cedar Point and I remember it

being one of the best days of the year so I was excited for the kids to experience it! To make it more fun for them, each child brought a friend so they had a park buddy. Then, if I was stuck on a smaller ride with the younger kids, the older boys were able to have some freedom as long as they stayed with their friend. This worked



really well for us and made the day much more enjoyable for everyone. We made sure to check the weather beforehand and purchased our tickets online. The tickets can be as much as 50% cheaper if you buy before arriving at the park, so this was a major savings. We chose to get the ‘Michigan Saver’ tickets which were \$49 per person. These tickets included free parking and free drinks all day, which ended up being a lifesaver. There are drink stations all throughout the park and with the drink bracelets, you can get a refill every 15 minutes at any location in the park. While this seemed like

overkill to me before we got there, someone was constantly thirsty, so this came in handy. Luckily, there were very short lines for each ride. If you are planning your trip during a peak weekend, I would recommend purchasing a ‘Fast Lane’ pass. Cedar Point only sells a certain number of these passes each day, and it exponentially shortens the wait time. Sometimes, lines can be as long as three hours, so these passes are essential for having a good experience with kids. Overall, we had the absolute best day. After riding the first few coasters, even the kids that were nervous



about the larger rides faced their fears and had the best time. There is an area with rides designed for smaller children, but there aren’t many options to choose from. For this reason, I would recommend bringing children 10 years and older. I’ve always been skeptical of a day trip like this, and tend to shy away

from theme parks and things of this nature in general, but I can honestly say I would do it again in a heartbeat! For more information and to plan your visit, check out cedarpoint.com. Check out the upcoming Halloween-themed weekends this fall.



Adalynn Phillips enjoys the food while sitting on the lawn listening to music.

GPW Fall Fest

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Woods held their annual Fall Fest September, 17 on the front lawn of city hall. The crowd enjoyed music by Sonic Freeway, hot dogs, chips and beverages, and an educational experience with Donnie’s GP Zoology.



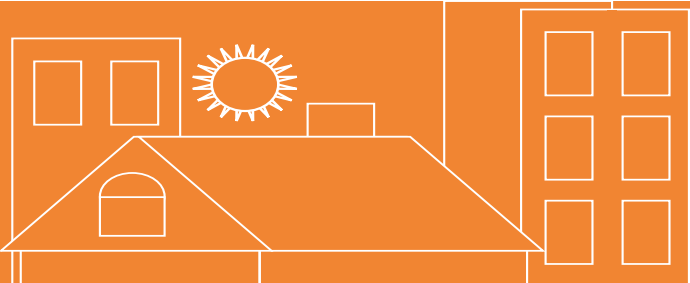
Donnie Cook holds Future, the German Giant rabbit who is only ten pounds now but could get up to thirty pounds when full grown.



Violet, Micah and Anton Hall share a family dinner of hotdogs and chips at the Fall Fest.



As Donnie Cook is given Lemon, the Burmese Python foot by foot, the kids in the crowd didn’t wait until he had all 10 feet of the snake to rush up to touch the reptile.



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Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

- » **2022 Designers' Show House**
10 am-3pm & 5 pm-8pm
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Draft Guard Sew Along**
Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson
- » **John Watkins w/ Carl Caballero**
Cadieux Cafe, 7-7:30 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd.
- » **‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’**
Grosse Pointe North High School’s Fenton Performing Arts Cente, 8 p.m.
707 Vernier Road.
- » **Sky Covington**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.
- » **St. Clair Shores Farmers Market**
Blossom Heath Park, 5-9 p.m.
Jefferson Ave. south of 10 Mile Road.
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.
20680 Mack Ave

- » **Thoughts to Action Discussion Group**
Offsite, 7-8:30 p.m.
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **Tony Hightower w/ The Henry Conerway Trio**
Cliff Bell’s, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

- » **2022 Designers’ Show House**
10 am-5 pm
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms.
- » **Candlelight: Featuring Vivaldi’s Four Seasons & More**
St Hyacinth Church,
6-7:05 p.m.
3151 Farnsworth St.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’**
Grosse Pointe North High School’s Fenton Performing Arts Cente, 8 p.m.
707 Vernier Road.
- » **Sky Covington**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

- » **2022 Designers’ Show House**
10 am-5 pm
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms.
- » **Louis Hayes Group**
Aretha’s Jazz Cafe, 8 p.m.
350 Madison.
- » **Craft in the Digital Age**
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons**
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Immersive Klimt Revolution**
Lighthouse ArtSpace
Detroit, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’**
Grosse Pointe North High School’s Fenton Performing Arts Cente, 8 p.m.
707 Vernier Road.
- » **Louis Hayes**
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts,
350 Madison St.
- » **Mary J. Blige**
Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.
2645 Woodward.

- » **Paint and Chips!**
Ewald Branch,
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Sky Covington**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.
- » **Social District events**
St. Clair Shores Social District, 5 p.m.
Mack Avenue between Cavalier Drive and Nine Mile Road.
- » **St. Clair Shores Farmers Market**
Blossom Heath Park,
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jefferson Ave. south of 10 Mile Road.
- » **Star’s Fall Fest**
Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Parish, 5-7 p.m.
417 Fairford.
- » **Youth Design Community Free Day**
Michigan Science Center,
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
5020 John R St.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

- » **2022 Designers' Show House**
12 pm-5pm
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms Map.
- » **Louis Hayes Group**
Aretha’s Jazz Cafe, 8 p.m.
350 Madison.

- » **Craft in the Digital Age**
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’**
Grosse Pointe North High School’s Fenton Performing Arts Cente, 8 p.m.
707 Vernier Road.

- » **Organ Concert at St. Michael's**
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 4-6 p.m.
20475 Sunningdale Park.

MONDAY, SEPT. 26

- » **2022 Designers' Show House**
10 am-5pm
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms Map.

- » **4th Monday Book Discussion Group**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

- » **Blues Jam**
Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

- » **2022 Designers' Show House**
10 am-5pm
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms.

- » **5th & 6th Grade Book Group**
Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

- » **Craft in the Digital Age**
Ford House,
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.

- » **In Cold Mug Book Discussion**
Offsite, 7-9 p.m.
grossepointelibrary.org

- » **Kyiv City Ballet**
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30 a.m.
350 Madison St.

- » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

- » **2022 Designers’ Show House**
205 Lake Shore Rd,
Grosse Pointe Farms.

- » **Craft in the Digital Age**
Ford House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.

- » **Jam**
Cabbage Patch Saloon,
9:30-11 p.m.
15130 Mack Ave.

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I don't know about you, but in our house chargers and cords disappear faster than socks. Where are they all going? I have no idea. I suspect it's the children, but they'll never tell. When looking for a solution, I came across a wireless charging stand with everything I wanted. It plugs in, and has a phone charger stand, Apple watch charging cradle, and then bonus! AirPods charger in back. How great is this? It's pretty great. First of all, it's not cheap - but it's an Amazon's

Choice and I'm always a sucker for that marketing ploy. At almost \$50 it was a risk, but one I was willing to take. With over 11,500 5 star reviews, it felt like a safe bet. The set up is simple, because all you do is plug it in. When you set your device(s) on the charging areas, they light up green so you know it's working. Each night like clockwork I set my electronics on the charging stand and



they are all at 100% when I wake up. Initially, the thought was to have one for my kids. But quickly I realized that kids cannot be trusted with electronics in their rooms at night, so it is all mine for now. The only complaint I have, is that occasionally my watch stops charging at some point, which is due to needing to position your watch the right direction in exactly the right spot. An easy fix, but it should be mentioned. I give this 5 alligators

because it definitely fills a need, works well, and helps me keep all of my devices in one spot. We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com. 5 Out Of 5



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PALMSTAR MEDIA AND ANIMUS FILMS
Left, Sienna Miller as Estella and Paul Rudd as Moe Berg in the 2018 movie, "The Catcher was a Spy" directed by Ben Lewin.

MOVIE REVIEW "The Catcher was a Spy" 2018 - Rated R 1 hr 34min

Right off the bat (pun intended), I'd like to mention that I found a couple things noteworthy about "The Catcher was a Spy." The first was that it's a true story. When I read the synopsis of the film, I thought it must be a work of fiction. I mean, if it actually happened, how have I never heard about it before? But alas, it's based on a book by Nicholas Dawidoff. The second thing that surprised me was the roster of stars in the movie. I kept saying to myself, "That looks just like..." and "He's in this too!" It really is a star-studded cast, which is pretty rare these days. The roster includes Jeff Daniels, Tom Wilkinson, Guy Pearce, Paul Giamatti, and Giancarlo Giannini. This remarkable film stars Paul Rudd, who normally plays a goofball in lighter movies. It's the first time I've seen him in a dramatic role and he

really rose to the occasion. Here he plays Moe Berg, a middle-of-the-road catcher for the Boston Red Sox. His manager keeps trying to convince him to retire and take a job as coach with the team. But Moe isn't ready to hang up his spikes.



While on a goodwill tour of Japan with an all-star roster of players, he has the foresight to sneak up on the rooftop of a hospital and film the harbor. This takes place in the late 1930s, just before the outbreak of World War II. After Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, he gives the movie footage over to the OSS (a precursor to the CIA) and

volunteers his services. Moe lives with his girlfriend Estella (Sienna Miller), a beautiful young piano teacher. In one of their first scenes together, he walks in while she's playing the piano. He's so moved by her playing, they end up making love right at the

piano. However, there are some questions about his sexuality. When he's asked point blank if he's gay, he tactfully responds, "I'm good at keeping secrets." He's not your typical dumb jock. In fact he was a graduate of Princeton, passed his bar exam, and spoke several languages. When he rattles off all the languages

Movie Junkie Mark by Mark Domin



he spoke, he's so matter-of-fact you think he's joking. After he joins the OSS, it took a while to find a good use of his talents and keen mind. At first he spends his time doing boring paperwork, day in and day out. But then a mission comes up that is perfect for him.

There were rumors that Germany was working on an atomic bomb. The project was headed up by the brilliant physicist Werner Heisenberg (Mark Strong). Moe's assignment was to meet with Heisenberg in Switzerland, and determine if the rumors were true and if so, how close were they to actually making a bomb.

It was up to him to decide whether to assassinate him or not. As the film rolls ahead to the crucial moment, the tension really builds. True to form, I'm not going to be a spoiler—you'll just have to watch this movie and find out for yourself.

Overall, I thought the film was excellent. The acting, cinematography, and writing were all superb. It really gives you feeling of the time period and it has a dark, ominous feel to it. It made me want to check out the book and see how faithfully they followed the story. The fact that Dawidoff was one of the screenwriters makes me think they did a great job.

Note to parents: Although the film is rated

R, I don't think there's much objectionable in it besides one tastefully done lovemaking scene. Currently streaming for free on Kanopy.com (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on AMC+, IFC Films Unlimited, Amazon, and Prime Video. ★★★★★☆

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it! About this column: My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well. For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkie-mark.blogspot.com.

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LANDERS:

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I do not want to jeopardize her marriage by having an affair, but I do want a friendship with her. We talk on the phone two or three times a week, but she must call me from work to avoid arousing suspicion at home. I cannot call her house and ask her to have lunch with me or go to a movie.

Is there any proper, non-threatening way I could have a close relationship with this woman without upsetting her family? Am I better off just leaving her alone? I'm afraid I will never meet anyone else whose company I enjoy so much. Please give me some guidance. — A Smitten M.D. in N.C.

Dear N.C. Doc: Stop playing with dynamite before you blow up the woman's marriage and your medical practice, as well. Surely there is a single woman in North Carolina who would be an appropriate companion with romantic possibilities.

Let your friends know you are interested, and put yourself out there.

If you need an incentive, think about how your life would be enriched with a couple of children. That should do it.

Dear Ann Landers: Dear Ann Landers: I am engaged to a wonderful man who treats me like a queen, is considerate

and thoughtful, and has excellent manners. He is hardworking and has been there for me through thick and thin. "John" is 28, and I am 27. We have known each other for three years and have lived together for 11 months.

My father has never given John a chance. Dad says it is because he didn't ask for permission before our first date, which is a mighty lame excuse. I thought Dad would change his mind when John and I became officially engaged seven months ago, but it hasn't happened.

My father is zealous about his religious beliefs and said he will not attend our wedding because John is not "religious enough." Also, Dad looks down on John because he has only a high school education and I have a college degree. Dad says a woman should never marry beneath herself "education wise."



Finally, John's job is manual labor — he drives a moving truck.

Dad thinks when John gets older and can no longer do that sort of work, he will become dependent on me.

The truth is that John makes a lot of money working for an international company, and his retirement plan is far superior to mine.

This situation hurts my mother and me, and it is hard to explain to John. My uncle will be walking me down the aisle. I have cried a bucket of tears over this, and no one has been able to change Dad's mind. Any ideas, Ann? — Woodbridge, Va.

Dear Virginia: Your father is mean-spirited and punitive. His reasoning is faulty, and his values are cockeyed. Ignore his stubbornness, and make plans without him.

I fear he is going to pay dearly for his dominating ways and heavy-handedness. Have a wonderful wedding, dear, and be a beautiful, beaming bride.

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DEAR ABBY:

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to buy things for the house, pay the man his rent and start saving for another place to live.

If your boyfriend can contribute to that fund, he can move with you. If he's unwilling or unable to do that, leave and find a roommate with whom to share expenses. And be grateful, very grateful, you haven't married into this family and can escape with no entanglements. Move on — the sooner, the better.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for 22 years. We have three beautiful children. We laugh and love a lot.

For the past 10 years, I have been trying to keep a brave face when it comes to my mother-in-law. She makes fun

of my looks (and my mother's) often, and puts me down in front of my husband. I'm embarrassed, appalled, angry and sad all at the same time.

My husband has told me he talks to her about this, but nothing has changed. It has reached the point that I no longer want to be around her.

Tonight at dinner, she grabbed my stomach and told me how fat I was. I adore my husband so, while she has been cruel to me, I have remained kind to her. I recently told him I would begin speaking to her the way she speaks to me. Please help. — HARD TO STAY KIND IN MARYLAND

DEAR HARD: Stop expecting your husband to run interference for you. You both should have asserted yourselves with the old biddy years

ago. The next time she pipes up with a criticism, tell her you don't like her rudeness and will no longer tolerate it. The next time she grabs you or puts her hands on you, point out that what she's doing is committing assault. Your husband should have put a stop to this when it started, by telling her to leave immediately. At the very least, he should back you up now.

The longer you continue to silently put up with her abuse, the longer it will continue.

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MOON ALERT: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food or gas) and big decisions after 7 a.m. EDT today (4 a.m. PDT) and for the rest of the day. The Moon is in Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022:

You are intelligent, well organized and multitasked. You are skilled at creating things, either physical structures or structures that involve people. You understand how things work. This year is full of fresh beginnings. Be ready to entertain new directions and new ideas! Open any door!

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

You will need more sleep in the next four weeks. In this same window of time, your focus on partners, ex-partners and close friends will be stronger. Fortunately, you will have more objectivity to see your role in these relationships. Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

You have a wonderful opportunity to work to get better organized in the next four weeks. Admittedly, Mercury retrograde will create goofy mistakes and delays; nevertheless, you will make progress, especially if you focus on finishing old business. Tonight: Be kind.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Lucky you! Not only are you bursting with energy with fiery Mars in your sign for the rest of the year, for the next four weeks, you want to play, take a vacation and enjoy the good life! Many of you will redecorate and entertain at home as well. Tonight: Listen.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Your focus will be on home and family for the next four weeks. This is a time when relatives will visit. Family reunions might take place, and many of you are focusing more attention on a parent. Fortunately, Venus makes your words sweet and charming. Tonight: Be careful.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

The pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks because you have a busy schedule! Short trips, errands, appointments, plus increased reading, writing and studying are just some reasons you will be on the go! It's a good time to learn something new. Tonight: Don't react.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your focus will shift to money, cash flow and earnings in the next four weeks. You'll be thinking about your security. However, at a more basic level, what you are really concerned with is your values. Do you have the right values? What really matters in life? Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Lucky you! For the next four weeks, the Sun will be in your sign boosting your energy and giving you a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. It also will attract people and favorable situations to you. Oh yes, it's your turn to howl! Tonight: Be forgiving.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your personal year is ending; however, your new year will not begin until your birthday. Use this interval in between to think about what you want for your new year ahead (birthday to birth-

day). How do you want your next year to be different? Tonight: Stay low.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your popularity will increase in the next four weeks, which is why you will enjoy increased involvement with groups, clubs and organizations, as well as interacting more with personal friends. In particular, old friends are back in your life now. This is a good time to share your hopes with someone. Tonight: Avoid conflict.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Once a year, the Sun is at the top of your chart shining down and casting you in a spotlight. That time has arrived. Because this spotlight is flattering, bosses, parents and others will admire you, even if you don't do anything special. Use this to your advantage! Tonight: Think for yourself.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

In the next four weeks, you need to get outta Dodge. You want more freedom. You especially want a change of scenery. Travel if you can. If not, then be an armchair traveler and explore the world through books and film. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

The next four weeks will be quite passionate, especially in intimate relationships. However, it will be an excellent time to wrap up old business concerning shared property, inheritances, taxes, insurance disputes and such. You will cut through this like a hot knife through butter. Tonight: Get organized.

BORN TODAY

Opera singer Andrea Bocelli (1958), actress Tatiana Maslany (1985), actress, singer Billie Piper (1982).

Contract Bridge

WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ Q J 6
♥ K Q 9 5
♦ K 4 2
♣ 10 9 7

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — five of clubs.

All important championships, whether local, regional, national or international, are played in a duplicate format in order to reduce the element of luck that might otherwise determine their outcome. Nevertheless, the luck factor cannot be entirely eliminated.

For instance, the succession of opponents you meet might or might not play well against you, which certainly will have an impact on how you fare. Also, you (or your opponents) might get to excellent contracts that

go down because of horrendous distribution or get to poor contracts that make because of very favorable distribution.

Consider this deal played in the Blue Ribbon Pairs many years ago by Dorothy Hayden and B. Jay Becker, former editor of this column. They reached three notrump on the bidding shown. Hayden's three-notrump bid with the singleton king of clubs was certainly imaginative and was amply rewarded when she made the contract after West led a low club.

She won East's queen with the king and ran six diamonds, subjecting West to severe pressure. He followed twice and was able to discard a heart and a spade comfortably, but then, in order to protect the king of spades, he was forced to discard two clubs.

Hayden next led a heart. West took the ace and cashed three clubs, but that was the end of the line as he was forced to lead from the K-8 of spades at the end.

You could call the hand a brilliant success — if you were so minded — but, all the same, there was a lot of luck attached to it. At another table, against similar bidding, West made the inspired lead of the ace of clubs against three notrump, and East-West collected the first seven tricks to put the contract down three!

Fortunately for Hayden and Becker, they were sitting at the right table.

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by Steve Becker

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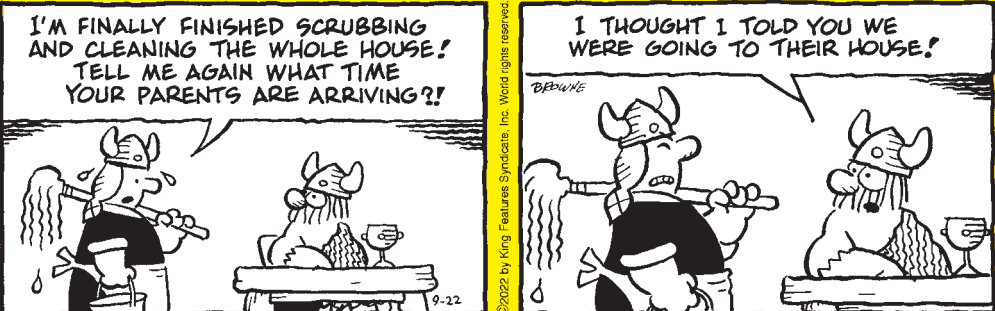
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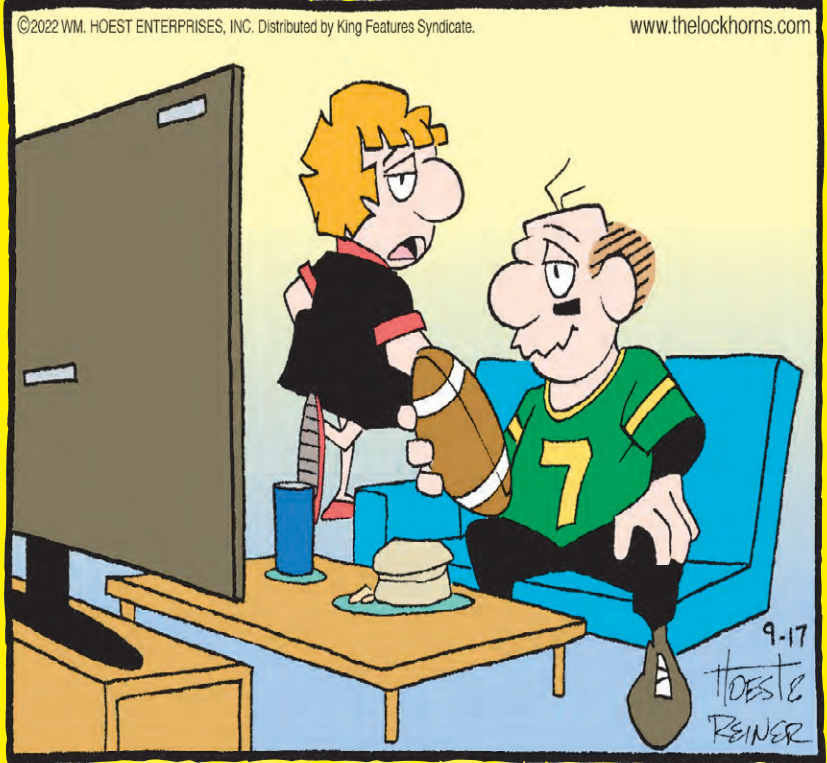
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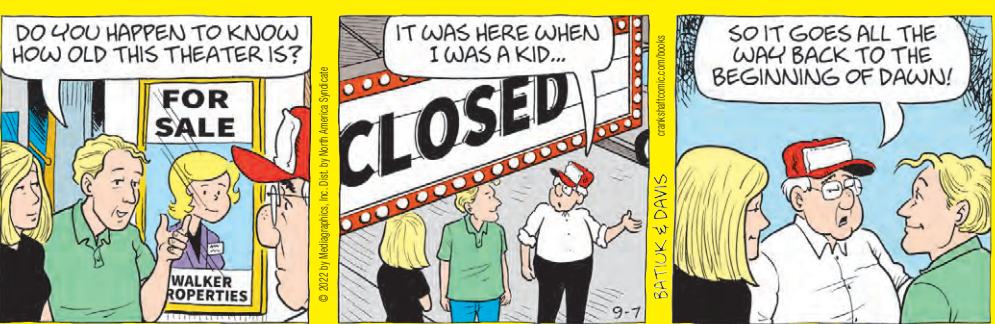
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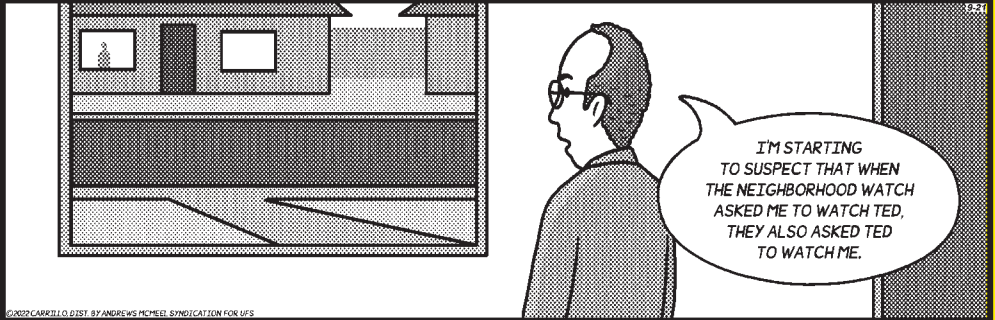
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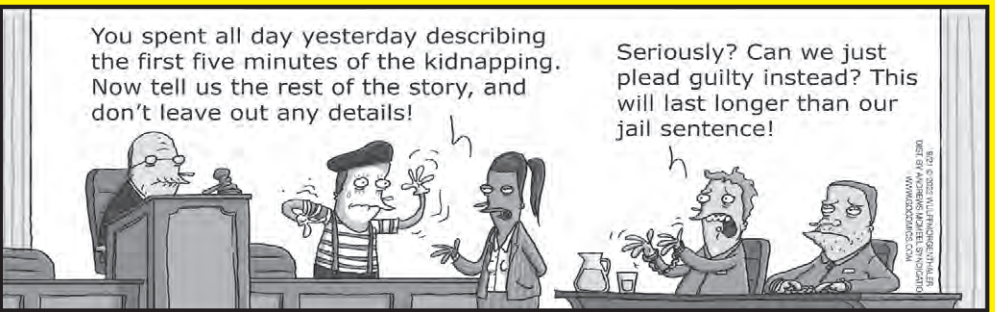
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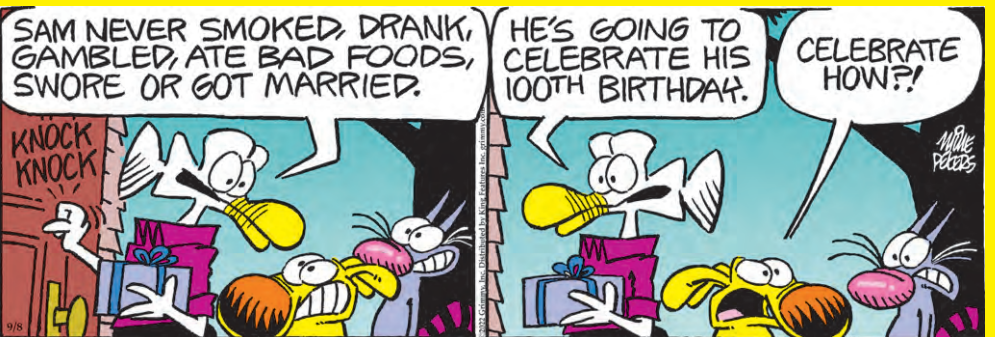
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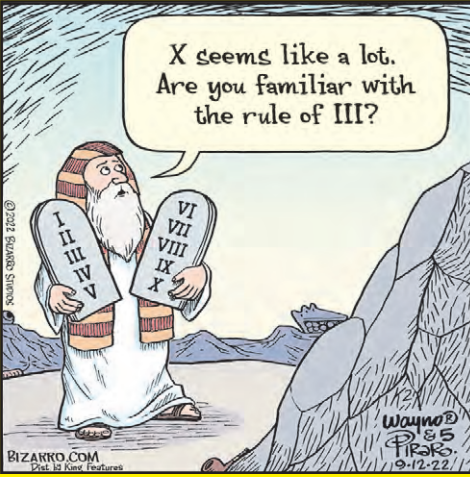
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Liggett football shakes off first loss with a blowout win **PAGE 2D**

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North blanks Cousino, stays undefeated

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Ever since last fall, the 3-6 record from 2021 has been on the mind of the Grosse Pointe North football team. Improving upon that record was a must, and the Norsemen have already achieved that with more than half the season still to go.

Following a 35-0 shut-out win over Eastpointe in Week 3, the Norsemen collected another shut-out performance and MAC Gold win last Friday on the road against Cousino. North used a strong first half to build a lead for what was a gritty but uneventful second half. In the end, the Norsemen improved to 4-0 for the first time since 2008 with an 18-0 win over the Patriots.

It looked as though North might have been in store for a rocky start on the road. The Norsemen fumbled on their opening drive of the game, but the defense came up with its first of a few key stops of the



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen QB Ryan Henderson rolls out of the pocket to look for a receiver downfield in North's win over Cousino. Henderson finished the game with 240 passing yards and two touchdowns.

night. North forced the Patriots to punt and not allowing them to capitalize on the turnover.

Once North got the ball back, the offense found itself having a much easier time. Jaden Holyfield found the end zone from six yards out for the first score of the game, putting the Norsemen up 6-0. Just before time was up in the first quarter, North

scored one more time on a fourth down play when QB Ryan Henderson connected with P.J. Sorce to make it a 12-0 lead after the first 12 minutes.

Henderson and Sorce made an even bigger play in the second quarter for what ended up being the final points of the game for either side. Henderson found Sorce on the sideline, with the senior receiver breaking free after the catch and flying downfield toward paydirt for a 90- yard touchdown.

Leading 18-0 at the start of the second half, North's defense stood strong. The offense slowed down and stalled at times, but the tough Norsemen defense protected the lead for two quarters. Cousino came close to getting on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter, but North senior Charlie Auld made an interception in the end zone to keep the shutout intact.

"They're playing physical and fast," North coach Joe Drouin said after his defense completed a second consecutive shutout. "We get some disappointing penalties because of the physicality of our defense. But having them be so fast, they're rolling."

Daniel Taylor led the defense with ten tackles including three tackles for a loss. On offense, Henderson was 8-14 passing for 240 yards and two touchdowns. Source led the team in receiving with 195 yards on five catches while Holyfield passed the century mark on the ground, rushing 25 times for 137 yards.

Improving to 4-0, the Norsemen are also tied with Lake Shore for the top spot in the MAC Gold Division after getting their second division win in as many games. North is also one of just four teams in the entire MAC to start 2022 at 4-0. Continuing MAC Gold play in Week 5, North is back in Warren on Friday night to take on Warren Woods-Tower (2-2).

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Football is, of course, a team game where everyone has to work together and do their job for the good of the whole. However, some teams can have an ace up their sleeve. That one

player who can seemingly do it all. A spark plug, or "weapon" some might even say.

For the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils, that player is senior running back Egan Sullivan.

"I just try to be the best for my team no matter what," Sullivan said. "Whatever they want me to do, I'm gonna do it and give it my all every time to make a play."

Sullivan primarily plays out of the backfield and is a more than talented runner, but has also been making his mark catching passes

throughout his high school career as well. In South's win over Utica on Sept. 9, Sullivan led the Blue Devils in rushing with 181 yards and in receiving with four catches for 67 yards, all while finding the end zone three total times.

While Sullivan has gotten out to a strong start in his final season at South, part of him feels grateful just to be back on the field at all. Sullivan played in only three games in 2021 before missing the majority of his junior season with a serious foot injury. Thanks to the motivation from his teammates and coaching staff, South's starting running back is feeling 100 percent again.

"Coaches were texting me and the players to make sure I was doing physical therapy and staying in shape," said Sullivan. "They were reminding me of the important role I play especially with my senior season coming up, which really motivated me."

That veteran leadership that Sullivan displays on and off the field has proved important not only for the whole team, but for Sullivan himself. Staying disciplined with physical therapy and getting

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Egan Sullivan

School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Football

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Sullivan's 2022 Stats

455 Rushing Yards
277 Receiving Yards
5 Rushing TDs



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South running back Egan Sullivan finds a burst of speed past a L'Anse Creuse defender during last Friday night's win for the Blue Devils. Sullivan has rushed for five touchdowns so far during his senior season.

back into game shape in practice was the key on Sullivan's road to recovery.

South has plenty of veterans on the offensive side of the ball, including Sullivan, but also is a relatively young team overall. With a first-year head coach as well, Sullivan's role as a senior leader is even more important if the Blue Devils want to achieve their goals for 2022.

"We lost a lot of leadership and knew we'd need a lot of guys to step up," Sullivan said. "It was a rough start to the season with two opening losses but we're back on track after getting a first win. The goal is to keep winning in the MAC White and win the MAC White and beat North. We want to make a good playoff run and if we play like we did last week I think we're in good shape."

The win over Utica in Week 3 was certainly a huge momentum boost for South with Sullivan at the heart of it. Alongside him the entire

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Knights rebound for 33-7 victory

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Catholic League play did not get off to an ideal start back in Week 3 for the University Liggett football team when the Knights suffered their first loss of the season to Cardinal Mooney. Saturday presented a chance at redemption and to get back in the win column. Liggett did just that, playing host to the Lakers from Our Lady of the Lakes and improving its record to 3-1 with a 33-7 victory. Saturday's game started a bit slow, with a scoreless first quarter. The highlight of the opening frame came when Liggett's Jermaine Calloway intercepted a Lakers' pass to set the Knights up in the end zone. Calloway's interception ended up leading to the first points of the game by setting up a Mac Katz field goal to put the Knights up 3-0 early in the second quarter. Things started to speed up after that, at least for the Knights. Later in the quarter, two big completions by QB Ryan Jones to Andrew Stalker put Liggett in position to score again, and this time the team

found the end zone as Jones connected with his brother Jack Jones. One more Katz field goal before the end of the half extended the Knights' lead to 13-0 at the break. The second half started out with a bang for Liggett. One the team's first possession of the half, Ryan Jones completed a short swing pass to Jack Jones who took the ball over 80 yards for a touchdown for the second scoring connection of the day between the brothers. The touchdown put Liggett in front 20-0, which remained the score going into the fourth quarter. In the final frame, the fireworks continued. Jake Martin took a hand-off 50 yards to the end zone to further build on the Knights' lead. With the game already well in hand, freshman QB Solomon Spann saw some action for Liggett and made it a 33-point lead with a 13-yard run for his first career touchdown. The Lakers scored their first and only touchdown of the game in what many would call "garbage time" to put the final score at 33-7. Jones completed

eleven passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns in a game that had plenty of offensive highlights for the Knights. Martin led the squad in rushing with six carries for 85 yards while Jack Jones led the receivers, catching just three passes for 127 yards. "The leaders they are on the team and what they bring to the program allows us to be who we want to be as a program," Liggett coach Matt Lapolla said about the Jones brothers. "They hold each other accountable and have the highest expectations for each other. It models what we want for our boys. Their athlteice ability and intellectual aspect they bring to the game, they're able to see a lot of what the coaches see." Liggett's defense also had an impressive day, nearly holding the Lakers scoreless. Zach Hill led the team in tackles with ten while Josh Pierce had six tackles, including three tackles for loss. Up next, the Knights face their first road game in Catholic League play on Friday night as they visit Everest Collegiate.



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Vince Vachon returned a kickoff and a punt both for touchdowns in the Blue Devils' victory over L'Anse Creuse last Friday night.

Blue Devils capture another MAC White win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South football team's attitude in the past two weeks has been to put this season's 0-2 start in the rearview mirror. The Blue Devils got their first win of the season in Week 3 in a key MAC White Division game against Utica, and followed it up with another league win last Friday night. Faced with another road test in league play, South proved up to the task once again by defeating L'Anse Creuse 45-21. South's offense did not seem to have many issues in the win despite the absence of senior QB Anthony Benard. Junior backup Joey Michelotti stepped in for the start, but it was the ground game that carried the Blue Devils to the win. Running back Egan Sullivan scored his first of two touchdowns early in the first quarter with a 68-yard rush to put South in front. L'Anse Creuse answered at the end of the opening frame to tie the game, but the Blue Devils built a two-score

lead in the second quarter with a Michelotti rushing touchdown and a field goal by Christian Potts to lead 17-7 going into halftime. The Blue Devils continued their run of unanswered scores in the second half to build on the lead. Sullivan made a long run to the end zone again, this time from 59 yards out, for the first touchdown of the third quarter. South's special teams even made a splash as Vince Vachon returned a punt 62 yards to the end zone, extending the lead to 31-7. While Sullivan had a big day on the ground, he made his mark through the air to end the third quarter by connecting with Vachon for a touchdown pass. L'Anse Creuse had an early fourth quarter touchdown, but South's lead was already wide enough. However, following the touchdown, Vachon dazzled the crowd again with his second special teams touchdown of the evening returning the kickoff all the way to the house. South managed to pull off the 24-point win

despite being out-gained by L'Anse Creuse on offense. The Blue Devils defense managed to hold strong and forced two turnovers, one fumble and one interception. Michelotti threw the ball just eleven times and completed five passes for 73 yards while throwing one interception. Sullivan once again led the Blue Devils on the ground with 189 yards on 17 rushes for two touchdowns, while being the team's leading receiver and catching three balls for 64 yards. "We've definitely been building confidence," South coach Chad Hepner said after his team secured a second win in a row. "The players weren't down after those early losses...the vibe is better and guys feel more excited but there's determination to get back because every week is a new challenge" After back-to-back games on the road, South finally returns home this week for a battle between the two teams currently atop the MAC White, and will host Roseville under the lights Friday Night for their Week 5 matchup.

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Week 5



Grosse Pointe North @ Warren Woods-Tower

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Grosse Pointe South vs. Roseville

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OUR VIEW

Former Pointes athletes reach the big stage

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

On Saturday, I had the opportunity to be in Ann Arbor at the Big House to see the Michigan Wolverines take on UConn. As I watched the game from high up in the press box, my goal was to keep an eye out for a couple of Grosse Pointe natives who are now donning the maize and blue every Saturday.

Grosse Pointe South alumni Will Johnson and Joey Klunder, both freshmen, have had three chances now to take the field with the Wolverines and live out the dreams that they have had for so long. Being able to see the proud tradition Grosse Pointe South's football program continued with a historic college football team like the University of Michigan is something special to witness.

As the Wolverines thoroughly beat up on the UConn Huskies in a 59-0 win, Johnson saw the field for several plays. Though Johnson did not find his way onto the stat sheet against UConn, he has made his mark a few times in the opening weeks of the season. He had two solo tackles in Michigan's Week 2 win over Hawaii and assisted with a tackle in Week 1 in his college debut against Colorado State.

Michigan's first three games against non-conference opponents were all easy wins. The real tests are coming in the next few weeks when the Wolverines get into Big Ten conference play. However, the early-season schedule for Michigan helped get its young players like Johnson valuable college experience. According to his head coach, games like the one last Saturday

gives players like Johnson the chance to fight and prove they can really play.

"Guys are scratching and clawing and fighting," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said after the Wolverines beat UConn. "There's zero entitlement...They'll continue to do what they've been doing and move on every week."

From what it seems, Johnson could have a strong career ahead of him representing Grosse Pointe on one of the biggest college football brands in the country. The Pointes are a community that loves its sports and loves to see its athletes succeed. Athletes like Johnson and Klunder, who get to play in the Big House while proudly representing Grosse Pointe, show that the traditions of sports in this community are still going strong.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The view from the Michigan Stadium press box as the Michigan Wolverines, including Grosse Pointe South alumni Will Johnson and Joey Klunder, take the field before their game against UConn.



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Sullivan has led the Blue Devils in both receiving and rushing in the same game twice so far this season.

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time, and for every game he's been able to play the last couple seasons, has been the Blue Devils' senior starting QB Anthony Benard. With both players taking

pride in their experience and their willingness to lead, Sullivan and Benard seem to be the combo that can lead South to the promised land this year. "We're very close on and off the field," "If I see something, he's going to get me the ball

and put it in my hands when I need it. We've been starting on varsity since our sophomore year together and he gets me the ball at the right time." To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

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4D | SPORTS BLITZ

September **SPORTS BLITZ**

This week, the Grosse Pointe News Sports staff traveled throughout town to offer readers a glimpse of all the intense action at North and South on the fields, courts, courses and pools.

Design by Mary Schlager

North and South Swim and Dive

Swim and dive teams from North and South sunk their respective competition last week. Grosse Pointe South added two more meet victories to their undefeated record, beating Lakeview on Sept. 13 by 120 points, 150-30. The team then beat Fraser and Dakota last Thursday.



South cruised to a 150-30 win over Lakeview Sept. 13.



South took all 12 swim and dive events against Lakeview last week, including breaststroke, pictured above.

Across town, Grosse Pointe North Swim and Dive beat L'Anse Creuse by a score of 135-45, winning all 12 events. The Norsemen finished 1-2-3 in the 50 free, 100 butterfly, 100 breast.

Photos by Margot Murphy



South swimmers keep the atmosphere loose during warmups last week.



North senior Maddie LoPorto took the top spot in diving last week against L'Anse Creuse. Photo courtesy of Grosse Pointe North Girls Swim and Dive

Grosse Pointe South Varsity Field Hockey

South's Varsity Field Hockey team has a whole new lineup this season with only one returning starter. But according to head coach Jessie Rouleau, the team has big goals in mind. "Our team has great potential – they are very athletic and have great energy." Led by senior captains Meredith Tiderington and Natalie Coffey, the team is looking forward to continued growth and experience together as a team this season, Rouleau added.



Sophomore Scout Webber is the leading goal scorer with 2 goals so far this season.



Captain Meredith Tiderington is helping lead a young team to a year of growth and experience.

Both photos courtesy of Rockford Sports

The South and North field hockey teams are holding a combined car wash fundraising event on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10am-4pm in the Grosse Pointe South High School parking lot. All proceeds are going to benefit St. Jude's and the American Cancer Society. The car wash event will run in advance of the "Stick it to cancer" game, which will be played Oct. 6.

North and South Boys Varsity Tennis

Grosse Pointe North & South faced off last week in a dual match, where South won the hard-fought meet six matches to two. Winners included Connor Stafford, Corbin Ifkovits, Sam White and Mikey Kornmeier at Nos.1-4 singles and teams of Nugent/Lynch and Guthat/Peabody in doubles. Three of the matches went to three sets, making the dual meet closer than the scores reflected.

Photos courtesy of Renee Landuyt



No. 4 singles Mikey Kornmeier rips a forehand during his match vs. Grosse Pointe North.



Grosse Pointe North Varsity tennis player Kaiden DePascale races to the net for a short ball.

South Volleyball

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team traveled to Fraser last Thursday for a MAC White Division showdown. In a back and forth match, the Blue Devils managed to fight their way to a 3-2 win in five sets. "It was an ugly win, but we'll take it," South head coach Janeil DiVita put it simply.

(Photos by Mike Adzima)



South volleyball senior captain Mary Clare Hessburg serves during last Thursday's match against Fraser.



The Blue Devils huddle up to celebrate a point over the Ramblers.

September

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Girls Cross Country

The cross country teams from the Pointes have not disappointed when it comes to getting good results this season, and this past weekend was no exception. South's girls cross country runners captured fifth place out of 21 teams at the Huron Invitational while the Norsemen girls team ran to an impressive second place finish at Stoney Creek's Autumn Classic.



North's Emma Babcock races her way to an eleventh place finish at the Autumn Classic on Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Scott Cooper



South's Savannah Spangler was the team's top finisher as the Blue Devils earned fifth place at the Huron Invitational.

Photo courtesy of Steve Zaranek

Boys Cross Country

To say that this past weekend was a success for boys cross country teams from the Pointes would be an understatement. Both the Blue Devils and Norsemen managed top-three finishes at their respective events, with South's boys team finishing first place overall at the Huron Invitational.



South's boys cross country team (front row) captured the first place trophy at the Huron Invitational.

Photo courtesy of Mark Sonnenberg



Norsemen runners Caleb Kosel, Alex Agius and David Rochon dash through the course at the Autumn Classic.

Photo courtesy of Diane Montgomery

North and South Girls Golf

Golf teams from North and South faced off at Lochmoor Club last week in a tri-meet that included MAC Red rival Port Huron Northern. The Blue Devils finished on top with a score of 195, edging out Port Huron by 11 strokes. North finished the round in third place with an overall score of 281. Highlights include South's sister duo Lyla and Cate Hampton shooting the low scores of the day, at 43 and 46 respectively. For North, Rita Shemmai scored the lowest round with a 54. Both North and South look forward to continuing their strong seasons with several upcoming matches.



North and South golfers gather after their match, including from left to right, Jacqueline Koerner (North), Lyla Hampton (South), Scarlett Flynn (North), Cate Hampton (South), Rita Shemmai (North), Tenley Stiyer (South), Morgan McIntyre (North), Charlotte Glasser (South).



South's Tenley Stiyer has stepped up this season to help the team when they have been caught short-handed due to unexpected injuries and illness. The work she has put in is really showing, said Head Coach Shaun Hampton.

South golf photos courtesy of Robin Stiyer

South Soccer

Grosse Pointe South's boys soccer team has not had perhaps the start to the 2022 season that it would want. After making it as far as the state semifinals in last year's playoffs, South has had its struggles to begin this season.

The Blue Devils did get a win over rivals Grosse Pointe North earlier in September. However, South hosted Eisenhower on Monday still in search of its first MAC Red Division win.

South got out to an early lead Monday night when senior Lucas Frye scored in the 12th minute to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. The Eagles would even the score at one goal apiece before halftime, leading to a crucial final 40 minutes of play. With both teams fighting for the win, Eisenhower eventually pulled ahead to defeat South 2-1.



South senior Blake Simonson receives a pass near the sideline during the Blue Devils' 2-1 loss to Eisenhower on Monday.

Photo by Mike Adzima

Hats off (and on) to the 2021-22 GP News Athletes of the Year

As the Grosse Pointe News kicks off its new season featuring our Athlete of the Week (AOTW) starting with today's issue, we asked our 2021-22 Athlete of the Year recipients to proudly strike a pose to celebrate this honor.

Each winner received a \$500 scholarship, a framed PDF of their AOTW feature story and a signature GP News trucker hat.

Our winners include Grosse Pointe North's Ella Maltby and Sophia Borowski, along with University Liggett's Alex George, who each took home a Readers' Choice award for female and male Athletes of the Year.

Grosse Pointe South's Will Johnson and Olivia Yoo took top honors as the GP News Editors' Choice for male and female Athlete of the Year.

We are grateful to celebrate such outstanding athletes like Ella, Alex, Will and Olivia. Be sure to send in your nominations for new AOTW candidates at grossepointenews.com. More photos on Page 7D.

— Meg Leonard



South's Olivia Yoo is never too far from the pool as she now competes for the University of Pittsburgh Panthers' swim and dive team.



South's Will Johnson brought his football talents to the University of Michigan, where he now takes the field in his winged helmet every Saturday for the Wolverines.



University Liggett's Alex George is now a Golden Gopher at the University of Minnesota with plans to study journalism.

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A Pre-Bid walk-thru will be held on the following date:
September 28, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. All persons attending the Walk-thru will be required to meet at the parking lot located behind the School. This is an active School.

Each Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to the School District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount(s).

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

Bid documents, including Bidders Information Manual, scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available Tuesday, September 22, 2022 at the following website: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/54f0e584a238df0800778ee6> (Search for Grosse Pointe Summer 2023 Work Program – Grosse Pointe North Walk- in Coolers).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Kuelske at (313) 596-0520 or email at nkuelske@tcco.com, and Kim Pease at (419) 392-1082 or email at kpease@tcco.com.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System ("Owner" or "School District") will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND LEAD PAINT REMEDIATION AT PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, Deputy Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 20601 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, on or before **2:00 p.m.** (local time) on **OCTOBER 18, 2022** ("Due Date"). The Board of Education will not consider or accept a Bid Proposal received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location. Due to COVID restrictions attendance is not required for the opening and will be restricted to (1) representative from each company.

A **mandatory** Pre-Bid Proposal meeting will be held on the following date:
October 4, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. at Parcels Middle School, located at 20600 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. All persons attending the Pre-Bid will be required to meet at the Main Office.

Each Bid Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

Each Bid Proposal must also be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount no less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount(s).

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Bid documents, including scopes of work, Drawing and Specifications will be made available after October 3, 2022, at Nova Environmental, Inc, 5300 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105 and at the **mandatory** Pre-Bid Proposal meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Adam Amin at (734) 930-0995 or email at aamin@nova-env.com.

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North’s Ella Maltby has gone on to play lacrosse and field hockey at Concordia University in Wisconsin.



Sophia Borowski is beginning her senior year at North and playing her final high school seasons in field hockey, basketball and softball.

Grosse Pointe News Yard & Estate Sale Map

THIS WEEK

1. 576 Notre Dame St, GP

2. Mapleton Road, GPF

3. 463 McKinley, GPF

4. 705 Rivard, GP

5. 1418 Devonshire, GPP

6. 312 Rivard, GPC

7. 4564 Hereford, Detroit

8. 506 Lakepointe, GPP

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Street numbers accepted on Friday at 8:30AM. View full details at EstateSales.net

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GIANT RUMMAGE SALE
Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church,
September 30 & October 1, 9:00am to 1:00pm
Clothing, housewares, furniture, books, electronics, holiday items, toys, linens, sporting goods, collectibles and more!
No admission fee, but shoppers encouraged to bring a canned good for donation to the Immanuel United Methodist Church pantry.

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576 Notre Dame St, Grosse Pointe. 10- 5 Thursday September 29/ Saturday October 1st.
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